

DLNR MISSION

Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii Nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.

Photo credit: Cindy Ellen Russell/Dec 25
Honolulu Star Advertiser



Endangered Kiwikiu

DLNR 24-25 Budget Summary

Goal: Sufficient capacity to manage our lands effectively and efficiently

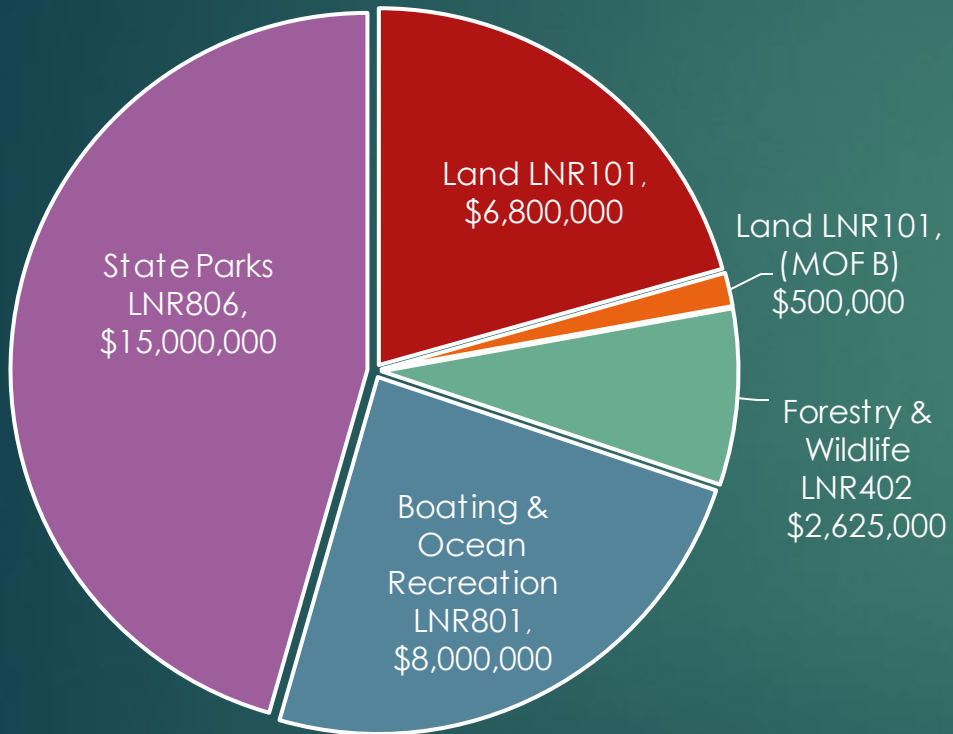
- Raise special fund ceilings to align with revenue increases
- Address staffing issues on multiple fronts
- Increase base general funds to:
 - ❖ attract Federal matching funds
 - ❖ increase protection of natural and cultural resources and address climate change



Ke kāhuli leo le`a o ka nahele
The sweet-voiced kāhuli landshell of the forest

Ke kahuli leo le`a o ka nahele
The sweet-voice kahuli land snail of the forest.

Departmental FY25 CIP Supplemental Budget Request: \$32,925,000 (MOF C)*



- LNR806 - Lump Sum Improvements at State Parks Facilities, Statewide (\$15,000,000)
- LNR402
 - West Maui and Upcountry Fire Suppression Dip Tanks (6), Maui (\$360,000)
 - West Maui and Upcountry Fire Prevention and Erosion Control, Maui (\$2,000,000)
 - Hilo Office Roof Replacement, Hawaii (\$265,000)
- LNR101
 - Shangri La Breakwater Removal, Oahu (\$700,000)
 - Demolition and Removal of Existing Improvements (Uncle Billy's), Hawaii (\$6,100,000)
 - East Kapolei Transit Oriented Development Project, Oahu (\$500,000 MOF B)
- LNR801 - Kawaihae North Small Boat Harbor, Hawaii (\$8,000,000)

* Unless otherwise noted

Staff Recruitment and Retention

Vacancy 27% (Table 11)

Recruitment Efforts FY22-23:

- ▶ 241 recruitments conducted; 11% increase over previous year.
- ▶ Filled 219 positions; 221% increase over previous year.

Recruitment and Retention Strategies FY23-24:

- ▶ Continue efforts to modernize the classification and recruitment system within the department:
 - Creating job classifications for today's needs and workforce.
 - Creating realistic career ladders to provide advancement opportunities, positioning DLNR as a career choice.
- ▶ Continue to participate in job fairs.
- ▶ Utilize the State's Telework Program as a retention tool.
- ▶ Explore other retention tools and opportunities.
- ▶ Shift from RCUH positions to DLNR positions



LNR 101: Land Division

Mission

Land Division is responsible for managing State-owned lands in ways that will promote the social, environmental and economic well-being of Hawaii's people and for ensuring that these lands are used in accordance with the goals, policies and plans of the State.

Accomplishments in 2023:

- Began demolition of Uncle Billy's
- Secured CDUP for Shangri La breakwater removal
- Completing urban design work for East Kapolei Development



Shangri-La Breakwater

LNR 101: Land Division

FY 2024 - \$8,000,000 was appropriated for the demolition of Uncle Billy's Hotel, of which all funds have been encumbered and work has commenced.

For FY 2025 Land Division is requesting appropriations for:

Operating Requests:

1. Public Land Trust Information System Update - \$900,000
2. Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment - \$510,189

Capital Improvement Projects:

1. Shangri La Breakwater Removal - \$700,000
2. East Kapolei Transit Oriented Development Project - \$500,000
3. Continue Demolition and Removal of Existing Improvements at Uncle Billy's \$6,100,000



Demolition Prep at Uncle Billy's



LNR 101: Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands

- Regulates all Conservation District Lands including our mountains and beaches.
- Hosts the State Climate Change Mitigation Commission
- Fully staffed with five planners, a coastal lands specialist, a legal fellow, a policy advisor, and a science advisor.



Punalu'u Beach Park
Ko'olauloa, O'ahu

LNR 101: Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL)

- Coastal restoration is critical to the culture and economy of Hawai'i
- In 2024 OCCL will move forward with coastal and beach related projects in Punalu'u and Waikīkī

No additional funds requested this year
Current funding from:

- Beach Restoration Special Fund
- TAT funds
- State General Funds

2014

2022

Sea Level Rise at Punalu'u Beach, O'ahu

Budget Request

Add three (3) positions and funds for Climate Commission Staff to address climate emergency

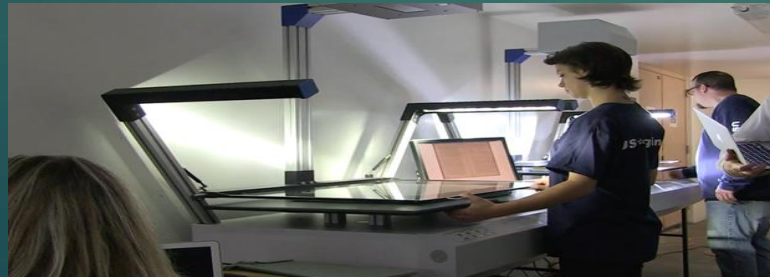
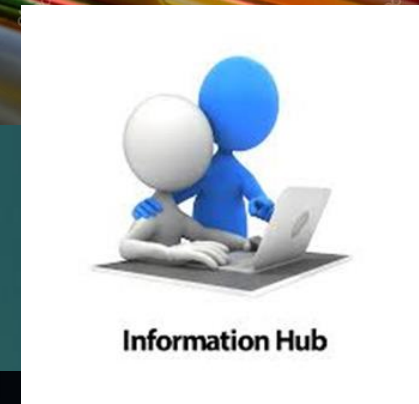
- Senior Climate Advisor (Exempt), \$75,000
- Administrative Assistant V, \$40,000
- Program Specialist IV, \$30,000
- Equipment \$9,000

LNR 101: Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (CCMAC)

- Provide policy direction, facilitation, coordination, and planning among state and county agencies, federal agencies, and other partners.
- Establish climate change strategies and goals
- 2024
 - Priority Climate Action Plan (March 1, 2024)
 - Begin Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (Final June 2025)
- Funding is from:
 - State General Funds

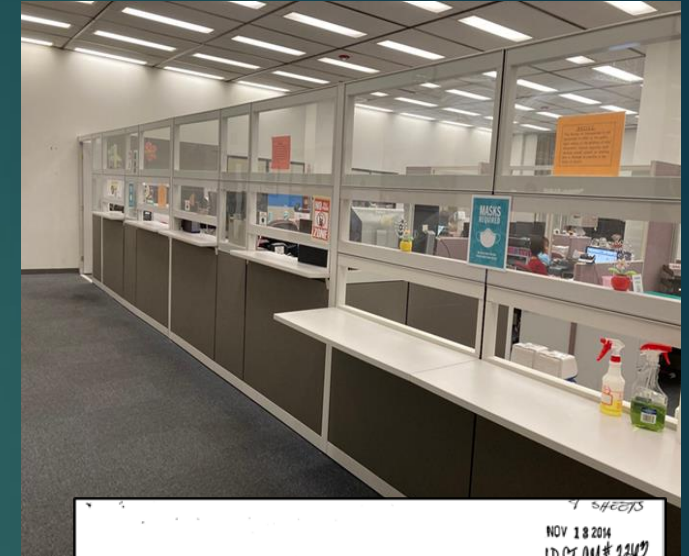
LNR 111: BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES (BOC)

- The Bureau of Conveyances has approved ceiling increases for the FY24 – FY25 biennium of \$750,000
- As part of the FY24 ceiling, \$1.2M was successfully encumbered for support services to continue reduction of the long-standing Land Court Certification backlog
- No new request for FY25 so BOC will continue to build out its automation infrastructure to support staff, consumers, business and government by delivering more effective, user-friendly tools and services like the “BOC Information Hub”.



LNR 111: BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES (BOC)

- Ensures the accurate, timely recording of all matters related to real property title for the State of Hawaii and preserves these records while making them securely accessible to the public
- In 2023, BOC continued the expansion of digitization and indexing of BOC documents including:
 - Digital enhancement of nearly 21M document images
 - Historical indexing of approximately 750,000 Regular System and Land Court documents
 - Expansion of searchable records online from 1992 back to 1976 adding approximately 5M more images
- Prioritized SBA recordings in response to Maui Wildfire



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SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATION

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360SITE LLC being a limited liability company within the State of Hawaii having a licensed surveyor directly in charge, bearing Registration Number 9330, hereby certifies that the attached Condominium Map for the condominium project "Hanalei River Gardens", situate at Hanalei, Halakea, Kaula, Hawaii, and identified by Tax Map Key No. (4) 5-4:004:009, accurately reflects the location and division of the apartment units and the dimensions of the limited common elements. To the best of our knowledge, the map depicts the layout, location, dimensions and numbers of the units substantially as built, and is consistent with the plans of the condominium's buildings as filed with the County of Kauai. Floor plans and elevations of the structures comprising the project are subject to a separate certification by a registered Hawaii architect or engineer.

Geoffrey Noble
Geoffrey Noble (Managing Partner)

WILLIAM L. TERRELL
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
NO. 9330
HAWAII U.S.A.

0900
NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Hawaii
County of Kauai
On this 8th day of December, 2013, before me personally appeared
Geoffrey Noble
To me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and
he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal
Sally J. Psaila
Sally J. Psaila
My commission expires: 12/30/16

SALLY J. PSAILA
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF HAWAII

LNR 141 AND LNR 810: ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division provides engineering services and technical assistance to support the implementation of capital improvement and repair and maintenance projects and administers the mineral resources and dam safety programs.

<https://dlnreng.hawaii.gov/>

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2023

- Implemented the majority of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding for the Department. CIP expenditures totaled over \$24.6 million.
- Continued to develop and host the Flood Hazard Assessment Tool (FHAT) for many Hawaii stakeholders. <https://fhat.hawaii.gov/>
- Conducted dam safety training for over 200 owners and operators in each of the four (4) counties. Completed 25 risk assessments and 24 dam safety inspections.



Ko Road Central Mauka Rockfall Mitigation, Kauai—
Attenuator drapery netting system installed in Fall
2023

LNR 141 AND LNR 810: ENGINEERING DIVISION

FY 2024 Operating Funds:

- Supplemental other current expenses to support general funded positions (LNR 141, \$30,000)
- Legislative adjustment to add \$200,000 to the Soil and Water Conservation District program (administratively attached to DLNR established by Ch 180, HRS)
- Federal Fund ceiling increase (LNR 810, MOFP, \$240,758)

FY 2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects:

- Rockfall and Flood Mitigation, Statewide (MOF A, FY24 \$2,000,000/FY25 \$2,000,000) - Rockfall protection and mitigation improvements at Diamond Head State Monument, Oahu.
- Upolu Well Development, Hawaii (MOF C, \$1,500,000) - Supplemented previously released funds and encumbered into a construction contract.

Highlights for 2024

- Develop an alternate contract delivery method to streamline and expedite the implementation of repair and maintenance projects.
- Continue risk assessments and safety inspections for 127 regulated dams, statewide.
- Advance flood risk training and outreach to improve mitigation actions and maintain Hawaii's eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).



Waikamoi Dam No. 2 Spillway, Maui (MA-046)



LNR 401: DAR Top Accomplishments

- 1) Implemented new Fisheries Rules to support sustainable Fisheries.
 - Establishment of a laynet permit to better regulate net fishing.
 - Establishment of fishing limits for important herbivorous reef fish
- 2) Development of sustainable finance mechanisms to support aquatic resources conservation and management.
 - Establishment of the Ocean Stewardship User Fee to support ocean stewardship projects, education, and outreach.
 - Progress toward the establishment of a non-resident marine fishing license to support sustainable fishing projects, outreach, and education.
- 3) Environmental response
 - Supported the Lahaina fire response effort by coordinating environmental response, monitoring, and remediation planning.
 - Responded to multiple boat groundings and plane crash to support response and coral remediation efforts.





LNR 401: DNR Budget Highlights

FY 24 Budget Highlights:

- ▶ Operating Funds: \$14,790

Status: Released December 1, 2023. Spend plan to support restoration, enhancement, monitoring and research projects and facility upgrades

- ▶ CIP: \$4.85 Million for Anuenue Fisheries Research Center

Status: planning and design phase in progress

- ▶ Ceiling Increase: \$800,000 increase to the Ocean Stewardship Fund

Status: Completed rule making and began collecting Ocean User Fee January 1, 2024

- ▶ Staffing: (2) Biologists and (1) Admin Specialist (P funded)

Status: Submitted re-org to establish positions

FY 25 Budget Request:

- ▶ Ceiling Increase: Requesting \$1.6 million increase for Ocean Stewardship Fund and \$800,000 for Sport Fish Special Fund to accommodate new revenue



Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Mission: To protect, manage, and restore natural and cultural resources in collaboration with the people of Hawai‘i

LNR172	LNR402	LNR407	LNR804
Forest Resources	Native Resources & Fire Protection	Natural Areas & Watersheds	Forest & Outdoor Recreation
	 		



Forestry and Wildlife

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LNR 102: Legacy Land Conservation Program

- FY 24 Allocations
 - \$1.5M ceiling increase to utilize existing Land Conservation Fund balance for land acquisition, allowing \$8.9M for competitive land acquisition and management grants and Turtle Bay debt service
- FY 25 Supplemental Requests (none)

LNR 172: Forestry – Resource Management and Development

- FY 24 Allocations
 - Restoration of \$289K Recurring G172 Operational Funds cut in FY 22 > core management activities of the 700,000-acre state forest reserve system > forest health, clean water, sustainability, forest products, recreation
 - \$25M G172 Operating Costs > reduced to \$20M by Governor > released by B&F in December. Projects include land acquisition, improved forest management, forest inventory and analysis, reforestation, endangered species protection, invasive species emergency response, community forest stewardship, infrastructure renovations and improvements, motor vehicles, equipment
 - \$7M CIP for Maunawili Forest Purchase > currently negotiating purchase agreement
 - \$400K Maui Kona Storm Trail Repair, Kula Forest Reserve > reopen popular trails closed due to extensive storm damage
- FY 25 Supplemental Requests
 - \$7.5M Forest and Resource Management > forest health protection, reforestation and improved forest management to create fire resilient landscapes, wildlife habitat protection and management including critically endangered forest birds, watershed protection and management, sustainable forest products development



Forestry and Wildlife

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LNR 402: Native Resources and Fire Protection

➤ FY 24 Allocations

- \$1.5M for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council for statewide invasive species control
- \$500K Hawaii Ant Lab > control of invasive ants including Little fire ant emergency response
- \$4.3M CIP > Kawainui Marsh Protection > predator-proof fence and associated infrastructure
- \$500K CIP > Palamanui Community Forest Reserve Planning > currently negotiating a planning contract
- \$535K CIP > Facilities improvements > Oahu and Hilo baseyards, Lehua Seabird Sanctuary

➤ FY 25 Supplemental Requests

- \$10M Fire and Emergency Response Equipment
- \$7.425M Recurring Fire and Emergency Response Operations: pre-suppression/fuels reduction, fire recovery and restoration for fire resilient landscapes
- \$500K Hawaii Invasive Species Council for statewide invasive species emergency response
- \$360K West Maui and Upcountry Fire Suppression > dip tanks for wildland firefighting
- \$2M West Maui and Upcountry Fire Prevention and Erosion Control > pre-suppression, fuel breaks, vegetation rehabilitation and restoration, implement improved forest management prescriptions for fire resilient landscapes.
- \$265K Hilo Office Roof Replacement > critical infrastructure repair and maintenance



LNR 407: Natural Area Reserves and Watershed Management

➤ FY 24 Allocations

- \$6.165M Maui Axis deer program > landscape scale control efforts to reduce impacts of Axis deer
- \$5M Watershed CIP > fence contracts for protection of 6,000 acres of native watershed forest
- \$500K CIP > Endangered snail enclosures for Maui and Oahu
- \$200K Baseyard Improvements – Kauai > security fence, roofing, gas tank remediation

➤ FY 25 Supplemental Requests (none)



LNR 804: Forest and Outdoor Recreation

➤ FY 24 Allocations

- \$2M Recurring Trail Maintenance and Restoration, Forest and Outdoor Initiatives > road, trail, and access projects statewide
- [4] positions for Forest and Outdoor Recreation > construction, repair, management, maintenance of outdoor recreation facilities and features including roads and trails statewide
- \$250K Wildlife Revolving Fund Ceiling Increase > equipment and services for wildlife management improvements statewide

➤ FY 25 Supplemental Requests (none)



Forestry and Wildlife

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DHHL Kawaihae
Monitoring Well,
Hawai'i

LNR 404: Commission on Water Resource Management

- ▶ Protect the water resources of the State of Hawai'i while maximizing reasonable and beneficial uses of water for present and future generations.
- ▶ Three Branches:
 - Planning
 - Groundwater Regulation
 - Stream Protection and Management
- ▶ Accomplishments
 - Processing Lahaina Existing Use Permits
 - Adopted Maui Island Water Use and Development Plan Update
 - Permitted Red Hill Monitoring Wells

LNR 404: Commission on Water Resource Management

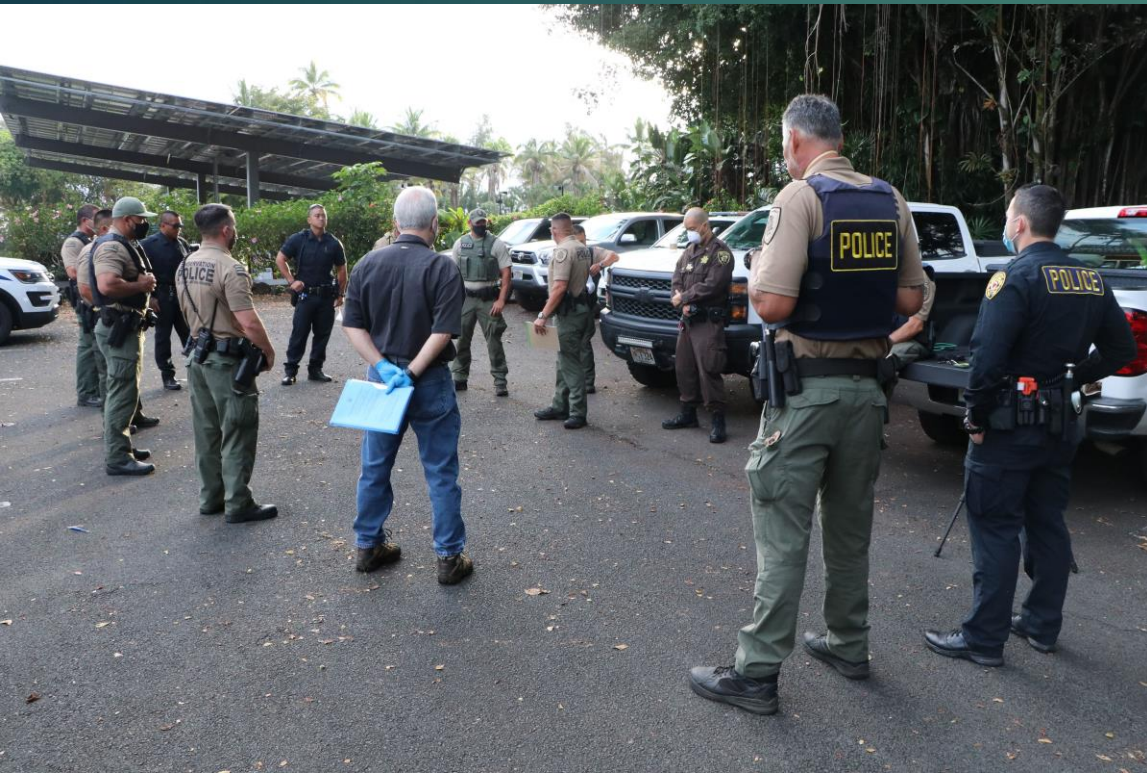
- ▶ **FY23-24: \$4,583,190 OP; \$2,000,000 CIP**
 - GF \$3,035,789
 - GF Restrictions \$337,308 (10%)
 - SF \$1,210,093
 - Expenditures: 65% - Personal Services; \$1M USGS JFA – Monitoring
- ▶ **FY24-25: \$4,852,351 OP; \$3,000,000 CIP**
 - Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefits
 - \$2 M for Deep Monitoring Wells
 - \$1 M State and County Facility Reuse Plan



Waikapū, Nā Wai 'Ehā

LNR 405: Division of Conservation & Resource Enforcement (DOCARE)

MISSION: To effectively uphold the laws that serve to protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of visitors and the people of Hawaii nei.



FY 24 Budget Accomplishments:

- Division reorganization started to establish Academy Supervisory and Clerical Positions
- Initiated due diligence efforts for Central Oahu DOCARE substation land acquisition in Wahiawa.
- 41 new recruits distributed statewide

LNR 405: DOCARE FY 25 Budget Request:

Request expenditure ceiling increase for Appropriation S-302 to aid in the Maui wildfire recovery.



- This request for an expenditure ceiling increase for S-302 will allow DOCARE to procure a vessel that will be used to assist in Maui wildfire recovery and reconstruction efforts
- This ceiling increase would allow for the use of the remaining \$521,473 in the account.

LNR 801: DOBOR

MISSION

Preserve Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources while ensuring public access to State waters and enhancing the ocean experience.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Lahaina Harbor Ferry Pier Improvements completed in 2023, but destroyed during the August 8 wildfire.
- Worked in coordination with the US Coast Guard to clear the Lahaina Harbor and entrance channel of more than 60 sunken vessels as well as associated debris.



LNR 802: SHPD Accomplishments FY 22-23

- Pivoted to respond to assessment of Lahaina after Maui Wildfire
- Listed 29 Properties on the Hawaii Historic Places Register
- Gathered archival data and information on the cultural and natural resources of Ka'ena in support of its nomination as a National Heritage Area.
- Completed 2,001 Reviews



Baldwin Bookkeeper's House, Lahaina

DLNR IN THE NEWS, Jan. 3, 2024

HONOLULU CIVIL BEAT

Unauthorized Demolition Occurs At Historic Marconi Telegraph Site On North Shore

Civil Beat drone footage captured video of excavators discarding parts of the interior of the original 1914 power station, once the world's largest wireless communications center.

By Kirstin Downey, Jan. 3, 2024

Questions are being raised about what's happening behind the guarded gate at a remote site in Kahuku, home to a registered national historic landmark that is now gutted and roofless.

Behind prominent warnings that the site is a "controlled access zone" and amid no-trespassing signs, a nearly 100-acre parcel of oceanfront land zoned for agricultural uses houses a complex of buildings recognized as representing a time more than a century ago when Hawaii was at the forefront of the global wireless communications revolution.

The scenic property about a half-mile off Kamehameha Highway adjacent to Turtle Bay Resort was the focus of a multi-party agreement in 2021 that provided a federal loan guarantee allowing

LNR 802: SHPD FY 25 Supplemental Budget Request

- Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment
Special Fund ceiling increase is needed to cover the increase in fringe benefits due to a higher fringe benefit rate (64.45%).
- Increase ceiling for Federal Fund
Will provide SHPD with the authority to utilize all of the grant award to support requirements of the Federal Program.

The Division of State Parks manages, regulates, and protects natural, scenic, and cultural resources for Hawai'i residents, visitors, and future generations



- Provide quality recreational, cultural, and interpretive experiences in a manner that minimizes public use conflicts and impacts to resources.
- 34,000 acres, 53 park units and 13 other areas of responsibility ranging from remote wilderness areas with primitive facilities to iconic state monuments and recreational areas with landscaped grounds, parking, and comfort stations.
- Parking, entry, camping and lodging fee increases, and the return of tourism have resulted in robust increases in special fund income.



Waimea Canyon State Park

LNR 806 - What we are doing, Where we are going



- FY23 Ceiling Increase
 - Completed phase 1 of a 5-year plan to upgrade vehicle fleet
 - Addressed R&M projects: hazard tree trimming, and road repaving.
- FY24 The Administration released \$10 million in general funds of the \$50 million appropriated by the Legislature to include:
 - Implementing a prequalified contractor procurement process for repair and maintenance projects
 - Developing an asset management system to further reduce the need for CIP and R&M costs over time.
- Reduce reliance on CIP by using general and special fund income, examples include repaving the roads in Waimea Canyon and Koke'e State Parks and a restoration project at Hulihe'e Palace in Kona.
- FY25 The administration approved \$2,000,000 million in vehicle and equipment upgrades in State Park's 5-year plan.
- FY25 The administration approved lump sum CIP of \$15,000,000 to initiate shovel ready projects and complete current CIP projects that are short of funds at Wahiawa Freshwater Park, Koke'e State Park, Wailoa River, Hana Waysides and Initiate new CIP at Kealakekua Bay, Kaena Point (Mokuleia), Keaiwa Heiau SRA.



Hulihe'e Palace, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii



LNR 906: Admin (Chair's Office, Staff Offices and Attached Boards and Agencies)

Highlights:

Administrative Services Office: Implemented systems and training to streamline and standardize processes for better internal control and compliance.

Information Technology Services Office: Installed fiber optic lines in 6 remote offices across the state resulting in cost savings of over \$159,000.

Human Resources Office: Developing more effective recruitment strategies and job descriptions that better suit department needs.

Communications Office: Advanced camera and computer equipment allows creation of B-roll to ensure public is informed about DLNR events, meetings, and policies. Pivoted to provide on-going on-the ground coverage after the Lahaina Wildfire.

Special Projects - Homeless: On-going clean-up and coordination with outreach agencies. Debris and storage will be funded by divisions.

LNR 907: Aha Moku

Aha Moku is attached to the DLNR and may advise the Land Board Chairperson via Act 288 SLH 2012

FY 25 Supplemental Budget Request:

- None

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Encouraged collaboration between disparate parties with different vision for the 'āina and moana.
- Brought a traditional land-ocean sustainable system to the government policy table.
- Integrated Kupuna/ Practitioner knowledge with modern conservation practices
- Ensured participation from all 8 islands





Coastal plantings



KIRC's Kihei Education/Operations Center



Removing marine debris

LNR 908: Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Removed 6.8 tons of marine debris from Kaho'olawe Beaches
- Planted 10,000 coastal seedlings to protect fragile shoreline
- Expanded rare Kaho'olawe plant population through multi-agency partnership.

REQUESTS

- Additional field staff (16 Positions, No Vacancies)
- CIP funding for future Kihei Education/Operations Center

In August, DLNR pivoted to respond to the Maui Wildfires

