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2025 LEGISLATIVE RECAP

Aloha:

In my most recent e-newsletter, we provided a quick recap of the final days of the legislative session. In this e-newsletter, I have prepared a more detailed listing of the legislative accomplishments and budget highlights. All of the information on the bills listed in this newsletter are available on the Hawaii State Legislature's website: www.capitol.hawaii.gov. If you would like help navigating the Hawaii State Legislature's website, please feel free to reach out the Public Access Room (contact info below).

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2025 BILL REPORT - HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES - SENATE BILLS

SB281 SD1 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO TORTURE

Defines and prohibits the offense of torture. Makes torture a class A felony.

Many forms of cruel and degrading sadism are inadequately addressed by existing criminal law. Some acts occur during aggravated kidnappings or following repeated assaults, while other acts, such as starvation or electrocution, may inflict immense suffering without technically causing bodily injury. This measure will protect the most vulnerable members in the State's communities from torture.

SB292 SD1 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Victims of sexual exploitation may be afraid to seek assistance or cooperate with law enforcement due to the trauma they have experienced or the fear of being prosecuted for offenses they may have committed. This measure establishes safe harbor protections for survivors to allow victims of sexual trauma to access professional help without the fear of facing prosecution from law enforcement.

SB479 SD1 HD1 CD1 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM

This measure increases awareness and incentives to participate in the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program so that parents or family members may contribute some money to a disabled individual without making that person ineligible for Medicaid.

SB532 SD2 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION

Authorizes school staff and agents trained by a health care professional to volunteer to administer medication to students at Department of Education public schools under certain conditions. Clarifies who may prescribe medication to be administered to students in schools. By authorizing additional trained staff to administer medication to students under certain conditions, this measure will help alleviate the strain on existing health care professionals while maintaining the health and well-being of students.

SB850 SD2 HD1 CD1 - RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY

Requires the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to collect data and submit to the Legislature a report focused on the health disparities experienced by individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. It is imperative for the State to gather fundamental baseline data for service evaluation, policy development, and research to serve the current and future needs of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, including culturally appropriate health care, reduced barriers to health care access, reduced health disparities, and increased employment opportunities.

SB946 SD2 HD3 - RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Clarifies that the prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after 12/31/2026 includes treatment plants. Repeals the exemption from the prohibition for treatment plants that utilize sewage to produce clean energy. Ensure a greater level of environmental protection for state waters.

SB951 SD2 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Requires mandatory written reports of child abuse or neglect to the Department of Human Services to include the military status of the child's parent or other persons responsible for the child's care, if known. Requires the Department of Human Services to inform the appropriate authority for the branch of the United States military when, upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, there is sufficient information to determine that the report involves a family where one of the parents, guardians, or alleged perpetrators is a member of an identifiable branch of the United States military.

SB960 SD1 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO SNAP

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services to enhance access to and participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, including establishing additional positions. Provides additional resources to strengthen the SNAP program in the state.

SB1245 SD2 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO PHARMACISTS

Mandates reimbursement for services provided by participating registered pharmacists practicing within their scope of practice by private and public health plans in the State and requires the health plans to recognize pharmacists licensed in the State as participating providers.

This measure improves reimbursement for services rendered by registered pharmacists under certain conditions to safely provide certain health care services cost-effectively and meet the health care needs of the State's residents.

SB1281 SD2 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO TELEHEALTH

This measure extends the sunset date of Act 107 by two years to ensure a continuum of care for residents in rural communities and to allow the State the opportunity to adjust to any new federal policies that may be implemented before permanently codifying Act 107.

SB1298 SD2 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO RECYCLING

This measure updates and expands Hawaii's Electronic Device Recycling and Recovery Act to better address the current needs and concerns of the State's electronic waste recycling program to further promote responsible environmental practices and mitigate the impact of electronic waste on the public health and the delicate environment of the State.

SB1429 SD2 HD3 CD1 - RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS

Some qualifying patients are unable to cultivate medical cannabis on their own due to debilitating medical conditions, mobility impairments that make tending to plants difficult or impossible, or restrictions on cultivation at their place of residence. This measure allows caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for up to five patients.

SB1431 SD1 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO VIRAL HEPATITIS

Authorizes the Department of Health to establish a Hepatitis Prevention Program. Requires the Department of Health to develop and implement a statewide educational program to inform the public on how to identify and prevent hepatitis and aid in its early diagnosis. Requires the Department of Health to develop a statewide comprehensive hepatitis prevention plan.

SB1433 SD2 HD2 CD1 - RELATING TO HARM REDUCTION

Amends the distribution system of sterile needles and syringes under the Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program from a one-to-one exchange system to a needs-based distribution system. Authorizes non-injection drug user participation in the Program. Modifies liability for Program participants, staff, and law enforcement officers. Provides critical improvements to the Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Program to increase its effectiveness and impact.

SB1434 SD1 HD1 CD2 - RELATING TO IMMUNIZATION FUNDING

Establishes the Universal Immunization Funding Program as a universal funding model for immunization purchases by the Department of Health, to increase statewide access to immunizations for all persons under age sixty-five.

2025 BILL REPORT - HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES - HOUSE BILLS

HB237 HD1 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Appropriates funds for the Family Health Services Division of the Department of Health to establish and oversee peer-to-peer support programs for children from birth to age five and their families, including the establishment of program specialist positions. This measure strengthens families and promotes the well-being of the State's keiki by funding community-based peer-to-peer support programs and the expansion of peer-to-peer resources focusing on addiction and recovery and child welfare.

HB341 HD1 SD2 CD1 - RELATING TO HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER - SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Hawai'i Island Community Health Center to purchase or lease land on the island of Hawai'i and develop primary care health care facilities.

HB320 HD2 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENTS

Allows qualified adults, including adults with a disability, mentally ill adults, and adults sixty-five years of age or older, to enter into supported decision-making agreements with one or more members of a supportive community. This measure affirms the autonomy, dignity, and self-determination of individuals who may require support in decision-making but do not need or want restrictive guardianship or conservatorship.

HB613 HD1 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO HOMELESS YOUTH

Makes the Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program permanent within the Office of Youth Services. Requires the program to collaborate with certain state and county departments. Authorizes the Office of Youth Services to contract with nonprofit organizations to provide shelters for homeless youth or young adults. Improves the well-being of homeless youth, and helps young people become productive and self-sufficient members of the community.

HB431 HD2 SD2 CD1 - RELATING TO HOUSING

Establishes the Ohana Zones Program as a permanent program within OHHS. Appropriates funds to DHS for the continued implementation of the Ohana Zones Pilot Program.

The Ohana Zones Pilot Program and the Kauhale Initiative aim to provide supportive housing and services with an emphasis on community-based solutions. This measure provides funding for the continued implementation of the Ohana Zones Pilot Program and the Kauhale Initiative. This measure will expand the affordable housing inventory and supportive services for individuals experiencing or at the risk of homelessness throughout the State.

HB474 HD2 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION

This measure provides continued support to fall prevention programs and services to promote longer, healthier lives for the State's aging population.

HB692 HD1 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM

This measure expands the eligibility criteria and removes the provider accreditation requirement for the Preschool Open Doors Program to allow more families to remain in the workforce, achieve greater economic stability, and provide a strong foundation for their keiki to grow and thrive.

H700 HD1 SD2 CD1 - RELATING TO COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS

This measure increases access to cognitive assessments that are already part of many beneficiaries' supplemental Medicare coverage to improve the detection and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and improve health outcomes for the State's older residents.

HB705 HD1 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING

Establishes a Medi-Medi Project within the Executive Office on Aging to assist older adults, Medicare beneficiaries, individuals with disabilities, and other underserved populations who may qualify for various low-income subsidy programs to gain access to their benefits.

HB712 HD2 SD2 CD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH

Prohibits drug manufacturers from denying, restricting, or prohibiting the acquisition, shipping, or delivery of a 340B drug to pharmacies contracted with 340B covered entities under the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program. This measure ensures that patients, especially low-income individuals and those residing in rural areas of the State, are able to have access to health care and obtain the medications they need.

HB727 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO THE WOMEN'S COURT

Permanently establishes the Women's Court Program in the First Circuit. Establishes a temporary two-year Women's Court Pilot Program within the Kona division of the Third Circuit. This measure will help reduce recidivism by providing trauma-informed, gender-responsive treatment programs for incarcerated women in the State.

HB735 HD2 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO WASTEWATER

Allows an individual wastewater system to serve up to five bedrooms, regardless of the number of dwellings, dwelling units, or accessory units, whether attached or detached, with certain exclusions. This measure provides a practical and cost-effective solution to support affordable housing efforts while maintaining responsible wastewater management.

HB750 HD2 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

this measure requires the Department of Health to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to identify the necessary resources and strategies to enhance the State's sustainability efforts through an Extended Producer Responsibility Program for packaging materials and paper products.

HB879 HD1 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS

Appropriates funds to establish a position within the Department of Health to assist with the upgrade and conversion of cesspools and perform any other related responsibilities as designated by the Wastewater Branch of the Department of Health. This measure provides funding to expand the successful Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project to continue to help eligible homeowners by providing grants to help pay the cost of converting their cesspools.

HB943 HD1 SD1 CD1 - RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Expands existing crisis intervention programs. Appropriates funds for, the Department of Health to establish a Homeless Triage and Treatment Center Program within its Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division to serve homeless individuals and individuals at risk of homelessness with substance abuse issues or mental illness. Requires the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program to redirect certain homeless persons to the appropriate health care system and services. Authorizes the program to include intensive mobile outreach services.

HB951 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Allows a patient who has been seen in person by a health care provider who is in the same medical group as the prescribing provider authorized pursuant to section 329-33, HRS, to be prescribed an opiate prescription for a three-day supply or less via telehealth. This measure removes barriers to short-term opiate prescriptions while maintaining protections against overprescribing and patient misuse.

HB1052 HD1 SD2 CD1 - RELATING TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM

This measure will help to ensure that persons with print disabilities continue to have access to state and local government information, public notices, emergency alerts, job opportunities, and other time-sensitive information.

HB1194 HD2 SD3 - RELATING TO MIDWIVES

This measure establishes a comprehensive, standardized regulatory framework for the practice of midwifery in the State to ensure that birthing parents and children are cared for by qualified, licensed professional midwives with the proper education and credentials.

HB1379 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH

This measure establishes additional pathways for foreign medical school graduates to obtain physician licensure while maintaining appropriate protection for public health and ensuring that medical licenses are only issued to qualified, safe, and competent physicians.

HB1462 HD1 SD1 CD1- RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES

Expands the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program to include at least two sites on the island of Oahu, including one program in an area with a disproportionate number of individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, or both. Authorizes the use of intensive mobile treatment services as part of the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program.

HB1482 HD1 SD3 CD1 - RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

This measure strengthens the legal framework governing hemp-derived cannabinoids by amending existing definitions to be either inclusive or exclusive of all forms of cannabinoids classified as Schedule I under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

2025 – BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS – HAWAII ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ▪ ADD \$3,100,000 FOR THE FAMILY ASSESSMENT CENTER IN WAIANAE AND PUNA

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING & GENERAL SERVICES

- ADD \$50,640 FOR 1.00 GROUNDSKEEPER IN WEST HAWAII DISTRICT OFFICE
- ADD \$256,000 FOR POSITIONS FOR WEST HAWAII DISTRICT OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- ADD \$3,994,768 FOR HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY FRINGE BENEFITS IN HILO
- ADD \$79,624 AND INCREASE FEDERAL FUND CEILING BY \$391,734 FOR HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY PERSONAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- ADD \$30,000,000 FOR THE HEALTHCARE EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

- ADD \$2,306,854 AND 2.00 POSITIONS FOR NEIGHBOR ISLANDS BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

- ADD \$1,000,000 FOR ATHLETICS AT UH HILO
- ADD \$285,000 FOR KAHUAWAIOLA INDIGENOUS TEACHER EDUCATION GRADUATE PROGRAM CERTIFICATE FOR UH HILO
- ADD \$832,500 AND 5.00 POSITIONS FOR UH HILO NURSING

2025 – BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS – HAWAII ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- INCREASE SPECIAL FUND CEILING BY \$1,000,000 FOR HAWAII HIGHWAYS ROADSIDE SAFETY MAINTENANCE
- INCREASE SPECIAL FUND CEILING BY \$41,250 FOR HILO AIRPORT OPERATIONS CONTROLLER
- INCREASE SPECIAL FUND CEILING BY \$325,450 FOR HILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ESCO LEASE FINANCING
- INCREASE SPECIAL FUND CEILING BY \$360,178 FOR HILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- INCREASE SPECIAL FUND CEILING BY \$4,700,000 FOR HILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES
- INCREASE SPECIAL FUND CEILING BY \$3,947,710 FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR HILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- INCREASE SPECIAL FUND CEILING BY \$600,000 FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR HILO HARBOR
- INCREASE SPECIAL FUND CEILING BY \$92,324 FOR HAWAII HIGHWAYS FRINGE BENEFITS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (STATEWIDE)

- ADD \$248,257,800 FOR HHSC HOSPITALS - BIGGEST BENEFIT TO HILO/KA'U & KONA HOSPITALS
- ADD \$3,719,672 AND 21.00 POSITIONS FOR CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC CERTIFICATION FOR OAHU, MAUI, HAWAII, AND KAUAI COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS
- ADD \$27,000,000 FOR MEDICAID 1915(C) HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WAIVER FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
- ADD \$6,000,000 FOR FAMILY PLANNING AND PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES
- ADD \$1,201,169 AND 2.00 POSITIONS TO REESTABLISH THE STATE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM
- ADD \$2,000,000 FOR MEDICAL PROVIDER EDUCATION AND IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS USE AND PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (STATEWIDE)

- ADD \$500,000 FOR THE STATE RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM
- ADD \$500,000 FOR THE FEDERAL SECTION EIGHT PROGRAM
- ADD \$7,500,000 FOR THE HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM
- ADD \$3,500,000 FOR OUTREACH AND CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES
- ADD \$7,500,000 FOR THE RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM
- ADD \$7,000,000 FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION SYSTEM
- ADD \$6,000,000 FOR THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SHORTAGE DIFFERENTIAL TO SUPPORT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
- ADD \$13,000,000 FOR APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS TO INCREASE PROVIDER PAYMENT RATES
- INCREASE FEDERAL FUND CEILING BY \$28,120,000 FOR IN-HOME HCBS (HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES)
- ADD \$1,500,000 FOR THE CHILD WELLNESS INCENTIVE PILOT PROGRAM
- INCREASE FEDERAL FUND CEILING AND ADD \$58,910,362 TO SUSTAIN INCREASED REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR MOST MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- ADD \$2,000,000 FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
- ADD \$1,000,000 FOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS SUPPORT
- ADD \$4,000,000 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLANTATION OF A NEW BES (BENEFITS, ELIGIBILITY SOLUTION) SYSTEM
- ADD \$4,000,000 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MODERNIZATION OF IT OPERATIONS

2025 - BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS - STATEWIDE

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (STATEWIDE)

- ADD \$7,654,951 AND 8.00 POSITIONS FOR ILLEGAL FIREWORKS AND ENFORCEMENT SECTION
- ADD \$825,000 FOR GUN BUYBACK PROJECT
- ADD \$514,000 FOR SILVER ALERT PROGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING (STATEWIDE)

- ADD \$13,264,299 AND 108.00 POSITIONS FOR PUBLIC PRE-KINDERGARTEN EXPANSION

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

- ADD \$8,200,000 TO PROVIDE REENTRY SERVICES TO HELP CONNECT OFFENDERS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES, INCLUDING REPLACEMENT VITAL DOCUMENTS, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
- ADD \$224,000 FOR MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM - LEVEL 1 TRAUMA INFORMED TRAINING

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (STATEWIDE)

- ADD \$25,796,358 AND 44.00 POSITIONS FOR BIOSECURITY
- INCREASE REVOLVING FUND CEILING BY \$200,000 FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
- ADD \$2,000,000 TO SUPPLEMENT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND LOWER WATER RATES FOR FARMERS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CHARTER SCHOOLS (STATEWIDE)

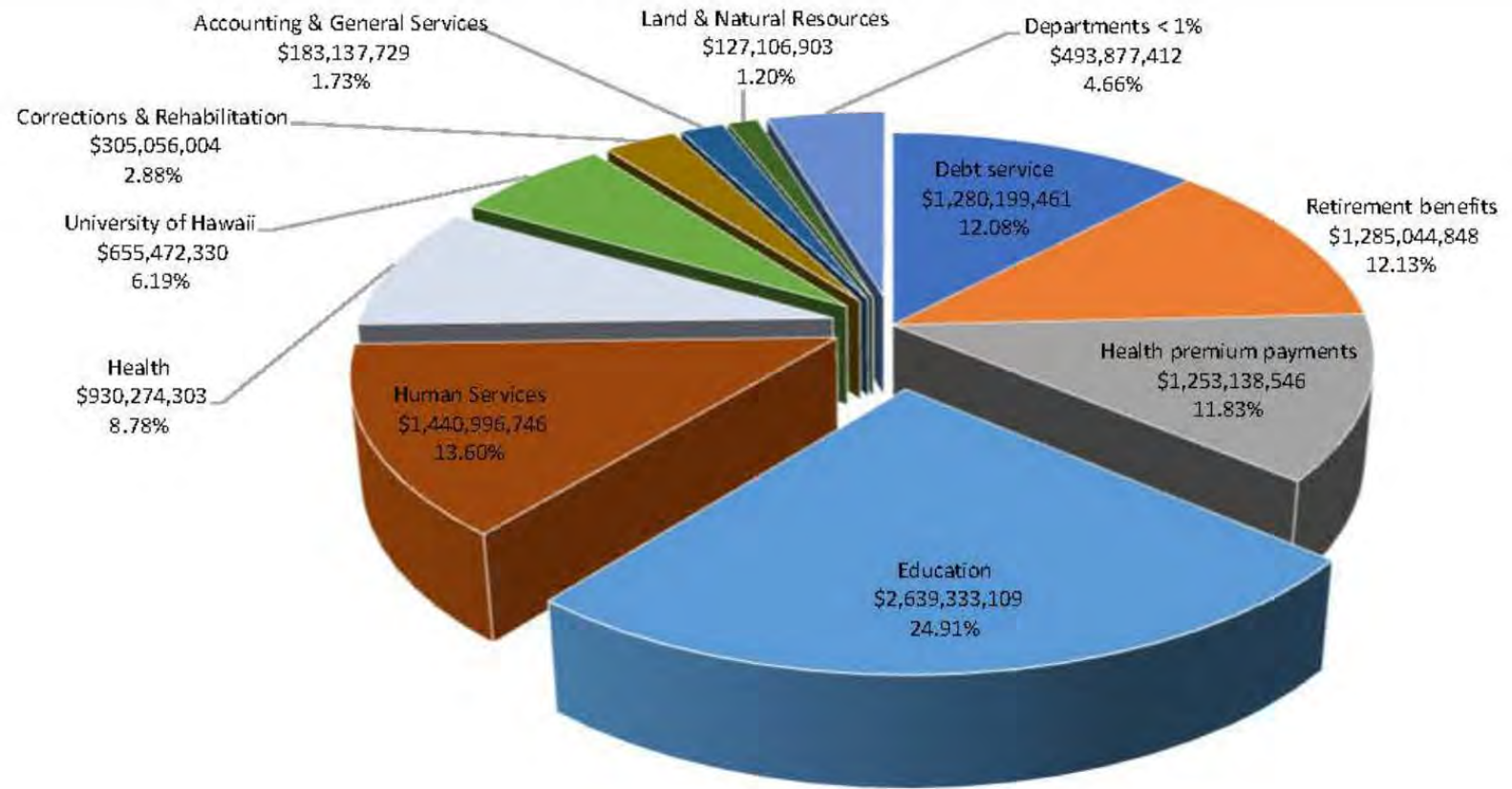
- ADD \$18,155,605 PER PUPIL FUNDING

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS (STATEWIDE)

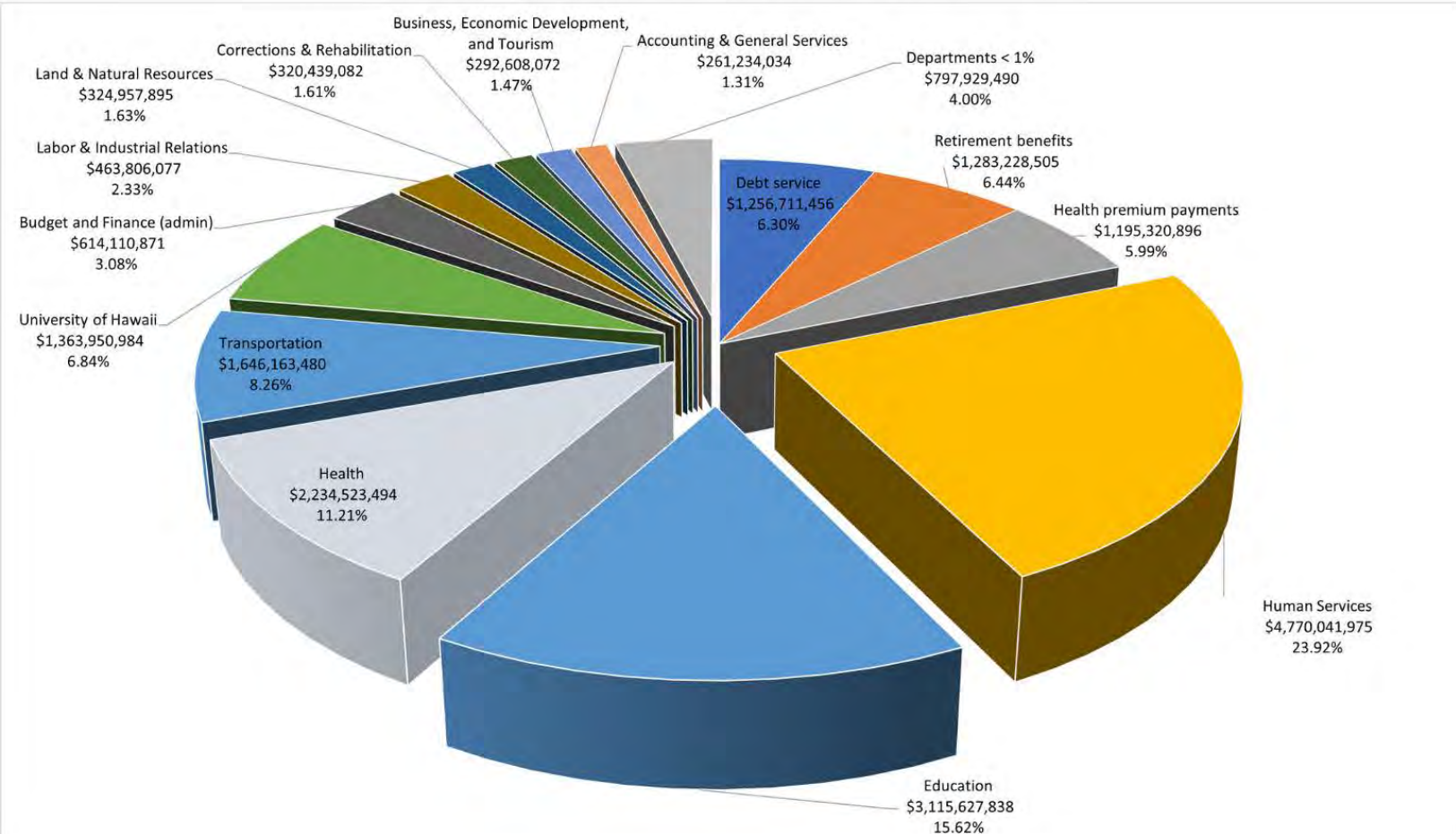
- ADD \$836,400 AND 3.00 POSITIONS FOR THE TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
- ADD \$2,400,324 FOR PERSONAL SERVICES



FY26 GENERAL FUNDS



FY26 ALL MEANS OF FINANCING



2025 BILL REPORT

REPORT & LIST - OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

HB111 - Authorizes civil claims to be made against a person, business, business owner, or business operator that profits from sexual exploitation or sex trafficking. Extends the statute of limitations for civil claims related to sexual exploitation or sex trafficking to ten years.

HB126 - Increases transparency and accountability surrounding property forfeiture. Civil asset forfeiture process allows law enforcement agencies to seize and keep property based on suspicion that the property is connected to criminal activity without the property owner having been convicted of a crime or even being formally accused of one. This measure helps to ensure that the fairness of the civil asset forfeiture process is balanced against its use as a means to deter criminal activity.

HB302 - Improves and increases access to medical cannabis in the State by allowing a patient-provider relationship to be established via telehealth for the purposes of certifying patients for the medical use of cannabis.

HB703 - Without stable housing, kupuna may experience worsened physical and mental health, creating additional strain on health care and social services. This measure extends the State Rent Supplement Program for Kupuna offers crucial support for kupuna on fixed incomes.

HB860 - Specifies that the State or county may repair or maintain any street of which the ownership or jurisdiction is in dispute between the State and county. Applies to Hawaii County.

HB1098 - Specifies that intentionally or knowingly causing bodily injury to a protective services worker who is engaged in the performance of the worker's duties constitutes the class C felony offense of assault in the second degree.

HB1179 - Creates a framework for the licensure of rural emergency hospitals at the state level by the Department of Health.

SB222 - Extends the sunset date of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force.

SB295 - Strengthens accountability by increasing mandatory jail time and fines for violations, particularly for repeat offenders, and ensures that these enforceable safeguards deter future violations and enhance victim safety.

SB321 - Provides that fee simple absolute title of a privately owned highway, road, alley, street, way, lane, bikeway, bridge, or trail is deemed transferred to adjacent property owners or the community association if certain conditions are met. There is a need to provide for the ownership of certain properties following the dissolution or cessation of their owners and failing the conveyance of a deed naming the State or county as grantee. Without a clearly designated owner, issues of caretaking, liability, and access often arise and can lead to costly legal disputes.

SB693 - Appropriates funds for the continued implementation of the Food Hub Pilot Program, including the awarding of grant moneys to qualifying food hubs.

2025 BILL REPORT

REPORT & LIST - OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

SB330 - Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to enforce federal quarantines strengthening the State's ability to protect its agricultural resources.. Protects Hawaii's farms and local citrus crops.

SB694 - Prohibits minors from being held in jails, lockups, or prisons for adults, except temporarily under certain circumstances.

SB752 - Beginning 1/1/2026, amends the notice period for a property insurer to notify a policyholder of a cancellation, including cancellation due to nonpayment, or nonrenewal of a policy of property insurance.

SB793 - Allows the Governor to negotiate land exchanges, subject to approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources, to acquire lands that are suitable for long-term diversified agricultural production in exchange for land for private affordable, workforce, or other housing development.

SB825 - Beginning 2/5/2026, extends the period for a notice of termination of a rental agreement from five business days to ten calendar days; requires landlords, or their agents, and tenants to engage in mediation; and requires landlords or their agents to provide specific information in the ten-calendar-day notice to tenants.

SB1051 - Designates September as Hawaiian History Month.

SB1249 - Establishes the temporary Agricultural Enforcement Pilot Program within the Department of Law Enforcement. Clarifies, creates, and strengthens laws regarding crimes and violations related to agriculture or agricultural lands.

SB1300 - Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, expands free school meal coverage to students who currently qualify for reduced-price lunch. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, expands free school meal coverage to students whose family income is not more than three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level.

SB1304 - Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for the continued monitoring of pesticide drift in schools statewide.

SB1322 - Strengthens accountability by increasing mandatory jail time and fines for violations, particularly for repeat offenders, and ensures that these enforceable safeguards deter future violations and enhance victim safety.





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A photograph of four children sitting outdoors on a grassy area. From left to right: a girl with long dark hair wearing a black and white patterned swimsuit, a younger girl with short dark hair wearing a yellow tank top, a girl with long dark hair wearing a colorful rainbow tank top, and a boy with short dark hair wearing a dark t-shirt with a logo that says 'LEI AGA HA PRESCHOOL'. All four children are wearing black Minnie Mouse ears with pink polka-dot bows. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, there are other people and a tent.



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*To qualify for the Hawai'i Child Wellness Incentive Program (HCWIP) applicants must be a Medicaid/QUEST beneficiary and take their child(ren) 17 years or younger to complete an annual Well-Child Examination. For more information, Click on the QR code above.



Learn How SUN Bucks Hawai'i Can Help Your Family!

SUN Bucks Hawai'i is a grocery benefits program to help families buy food during the summer when schools are closed. Families get a one-time benefit of **\$177** for each eligible school-age child for the summer. Children who get these benefits can still participate in other summer meal programs.

How does SUN Bucks work?

In Hawai'i, **SUN Bucks** benefits are **loaded onto a SUN Bucks card and mailed to your home**. **SUN Bucks** benefits can be used to buy food like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other places that accept **WIC or SNAP** EBT benefits. **SUN Bucks** is a convenient way to help children get the nutrition they need when schools are closed.

Is my child eligible for SUN Bucks?

Your child is eligible for **SUN Bucks** if:

- Your household already participates in **SNAP** and/or **TANF**, **OR**
- Your child attends a school that offers the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program, **and** your household income meets the requirements for free or reduced-price school meals.



Do you have a new address?

Make sure your mailing address is up to date **with your child's school**, so your **SUN Bucks** benefits are sent to the right place!

How do I enroll my child in SUN Bucks?

Many families get SUN Bucks automatically if they are getting other benefits, but some families may need to apply.

Do I need to fill out an application?

If your household already participates or participated in SNAP and/or TANF from July 2024, or you applied for and were approved free or reduced priced school meals for your child, your child will be automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks. You do not need to fill out an application. You will get a card in the mail in late May 2025. Watch for the card in the mail to the mailing address your child's school has on record.

If you are not automatically enrolled and believe your children are eligible, you can apply for SUN Bucks.

How do I apply for SUN Bucks?

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SUICIDE WARNING SIGNS FOR YOUTH

You Are Not Alone



It's time to take action if you notice these signs in family or friends:

- 1** Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- 2** Expressing hopelessness about the future.
- 3** Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
- 4** Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:
 - Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations.
 - Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
 - Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context.
 - Recent increased agitation or irritability.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Text or call 988 or chat 988lifeline.org, or reach out to a mental health professional.



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