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SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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Senators send Navy Scathing Red Hill Letter

24 Senators, including Glenn Wakai, admonished Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro to abide by a state order to drain the Red Hill fuel facility, after 93,000 Pearl Harbor area residents had their water poisoned last October. Initially the Navy agreed with State and Hawaii's Congressional delegation, but last week the U.S. Department of Justice filed legal appeals to fight the order to "defuel."

Sen Wakai joined a chorus of Senators on Wednesday, who expressed "grave concerns" about the federal government's resistance and said it threatens to harm the Navy's relationship with the people of Hawaii. "These legal games need to stop," the legislators wrote. "These tactics convey a lack of respect for our community. At every turn since the start of this crisis, the Navy has manipulated the legal system to delay the obvious: that the tanks need to be emptied."

Sen Wakai also introduced Senate Bill 2172 prohibiting all future fuel storage tanks from being installed near our fresh water sources.



Most Residents Favor Building an Entertainment District in Halawa

In a recent Honolulu Star-Advertiser poll, 46% of Hawaii's registered voters voted in favor of a new multi-sport stadium that would be the crown jewel of a 98-acre mixed use development site. 38% want the stadium to be on the UH Manoa campus. Another 6% said they were either unsure or didn't approve of either idea.

After three tries, the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) has not been able to get the Request for Proposal out to build the stadium. There is a bill in the Senate to move the oversight of the Stadium development from DAGS to the Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism.

