

# SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

KALIHI, MAPUNAPUNA, AIRPORT, SALT LAKE, ALIAMANU, FOSTER VILLAGE, HICKAM, PEARL HARBOR, AND PORTIONS OF AIEA AND PEARL CITY

July 2025 Report



## Electrifying Competition for Hawaii

A new law signed by Governor Green last week created a pathway to lower electricity rates for business and residents. [SB589](#) mandates the Public Utilities Commission establish procedures to allow power producers to sell power to all HECO customers by 2027.

Sen. Wakai spent the past five years trying to introduce competition in Hawaii's electricity market. "This is a game changer. We pay three times the national average for power," says Sen. Wakai. "Right now HECO buys renewable energy at 11-cents per kilowatt hour then turns around and sells it to us at 43-cents. This new law allows the public to buy electricity at a substantial discount."



## Confiscated Fireworks to Mark the End of Aloha Stadium

An impressive fireworks show using illegal fireworks could mark the final day at Aloha Stadium. The Department of Law Enforcement has confiscated a huge cache of aerial pyrotechnics. It would cost the state a million dollars to send a container of contraband to the mainland for disposal. At a fireworks bill signing last week, DLE Director Mike Lambert suggested a public display would make more sense. Sen. Wakai immediately approached him to suggest he get rid of the contraband to mark the end of Aloha Stadium in late August. He is now working with DLE and the Stadium Authority to celebrate the next step in the NASED project.

"This is a triple win," says Sen. Wakai, "We know storing fireworks is dangerous, sending it off in a container is very expensive, and the public has a chance say aloha to the stadium with a bang."

## Honoring a Community Icon

Residents of Salt Lake recognized Dante Carpenter for his lifetime of extraordinary service, leadership, and commitment to the people of Hawaii. He served in the Navy, county council, state senate, mayor of Hawaii County, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs trustee.



*Dante Carpenter served as Country Club Board President for more than two decades. Sen. Wakai honored his for his six decades of leadership.*