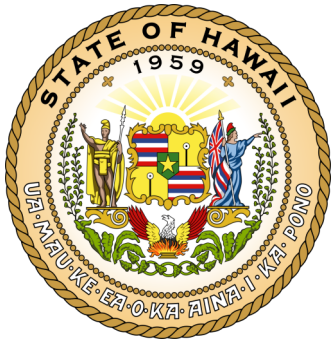


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STATE SENATE PASSES DRAFT OF CIP BUDGET

The Senate passed the State Budget bill, HB1259 SD1, which appropriates funds for fiscal biennium 2019-2021 for capital improvement projects costs of the State. Working with my colleagues over the past few weeks, I'm pleased to announce that we unanimously voted, with 25 ayes, to pass this measure for our State.

The Senate Draft includes critical projects that will benefit the Leilehua Complex:

- **\$2.77 million** for construction at **Wahiawa Elementary School**.
- Multiple projects at Leilehua High School including **\$2.5 million** for design and construction for a new softball field; **\$5.3 million** to renovate the stadium and football field, restrooms, concession stands, and announcers booth; **\$1.5 million** to repave the existing campus roads which are currently in desperate need of repair

The Senate is also including **\$30 million** for a new multi-agency facility in Wahiawa at the current site of the public library to build a Center for Excellence. This center includes a **new public library, offices for the Leilehua-Mililani-Waiialua Complex Area, and University of Hawaii Community College classrooms.**

In addition to funding for education, the Senate is prioritizing economic development, health, and recreation in rural areas. Therefore, the draft of the state budget also includes:

- **\$55 million** for infrastructure development for the **First Responders Tech Campus & Cyber Security Data Center**. The new joint facility will house State and County agencies and potentially create hundreds of jobs for Central Oahu.
- Planning, design, and construction funds for site improvements and infrastructure development at the **Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant** totaling **\$9.75 million**. These funds would go to the City and County to add capacity at the treatment plant which will prevent sewage overflow into Lake Wilson.
- **\$1.5 million** towards site improvements and walking paths at the **Wahiawa Freshwater State Recreation Area**. Wahiawa deserves more recreational activity, and this project will activate our state park.

Finally, the Senate is supporting **\$800,000** for **pedestrian improvements on Whitmore Avenue**. For years, the community has requested for sidewalks or walking paths to minimize pedestrian hazards. After listening to your concerns, my colleagues and I are prioritizing this project

I look forward to working further on this measure during conference with our House colleagues. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov or at 808-586-6090 should you have any questions.