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### Highway Safety

\$100,000 subsidy to the County of Maui for bike and pedestrian trails

\$75,000 grant in aid to the County of Maui for the purchase and installation of traffic count-down timers at county-controlled intersections and other pedestrian safety improvements (SB 1191, CD1)

\$200,000 (FY08) and \$900,000 (FY09) for operational improvements to existing intersections and highway facilities on Maui

### Kahului Airport

\$9,020,000 (FY08) and \$3,880,000 (FY09) for terminal improvements

\$22,313,000 for new access road

\$250,000 for program management support

\$1,005,000 (FY08) and \$6,460,000 (FY09) to expand the parking lot

\$4,201,000 for storm water permit compliance

### Maui Memorial Medical Center

\$3,190,000 for emergency generators

### Maui County Grants in Aid

\$750,000 to Hale Makua for repair & maintenance

\$150,000 to Hui Malama Learning Center

\$488,000 to La`a Kea Foundation

\$500,000 to Lana`i Women's Center to construct Lana`i Community Health Center

\$250,000 to Maui Community Arts & Cultural Center for renovation and expansion, and \$250,000 for to support programs

\$300,000 to Maui Economic Development Board, tech center completion

\$1,200,000 to Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. for the BEST program for inmate reintegration (SB 932, CD1), and \$232,000 for other transportation programs

\$1,700,000 to Moloka`i General Hospital to complete Phase II of renovation and upgrading

\$250,000 to Moloka`i Veterans Caring for Veterans

\$60,000 to Na Hale O Maui, affordable housing program

\$83,315 to Ohana Makamae, Inc., for substance abuse program

\$50,000 to Women Helping Women for West Maui DV Task Force

### Other Maui County CIP Project Highlights

#### Maui Community College

\$6,837,000 for Temporary facilities for the nursing programs at Leeward, Maui, Hawai`i, and Kaua`i Community Colleges

Planned projects funded by \$20,000,000 system-wide lump sum appropriation for HHSC include

- exterior repairs to buildings and re-roofing
- repairs, improvements, and/or renovations to plumbing
- repair or replacement of the laundry exhaust system

\$10,000,000 in revenue bonds for MMMC's proposed heart, brain and vascular center.

#### Kahului Harbor

\$1,000,000 for barge terminal improvements

\$700,000 for a navigational improvements study

\$200,000 for west harbor development plan

\$3,000,000 for wharf street shed demolition and site work

\$75,000 (FY08) and \$500,000 (FY09) for a permanent comfort station for harbor workers

**\$236,221,000 Total  
CIP for Maui County  
(FY 2008 and FY 2009)**

# Capitol Connection

## 2007 Legislative Session Wrap-Up



**Aloha!**

The 2007 Legislative Session has concluded, and I would like to thank all of you who took the time to share your views with me. I hope to have the opportunity to talk with you again in the near future and learn about your hopes and concerns.

As Chair of the **Senate Committee on Ways and Means**, I had the privilege and honor of playing a major role in crafting a biennial budget for the State that reflects our shared goals, principles, and priorities and invests in our State's greatest resource – her people.

It is a truism that Hawai`i has many legitimate, yet competing interests vying for State resources. I am proud to say that, through the budget and bills passed this session, the Legislature laid the groundwork for the creation of a sustainable Hawai`i with strong families and communities, a workforce prepared to compete in the global marketplace, and a healthy economy and environment.

Included in this legislative update and special insert are a sampling of budget appropriations and bills that will benefit Maui. If you have any questions about these or other legislation, please contact my office. You can find my contact information on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Through December, I will spend the bulk of my time on Maui, returning periodically to Oahu to attend to legislative matters including interim work of the Ways and Means Committee. In the Fall, I hope to bring some of my Senate colleagues to Maui for meetings. I hope that you will be able to attend. I look forward to hearing from you!

*Me ke aloha pumehana,*

**Senator Roz Baker**  
5th District—South & West Maui  
Chair, Senate Ways and Means Committee

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## What are we spending the State's "surplus" on?

Approximately 80 percent of State's \$440 million—*not* \$700 million—"surplus" was allocated by the Legislature to **health, human services, and higher and lower education.**

To help strengthen our families and communities, the Legislature allocated approximately 28 percent of the new general fund appropriations in the Executive budget to **health and human services**—an additional \$124.2 million in FY08 and an additional \$138.4 million in FY09. In support of sustaining a healthy and diversified economy through a properly educated workforce, the Legislature allocated approximately 35 percent of the new general fund appropriations to **lower education**—an additional \$156.5 million in FY08 and an additional \$185.4 million in FY09—as well as an additional 13 percent or \$55.6 million in FY08 and an additional 19 percent or \$99.6 million in FY09 for **higher education.**

In total (all sources of funding), the Executive budget approved by the Legislature appropriates \$10.4 billion in FY08 and \$10.5 billion in FY09. Specifically regarding general fund appropriations, the Executive budget appropriates \$5.2 billion in FY08 and \$5.3 billion in FY09. Compared with the budget submitted by the Governor in December 2006, as adjusted by the Governor's Messages received this legislative session, the budget approved by the Legislature is *lower* in general fund appropriations by \$4.7 million in FY08 and \$12.7 million in FY09.

### WHERE DOES THE STATE SPEND YOUR TAX DOLLARS?\*

- Lower Education—**40%**
- Higher Education—**14%**
- Health—**10%**
- Human Services—**15%**
- Public Safety—**4%**
- Other (e.g., Agriculture, Business Development & Tourism, Budget & Finance, Attorney General, Land & Natural Resources, etc.)—**17%**

\* General fund tax dollars

## Education and Workforce Development

**SB 1820** -- Authorizes DOE to partner with private developers through financing agreements to expedite construction of new schools. Kihei High School qualifies under this measure.

**HB 1630** -- Appropriates \$1.1 million to continue Project EAST in existing schools and to expand this technology workforce develop-

ment program statewide because of its proven success on Maui.

**HB 500 (Executive Budget)** - For Maui Community College, adds 6 positions and \$683,965 to expand nursing program; 3 positions and \$163,512 for travel industry management, hotel operations, and mathematics; 3 positions and \$163,512 for den-

tal hygiene and sustainable technology; 2 positions and \$109,008 to develop electro-optical engineering program; and 5 positions and \$401,942 for counseling and student support services.

## Senior Issues and Healthcare

**SB 1191 (Pedestrian Safety)** -- Appropriates \$1.5 million in each year of the biennium for Dept. of Transportation ("DOT") to work with nonprofits and the counties to improve pedestrian safety. \$75,000 per fiscal year provided to Maui County for the purchase and installation of traffic countdown timers at county-controlled intersections and other pedestrian safety improvements.

**SB 1792** -- Empowers local hospitals under Hawaii Health Systems Corporation ("HHSC") like **Maui Memorial Medical Center** by authorizing the establishment of regional system boards, including Maui region. Provides for management locally by regions and appro-

priates \$750,000 for regions to use to effectuate the transition.

**HB 212** -- Creates **Maui Health Initiative Task Force** to develop a comprehensive strategic health plan for the health care needs of Maui County. Requires State Health Planning & Development Agency to expedite review of any application for a certificate of need whose health care service area is within Maui County and meets certain criteria. Appropriates \$100,000 for task force. Any required hearings or reviews are mandated be held in Maui County. Requires the John A. Burns School of Medicine to develop and maintain a statewide comprehensive health care workforce map and database on sup-

ply, demand, and distribution, by specialty and practice location. Funding for the workforce mapping project is in the biennium budget.

**HB 1764** -- Authorizes **HHSC** to issue revenue bonds up to \$100 million to finance healthcare facilities on Maui.

**SB 1676** -- Authorizes creation of a captive insurance company to provide medical malpractice and general liability coverage for **HHSC**, providing less costly coverage and a recruitment incentive for system doctors.

## Environment

**HB 226 (Global Warming Solutions Act)** -- Calls for reducing by 2020 the amount of greenhouse gases created in the State to 1990 levels. Appropriates \$500,000 per year to Dept. of Health/Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism to develop, by 2009, "practical, technically feasible and cost-effective" ways to do so.

**SB 1066 (Invasive species)** -- Authorizes collection of \$1 per shipping container by Dept. of Agriculture for inspections to de-

tect invasive species.

**HB 155** -- Requires DOT to follow stricter county outdoor lighting ordinances to protect astronomy sites on Haleakala and Mauna Kea.

**HB 500 (Executive Budget)** -- Adds 15 positions and \$373,419 in FY08 and 25 positions and \$850,740 in FY 09 for needed clerical and officers in Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement. Provides \$406,469 per fiscal year for Maui County life-

guard services at Makena State Park, and \$188,258 in FY08 for related medical, emergency, and rescue equipment.

**HCR 58** -- Requests all branches of U.S. Government to prohibit dumping of vessel sewage in Federal waters in vicinity of Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Senator Baker sponsored the Senate companion to this resolution.

## Tax Relief

**SB 148** -- Provides tax credit required by State Constitution. "Taxpayers" shall receive a tax credit or refund "as provided by law" when balance of State general fund exceeds 5% of general revenues for each of two successive fiscal years. This graduated tax credit based on federal adjusted gross income will especially help low-income taxpayers. The

targeted tax relief is estimated to cost \$26 million.

**SB 1882 (Food/Excise tax credit)** -- Reduces the tax burden for lower income resident taxpayers by establishing a graduated food tax credit. This targeted tax relief is estimated to cost \$24 million, and will benefit over 400,000

(60%) of Hawaii's taxpayers.

**HB 1757** -- Exempts sale of ethanol gasoline from general excise tax. Establishes a \$100,000 fine for producers and wholesalers who fail to pass on to the end consumer any savings realized from this exemption. Increases the fuel tax by 1 cent per gallon which goes into the State High-

ways Fund. Adds over \$9M yearly to the fund for repair, maintenance and new roadway construction.

## South & West Maui Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

### Education Facilities

\$20,000,000 for construction of the new Kihei High School

\$1,000,000 for sinkhole remediation at King Kamehameha III Elementary School

\$6,000,000 additional funds for new cafeteria at Lahainaluna High School

\$650,000 for planning and design of new West Maui Elementary School

Planned projects funded by \$75,000,000 School Building Improvements Statewide Lump Sum (all projects subject to change by the department of Education)

### King Kamehameha III (\$345,000)

- Re-roof buildings D and E

### Small Boat Harbors

\$6,000,000 to purchase land and \$1,300,000 for improvements including completion of the arterial pump-out system at Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor

\$200,000 for boat launching ramp improvements at Mala wharf

\$12,840,000 lump sum CIP for improvements to harbor facilities Statewide, including

- Electrical upgrade

### Lahaina Intermediate (\$269,000)

- Renovate restrooms in building C
- Add screens
- Campus furniture
- Extend partition in D102

### Lahainaluna High (\$691,000)

- Electrical study
- Exhaust fans
- Repair, replace, and/or install screen doors, railings, sidewalk, partition, and steps
- Install and/or replace retaining walls
- Re-roofing
- Campus furniture

### Princess Nahi'ena'ena Elementary (\$181,000)

(subject to change by DLNR) Lahaina Small Boat Harbor pier improvements and Mala Boat Ramp loading dock improvements

### Highways

\$4,000,000 (FY08) and \$42,000,000 (FY09) for widening and/or realignment of Honoapi'ilani Highway from Honokowai to Laniupoko \$6,000,000 (FY08) to widen

- Erosion control
- Campus furniture

### Kamali'i Elementary (\$87,000)

- Re-stripe/reconfigure area 01
- Campus furniture
- Repaint

### Kihei Elementary (\$233,000)

- Re-roof building A
- Campus furniture
- Renovate restrooms in building B

### Lokelani Intermediate (\$290,000)

- Re-roof buildings I and H



**\$89,246,000 Total CIP for South & West Maui (FY 2008 and FY 2009)**