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SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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



NEW AMAZON FULFILLMENT CENTER ON SAND ISLAND COMING SOON



In 2020, Amazon purchased land in Sand Island to develop a distribution center. The company has said that this investment will help with future network needs, with their intentions set on building a delivery station that includes a multilevel parking garage and offices where orders are prepared for the final leg of delivery to customers. Later this month, Amazon is celebrating the completion of the elevated decks for the distribution center (pictured left), signaling the next phase in Honolulu seeing this come to fruition.

The new facility is expected to open in Spring 2024 and will open up many opportunities for local residents and businesses, and promote more commerce, economic activity and jobs in the islands.

SENATOR WAKAI VISITS THE PANTRY, BY FEEDING HAWAII TOGETHER

The Pantry, by Feeding Hawaii Together, located in Kalihi is the only e-commerce food pantry in the country that operates weekly, year-round to provide free, nutritious food to feed over 800 Hawaii families each week. Customers can choose the food they want and when they need it; they employ a "grocery store style" experience by offering a range of food for their clients to choose from, which reduces food waste. In 2022, they provided 1,265,645 meals and have over 1,700 volunteers from the community that give their time to help address food insecurity.

On June 9, Senator Wakai, Senator Elefante and their staff participated in a tour of The Pantry to learn more about their operations and processes in getting food to local families. In the average month, they serve about 10,000 individuals through a contactless, drive-up process where volunteers provide customers with the custom food order they placed online.

The Pantry is here for all individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. If you or you know someone who needs food, go to www.shop.thepantry.org where you can register and learn more about their shopping and pickup guidelines. For more information, go to www.thepantry.org.

