

MARCH 2024

# SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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



## PLAY TO KILL STADIUM PROJECT TACKLED

An effort to grab \$400 million appropriated for a new stadium and using a portion to harden Ching Field in Manoa, has been sidelined. HB2664 would have ended 14 years of effort and more than \$25 million of planning for an entertainment district.

The project has been blessed by the Salt Lake and Aiea Neighborhood Boards. There was no testimony supporting the measure in the House Finance Committee and UH said they didn't want a stadium on campus. Yet, the measure still came over to the Senate at halftime.

"Maui's struggles are not going to get paid for in 2024," said Wakai, "We need revenue generation to cover Lahaina's rebuild in the decade ahead. NASED is a huge economic opportunity."



Multiple developers are interested in building the New Aloha Entertainment District.

## HONORING JOHN WADE'S IMPRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT



Sen. Wakai honored Vice Admiral John Wade on the floor of the Senate, March 12, 2024.

The Red Hill Fuel Tanks are no longer a threat to our drinking water. In December 2023, the Navy successfully removed 104 million gallons of fuel into offshore tankers.

After two catastrophic leaks in 2014 and 2021, where more than 41,000 gallons of fuel leaked, the Navy decided to finally shut down the World War II era facility.

On March 12, the Senate honored Vice Admiral John Wade and his leadership team for a job well done. Not one drop of fuel seeped into the aquifer during the defueling process last year. To top it off, the project was completed six months ahead of schedule.

"Vice Admiral Wade didn't create this catastrophe – he inherited it. He owned it. He held numerous town hall meetings where he was confronted by angry service members, their families, and environmentalists. In all cases, he responded to furious criticisms with respect and grace. His answers were honest. His efforts were earnest."

## ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS BEAUTIFY SALT LAKE

The polluted Salt Lake waterway is one step closer to being cleansed. This past Saturday, more than 130 volunteers pruned trees and picked up trash at Likini Park, while others made 1,034 Genki Balls. The orbs composed of topsoil, rice bran, and a microbe-based solution, are currently hardening in a shed.

The next step will be a Genki Ball toss at Likini Park on Saturday, March 23 at 1:00 pm.



Genki means healthy. These Genki balls will rejuvenate the Salt Lake Waterway.