

SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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

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Keeping Money In Your Pockets

The Senate was victorious in its fight to preserve historic income tax cuts promised in 2024. For 90% of the public, this means an average family of four will save nearly \$20,000 over five years. Earlier this year, the Governor suggested renegeing on this promise and grow government.

Income tax cuts will remain in place for joint filers earning under \$350,000 and single filers earning under \$175,000.

Senators took a scalpel to the budget and cut funding for vacant positions and pulled back on tax credits given to businesses.

“War and inflation is eating away at kama’aina’s purchasing power,” said Sen. Wakai. “Lawmakers had an obligation to blunt economic hardships faced by local families.”



New Jail Gets New Funding



Sketch of jail planned in Halāwa to replace OCCC

Freeing up 16 acres of land in Kalihi, where the O’ahu Prison sits, took another step forward. Earlier this month, the state released a million dollars for the design of a new jail in Halāwa. The price tag for that facility is now \$900 million, up from \$537 million in 2017.

Built in 1916, the O’ahu Community Correctional Center was built to house 628 inmates, but now holds 950. This aging complex has long struggled with overcrowding, deteriorating infrastructure, and limited space for rehabilitation programs.

Instead of letting criminals sit behind bars, the new jail will focus on rehabilitation and re-entry into society. The facility will focus on education, job training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and culturally grounded rehabilitation programs aimed at reducing repeat offenses.

Destruction of Stadium Begins

Portions of Aloha Stadium’s second level began falling on April 16. It marked an important milestone for the 51 year old structure. By November, the entire stadium will be flattened and hauled away.

The iconic venue will be replaced with a new, modern facility in March 2029. It will seat 31,000, have 28 luxury boxes, and accomodate football, soccer, rugby and concerts.

Over the next two decades, the stadium will be surrounded by condos, hotels, retail outlets, and restaurants.



The yellow sections of the stadium is dismantled