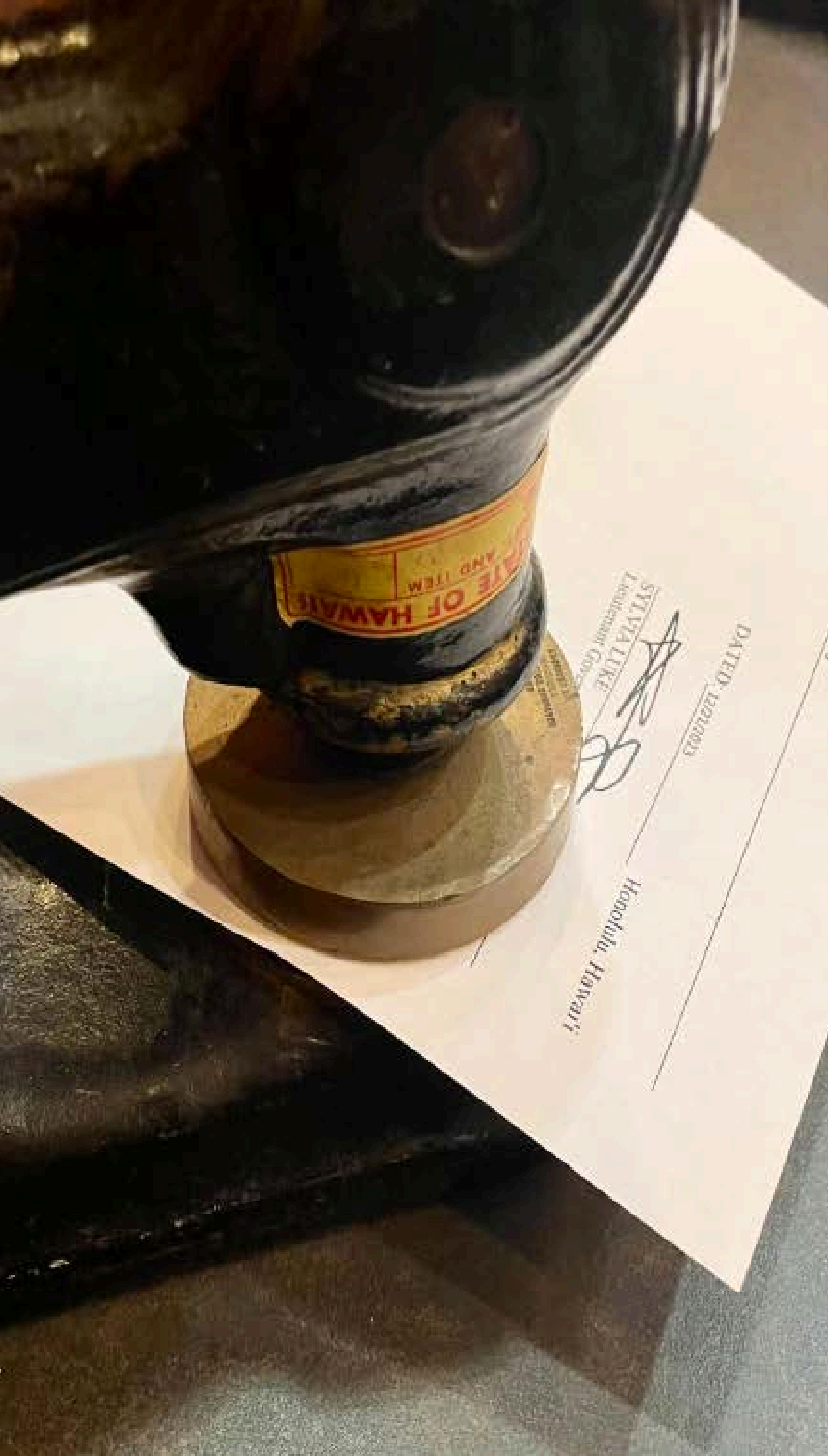


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Budget in Brief 2025

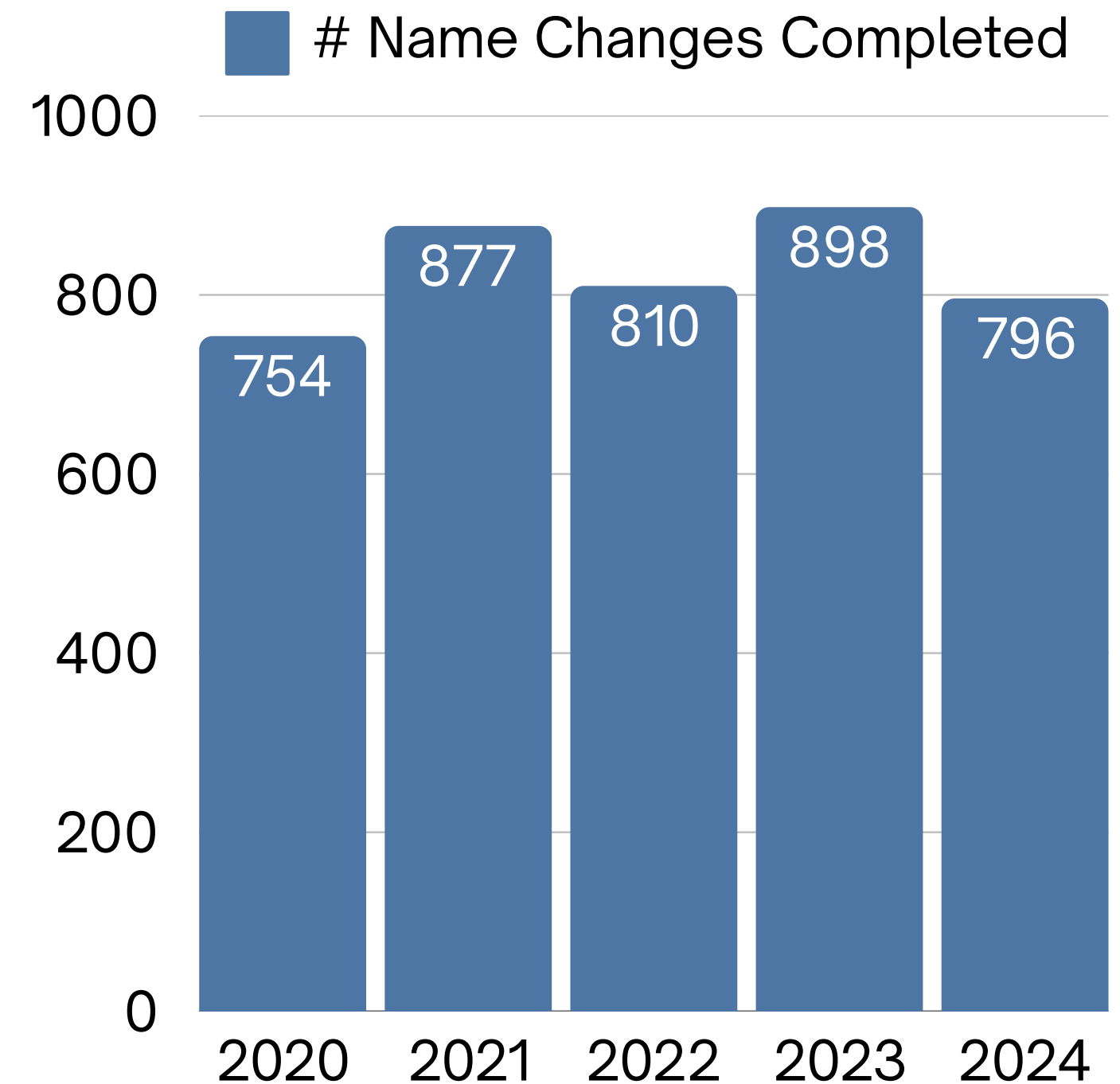


Government Transformation

Name Changes
Apostilles & Certifications

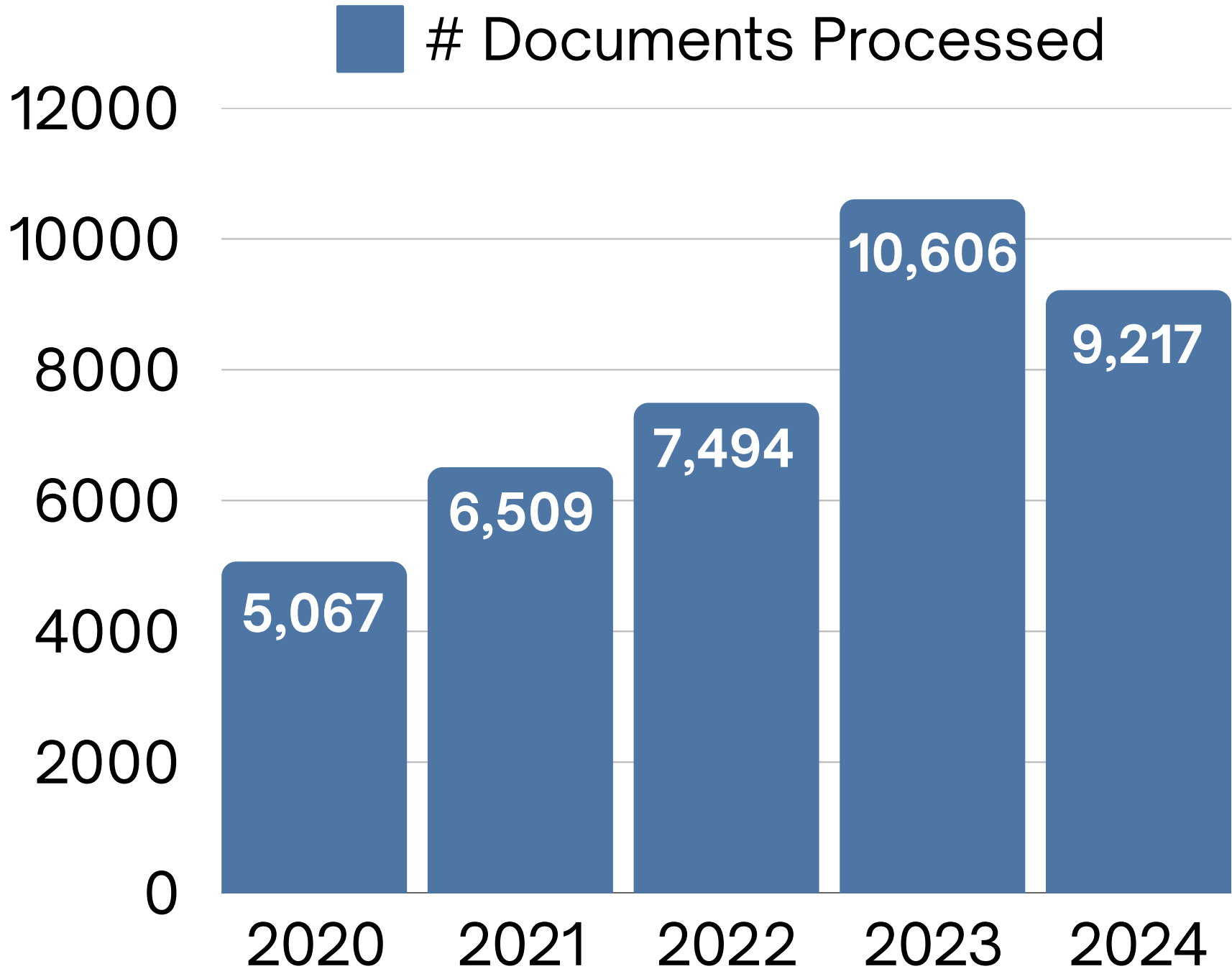
Name Changes

- 2024: “Application for Name Change of Minor by Parents” moved online *(95% of applications are now online)*
- Anticipate a rise in applications in May 2025 due to REAL ID changes



Apostilles & Certifications

- Act 133 (2024) formally enacts Apostilles and Certifications in statute
- The new special fund will support modernization efforts including online application & payment



Ready
Keiki



**The Promise of Universal
Access to Preschool**



Noelani Elem. Preschoolers

Preschool by the Numbers

31,916

Total 3- and 4-year-olds*



18,796

Served by existing Pre-K classrooms



6,384

20% estimated to opt-out of Pre-K



6,737

Unserved keiki

÷ 20 keiki per classroom =

337

classroom goal

*Total population based on Hawai'i DOH birth data

Pre-K Classrooms on Every Island

Kaua'i

- 'Ele'ele Elementary
- Kapa'a Elementary
- Kekaha Elementary
- Kīlauea Elementary

O'ahu

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 'Aiea Elementary | Lanakila Elementary |
| 'Āina Haina Elementary | Leihōkū Elementary |
| Ala Wai Elementary | Likelike Elementary |
| Alvah Scott Elementary | Linapuni Elementary |
| Ben Parker Elementary | Lincoln Elementary |
| Blanche Pope Elementary* | Mauka Lani Elementary |
| Fern Elementary | Nānāikapono Elementary |
| Haha'ione Elementary | Nānākuli Elementary |
| Hale'iwa Elementary | Noelani Elementary |
| Honowai Elementary | Pālolo Elementary |
| 'Iliahi Elementary | Pearl City Elementary |
| Ka'ala Elementary | Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary |
| Ka'ewai Elementary | Pu'uhale Elementary |
| Kāhala Elementary | Red Hill Elementary |
| Kainalu Elementary | Solomon Elementary |
| Kalihi Uka Elementary | Sunset Beach Elementary |
| Kapālama Elementary | Wahiawā Elementary |
| Kauluwela Elementary | Waiāhole Elementary |
| Keolu Elementary | Waialua Elementary |
| Koko Head Elementary | Wai'anae Elementary |
| Kūhiō Elementary | Waimānalo Elementary and Intermediate |

Moloka'i

- Kaunakakai Elementary
- Kilohana Elementary
- Maunaloa Elementary

Lāna'i

- Lāna'i High & Elementary*

Maui

- Ha'ikū Elementary
- Hāna High and Elementary
- Kihei Elementary
- King Kamehameha III Elementary
- Kula Elementary
- Princess Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary
- Pukalani Elementary
- Wailuku Elementary

Hawai'i Island

- Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary
- Hilo Union Elementary
- Hōnaunau Elementary
- Honoka'a Elementary
- Ho'okena Elementary
- Kahakai Elementary
- Kea'au Elementary
- Keonepoko Elementary
- Kohala Elementary
- Konawaena Elementary
- Mountain View Elementary
- Nā'ālehu Elementary
- Pa'auilo Elementary
- Pāhoa Elementary
- Waimea Elementary

*Hawaiian language classroom
Green highlights have Ready Keiki Classrooms

New Public Pre-K Classrooms

Expanding Access

- Since the start of Ready Keiki in 2023, the number of public classrooms has more than doubled
- 44 new classrooms opened this past year
- Planning to open an additional 50 classrooms in the next biennium



Kāhala Elem. Preschoolers



Kapa'a Elem. Preschoolers



Nānākuli Elem. Preschoolers

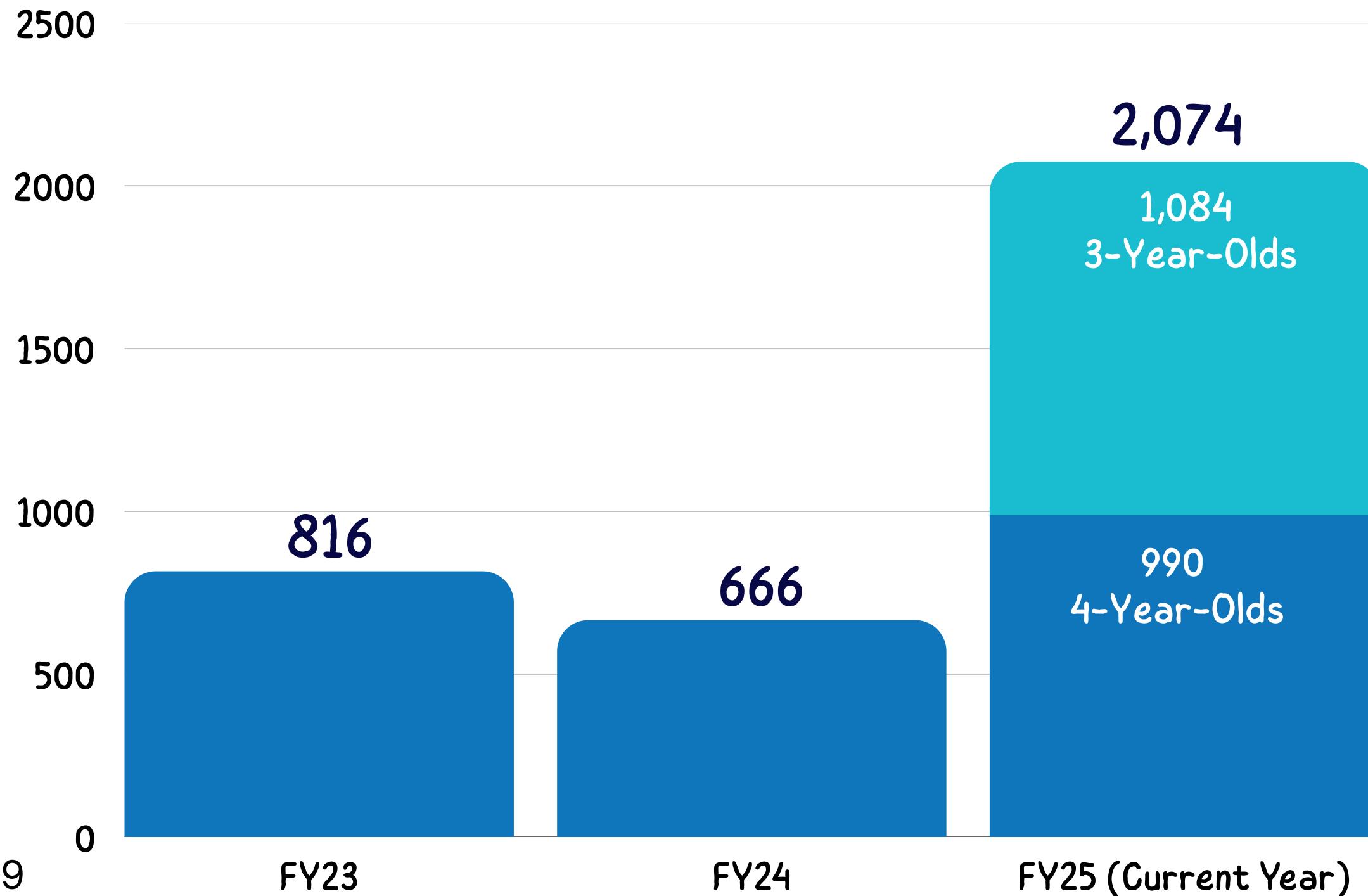


Ben Parker Elem. Preschoolers



Preschool Open Doors

- # of Children Enrolled (4-Year-Olds)
- # of Children Enrolled (3-Year-Olds)



Increased Enrollment

2,074 children enrolled so far this year, an 211% increase from last year. In the first year that 3-year-olds are eligible, they make up the majority enrolled.

A Sliding Scale

More families are now eligible for POD. There is a 160% increase in families enrolling in the upper end of the new co-payment scale (6-7%).

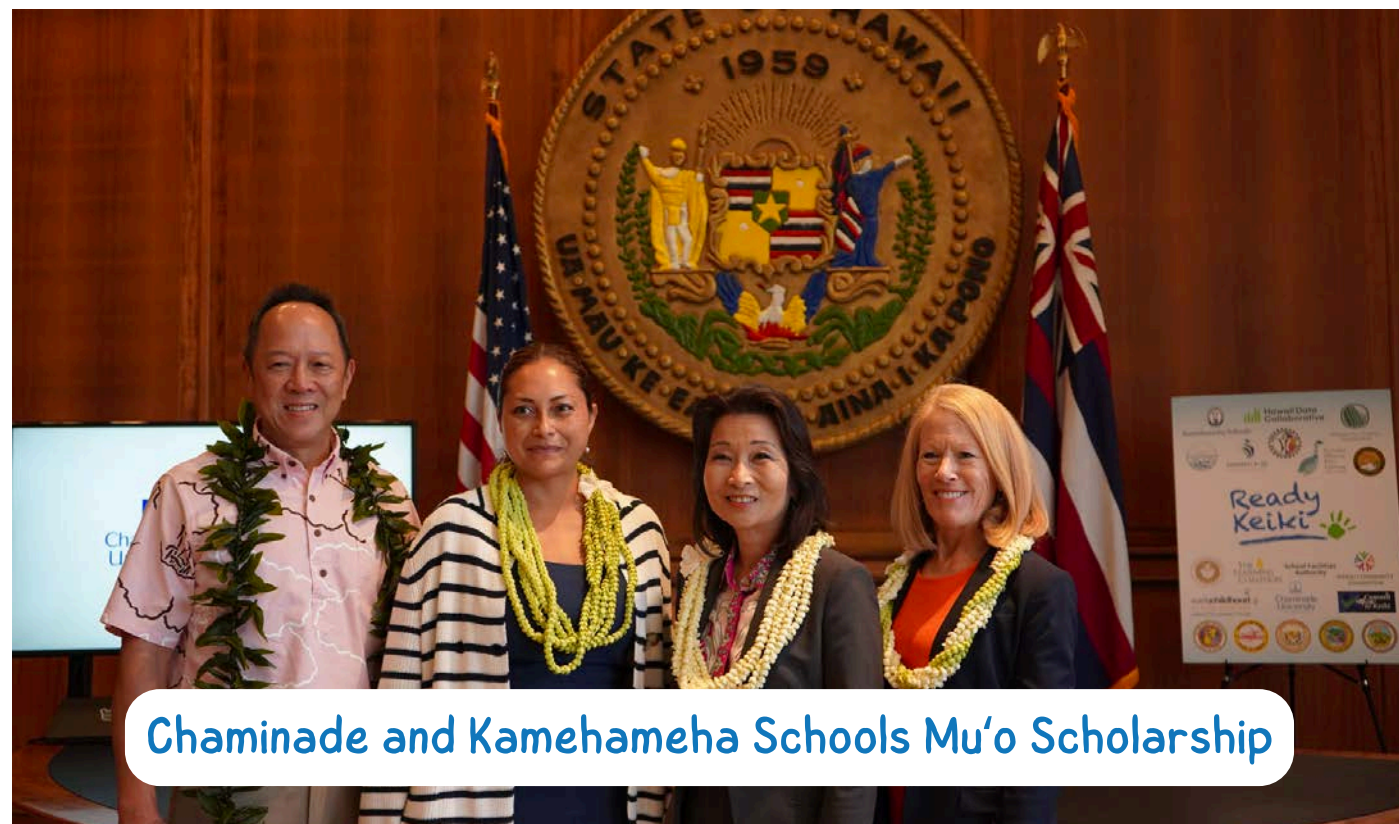


Early Educator Stipend Program

Workforce Pathways

EOEL & UH College of Ed. Early Educator Stipend Program

- 103 tuition stipends awarded since August 2023
- 12 awardees have since completed their programs
- \$100,000 seed funding from philanthropy
- \$600,000 annual budget



Chaminade and Kamehameha Schools Mu'o Scholarship

Chaminade and Kamehameha Schools Mu'o Scholarship

- 150 full tuition scholarships over 3 years
- 473 applications since the launch of the scholarship
- First cohort of new teachers will graduate this year

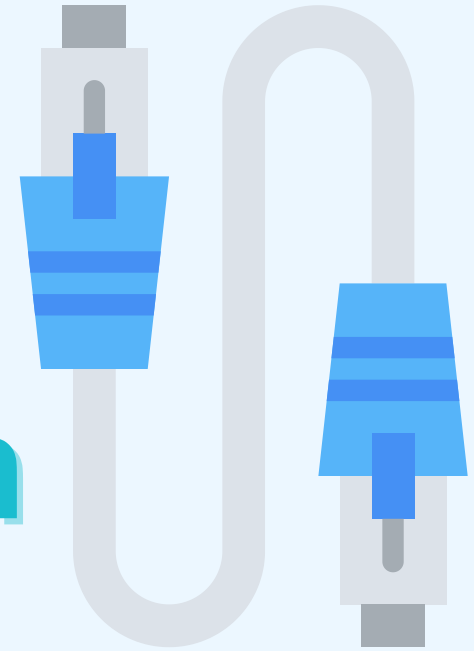


CONNECT KĀKOU

Internet for All of Hawai'i

3 Essentials for Internet Access

connection



devices



know-how



State & Federal Funding

Investing in Internet for All

Broadband Equity, Access & Development Program - UH	\$149.5M	
	\$46.4M	<i>State Match</i>
Capital Projects Fund - UH	\$115.5M	
Tribal Broadband and Connectivity Program - DHHL	\$89.0M	
Digital Equity Act and Capacity Grant - DBEDT	\$6.0M	
Rural Opportunity Fund & Connect America Fund	\$42.0M	
Enabling Middle Mile Program	\$37.3M	

TOTAL FUNDING

\$485.7M



Expanding Hawai'i's Internet Infrastructure

Google Tabua & Taihei Transpacific Cables

Est. Completion: TBD

\$1 billion private investment

Hawaiian Islands Fiber Link Middle Mile Project

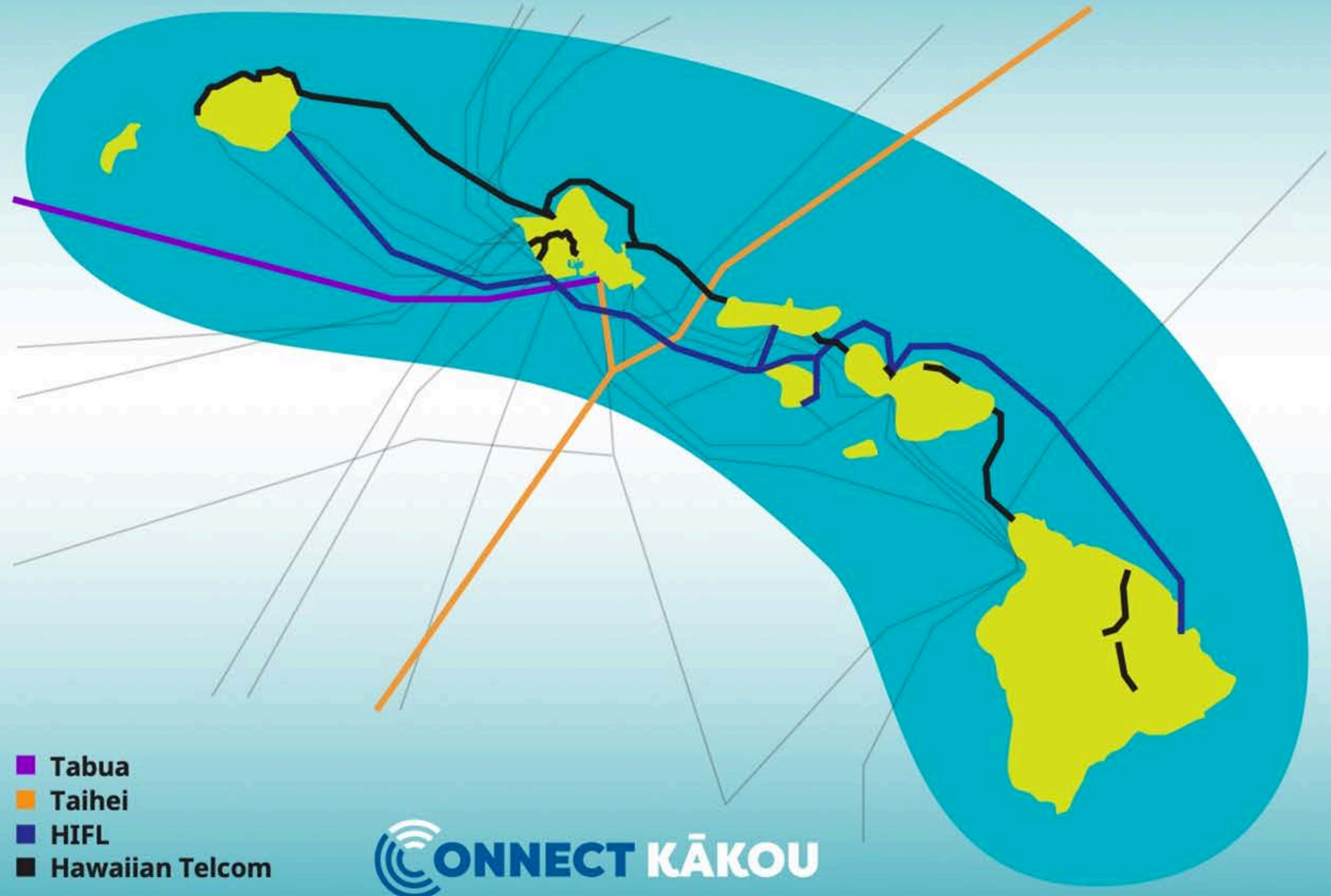
Est. Completion: 2026

\$101.7 million federal funding,
\$40 million private investment

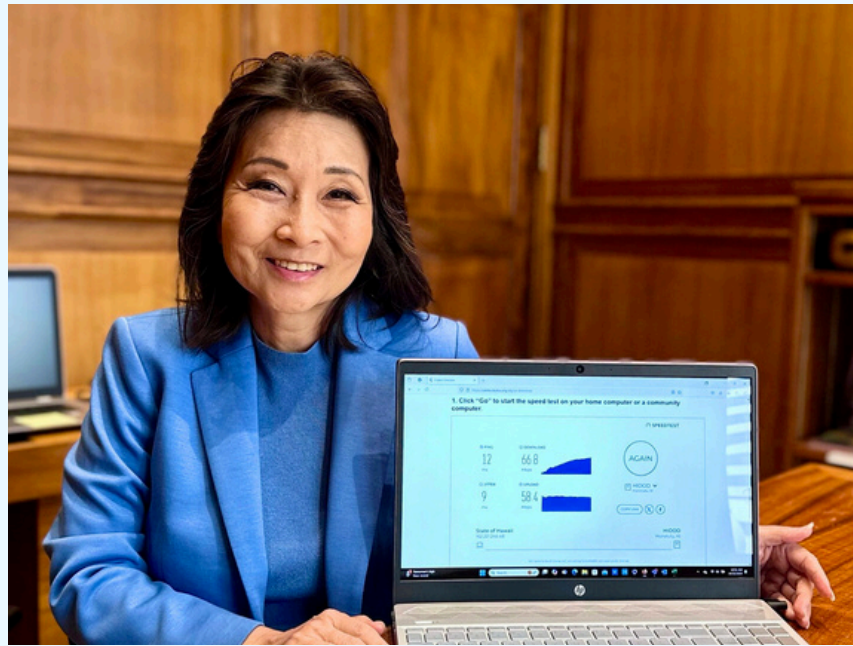
Hawaiian Telcom Middle Mile Project

Est. Completion: 2028

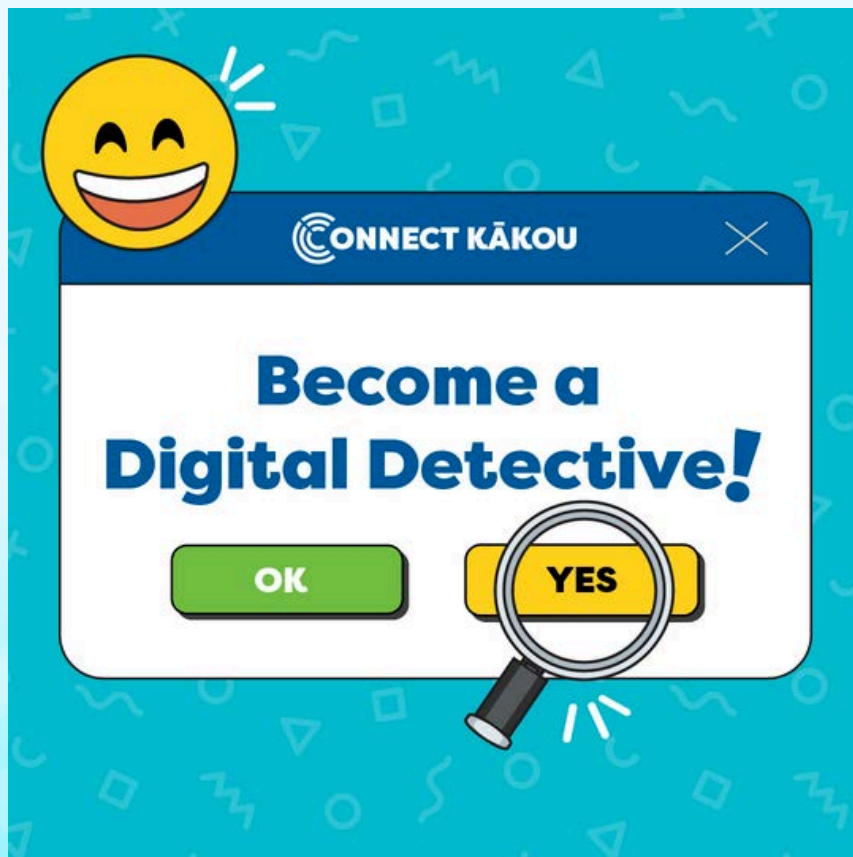
\$37 million federal funding,
\$50 million private investment



Digital Detectives



- Initiative to take 30-second internet speed tests to map connectivity across Hawai'i
- DOE and public charter middle school students were encouraged to participate to learn about digital literacy and compete with other classes for prizes



Find out your internet speed!

DOWNLOAD
100 MBPS | UPLOAD
20 MBPS



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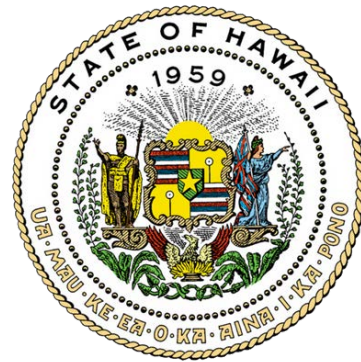


State & Community Collaboration

- Teacher workforce: Working with departments and community stakeholders to address teacher shortage and retention
- Aviation mechanic workforce
- Supporting our agriculture industry by working directly with USDA
- Pilot project for housing in Napili



Mahalo!



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