

# How Did Lawmakers Spend Your Money?

The state will spend nearly \$20 billion in the next fiscal year for essential services and to enhance operations. Monies were spent to upgrade our airports and prisons, as well as enhancing education and protecting our environment. Sen Wakai focused his energy on getting you more reliable and cheaper electricity, as well as growing the economy.

If you want all the details you can peruse through the budget worksheets <u>here</u>.



## **DISTRICT 15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**



#### **Radford High School**

-\$660,000 for design and construction for parking lot improvements; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances

-\$450,000 for design, construction, and equipment for softball improvements; ground and site improvements; equipment and appurtenances



### Salt Lake Elementary School

-\$1,238,000 to finance the construction for cafeteria stage improvements and air conditioning

## **Sparking Safety From Fireworks**



In response to the tragic loss of life in Aliamanu on New Year's Day, Sen. Wakai advocated for bills to strengthen fireworks enforcement and prevention. HB806 funds sting operations and a new explosives lab, HB550 authorizes the use of drones to support investigations, and HB1483 updates penalties to better protect lives.

"Lawmakers are taking aggressive steps to go after illegal importers and users," says Sen Wakai, "The state lacked the resources to present evidence in trials. We will have a much quieter and safer opening to 2026."

### **Building Hawai'i's Future with Naming Rights**

A contract for the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) is expected to be signed in July. Demolition of the current stadium should begin this fall and a new stadium built by 2028.

The state is only putting \$350 million into the project, but we expect a facility that will in the neighborhood of \$500 million. The developer is facing difficulties in raising added revenues. Lawmakers passed two bills to assist Stanford Carr:

-SB583, allows for naming rights on the side of the Stadium. A corporation will be allowed to put its logo on the facility and pay up to a million dollars a year for 30 years. It does NOT allow for billboards to be placed along roadways.

-HB1007, it opens the door for bond financing of infrastructure around Transit Districts. This means that hundreds of millions of dollars for water, sewers and roads can flow in into NASED, which will attract more investments.

