

Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor: *Expanding to meet commercial harbor needs*

When the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye first started talks with the Campbell Estate in the early 1960s about establishing a harbor at Barbers Point, his goal was to open up lines of commerce outside of Honolulu Harbor to serve a growing O‘ahu. His prescience and political will paved the way for the Barbers Point deep draft harbor, which opened in 1985, helping to relieve traffic at Honolulu Harbor and at the same time accelerate the growth of Kapolei’s industrial base centered at the James Campbell Industrial Park.

Since that time, the harbor, renamed Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor (Kalaeloa), has become the state’s second busiest harbor — a conduit as well as an operations and storage site for companies shipping in dry bulk cargo such as cement and other construction materials, and various types of fluids, especially energy products. It is also the hub for exporting these products to the neighbor islands.

State acquires Campbell Company lands
O‘ahu’s and especially Kapolei and West O‘ahu’s explosive growth are already exerting pressure on the state’s pipeline for construction and energy materials. The answer? Expand harbor facilities at Kalaeloa, the only harbor with enough available lands for this kind of expansion. This led to the State of Hawai‘i Department of Transportation’s acquisition of 54 acres of land adjacent to the harbor from the James Campbell Company.

“This comes at a very good time, as we are about to embark on updating our master plan for Kalaeloa,” said Randy Grune, deputy director for the Harbors Division. “There is already a lot of interest from harbor users who want to expand their operations.”

Grune has also seen the rapid growth of fuel imports, particularly as the state pursues a 2030 target to supply at least 70 percent of its power from clean energy sources.



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“Kalaeloa has become the energy hub, as most of the fuel brought into the state comes through this harbor,” Grune said. “So demand for pier and storage facilities is high.” Plans are being developed for a dedicated fuel pier at Pier 4.

Updating the Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor Master Plan

In the meantime, work will soon begin on updating the Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor Master Plan that will span the present to 2040. Planners will consider future trends in maritime uses as they impact Kalaeloa, develop and recommend alternative uses with the input of stakeholders and the public, then prepare a draft review and a final plan. Grune expects the plan will be completed in 2015.

“This master plan will be strategically vital to O‘ahu’s and, in particular, West O‘ahu’s future, as Kalaeloa is the closest port to the fastest growing region in the state,” said Governor Neil Abercrombie. “Kalaeloa is certainly a testament to Senator Inouye’s foresight and the role he envisioned it would play in Kapolei’s development.”



Kalaeloa and You

Most of the harbor facilities users at Kalaeloa Harbors Point Harbor may not be household names, but they certainly impact our daily lives. Here are a few examples.

Hawaiian Cement – You can hardly build anything in Hawai'i without Hawaiian Cement. The company imports all the cement for the state through Kalaeloa, where it has a 60,000 metric ton storage facility and distribution terminal. From here, the cement is distributed statewide to retail and commercial companies, particularly those in the construction industry.



HAWAII GAS – is the state's only franchised gas utility with customers on every major island. In addition to producing synthetic natural gas that is delivered via pipeline to O'ahu customers, the company also supplies propane produced by Chevron and Tesoro to its O'ahu and neighbor island customers. One of its bulk propane storage facilities is located at Kalaeloa and is used to load and unload barges that transport propane to and from neighbor islands.

First Wind – is all about clean, renewable energy. A one-time-only Kalaeloa user, First Wind shipped hundreds of blades, tower sections and nacelles through Kalaeloa, then transported them to wind farm sites in Kahuku and Kawaioloa, where they installed a total of 42 wind turbines. The two projects produce enough electricity to power more than 20,000 homes per year through Hawaiian Electric's grid.



Grace Pacific – Without knowing it, our daily commutes have been greatly improved by this company. Grace Pacific produces the hot mix asphalt that the City and State use to reconstruct the streets and highways suffering from those annoying potholes and cracks that can wreak havoc on our cars. The company's main hot mix asphalt plant is located at Kalaeloa (the other is at the Kapa'a Quarry), where asphalt is loaded onto trucks and delivered to a paving crew at a job site near you. The City & County's street rehabilitation projects are keeping them very busy.



Sause Bros. – Ocean towing is the name of the game for Sause Bros. Every three weeks, the tug and barge company brings in lumber, building materials and containers loaded with various cargos from the Pacific Northwest to its terminal and storage facility at Kalaeloa. This has included rail components for Kiewit/Kobayashi, the company that is building the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. Sause Bros. also transports cargo to the neighbor islands.



Roads Update

The City of Kapolei's urban core is growing steadily as the City and County of Honolulu and Kapolei Property Development work on roads that will complete the Kapolei Parkway expansion. The map illustrates the time frame for each of the segments.



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