

# SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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



## INITIATING A JR. POLICE PILOT PROGRAM AT FARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



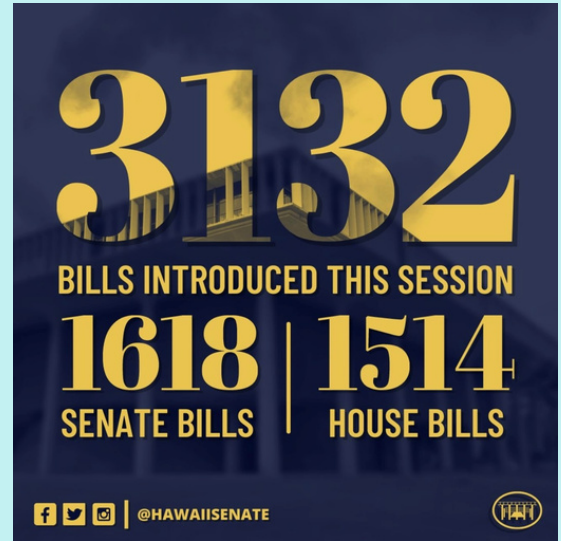
In an effort to curtail crimes in Kalihi, Sen. Wakai worked with the Kalihi Neighborhood Board to introduce SB452, which would establish a junior police pilot program at Farrington High School.

The Chairman of the Education Committee supported the idea, but declined to have lawmakers dictate DOE curriculum. Instead the bill will be turned into a resolution to request the Honolulu Police Department to create a pathway for more Governors to become qualified police recruits. The resolution will send a strong statement to DOE about the community's desires to solve their own challenges.



*Senator Wakai discussed the legislative process with Farrington High School students during their visit to the Capitol on January 30, 2023.*

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Over 3000 bills were introduced at the start of the 2023 Legislative Session. There are about 600 senate bills alive today.

## TAKE OFF TO DIGITIZING AG FORMS

Government agencies declined to digitize the State's paper Agricultural forms which have been passed out on domestic flights since 1950. Sen. Wakai refused to take no as a response and went to the private sector to develop an app. Alaska and United Airlines have agreed to pilot the idea, and anticipate testing the new technology this summer.

If successful, the transition from paper to an app will save the state \$400,000 and will educate travelers before they board a flight. Those without a phone can check in at the airport kiosk. Currently, less than 50% of passengers turn in the paper documents. The airlines are contemplating not issuing a boarding pass until the forms are completed, thus getting nearly a 100% adoption rate.