

# SENATOR GLENN WAKAI



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

## KALIHI LEADS THE CHARGE TOWARDS A SAFER STATE

An effort requesting that the Honolulu Police Department, in conjunction with the Department of Education, to establish and operate a Junior Police Program at Farrington High School has been expanded statewide.

The initiative by Kalihi Neighborhood Board Vice Chair, Amanda Ybanez, to pilot a junior police program at Farrington was met with overwhelming support, and other Senators wanted to start a similar program in their high schools.

The resolution, HCR 40, cleared the Senate earlier this month and passed out of its final committee in the House today.



On April 3, 2023, Sen Wakai, Sen Kidani, and Sen Kim discuss introducing a Junior Police pilot program at Farrington High School. Kalihi Neighborhood Vice Chair, Amanda Ybanez testified in support of HCR 40.

## INTERNS HELP MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

Two students from Farrington High School gathered used prom dresses to be given free of charge to those attending a special needs prom on April 6.

Sen Wakai's interns, Kay Mabanag and Czarina Gallano, spent two weeks encouraging classmates to give their gowns a second life. The pair collected 37 dresses and two pairs of heels. All the items will given to the YWCA and then girls with developmental disabilities were invited to use them at the Unity Prom at Waialae Country Club.

"Rina and I were really happy with our opportunity to collect donations from adolescents from Farrington High School, to give to children who would need it the most," says FHS Sophomore Kay Mabanag.



Top left: Participants tear up the dance floor at the Unity Prom, held at the Waialae Country Club. Top right: Sen Wakai's interns, Kay and Czarina, delivered dozens of gowns to the YMCA.

## CABINET MEMBERS RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM SENATORS

Three of Governor Josh Green's Directors were confirmed by the Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs (PSM) committee. Adjutant General Kenneth Hara will continue to lead the Department of Defense. Jordan Lowe will head the new Department of Law Enforcement, and Tommy Johnson has been confirmed as the director of the Department of Safety.



Top left: Tommy Johnson answers questions from Senators during his confirmation hearing. Top right: Sen Elefante, Sen Wakai, Jordan Lowe, General Kenneth Hara, Sen McKelvey, and Sen Fukunaga congratulate Lowe and Hara's following their hearing.