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State Pothole Hotline  
(808) 536-7852

Public Access Room  
(808) 587-0478

Hawaii Freeway Service Patrol  
(808) 841-HELP

Wahiawa Police Station  
(808) 723-87000

## 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

It has once again been a rewarding session and an honor to represent Senate District 22. As Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, I worked with my Senate and House colleagues to pass a balanced budget which addresses issues the Legislature prioritized relating to education and higher education, our kupuna, and human services and homelessness.

Working to ensure that college is affordable, we continued investing in the **Hawaii Nutrition and Employment Training (HINET) Program** and the **Hawaii Promise Program**. The **\$910,000** for the HINET Program enables community college students currently receiving or eligible for SNAP benefits to save over **\$4,700** every year and receive tuition assistance, workforce training, and reimbursements for books, supplies, and transportation. The Hawaii Promise Program is a "last dollar" scholarship that covers financial needs not met by other forms of financial aid. Last year, the program awarded on average **\$1,200** to approximately **1,500 students**. This year, there is **\$5,000,000** appropriated for the Promise Program.

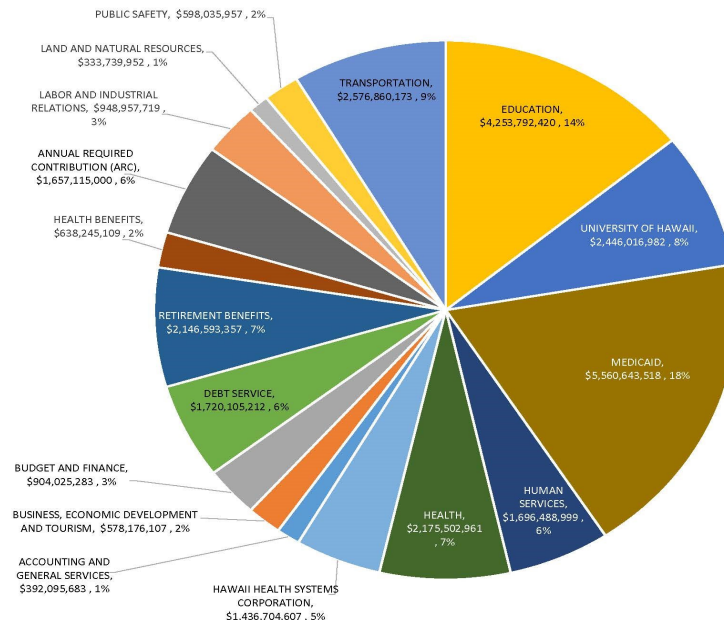
Services for the kupuna and homelessness are also highlights of this year's budget. The Legislature understands the services needed for our seniors. That is why this budget includes over **\$17,000,000** for the **Kupuna Care Program** and **\$1,500,000** for the **Kupuna Caregivers Program**. These two programs are critical as they fund **Meals on Wheels, transportation assistance, respite** and many other services and allow **family caregivers working outside of the home** to receive up to **\$210 per week**.

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HB2 CD1  
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EXECUTIVE BUDGET

FB2019-2021



**\$31,320,458,635**  
**ALL MEANS OF FINANCING**  
**FB2019-2021**

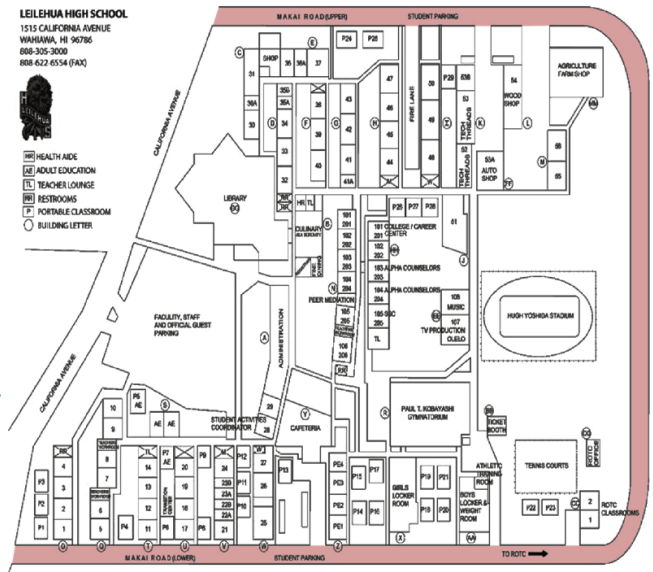
DEPTS < 1%	FB19-21	%
AGRICULTURE	\$ 109,842,984	0.35%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$ 205,428,434	0.66%
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	\$ 180,498,656	0.58%
DEFENSE	\$ 219,714,368	0.70%
CHARTER SCHOOLS	\$ 214,637,778	0.69%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	\$ 87,825,348	0.28%
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	\$ 7,577,806	0.02%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	\$ 101,049,880	0.32%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	\$ 52,410,250	0.17%
OFFICE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR	\$ 1,955,110	0.01%
SUBSIDIES	\$ 1,884,000	0.01%
TAXATION	\$ 74,534,982	0.24%

\* Also includes funding from SB78, SB491, SB512, SB812, HB624, HB852, HB1561

Homeless has become a growing concern of many in our community. This is why the Legislature funded over **\$25,000,000** in various homeless programs, debris removal services, and the state rent supplemental program. The policy is Housing First, and that means we are providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness and then ensuring the supportive services and connections.

In addition to these programs, we secured funding for major projects that benefit the Wahiawa community.

- **\$5,300,000** to improve the **Hugh Yoshida Stadium** at Leilehua High School
- **\$2,500,000** to repave the **Makai Road** at Leilehua High School
- **\$799,000** for **pedestrian improvements** along **Whitmore Avenue**
- **\$1,500,000** was secured to invest into the **Wahiawa Freshwater Park**
- **\$350,000** for **Wahiawa General Hospital** was awarded to upgrade the **nurse call system, pharmacy renovation, and bed replacements** for the intensive care unit.
- **ALEA Bridge** was awarded **\$300,000** for **The Wahiawa HoM Project - Permanent Supportive Housing**.
- **Family Promise of Hawaii** was awarded **\$110,000** for a **New Wahiawa Family Center** to support families who are experiencing homelessness or are on the brink of homelessness in Central Oahu and North Shore.
- **Leilehua Alumni and Community Association** was awarded **\$355,000** to develop **Computer Science programs and Future Ready STEM/STEAM libraries**. These programs increase access to Computer Science to all K-12 students in the Leilehua Complex.



Finally, we are beginning to address your concerns about the outfall that goes into Lake Wilson from the treatment plant. In this budget there is **\$9,000,000** to upgrade and improve the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant. If a million-year flood were to happen, these improvements will prevent sewage from overflowing into Lake Wilson and allow the State to divert the recycled water for agriculture irrigation on the Galbraith lands. Although, the outfall must continue until it is diverted, the State has a plan to restore Lake Wilson back to its original state.

Mahalo for your continued support and I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf and the State of Hawaii.



**(LEFT)** The \$355,000 secured this session will expand STEAM libraries throughout the Leilehua Complex. **(RIGHT)** We congratulated and recognized the Leilehua High School Library Commons on its recent grand opening and the Leilehua High School e-sports team on its successful inaugural season. The Library Learning Commons provides students and faculty with support, tools, and information they will need to successfully learn STEM applications.