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SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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Attempt to Lower the Cost of Groceries and Medicine

In an effort to reduce the high cost of living in Hawaii, Sen. Wakai amended a bill to exempt food and drugs from the state general excise tax.

Salt Lake resident Dennis Egge has requested this exemption for years and it was finally inserted into House Bill 2414, which was initially only for diapers. The amended bill passed out of the Energy, Economic Development and Tourism Committee unanimously, but did not make it through its next committee.



Salt Lake resident Dennis Egge testifies in favor of HB 2414 to add an exemption for food and medicine.

Prepping for a New Stadium



The 98 acres NASED moves forward.

The construction of a New Aloha Stadium Development District moved forward last month with the release of \$10 million. The money will continue the planning, design, and community outreach for the project.

Another \$350 million is currently in this year's state budget. Rep. Johanson and Sen. Wakai are confident the passage of HB 1600 will include this allocation for a new multi-purpose venue.

Spring Cleaning for a Good Cause

Students at Aliamanu Middle School organized a closet cleaning event to support their clubs on campus. Sen Wakai helped to collect used clothing for their drive on March 26. The pile of used items were then sold to a thrift store and the proceeds will support the Honor Society and Pacific Club.



Sen. Wakai joined AMS students to add to the collection of old clothes which will go to funding campus clubs