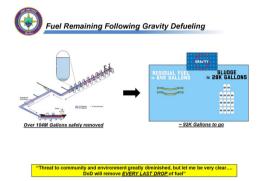
**JANUARY 2024** 

## **SENATOR GLENN WAKAI**

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

## RED HILL FUEL TANKS DEFUELING NEAR COMPLETION, AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



The Navy successfully drained 99.9% of the 104 million gallons of jet fuel in their Red Hill tanks. They updated the Senate's Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee on January 8, and said not one drop got into the aquifer. They will eventually turn the project over to the Navy Closure Task Force-Red Hill, which will continue working towards the shared mission to ensure safety, security, and community engagement. In the coming months, work begins to remove approximately 60,000 of the 92,000 remaining gallons of residual fuel.

## CIP FUNDING REQUESTS FOR KALIHI SCHOOLS PROPOSED



As the 2024 Legislative Session begins, these are the capital improvement projects (CIPs) being requested for the benefit of the Kalihi community:

- Kalihi Kai Elementary: Design and construction for repairs and improvements to the parking lot next to building K and administration building; repaving and restriping of Kalihi Street parking lot
- Puuhale Elementary: Construction of a covered multi-use outdoor learning space

To learn more, go to <u>www.capitol.hawaii.gov</u>.

## NO LEFT TURN SIGN ISSUE RESOLVED AT KALAKAUA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Government can be efficient if we work together: in November 2023, constituents and school officials from Kalakaua Middle School have been trying to get a "no left turn" sign to be repositioned after a new telephone was put up along Kalihi Street. The pole blocks the sign, causing left-turning motorists to congest the parking lot. Senator Wakai's office worked alongside Councilmember Cordero and the Hawaii Department of Transportation, sharing the urgency and need for the sign to be moved. In a matter of weeks, the sign was repositioned and motorists can be assured of the positive impact this will have for the school community.



Pictured: The "no left turn" sign after it was repositioned by the Hawaii Department of Transportation, December 2023.