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Legislature Passes State Budget Bill

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The Legislature unanimously approved HB100, the State budget bill, which appropriates operating and capital improvement project funds for Fiscal Years 2018 - 2019. As Vice Chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, I worked with my colleagues to create the \$2.9 billion capital improvement project. The following lists a highlight of projects for Senate District 22.

Continuing on successes from previous years, the Legislature dedicated over **\$23 million** to purchase over **600 acres** of agricultural land in Central Oahu. Once purchased, these lands will be leased to local farmers aiming to achieve the states goal of doubling food production by 2020.

The Legislature also provided an additional **\$900K** to design Phase I of the First Responders Technology Campus and Cybersecurity Data Center in Mililani Tech Park. Continuing to support the State and City & County's effort to share facilities will strengthen coordination efforts between public safety agencies.

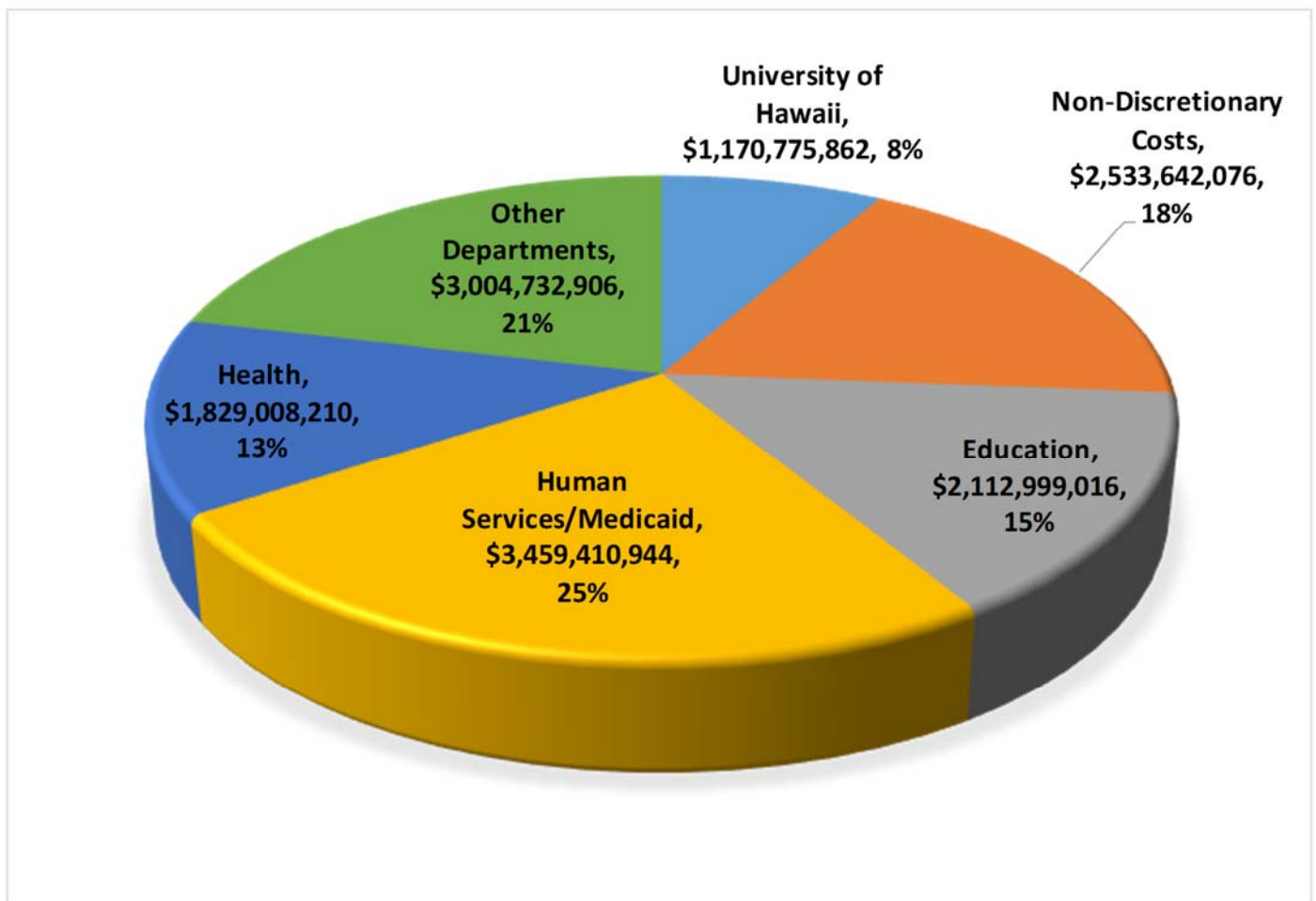


In addition, the state budget includes funding for the following projects:

- **\$11.5M** for a new classroom building at Mililani Middle School
- **\$2M** for a performing arts center at Mililani High School
- **\$1M** grant-in-aid to Wahiawa General Hospital for deferred maintenance
- **\$1M** grant-in-aid to ALEA Bridge to develop a homeless resource center
- **\$942K** in operating funds to Wahiawa General Hospital for FY2018 and FY2019
- **\$350K** to enclose a building courtyard at Mililani High School

I want to thank all of you for your support and participation this legislative session. A legislative update will be mailed out to the district with more details and highlights from this session.

FISCAL YEAR 2017—2018
TOTAL FUNDING: \$14,110,569,014



2017 Session: Key Legislative Accomplishments

- **SB423:** Prohibits denying a student a meal for failure to pay within: (1) The first 21 days of the first semester of a school year while the student's application for free or reduced lunch is being processed; or (2) 7 days after the student's meal fund account balance is zero or negative.
- **HB607:** Authorizes the Executive Office on Aging to establish the Kupuna Caregivers Program to assist community members in obtaining care for elders while remaining in the workforce. Appropriates funds for establishing and implementing the Kupuna Caregivers Program.
- **HB615:** Appropriates funds for the Healthy Aging Partnership Program to further the program's important role in improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.
- **HB957:** Authorizes the Department of Education to borrow moneys interest-free from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Loan Program for heat abatement measures at public schools. Requires the Department of Education to make payments on the loan from revenues saved by energy efficiency measures.