

# SENATOR GLENN WAKAI

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

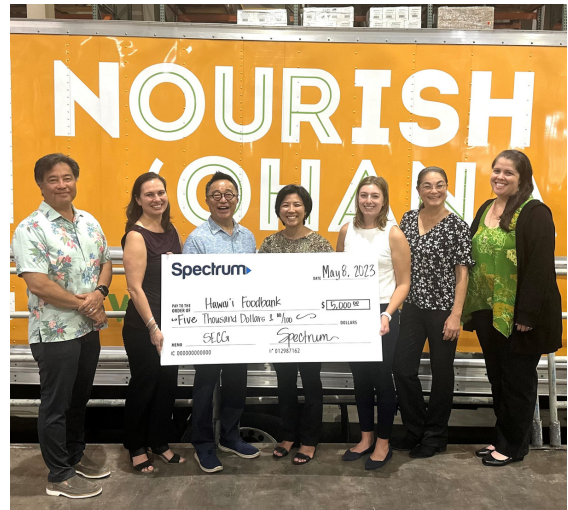


## SENATOR WAKAI ANNOUNCES CIP FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY

The 2023 Legislative Session concluded on May 4, 2023. This year's state budget bill, [HB300](#), was passed by the Legislature and included funding for the following capital improvement projects (CIP) in the Moanalua - Salt Lake community:

- **\$4,500,000 to Aliamanu Elementary** for a campus perimeter fence
- **\$500,000 to Moanalua High** for improvements to athletic facilities
- **\$1,600,000 to Moanalua High** for reroofing of gymnasium and resurfacing of the basketball court
- **\$4,000,000 to Moanalua Middle** for an outdoor covered play court
- **\$650,000 to Salt Lake Elementary** for repairs to concrete floor in Building C-2
- **\$600,000 to Salt Lake Elementary** to remove grass around playground and resurface with synthetic grass
- **\$1,900,000 to Makalapa Elementary** for campus-wide electrical upgrades

## SPECTRUM JOINS EFFORTS TO FIGHT HUNGER IN HAWAII



Sen. Wakai and Rep. Ichiyama with leaders from Spectrum and the Hawaii Foodbank during a check presentation on May 8, 2023.

With one in six Hawaii residents struggling with hunger - including one in four keiki - Hawaii has the second highest rate of child food insecurity in the nation. Senator Wakai was honored to participate in a check presentation with Spectrum donating \$5,000 to the Hawaii Foodbank to feed hundreds of our neighbors across the state. To learn more or get involved, click [here](#).

## MOANALUA HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMS ALOHA CONCERT NIGHT



The Moanalua High School Music Department held its Aloha Concert Night from April 28-29, 2023 at the Performing Arts Center. The Moanalua Orchestra took the audience around the globe through its performance. Music is the harmony the world needs.

For more information and to see their Calendar of Events, visit the MoHS Music Department's website by clicking [here](#).

## SENATOR WAKAI JOINS PBS INSIGHTS DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF ALOHA STADIUM

On April 20, 2023, Senator Wakai participated in PBS INSIGHTS' "What's Up with Aloha Stadium?" where he and other panelists provided updates on where we are with the construction of a new stadium. He advocated for partnering with the private sector to get a functional facility that is surrounded by revenue-generating businesses. Although the Legislature has already provided the \$400 million for a new stadium, the state administration has yet to release the Request For Proposal (RFP), further adding to the projected delay until the 2028 football season.

You can watch the broadcast by clicking [here](#).



*Sen. Wakai with former Gov. Ben Cayetano, state Department of Budget and Finance Director Luis Salaveria, and Aiea Neighborhood Board Chair Steve Wood to discuss updates and the future of Aloha Stadium on PBS INSIGHTS on April 20, 2023.*

## HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE PASSES FIREARMS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT SENSITIVE PLACES AND PROMOTE GUN SAFETY

After the U.S. Supreme Court's Bruen decision last year, many states had to begin discussions on revamping firearms legislation, what defines sensitive places, and finding a balance between public safety and protecting the Second Amendment rights of individuals. In response, the Hawaii State Legislature passed [SBI230](#), which became its omnibus firearms bill, that defined sensitive places and updates firearms laws to mitigate the serious hazards to public health, safety, and welfare associated with firearms and gun violence.

As the lead introducer of the bill, Senator Wakai consulted with various agencies and stakeholder groups throughout session. The list of sensitive places changed as time went on, which includes specific places such as government properties, hospitals, schools, and more. After consulting with condominium professionals, the bill was finalized to provide condominium associations the ability to prohibit conceal carry in their common areas.

## MAY DAY RETURNS TO PEARL HARBOR KAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



On May 5, 2023, Senator Wakai attended Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School's May Day Performances. Students learned about Oceania and performed dances from the region. It was a spirited and entertaining day that filled the audience with happiness that May Day has returned for the students to experience with one another.