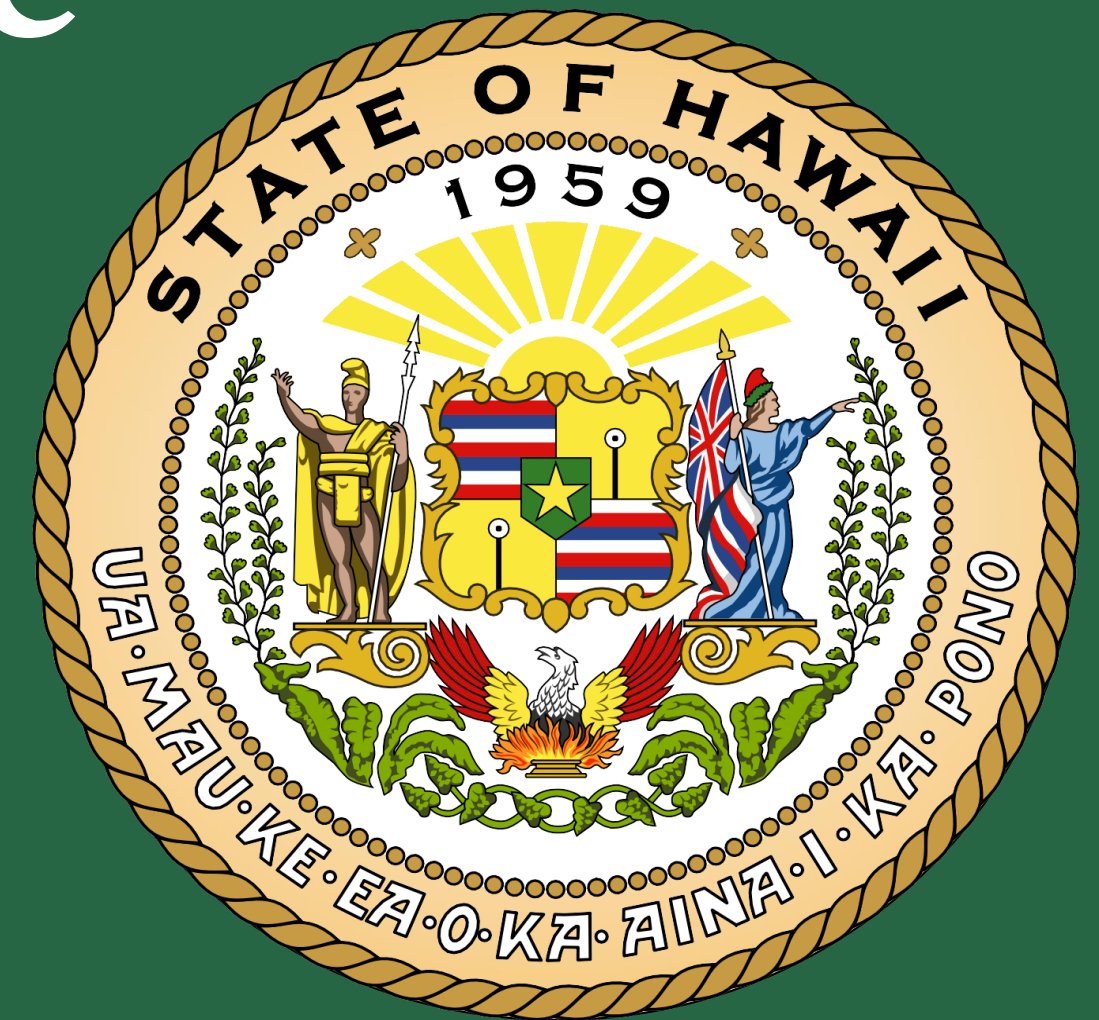

The Governor's Briefing to the House Finance Committee

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State of Hawai'i
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Budget Overview

What Are the Budget's Objectives?

- Maintains **strong reserves**; preserves Rainy Day fund
- **Budgets for our wildfire recovery costs**
- Invests in **disaster preparation and climate adaptation**
- Converts certain general funded projects to bonds to free up cash for fire recovery while giving projects a longer implementation period
- Funds priorities in **housing, homelessness, healthcare, climate, and education**

The wildfire disaster showed us that we need to keep pushing for housing, healthcare, mental health, climate, and much more.

State Priorities

- Disaster preparation, fire response, and recovery
- Climate and Environment
- Housing, Homelessness, and Infrastructure
- Health care and Mental Health
- Education



Upcoming Legislative Proposals

*Administration package of legislative proposals will be submitted on
January 22, 2024*

Key Items will include:

- Additional **fire recovery items** including establishing a fire marshal
- New Phases of the **Green Affordability Plan** to lower cost of living for Hawaii residents
- A **Green Impact Fee** (visitor impact fee) to support restoration of our natural resources



Disaster Preparation, Fire Response, and Recovery



- **\$20M** in general funds to Hawaiian Home Lands wildfire recovery and preventative measures, including fire breaks and development of water resources
- **\$17.4M** in general funds to Dept of Land and Natural Resources:
 - **\$7.4M** for statewide wildfire response, prevention and suppression
 - **\$10M** for emergency response equipment
- **20** positions and **\$653k** in general funds for brushfire positions for HIEMA.

Supporting Maui

- **\$13.3M** in general funds and **\$12.7M** in federal funds for Disaster Case Management Services to those displaced by Maui wildfires
- **\$2.4M** in GO bonds for fire prevention and erosion control in West and upcountry Maui and fire suppression dip tanks on Maui (DLNR)
- **\$6.6M** in revenue bonds and **\$26.4M** in federal funds for major repairs, rehabilitation, and reinstallation of State highway facilities in Lahaina



Climate and Environment



- **\$7.5M** in general funds to Dept of Land and Natural Resources to improve forest resource management practices for fire-resilient landscapes
- **3.00** positions and **\$154k** in general funds for the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
- **3.00** positions and **\$388k** in special funds and **\$430k** in federal funds for Solar for All Grant and for Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority Operations
- **\$2M** in special funds for equipment and motor vehicles to support State Parks

Infrastructure, Housing, and Homelessness

- **\$22M** in GO bonds for HPHA elderly housing along School Street
- **\$10M** in GO bonds for public housing statewide health and safety improvements
- **\$25M** in GO Bonds for infrastructure near UH West Oahu in Kapolei
- **\$10M** in GO Bonds for housing supportive infrastructure in the Iwilei-Kapalama area
- **\$400k** in general funds for the State Rent supplement program to assist low-income households in affording rent



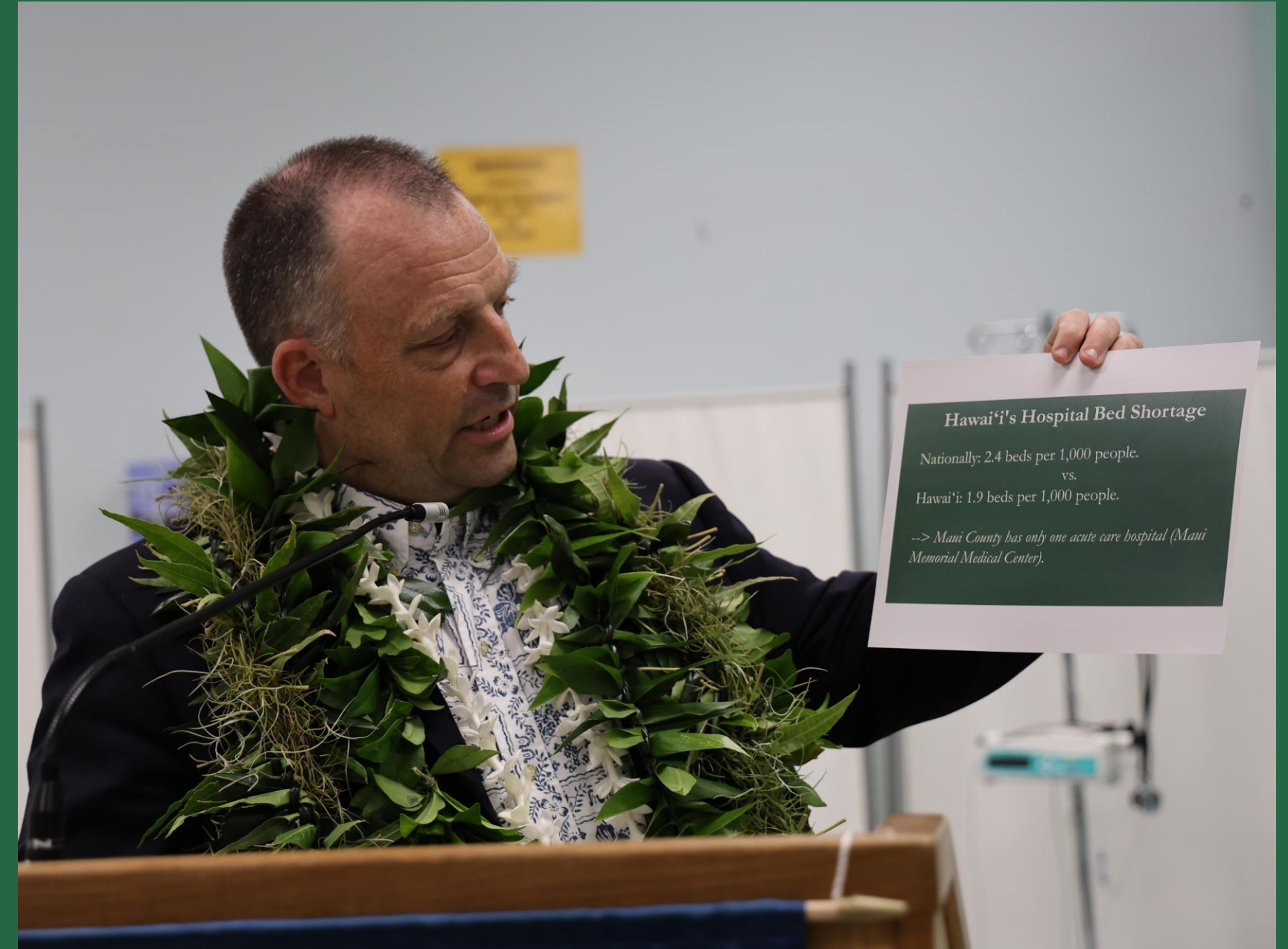
Investments in Mental Health



- **\$20M** for psychiatric in-patient services and **\$13M** in general funds for *locum tenen* services at the Hawaii State Hospital
- **\$6.7M** in general funds for Behavioral Health Crisis Center at Iwilei Resource Center
- **\$10.8M** in general funds for child and adolescent mental health services
- **\$400k** in general funds to train DOE personnel in trauma-informed practices

Health Care Access

- **\$500k** in general funds for vision screening and glasses for students at DOE schools
- **\$4.9M** in general funds for early intervention services for Family Health Services division
- **\$25M** in GO bonds for Hawai'i Health System repairs across the state
- **\$3M** in general funds to UH to expand opportunities for healthcare research and training, mental health services across all campuses, and funding for pre-nursing and counseling programs to address healthcare provider shortages



Education



- **\$64M** in general funds for core DOE services, including food services, student transportation, workers' compensation and utilities
- **\$1.3M** in general funds for special education speech language pathology services
- **\$2.7M** in general funds to hire more applied behavioral analysts to support students with significant behavioral needs
- **\$18M** in general funds for safety measures across all schools
- **\$17M** in general funds to restore University of Hawaii funding to pre-pandemic levels