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SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

KALIHI, MAPUNAPUNA, AIRPORT, SALT LAKE, ALIAMANU, FOSTER VILLAGE, HICKAM, PEARL HARBOR, AND PORTIONS OF WHEELER 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 earlier this month.

"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.

Young Brothers Pilot Program



A new pilot program streamlines container traffic from Matson and Pasha, giving pre-checked trucks priority access through a "fast flow" lane at the YB Libby Gate via Auiki Street. Trucks with issues will be redirected to designated queueing lanes, while the YB Nimitz Gate will not accept in-gated containers during program hours—requiring trucks to turn around.

Additionally, no vehicles will be allowed to exit through the YB Libby Gate during this period, ensuring smoother operations and reducing congestion.

Kapālama Community Town Hall



The 4 legislators of Kalihi-Kapālama came together this past Saturday to discuss housing, rail, and sewage projects with community members. Join them again on April 1 at Kalihi Kai Elementary School from 6 pm – 8 pm to hear updates on Dillingham Plaza and Kapālama Kai.