

MAY 2023

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND CIP FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY

The 2023 Legislative Session concluded on May 4, 2023. Out of the 3,132 bills introduced, 274 passed the Legislature that have either already been signed into law or are pending action by the Governor. This year's state budget bill, [HB300](#), includes funding for the following capital improvement projects (CIP) in the Kalihi community:

- **\$200,000 to Puuhale Elementary** for a new outdoor learning space
- **\$21,000 to Kalihi Kai Elementary** for electrical upgrades for C building

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE PASSES FIREARMS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT SENSITIVE PLACES AND PROMOTE GUN SAFETY

After the U.S. Supreme Court's Bruen decision last year, many states had to begin discussions on revamping firearms legislation, what defines sensitive places, and finding a balance between public safety and protecting the Second Amendment rights of individuals. In response, the Hawaii State Legislature passed [SB1230](#), which became its omnibus firearms bill, that defined sensitive places and updates firearms laws to mitigate the serious hazards to public health, safety, and welfare associated with firearms and gun violence.

As the lead introducer of the bill, Senator Wakai consulted with various agencies and stakeholder groups throughout session. The list of sensitive places changed as time went on, which includes specific places such as government properties, hospitals, schools, and more.

EDUCATIONAL AND TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FUNDING RELEASED FOR KALIHI COMMUNITY

The Governor's administration has released funding for the following CIPs in the Kalihi community:

- **\$1,100,000 to Kalakaua Middle** to finance and design a new portable classroom
- **\$350,000 for plans to develop conceptual master plans for the redevelopment of Kamemahemeha Homes and Kaahumanu Homes in Kalihi** to include evaluation of mixed-use development and infrastructure needs, environmental review, and integration of Complete Streets elements and multi-modal mobility options

