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# SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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## A Bill to Create the Junior Police Program

Crime is on the rise and police recruitment is on the decline. To address this distressing situation, Sen. Glenn Wakai worked with the Kalihi Neighborhood Board to draft a bill for introduction in the 2023 legislative session. The measure compels the Board of Education to approve a Junior Police Pilot Program at Farrington High School, in coordination with HPD, and providing funds for the program.



## A Big Win for UH Athletics

The UH Athletic program feasted this year! They asked lawmakers for \$4 million and received \$8 million. \$7.2 million will go to Manoa and \$800,000 to Hilo.

Wakai has been a long time supporter of UH Athletics and supported House Finance Chair Luke and Senate Ways and Means Chair Dela Cruz to advance UH's efforts to be a competitive Division 1 program.

In addition, the Hawaii Restaurant Association initiated the Braddahhod Grindz program, where they will feed football players and coaches during the summer.



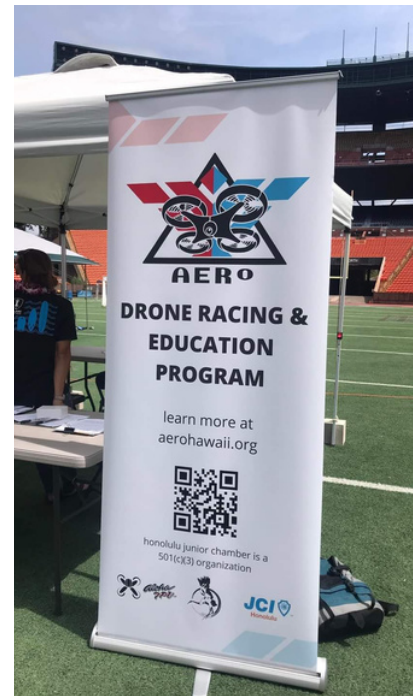
Sen. Wakai updates UH athletes on how lawmakers supported them this past legislative session.

## Drone Racing Takes Aloha Stadium to New Heights

Dormant Aloha Stadium was abuzz with activity on Saturday, May 28 when kids from all over the island flew their drones above the field. The Grand Prix was the culmination of their Aeronautical Engineering and Robotics (AERo) drone racing program.

AERo is a STEM-based program that blends quadcopter technology, robotics, and racing into an educational experience for students. Participants were tasked with designing and building a quadcopter with their team, learning about drone safety and best practices, and racing their creations in the Stadium. The knowledge from this program will help prepare students for higher education and next generation careers.

"Drone racing is no longer an activity seen in Harry Potter and Star Wars," says, Sen. Wakai, "It's the entertainment for the future, similar to horse and auto racing. It's a market segment we hope to develop in the new Aloha Stadium."



Caption: A dozen public and private school participated in the Drone Grand Prix.