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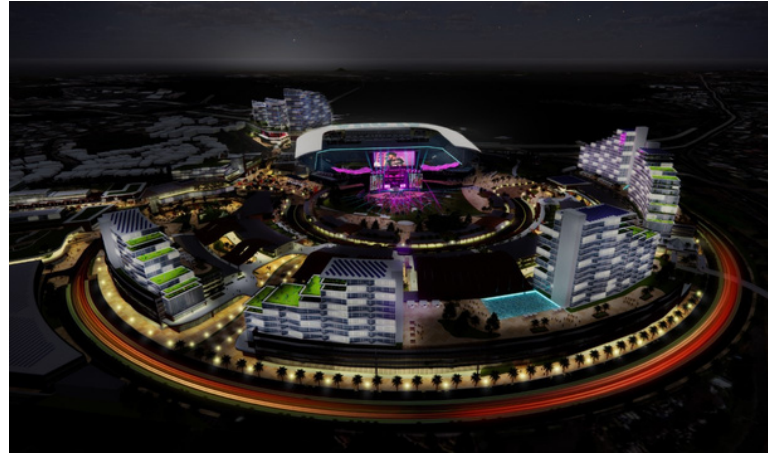


## Stadium One Step Closer to Kickoff

The construction of a new Aloha Stadium cleared another hurdle last week when the Governor signed the state budget bill, HB 1600. In it was \$400 million to finance and build a new 30,000-seat facility in Halawa.

The next step will include the Governor signing an environmental impact study and then the three finalists can bid on the project. After the winning contractor is chosen, demolition can begin.

"We are planning to have more Bruno Mars concerts, more Guns n' Roses, more monster trucks, soccer, rugby, and even drone racing and esports. The stadium needs to be prepared to embrace entertainment in the century ahead," says Sen. Wakai.



## Homerun for Moanalua High School Softball

The Moanalua High School softball team is about to get much-needed improvements to their field. The grass will be replaced with synthetic field turf. This past week, the State released funds in the amount of \$2,791,600 to MEI Corporation.

The company is contracted to provide grading and drainage improvements, electrical work, dugouts, bullpen, fencing, utilities, and other improvements.

## Moanalua's Mene Wahine Athletes Get Equal Treatment

In an effort to bring equality to female athletes and their sports, this year, lawmakers appropriated millions of dollars for girls' locker rooms and facilities. A 2016 DOE report found 14 public schools provided athletic locker rooms for boys, but not for the girls. Governor Ige recently released \$750,000 for the design of a new girls' locker room at Moanalua High School.

The move comes 50 years after the passage of the Title IX law, which prohibits sex discrimination in public schools.

