

***Presentation to the Senate  
Committee on Ways and Means  
and House Committee on Finance***

January 22, 2024

County of Hawai'i



# Our Mission

To foster a sustainable community where everyone thrives

# Partnerships with the State

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- Broadband capital improvement and digital equity
- Early childhood education capital improvements
- Electrification of transportation
- Invasive species management
- Film and creative industries
- Regenerative tourism
- Safe Streets 4 All
- Indigenous data science
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- Workforce Development





# Public Safety and Community Preparedness

- Hawai`i County has suffered several natural disasters, including multiple brush fires in 2023
- These natural disasters have spurred community engagement and expectation regarding proactive measures
  - evacuation routes
  - additional/operable sirens
  - preventative measures



# Operational Priorities

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## Streamline

Streamline building code and related process

- Reduced building permit issuance time from 200 days down to 30-40 days

## Provide

Provide affordable housing options

- 6,900 units in the pipeline up from 1,200 units in 2020

## Reduce

Reduce homelessness

- Reduce the time a household experiences homelessness by increasing stable housing opportunities, supportive services and addressing the root causes through collaboration

## Improve

Improve wastewater systems

- Priority: Hilo Wastewater Rehabilitation and Replacement Project

## Extend

Extend agricultural and other leases early

- Coordinate with the Department of Land and Natural Resources

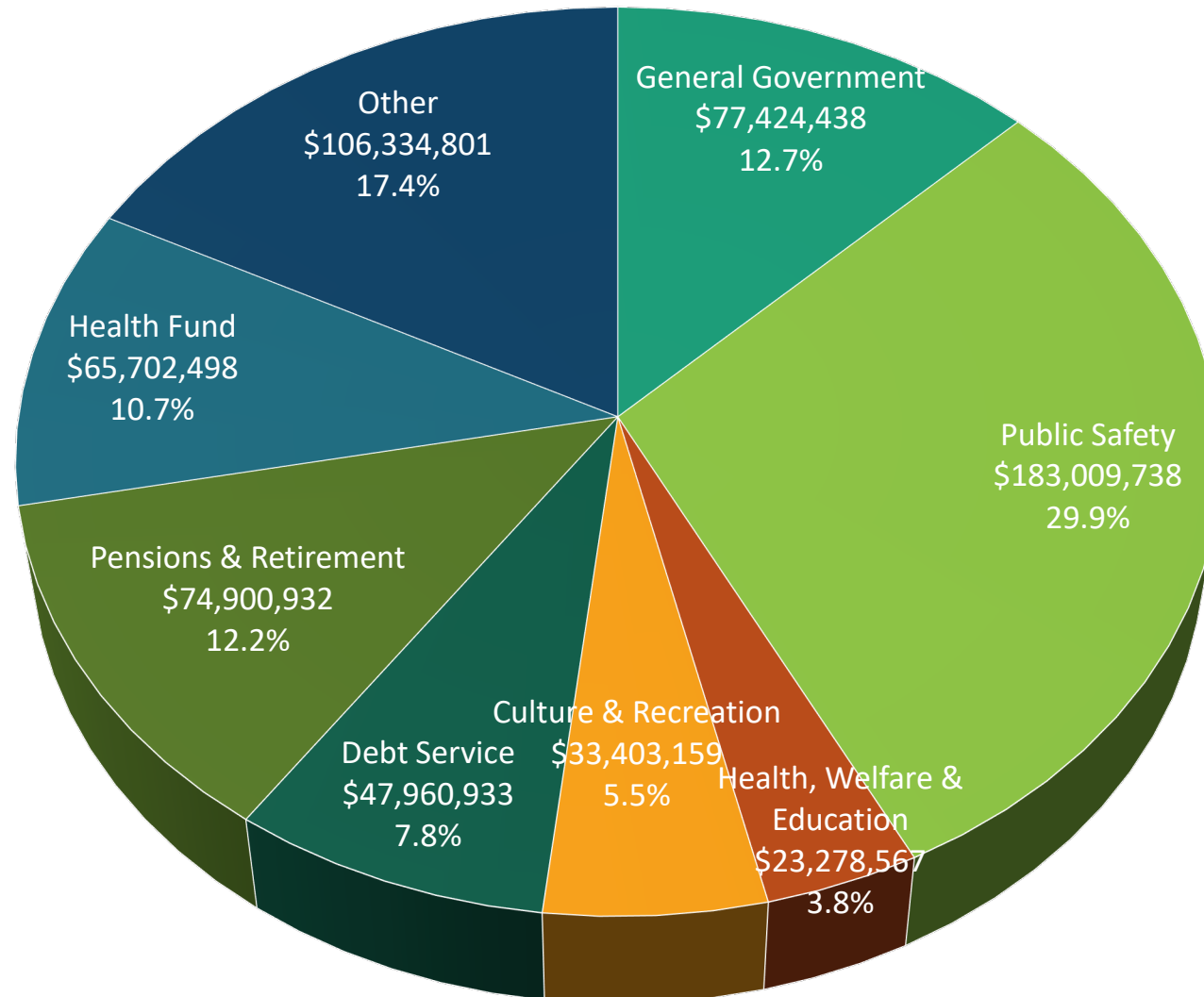
## Partner

Partner on sea-level rise/climate change adaptation

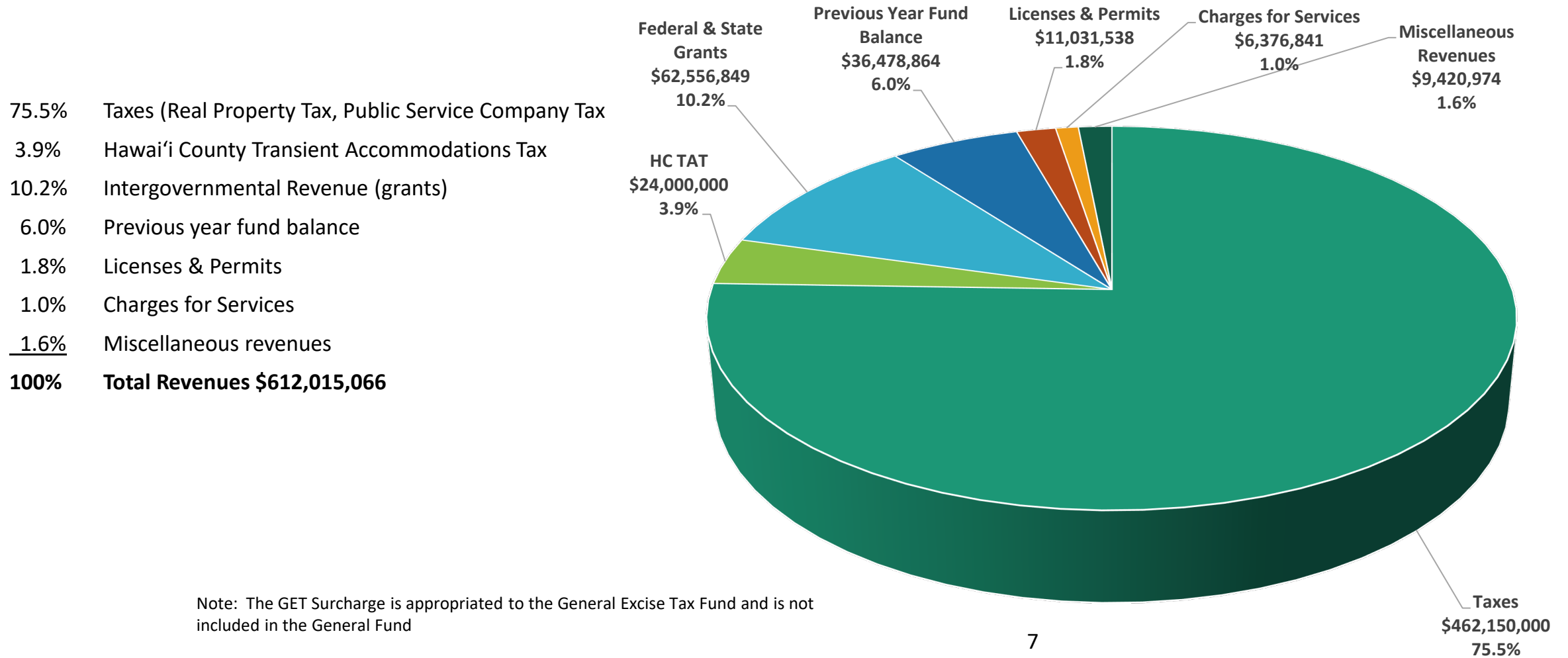
- Coordinate with the Community to Publish Integrated Climate Action Plan

# FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

**\$612,015,066**

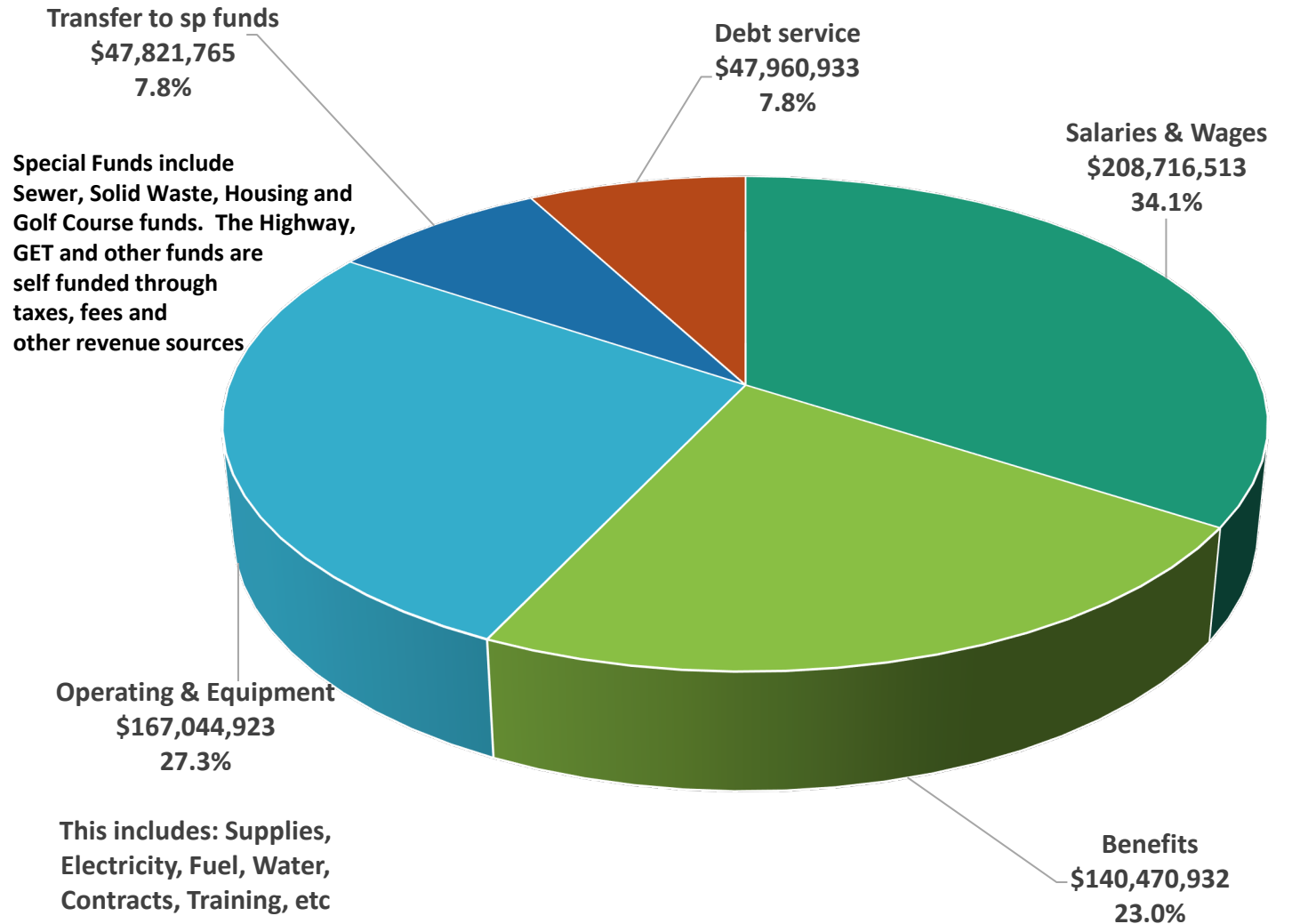


# Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Revenues:



Note: The GET Surcharge is appropriated to the General Excise Tax Fund and is not included in the General Fund

# Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Expenditures:

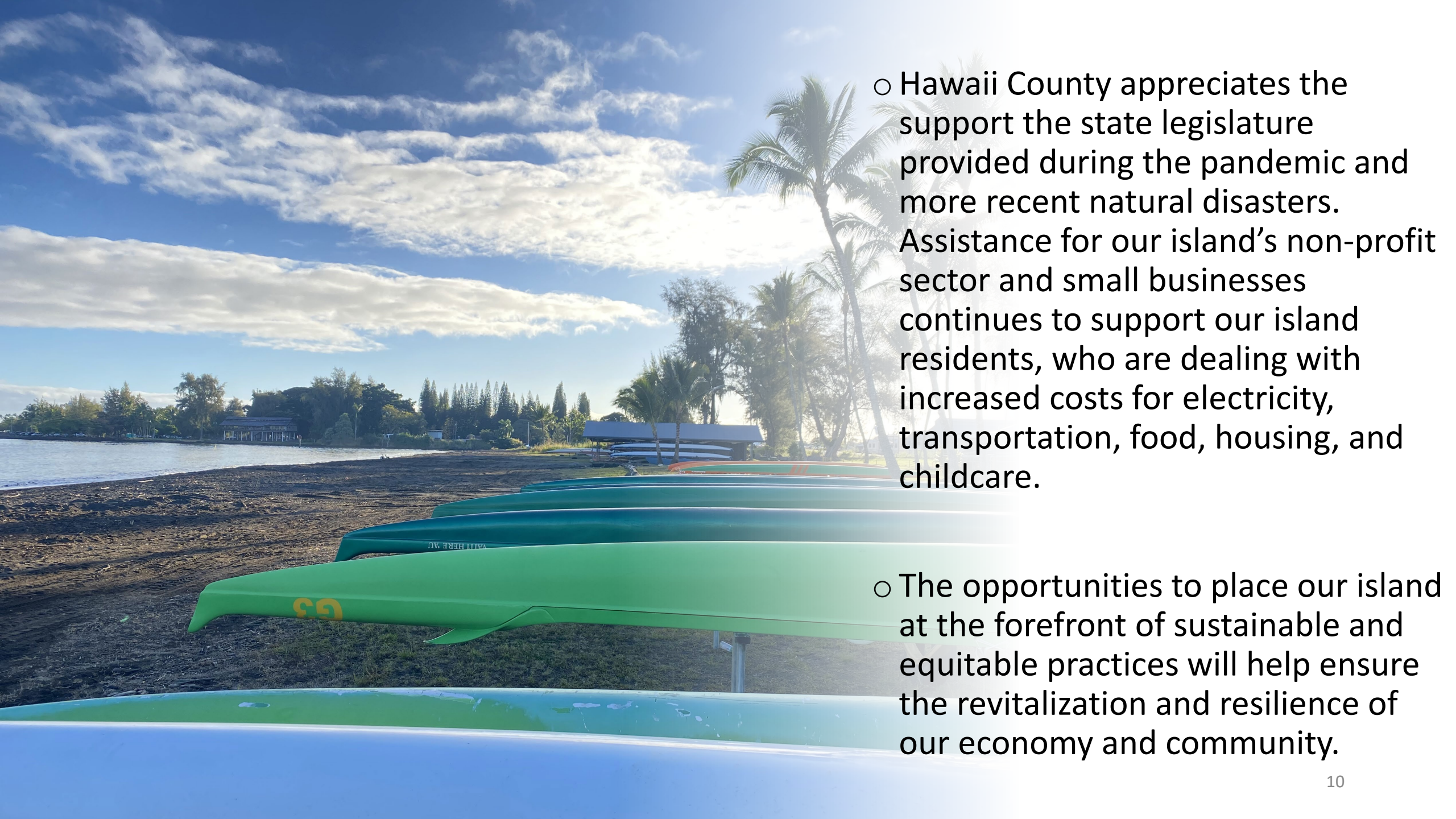




A photograph of a water treatment facility with large circular tanks and industrial structures, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Continued  
needs of the  
County

Pending capital projects  
total approximately  
\$1.6 Billion



- Hawaii County appreciates the support the state legislature provided during the pandemic and more recent natural disasters. Assistance for our island's non-profit sector and small businesses continues to support our island residents, who are dealing with increased costs for electricity, transportation, food, housing, and childcare.
- The opportunities to place our island at the forefront of sustainable and equitable practices will help ensure the revitalization and resilience of our economy and community.

The Honorable Senators Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Ways and Means  
Committee Chair, and Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Ways and Means  
Committee Vice Chair

The Honorable Representatives Kyle T. Yamashita, Finance Committee  
Chair and Lisa Kitagawa, Finance Committee Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and House  
Committee on Finance

**Thank you for your interest and  
your continuing support!**

The Honorable Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor