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Town & Upcountry Update

2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
 FROM REPRESENTATIVE KYLE YAMASHITA

Makawao · Kula · Pukalani · Keokea · Uluhalakua · Spreckelsville · Kahului

Aloha Neighbors!

The 2013 legislative session has recently come to an end. Recognizing that our economy is still recovering, my colleagues and I have worked hard collaboratively to pass legislation that addresses current needs and plans for the future. The legislature was able to agree on a State budget that restored many critical positions to State departments, addressed the State's unfunded liabilities, and added funds to our emergency reserves.

During the interim, I look forward to spending more time in the community, preparing for next session, and working on issues important to you. I will also be working with legislators from different states on fiscal and economic development issues.

Thank you for granting me the privilege of serving as your State Representative for another two years. If I may be of any assistance to you, please contact me or my staff toll free at 984-2400 ext. 66330 or email me at repyamashita@capitol.hawaii.gov

Mahalo,

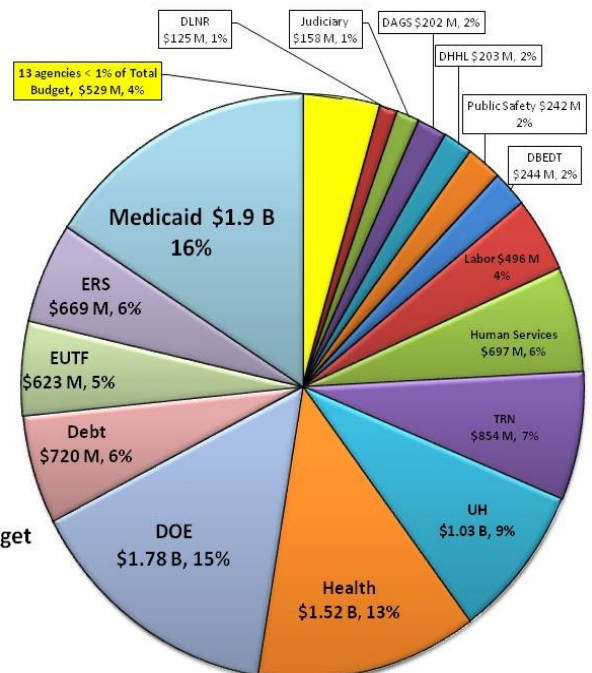
STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The legislature unanimously passed a State budget that responds to the pressing needs of Hawaii's people while carefully scrutinizing expenses, ensures that the most significant priorities are met, and lends structural stability to the State's financial plan. A total of \$2.24 billion has been allotted for fiscal year (FY) 2014 and \$843 million allotted for FY 2015 in all means of financing. The pie chart at the bottom of this page shows the distribution of those funds between state departments, and the following are some other notable highlights for the fiscal biennium:

- \$217 million to begin payments on the State's unfunded liabilities;
- \$160 million added to the Hurricane Relief Fund;
- \$50 million added to the Rainy Day Fund;
- \$15 million to offset losses state departments suffer due to federal fund sequestration;
- \$161 million for highway repair and road maintenance;
- \$400 million to the Department of Education for repairs and upgrades;

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Departments Less Than 1% of Budget		
Agriculture	\$ 45,903,133	0.38%
Attorney General	\$ 73,140,520	0.61%
Budget & Finance	\$ 81,104,412	0.68%
Commerce & Consumer Affairs	\$ 53,980,835	0.45%
Defense	\$ 115,558,293	0.96%
Libraries	\$ 33,750,855	0.28%
Charter Schools	\$ 64,425,165	0.54%
Governor	\$ 4,334,171	0.04%
Human Resources Development	\$ 20,572,428	0.17%
Legislature	\$ 33,248,365	0.28%
Lt. Governor	\$ 1,695,503	0.01%
Taxation	\$ 24,550,217	0.20%
OHA	\$ 9,721,851	0.08%



FY14 Statewide Operating Budget
 All Means of Financing:
 \$12,020,095,452



Pukalani Elementary School students visit the Hawaii State Capitol.



At King Kekaulike High School graduation.



***Congratulations King
Kekaulike High School
Class of 2013!***

STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS, *continued from page 1*

- \$1.5 million for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to support invasive species control;
- \$600,000 for the Mortgage Foreclosure Dispute Resolution Program;
- \$642,000 for the Disability Compensation Division to reduce the backlog in and waiting period for Worker's Compensation;
- \$2.8 million for Aging and Disability Resource Centers;
- \$800,000 for the Hale Makemae program at Kula Hospital;
- \$400,000 to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for their Health Advocacy Initiative and Native Hawaiian Health Consortium;
- \$875,000 and 5 counselor positions for the Office of Veterans Services; and
- \$1.7 million for additional security at courthouses on Oahu, Hawaii Island, and Maui.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SB1084, Public Funds for Private Early Childhood Education Programs, proposes an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution which would allow public funds to be used for private early childhood education programs. As a registered voter, you will be able to vote on this issue in the next election.

SB1093, School Readiness, helps to prepare young children for elementary school by providing them with access to school services that address their physical, cognitive, linguistic, social, and emotional development.

INVESTING IN SUSTAINABILITY

SB993, Agricultural Loans, expands the Department of Agriculture's agricultural loan program by widening the range of new farmers eligible for new farmer loans and adding a farm innovation loan for farmers who perform practical research in crop development, production techniques, new technologies, and production of new crops.

SB593, Livestock Feed Subsidy, provides support for the livestock industry by expanding the livestock feed subsidy to allow qualifying producers of beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, poultry, goats, sheep, fish, and crustaceans to apply for and receive reimbursement for a percentage of feed expenses, and by decreasing the minimum flock and herd requirements for qualifying producers.

SB1087, Green Infrastructure Loan Program, makes green infrastructure installations accessible and affordable for Hawaii's consumers, helps achieve measurable costs savings, and helps achieve Hawaii's clean energy goals. Some other accomplishments of the bill include: establishing the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Loan Program and the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, bond fund, special fund and authorizing the creation of green infrastructure property.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

HB635, Broadband Permits, prepares Hawaii for an upgrade of its broadband infrastructure to assist the broadband industry by establishing a priority process for new project permit applications submitted to the State and County to facilitate and streamline the broadband permit issuance. It also assures that certain safety precautions are met when broadband infrastructure is installed or repaired on existing utility poles by requiring applicants to verify that the overall weight load of utility poles do not exceed maximum capacities established by the Federal Communications Commission and the Public Utilities Commission.

HB858, Hawaii Growth Initiative, supports Hawaii’s business economy by providing \$6 million in funding to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation for an investment program designed to develop, stimulate, and support the ecosystem of high-growth entrepreneurial businesses in Hawaii.



Representative Yamashita with items collected for our second annual Pet Project.

Maui Legislators Host Fundraiser for Maui Food Bank

On April 8, 2013, Maui legislators teamed up to host a fundraiser, the “Bizarre Bazaar,” to benefit the Maui Food Bank. The event featured food items, fresh produce, plants, protea, door prizes, and a silent auction. This year we were able to raise over \$2,400. Representative Yamashita’s office has been coordinating the annual fundraiser since 2006.



Speaking at the 63rd Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner.

Funds Released for Community Projects		
Kahului Airport	\$350,000	<i>Apron pavement structural Improvements</i>
	\$8,010,000	<i>Runway rehabilitation</i>
	\$50,000,000	<i>Multi-lane access road from Hana Hwy to the Airport Loop Road</i>
	\$3,000,000	<i>Restroom renovations</i>
	\$4,750,000	<i>Repaving a portion of Runway 2-20</i>
	\$1,250,000	<i>Planning funds to prepare technical studies and an EIS related to proposed Runway 2-20 improvements</i>
Kahului Harbor	\$600,000	<i>Design to relocate the Harbors Maui District Office and demolish the existing office</i>
Kekaulike Avenue	\$1,019,000	<i>Drainage improvements</i>
Kula Hospital	\$580,000	<i>Replace nurse call system</i>
Maui County Boy Scouts of America	\$1,500,000	<i>Repairs and improvements</i>
Maui Veterans Cemetery	\$5,050,000	<i>Pre-design, design and construction for expansion and improvements</i>
Waiohuli Hawaiian Homestead	\$660,000	<i>Grant-in-aid funds to complete Phase I of the Waiohuli Community Center</i>
Maui and Kauai Dams	\$6,500,000	<i>Dam and reservoir maintenance and remediation improvements</i>

District 12 Capital Improvement Projects

Kula Hospital	\$1,000,000	<i>Cesspool closures and installation of new systems</i>
	\$300,000	<i>Asbestos and lead removal</i>
	\$3,500,000	<i>Repairs</i>
Kalama Intermediate	\$10,000	<i>Hurricane retrofitting</i>
	\$65,000	<i>Retaining wall</i>
King Kekaulike High School	\$14,000,000	<i>Construction for a new auditorium</i>
	\$10,000	<i>Hurricane retrofitting</i>
	\$491,000	<i>Repaving</i>
Kula Elementary	\$165,000	<i>Replace sewer lines</i>
	\$400,000	<i>Structural improvements for various buildings</i>
Makawao Elementary	\$130,000	<i>Replace flooring</i>
Pukalani Elementary	\$210,000	<i>Reroof</i>
Upcountry Maui Watershed Project	\$6,000,000	<i>Design & construction for installation of new pipeline</i>
Upcountry Maui Agricultural Park	\$5,000,000	<i>Land acquisition, design & construction for the development of a State agricultural park</i>
Kahului Airport	\$50,000,000	<i>Land acquisition</i>
	\$10,000,000	<i>Construction for a new access road</i>
Kihei-Upcountry Highway	\$3,600,000	<i>Land acquisition for a new two-lane highway</i>
	\$550,000	<i>Widening at mile post 0.8</i>
Haleakala Highway	\$150,000	<i>Intersection improvements at Kula Highway</i>
	\$3,250,000	<i>Intersection improvements at Makawao Avenue</i>

Countywide Capital Improvement Projects

Easter Seals Hawaii	\$950,000	<i>Grant-in-aid funds for construction for the Maui campus</i>
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.	\$500,000	<i>Grant-in-aid funds for various facilities at the MEO Inc. transportation center site</i>
Central Maui Region Sports Complex	\$4,700,000	<i>Design and construction</i>
Kahului Harbor	\$6,000,000	<i>Improvements for safety and efficiency</i>
Hana Highway	\$19,000	<i>Land acquisition for widening from Kaahumanu Avenue to Haleakala Highway</i>
Hoapili Hale Building	\$1,800,000	<i>Exterior remedial improvements</i>
	\$600,000	<i>Exhaust monitoring and ventilation systems upgrades</i>
Maui Memorial Medical Center	\$6,000,000	<i>Laboratory, pharmacy, oncology and imaging expansion</i>
	\$2,000,000	<i>Air conditioning upgrades</i>

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Artist rendering of the King Kekaulike High School Auditorium.