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SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

KAILASHA, MAPUNAPUNA, AIRPORT, SALT LAKE, ALIAMANU, ROSSETT VILLAGE, HICKAM, PEARL HARBOR, AND PORTIONS OF WAIKANA AND PEARL CITY



Digital Ag Form Finally Takes Off



L-R: Rep. Kirstin Kahaloe, Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke, Sen. Glenn Wakai, & Gov. Josh Green at the launch of Akamai Arrival, Feb. 24, 2025

The paper agricultural declaration forms filled out by passengers coming to Hawaii from the mainland has finally moved online. The three month pilot project involving 40 flights, launched last weekend.

"The Department of Agriculture has been addicted to paper for 79 years," said Sen. Wakai. "Five years ago, I advocated for the digitization of the declaration form, but was met with resistance. Lawmakers had to pass a law last year to encourage the migration from paper to an app. The Akamai Arrival program will inform passengers about what's not acceptable to bring to Hawaii BEFORE they board the plane, rather than when they're scrambling for a pen over the Pacific."

The declaration form is based on the honor system. Sen. Wakai would like to use the \$800,000 in paper savings to buy dogs to sniff passengers' luggage.

Net Victory for Tennis

Moanalua High school will be served with newly resurfaced tennis courts. The sun baked courts suffered from numerous cracks that impacted tennis and pickleball players. Last week the state released \$2,000,000 in funding to finance the design and construction.

"This investment ensures that Moanalua High School's student-athletes, physical education students, and community members have safe, high-quality courts to train, compete, and stay active," said MoHS Athletic Director Joel Kawachi. "We deeply appreciate this support in fostering athletic excellence for our students and the community."



These four courts serve 50 students are on the MoHS tennis team, 100 PE students and more than 1,000 residents.

Hana Hou, Genki Ho!



Salt Lake resident Daphne Manago has a "ball" with Sen. Wakai.

Dozens of volunteers spent a Saturday beautifying Salt Lake. Some were cleaning up Likini Park of branches and trash, while others were at Country Club Village making genki balls to toss into the waterway.

The balls are being cured and a Genki Ball Toss is scheduled at the CCV complex on Saturday, March 22 at 1:00 pm.