

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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Kicking Off a New Era at Aloha Stadium

The plans for the construction of new stadium hit a milestone yesterday when the Stadium Authority Board voted to initiate an agreement to develop and operate a new stadium. The contract sets in motion the demolition of the steel structure at the end of the month. It will take ten months to take down the stadium.

Then Aloha Halawa Development Partners (AHDP) has until March 2029 to build a new 22,500 seat stadium with ten luxury boxes. If there are delays, AHDP faces daily penalties.



Through a public-private partnership, the state will put up \$350 million to be matched by AHDP's money to build what is expected to be a \$475 million stadium. In addition, AHDP will be liable to maintain the facility for 30 years.

"When securing the \$350 million in 2019, I promised the public it would not cost us a dime more. It would not be a Rail Money Pit," says Sen. Wakai, "I held true to that promise. While I wish we could have gotten a larger stadium sooner, I appreciate the work by DAGS and the stadium Authority in negotiating this complicated deal."

Duke Kahanamoku License Plates Makes its Wave to DMVs



A new Duke Kahanamoku license plate frame is coming to a car near you. The design of this new special license plate will be revealed tomorrow during the opening of Duke's OceanFest, in Waikiki. Sales from the \$150 special license plate will support drowning prevention and swimming programs.

Last year Senator Wakai passed the bill to celebrate Hawaii's greatest waterman and put his image on a steel plate.

It is designed by acclaimed local artist Kamea Hadar, who is well known for his artwork in Kaka'ako, and created the mural of Duke and Clarissa Moore on the side of a building on King Street.

Surf's Up: Surfing Joins HHSA's Interscholastic Sports Lineup



Hawaii will finally crown a high school surf champion in 2026.

Six other states already have competitive high school surfing. As the birthplace of surfing, Sen. Wakai went on a multi-year crusade to have surfing become a sanctioned sport.

Sen. Wakai worked with other lawmakers to set aside \$685,000 for DOE to fund this new activity. His intern Sunny Kazama, was empowered to become the "face" for this effort.