



**HB335 HD1**  
**RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
House Committee on Finance

March 8, 2017

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Room 308

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB335 HD1, OHA's 2017-2018 budget proposal. **HB335 HD1 provides an opportunity to continue the long and successful partnership between the State of Hawai'i and OHA, and represents a good investment that would multiply the community impact of the requested general funds, through OHA's proven strategic leveraging efforts.**

Since OHA's establishment in 1978, the scale of our mandate has increased substantially. With now more than 520,000 beneficiaries who continue to rank disproportionately low in so many health, education and socio-economic statistics, OHA continuously endeavors to fulfill its statutory responsibilities, including:

- Bettering the conditions of Native Hawaiians;
- Coordinating programs and activities relating to Native Hawaiians;
- Assessing the policies and practices of other agencies which impact Native Hawaiians;
- Conducting advocacy efforts on behalf of Native Hawaiians; and
- Serving as a receptacle for reparations.

OHA remains committed to leveraging each state dollar it receives towards targeted programs and services that systematically benefit the Native Hawaiian and larger Hawai'i communities. For fiscal biennium 2015-2016, OHA was able to leverage the **\$4.3 million in general funds it received** for programmatic support, to provide **\$23.7 million to critical community programs** in social services and case management, educational improvement, legal services, health improvement, housing improvement, and income improvement. OHA now seeks to continue its funding partnership with the state, to invest in our community and **foster innovative solutions** to some of the state's most pressing challenges, while also providing a **high level of accountability and due diligence** in the use of limited financial resources.

OHA notes that HB335 HD1 also includes a request for personnel (62 full time equivalent positions are partially funded by general funds) and operational expenses, which will also be matched with OHA trust funds – 1.71:1 match.

Please find attached specific detailed testimony on OHA's budget request. Mahalo nui loa for your time and careful consideration of this matter.



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OHA Response dated Jan. 24, 2017 to Senate Ways and Means Committee

## OVERVIEW

### A. Background and Mission

#### 1. Background

Upon statehood in 1959, Section 5(f) of the Admission Act directed the State to hold lands in trust for five purposes, one of which was “the betterment of the conditions of Native Hawaiians,” as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. In 1978 a Constitution Convention reviewed and revised the responsibilities of Hawai‘i’s government. Among the provisions incorporated into the new State constitution was the establishment of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), as a public trust with mandates to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian community in general. In 1979, the legislature enacted Chapter 10 of the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) which created OHA as a semi-autonomous self-governing body. Subsequent legislation has defined the amount of the revenue streams accruing to OHA. OHA’s Board of Trustees is composed of nine trustees, five of whom represent specific island districts. OHA’s key administrators include a Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and five Departmental Directors ([www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org)).

Hawai‘i is an ethnically-diverse state. Currently, one in five (21.67%) of our island population define themselves as Native Hawaiian. Native Hawaiian households typically consist of larger, multi-generational families with more children, yet have less income per person than other populations residing in the State of Hawai‘i (American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2015). Throughout each county, Native Hawaiians commonly live in the geographical areas of their ancestors, and with greater density in rural areas than metro cities.

#### 2. Mission

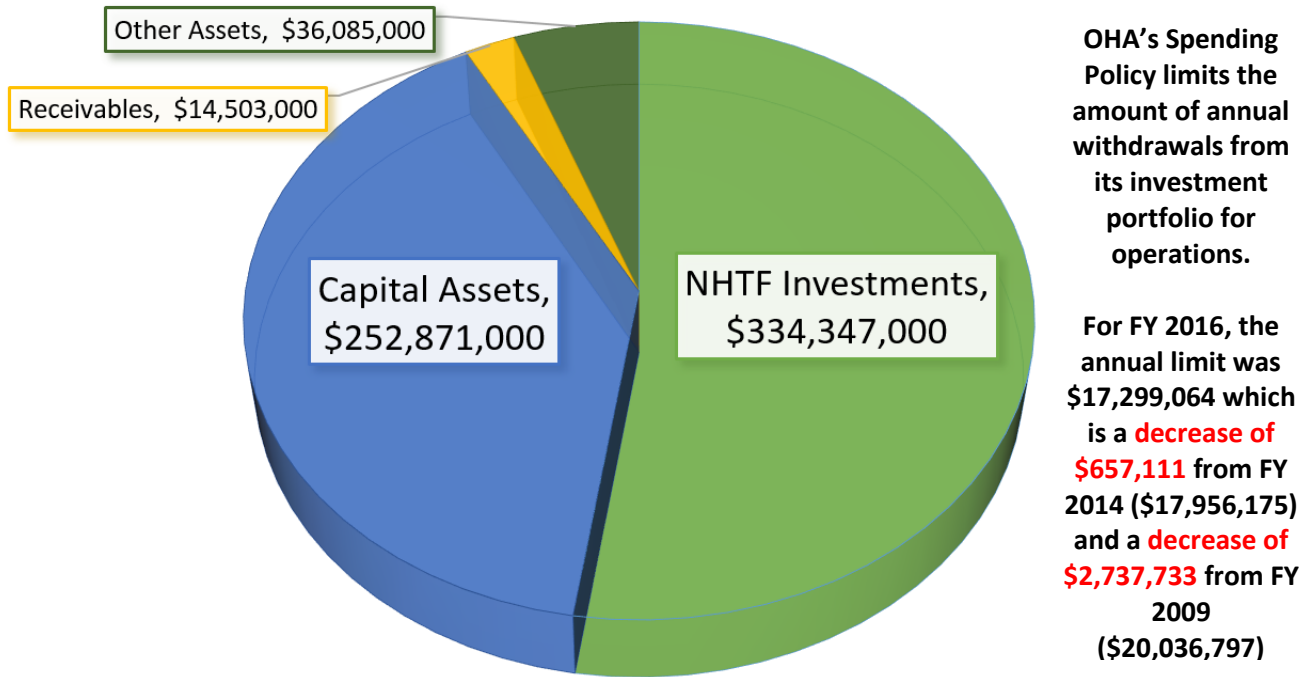
OHA’s mission is to mālama (protect) Hawai‘i’s people, environmental resources and assets, toward ensuring the perpetuation of the culture, the enhancement of lifestyle, and the protection of entitlements of Native Hawaiians, while enabling the building of a strong and healthy Hawaiian people and nation, recognized nationally and internationally. According to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 10, OHA is the principal public agency in the State of Hawai‘i responsible for:

- Betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians;
- Performance, development, and coordination of programs and activities relating to Native Hawaiians;
- Assessing the policies and practices of other agencies impacting Native Hawaiians;
- Conducting advocacy efforts for Native Hawaiians; and,
- Serving as a receptacle for reparations.

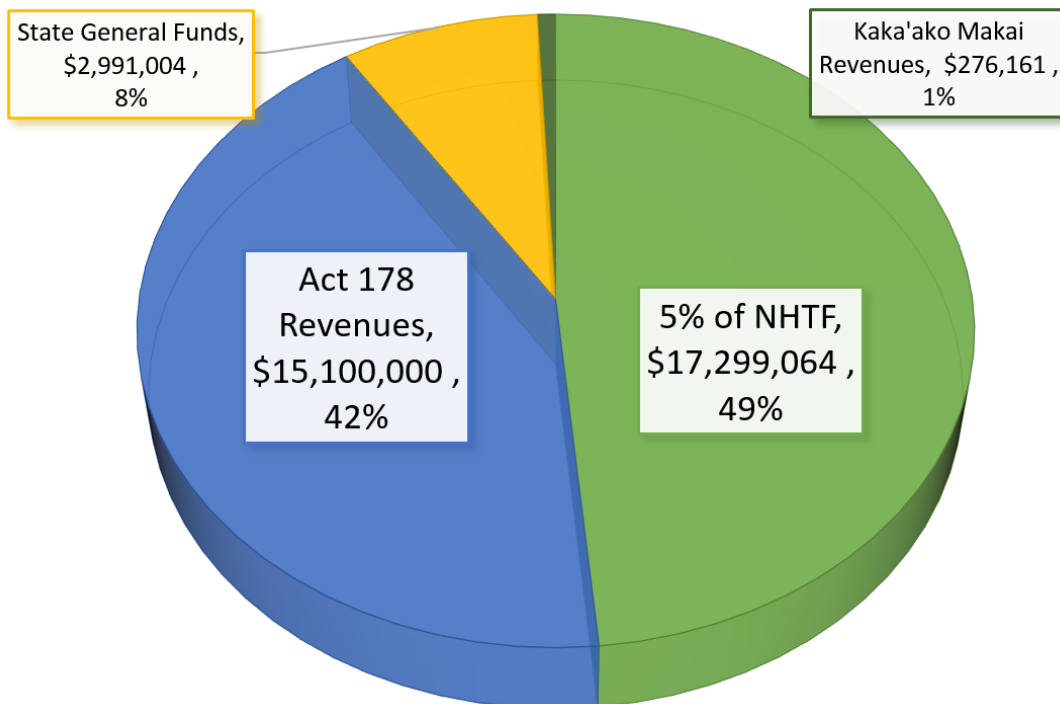
OHA carries out its mission through the strategic allocation of its limited resources. Consistent with best practices among foundations and endowments, and with the purpose of ensuring the continued viability of its Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF), OHA’s Board of Trustees adopted

its first Spending Policy in 2003. This Policy limits is annual spending to 5% to help ensure sufficient resources are available for future generations. FY 2016 is used as an example to depict OHA’s net assets and core operating budget.

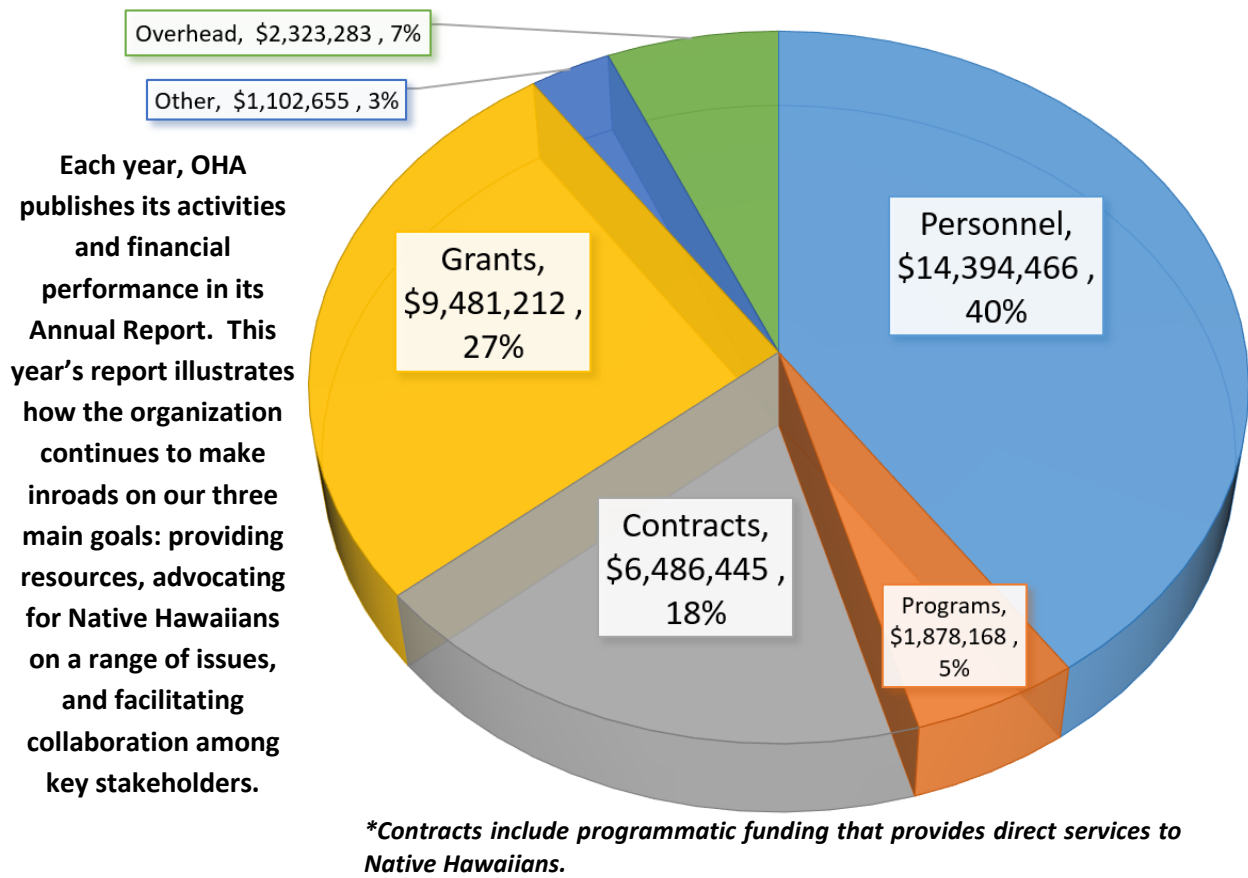
**Figure 1. OHA’s FY 2016 Net Assets (unaudited) = \$637,806,000**



**Figure 2. OHA’s FY 2016 Funding Sources for Core Operations = \$35,666,229**



**Figure 3. OHA's FY 2016 Core Operating Budget = \$35,666,229**



We encourage you to review the 2016 Office of Hawaiian Affairs Annual Report. The complete report can be downloaded from [www.oha.org/about/annual-reports/](http://www.oha.org/about/annual-reports/).

OHA's 2010-2018 Strategic Plan guides the achievement of its vision and mission. **Table 1** outlines the progress made on key strategic indicators related to the priorities and expected future outcomes outlined in this request.

**Table 1.** Key Education, Economic, Health and Legal Indicators related to OHA’s Request

Target Area	➤ Strategic Indicator ○ Related Measure/Evidence from OHA funding	Progress FY 15-FY 16	Future Progress	\$ Requested from State	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Adults</b>	➤ Increase number of <b>degrees or certificates</b> earned by Native Hawaiians from the UH System by 12%	103.2% FY2016	Exceeded	\$ 0
		○ Number of OHA scholarships provided	250/yr	Maintain	
	<b>K-12</b>	➤ Increase the percentage of Native Hawaiian student that meet or exceed <b>math standards*</b>	28% SY2016	Increase	\$ 615,000
		➤ Increase the percentage of Native Hawaiian student that meet or exceed <b>reading standards*</b>	36% SY2016*	Increase	
		○ Number of Native Hawaiian students OHA assisted	3,793/yr	Maintain**	
<b>ECONOMIC</b>	<b>Income</b>	➤ Increase Native Hawaiian <b>median family income</b> to 92% or greater of the total State median family income	87.8% FY2014	Increase	\$ 250,000
		○ Number of Native Hawaiians assisted	135/yr	Maintain**	
	<b>Housing</b>	➤ Increase Native Hawaiian <b>homeownership</b> rate to 58%	52.9% FY2014	Increase	\$ 250,000
		➤ Decrease the percent of Native Hawaiians who pay more than 30% of income on <b>rental housing cost</b> to 55%	54.8% FY2014	Decrease	
		○ Number of Native Hawaiians assisted	442/yr	Maintain**	
	<b>Social Services</b>	○ Number of Native Hawaiians assisted	2,370/yr	Maintain**	\$ 415,000
	<b>Income/ Housing/ Social Services</b>	○ Number who completed Financial Literacy Training to secure OHA economic assistance	740/yr	Maintain**	
<b>HEALTH</b>	➤ Reduce the rate of <b>obesity</b> among Native Hawaiians to 35%	38.7% FY2014	Decrease	\$ 250,000	
	○ Number of Native Hawaiians who lost weight	233/yr	Maintain**		
<b>LEGAL</b>	○ Number of Native Hawaiians who received legal services including representation	1,155/yr	Maintain**	\$ 524,400	
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL PROGRAMMATIC REQUEST:</b>				<b>\$ 2,304,400</b>	

**Note.** \* = Due to changes in the Department of Education’s state standards and related assessments, these results are incomparable with previous years and with OHA’s strategic target developed in 2009. In alignment with the DOE’s updated targets, an update to OHA’s strategic target is currently under consideration.

\*\* = Future progress expected to be consistent with the ratio of funding provided to meet each strategic indicator.

## **B. Current Economic Conditions & Notable Performance**

### **1. Impact of Current Economic Conditions**

Budget cuts on the State and Federal levels, combined with a volatile stock market have significant indirect impact to OHA's operational funds, programs and/or needs of OHA's beneficiaries in a number of ways.

- **Reductions.** In general, any loss of government funding to beneficiary programs and the organizations that serve them will cause an increased demand for supplemental funding from OHA to ensure that the health, education and other daily needs of our beneficiaries are met. Reduced State appropriations have created a reduction in beneficiary assistance, from non-OHA programs, including but not limited to reductions in: 1) emergency financial assistance programs, 2) case management services which assist beneficiaries to access community resources, 3) clinicians providing mental health and substance abuse counseling and support, and 4) health monitoring/navigation programs that assist those with chronic disease to get needed medical care.
- **Reduced Program Funds.** Trust funds available to OHA decreased due to under-performance of its investment portfolio as a result of the volatile stock market. Continued legal challenges that could seriously impact Native Hawaiians will continue to require financial resources that could otherwise be used to address beneficiary needs.
- **Beneficiaries.** The volatile economic situation before, during, and after the Great Recession of 2008 have resulted in increases to costs of living (i.e. housing and food) exceeding increases in wage and income. This has exacerbated Native Hawaiians' lower per capita income, high rates of homelessness, and higher rates of poverty. Research indicates that Native Hawaiians have recovered at a slower rate than others, and that children, particularly those under five, are affected the most.
- **Bottom Line.** State and federal budget cuts have reduced services and programs that previously serviced OHA beneficiaries. As a result, these beneficiaries often turn to OHA to fill the gap. In recent years, the number of beneficiaries that OHA serves per year has increased 50%. Also, increasingly non-profit and other social services organizations have looked to other avenues to support their work and have turned to OHA for support.

### **2. Notable Performance, Results and Expected Outcomes**

**Enhanced performance measures.** In the quest to improve conditions for Native Hawaiians, OHA continues to work closely with many community-based partners who continue to play a critical role in the successes presented in Table A. OHA remains encouraged by visible signs of progress in helping Hawai'i's citizens improve their health; improve their economic self-sufficiency; secure stable housing; improve skills in reading and math; and protect legal rights. Close collaboration between OHA's grant, research, and communications staff with



service providers has transformed OHA into a more transparent and accessible grantor. Currently all OHA community grant applications, from each county and for every grant type, are submitted online at OHA's updated website - [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org). Within the last year OHA has continued to align its funded projects with its strategic priorities, increased its grants monitoring, strengthened its grants performance measures, and streamlined its grant processes with input from past and current providers.

**Significant Return on Investment via OHA and Community Commitment.** Strong demand continues for OHA grant money to help tackle priority issues. Community partners increasingly tailor marketable services to OHA priorities to help them stay afloat and meet critical needs across the State. Organizations contribute a minimum 20% cash match in each grant request. In turn, OHA funding will allow many well-connected organizations to leverage OHA funds as much as 14.4:1 (in the area of housing).

**Bottom Line.** State General Funds are highly leveraged through its partnership with OHA, as evidenced by an impressive overall **4.18:1 total impact** as depicted in Table 2 on page 9.

OHA's budget bill will transform **\$4.6 million** in State general funds into **\$19.3 million** for community programs, by leveraging State funds with private and OHA trust fund contributions.

**Table 2.** Summary of FB 18/19 Projected State Leveraged Impact by Priority Area

Priority Area	Requested State General Funds	Projected OHA Matching Funds	Projected Minimum 20% Community Match	Other OHA Trust Funds [A]	Total Investment [B]	Leveraged Impact [C]	Estimated # of Individuals to be Served	Estimated # of Native Hawaiians to be Served
Social Services	\$ 830,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 332,000	\$ -	\$ 1,992,000	2.40	4,740	4,740
Legal Services	1,048,800	1,048,800	74,514	-	2,172,114	2.07	1,223	1,155
Education	1,230,000	1,230,000	492,000	1,540,000	4,492,000	3.65	10,156	7,094
Health	500,000	500,000	200,000	-	1,200,000	2.40	1,214	1,038
Housing (inc \$6M DHHL)	500,000	500,000	200,000	6,000,000	7,200,000	14.40	1,082	972
Income (inc \$1M scholarships)	500,000	500,000	200,000	1,000,000	2,200,000	4.40	656	656
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 4,608,800</b>	<b>\$ 4,608,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,514</b>	<b>\$ 8,540,000</b>	<b>\$ 19,256,114</b>	<b>4.18</b>	<b>19,070</b>	<b>15,656</b>

Notes:

[A] Housing includes \$3M/year to DHHL and Income includes \$500,000/year for scholarships

[B] Additional Funds through OHA Partnership **\$14,647,314** = \$19,256,114 (Total Investment) - \$4,608,800 (State General Funds)

[C] Leveraged Impact = Total Investment / State General Funds; Projected State General Funds leveraged through OHA Partnerships **4.18 : 1**

*Above does not include OHA in-kind salary & administrative support*

**FEDERAL FUNDS**

**C. Impending Loss of Direct Federal Funds**

OHA currently administers one (1) Federally-funded pass-through and two (2) Federally-funded direct programs. As of this time, these awards have not lost, or are not at risk, of losing federal funding. They are summarized as follows:

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number
<b>U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highways --</b>	
Pass-through from Department of Transportation, State of Hawai'i Interstate Route H-3	20.205
<b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency --</b>	
Direct Programs - Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	66.818
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services --</b>	
Direct Programs - Native American Program, Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Program	93.612

1. The Hālawā Luluku Interpretive Development (HLID) Project is a pass-through from the State's Department of Transportation. Its three basic goals are compliance, mitigation, and community support relating to the adverse impacts as a result of construction of Interstate Highway H-3.
2. The United States Environmental Protection Agency awarded OHA two Brownfield Assessment grants for community-wide environmental assessments of hazardous substances and petroleum on Kaka'ako Makai parcels, which began July 1, 2013. Grant funds will be used to complete Phase II Environmental Site Assessments for six Kaka'ako Makai parcels, including testing and analysis of subsurface contaminants, no later than September 30, 2017.
3. The Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF), whose mission is to enhance access for all persons of Native Hawaiian ancestry to credit, capital, and financial services to create jobs, wealth, and economic and social well-being for all the people of Hawai'i, issued its first loan in 1989.

The Native American Programs Act (NAPA) of 1974, as amended, requires the Administration for Native Americans to submit an Annual Report to the Congress on the NHRLF. The most recent report, submitted in March 2016, noted that through FY 2015 (June 30, 2015), “OHA has successfully revolved the Fund twice by lending a cumulative \$57 million to more than 2,000 Native Hawaiians. More importantly, the Fund has contributed to the economic self-sufficiency of Native Hawaiians.” The report continues by informing the Congress of joint efforts to develop a Three-Year Business Plan that “will demonstrate that the \$26 million Fund can be self-sustaining and continue to advance the economic and social self-sufficiency of Native Hawaiians.”

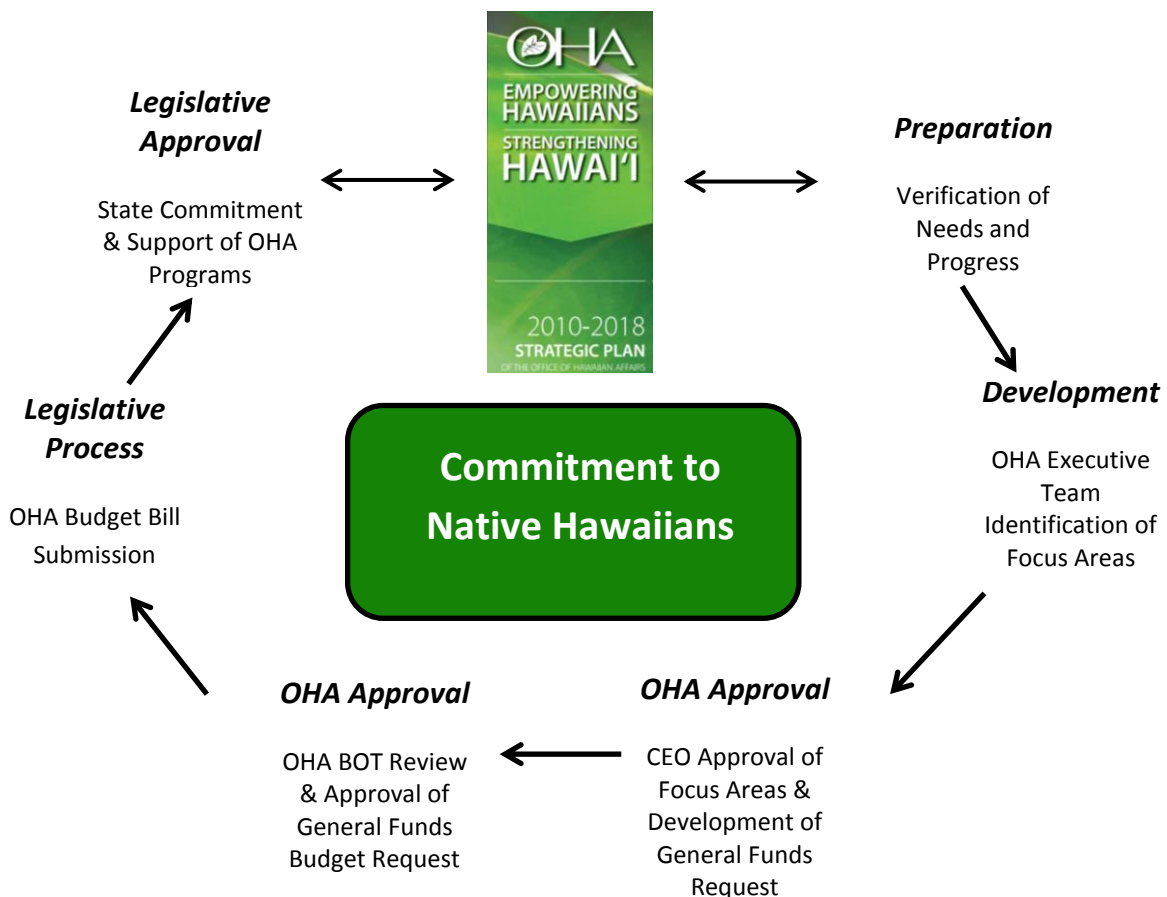
## BUDGET REQUEST

### D. Budget Development Process and Priority Requests

#### 1. Budget Development

As documented in Figure 4, OHA’s request centers on both the State and OHA’s commitment to Native Hawaiians. The process involves an assessment of priorities, previous progress and needs by OHA’s Executive Team prior to Board Approval and eventual Legislative Submission.

**Figure 4. OHA’s General Funds Biennial Budget Development Process**



## 2. Summary of Priority Requests

### Overview.

**Historical Funding.** OHA has received State General Funds since 1981 for a portion of its personnel and operating cost and to provide services. Currently OHA provides services to beneficiaries in the priority areas of **Social Services, Legal Services, Education, Health, Housing,** and **Income** and considers all programmatic support as well as support provided for personnel and operations as priorities.

**Budget Changes.** OHA is requesting an increase in programmatic support totaling \$130,570/year in the areas of Health, Housing, and Income as well as an increase in personnel support totaling \$1,400,000/year as explained in Section E. **Significant Adjustments and Related Outcomes** below.

In summary, OHA requests **\$9,043,148** including **\$4,608,800** for **programmatic support** plus **\$4,434,348** for **personnel and operations** during the next biennium. The State's General Funds provided for programmatic support of **\$4,608,800** will be leveraged through its OHA partnership to a projected **\$19,256,114** or **4.18:1**, as summarized in Table 2 on page 9.

As of this time, OHA considers all budget requests, including changes, as a priority since these funds will be used as leverage to heavily invest over the next two years in addressing six specific priority areas that are ultimately about helping statewide efforts to strengthen families and communities.

### E. Significant Budget Adjustments and Related Outcomes

OHA's FB 18/19 State General Funds request includes the following significant adjustments:

#### Budget Adjustments/Changes.

##### COMBINED AREAS OF HEALTH, HOUSING, AND INCOME:

- **Increase** request for the combined areas of \$130,570/year and \$261,140/FB 18/19 or 21% from the current allocation.

##### PERSONNEL:

- **Increase** request totaling \$1,400,000/year and \$2,800,000/FB 18/19.

OHA is one of few State agencies whose primary source of funding is non-State-General Funds. Therefore OHA has and will continue to be severely impacted by the large and unexpected increase in the State's fringe rate. Increased General Funds would allow OHA to more easily absorb the impact of the fringe rate increase and continue to service. As stated previously in this testimony, State and federal budget cuts have reduced services and programs that previously serviced OHA beneficiaries. As a result, these beneficiaries often turn to OHA to fill the gap. In recent years, the number of beneficiaries that OHA serves per year has increased 50%. Also, increasingly non-profit and other social services organizations have looked to other avenues to support their work and have turned to OHA for support. Strong demand continues for OHA grant money to help tackle priority issues.

Community partners increasingly tailor marketable services to OHA priorities to help them stay afloat and meet critical needs across the State. Organizations contribute a minimum 20% cash match in each grant request. In turn, OHA funding will allow many organizations to leverage OHA funds as much as 14.4:1 (in the area of housing).

Changes for the upcoming FB 18/19 biennium are summarized in **Table 3** below:

**Table 3.** Overview of OHA’s Budget Request by Priority Area (per year)

Purpose	FB 16/17 (per year)		FB 18/19 (per year)		Adjustments	
	General Funds	Trust Fund Match	General Funds	Trust Fund Match	General Funds	Trust Fund Match
1. Social Services	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
2. Legal	524,400	524,400	524,400	524,400	0	0
3. Education	615,000	615,000	615,000	615,000	0	0
4. Health	415,256	415,256	250,000	250,000	-165,256	-165,256
5. Housing	1,124	1,124	250,000	250,000	248,876	248,876
6. Income	203,050	203,050	250,000	250,000	46,950	46,950
<b>Sub-Total Programs:</b>	<b>\$ 2,173,830</b>	<b>\$ 2,173,830</b>	<b>\$ 2,304,400</b>	<b>\$ 2,304,400</b>	<b>\$ 130,570</b>	<b>\$ 130,570</b>
A. Personnel (62 FTE)	520,300	3,959,000	1,920,300	3,501,254	1,400,000	-457,746
B. Operations	296,874	296,874	296,874	296,874	0	0
<b>Sub-Total Non Programs:</b>	<b>\$ 817,174</b>	<b>\$ 4,255,874</b>	<b>\$ 2,217,174</b>	<b>\$ 3,798,128</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>	<b>\$ -457,746</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 2,991,004</b>	<b>\$ 6,429,704</b>	<b>\$ 4,521,574</b>	<b>\$ 6,102,528</b>	<b>\$1,530,570</b>	<b>\$ -327,146</b>
<b>FB 18/19 (2-year) Programs Total:</b>			<b>\$ 4,608,800</b>	<b>\$ 4,608,800</b>	*Same as Table 2, 1:1 match	
<b>FB 18/19 (2-year) Non Programs Total:</b>			<b>\$ 4,434,348</b>	<b>\$ 7,596,256</b>	* 1.71:1 match	
<b>FB 18/19 (2-year) Overall Total:</b>			<b>\$ 9,043,148</b>	<b>\$12,205,056</b>	*Overall 1.35:1 match	

Although OHA requests State General Funds each year, OHA’s support to the State and its programs far exceeds its ask. During the same period of time (FY 07-FY 17) in which OHA committed over **\$63 million in support of State agencies and its University**, it received less than half that amount, or **\$30.5 million** in State General Funds, as summarized in **Table 4** to the right.

The following infographic on page 14 summarizes OHA’s overall budget request as well as its projected leveraged impact as it relates to the needs within its six priority areas.

**Table 4.** State General Funds to OHA FY 07-FY 17

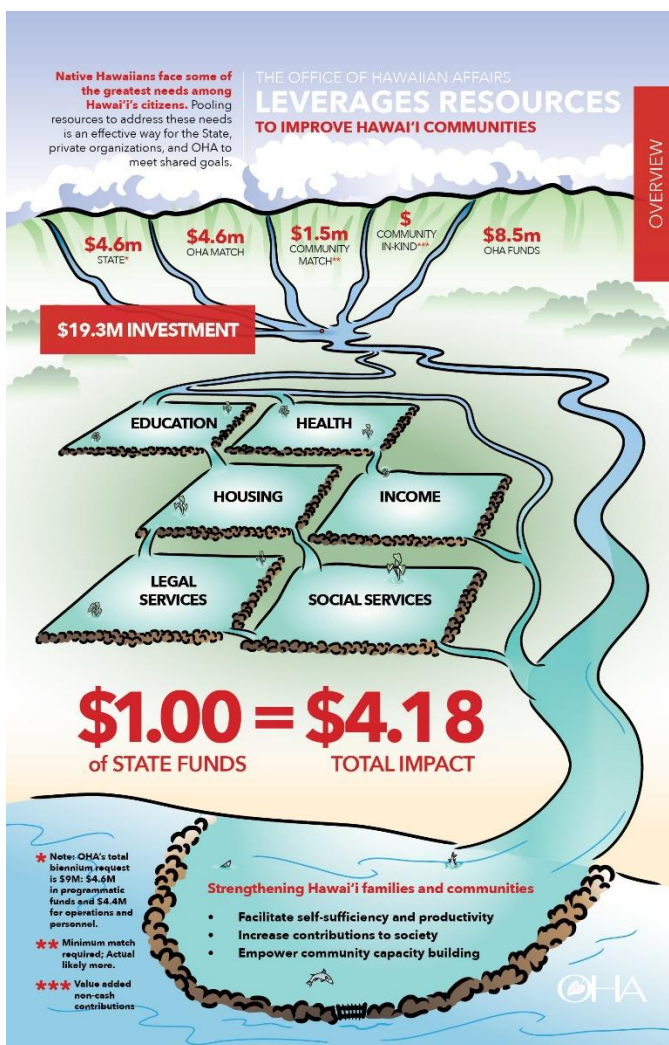
Fiscal Year	State General Funds Amount
FY 2007	\$ 2,866,279
FY 2008	3,053,108
FY 2009	3,087,075
FY 2010	2,469,659
FY 2011	2,469,659
FY 2012	2,370,872
FY 2013	2,370,872
FY 2014	3,141,574
FY 2015	2,741,574
FY 2016	2,991,004
FY 2017	2,991,004
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 30,552,680</b>

## Summary Infographic

In its quest to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiians, OHA has worked closely with a number of community-based partners to bring attention, needed resources, and a strong policy voice to address the many urgent issues facing the Native Hawaiian community and the State as a whole. OHA remains encouraged by signs of progress in Native Hawaiians' and others' improved health outcomes; increased ability to secure stable housing; improved socioeconomic conditions; increased financial stability; and greater awareness of and ability to protect their legal rights. In the months and years ahead, the immediate challenge will be maintaining this positive momentum.

Strong demand remains for OHA grant money to help tackle these issues as community partners across the state increasingly tailor their services to align with OHA's priorities. Many of these community partners have already proved their value in enhancing OHA's efforts to help create a solid future for Native Hawaiians as well as all residents of Hawai'i nei.

**Figure 5.** Summary Infographic (See Appendix A for larger image)



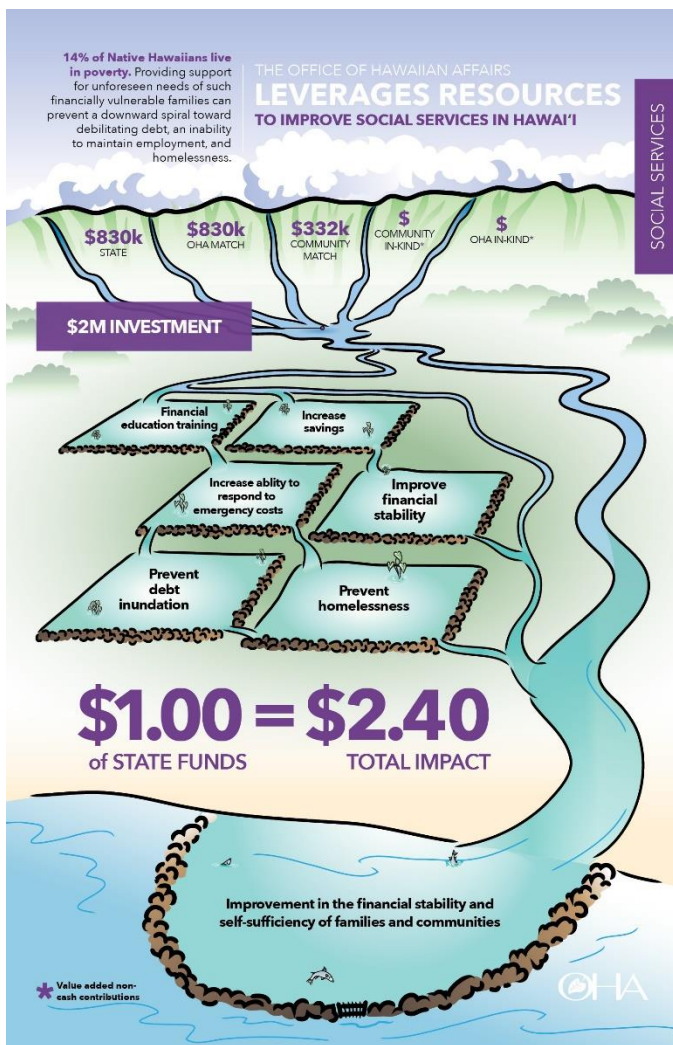
OHA's grants program has substantially increased its capacity by requiring projects to align with OHA's strategic priorities, and by closely monitoring grant projects to ensure adequate progress toward specific, measurable outcomes. Therefore, it is with enthusiasm and hope that OHA is now requesting \$4.6 million (over half of OHA's \$9.04 million total budget request) in programmatic state funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal years, to use as leverage in its continued investment in six specific areas consistent with statewide efforts to strengthen Hawai'i's families and communities.

OHA is committed to further leveraging state funds by requiring a 20% cash match by all providers awarded funds under the OHA grants program.

## 1. Social Services

OHA works every day to help Native Hawaiians who are struggling financially. Research shows that 14 percent of Native Hawaiians live in poverty, a rate that is higher than other ethnic groups throughout the state (Income Inequality and Native Hawaiians in the Wake of the Great Recession: 2005 to 2013, 2014). Emergency situations, such as sudden unemployment, medical issues, or family crises, place a substantial strain on families in the lowest income brackets, and can exacerbate their already dire financial circumstances. OHA's emergency assistance program offers struggling Native Hawaiians relief when faced with unforeseen circumstances by providing funds to pay for rent and utilities, helping to ensure that they do not fall deeper into poverty, lose employment, or become homeless. Financial literacy training remains a condition for this emergency assistance, which is part of a larger effort to encourage financial self-sufficiency.

**Figure 6.** Social Services Infographic (See Appendix A for larger image)



OHA is committed to matching \$830,000 from the State over the next two years, and leveraging these funds with contributions from community partners to help more at-risk Native Hawaiians and their families address unexpected crises, and make smart-money-management decisions meant to improve their economic well-being and self-sufficiency.

State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians (NHs):

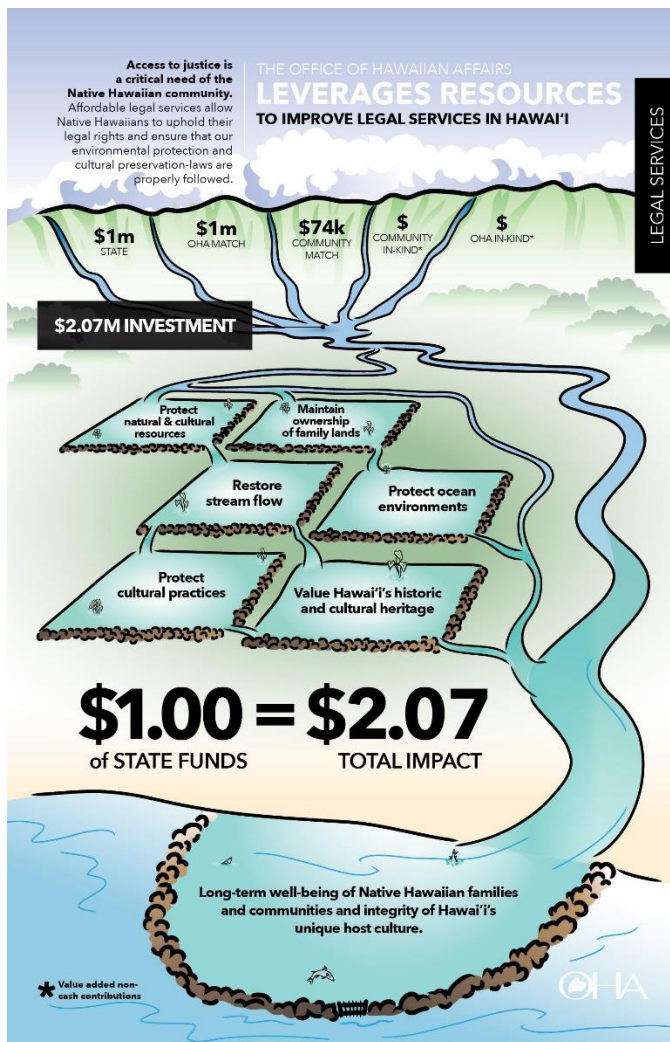
- 770 NHs provided case management services
- 570 NHs provided information and emergency financial assistance
- 570 NHs provided financial literacy services
- 200 NHs provided savings match



## 2. Legal Services

Over the next two years, OHA will continue to support access to justice for Native Hawaiians seeking to perpetuate their culture, and maintain a connection to their ‘āina, their communities, and their ‘ohana. The Legislature has found that the “historic and cultural heritage of the State is among its important assets” and has declared that it is the policy of the State to “provide leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic and cultural property ... in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship for future generations.” However, Native Hawaiians continue to have unique legal needs relating to issues such as quiet title, land title, traditional and customary practices, protection of significant places, and protection of natural and cultural resources. OHA’s legal services program ensures that State laws passed by the legislature are upheld and Native Hawaiians have access to affordable legal services.

Figure 7. Legal Services Infographic (See Appendix A for larger image)



OHA hopes to leverage \$1,040,800 in state funds over the next two years to invest in legal services that can improve and consistently uphold State laws that are meant to protect Native Hawaiians’ rights and interests.

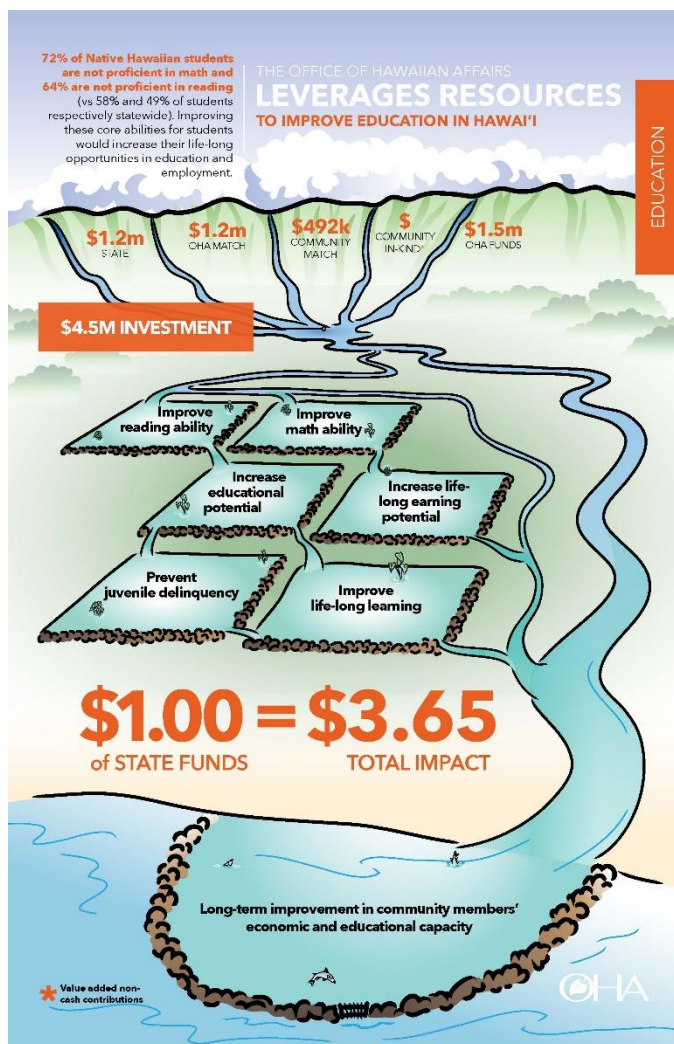
State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians:

- 1,223 inquiries addressed
- 300 clients represented

### 3. Education

In the year ahead, OHA will continue to focus on closing the persistent achievement gap between Native Hawaiian students and their peers across the State, particularly in reading and math scores. OHA recognizes the urgency of the need to reverse this trend, which threatens to undermine the future success of Native Hawaiian students. In addition, OHA believes that successful educational outcomes for all students, including those in our public school system, are critical to supporting the state’s economy, overcoming our present and future social and environmental challenges, and maintaining a culturally enriched and socially conscious island society.

**Figure 8.** Education Infographic (See Appendix A for larger image)



OHA is hoping to partner with other organizations to leverage an anticipated \$1,230,000 from the State, to invest in closing educational achievement gaps and ensuring a brighter future for Native Hawaiian students. With the requested state funding, OHA and its partners would bring an additional \$3.2 million to educational programs that help Native Hawaiian students successfully graduate from high school with the skills needed to obtain well-paying jobs and/or pursue a college education.

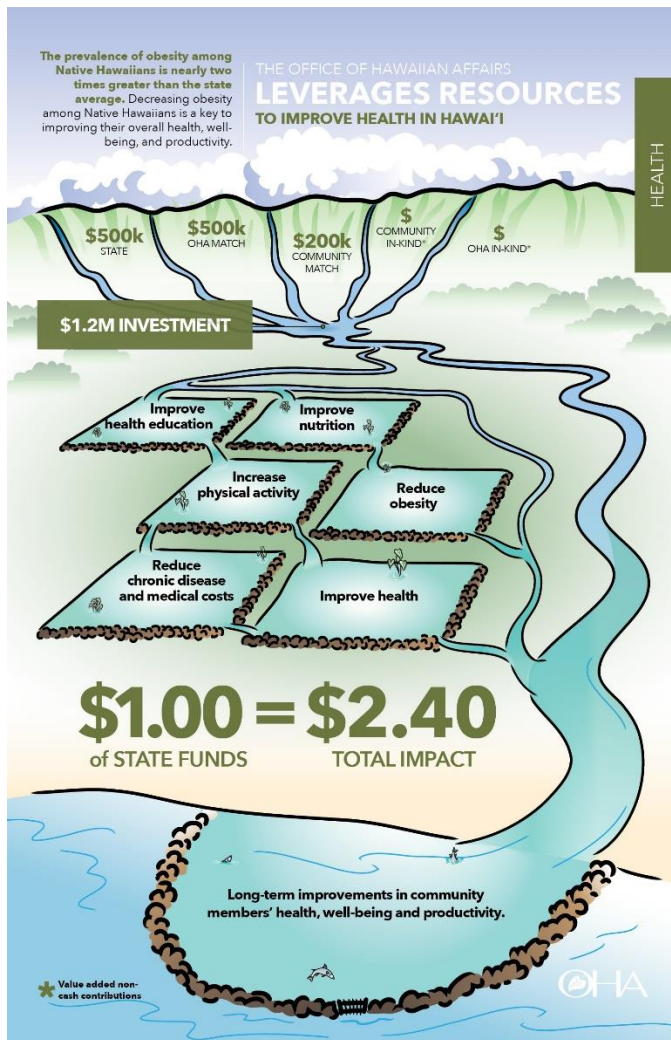
State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians:

- 7,094 NHs enrolled in school programs
- 824 testing readiness activities conducted
- 582 NHs receiving assistance to meet or exceeded Reading testing standards
- 578 NHs receiving assistance to meet or exceeded Math testing standards

#### 4. Health

To help fight obesity in the state, OHA has been encouraging Native Hawaiians to eat healthier and become more physically active. Research shows that about 75.7 percent of Native Hawaiians are obese or overweight. Obesity-associated diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, further contribute to poor wellness and increasing state healthcare costs. Obesity-related medical costs in Hawai'i are already as high as \$412 million annually. To help keep healthcare costs from soaring due to weight-related problems such as diabetes and heart disease, OHA has worked closely with a variety of community partners to invest heavily in helping Native Hawaiians live healthier lives.

Figure 9. Health Infographic (See Appendix A for larger image)



OHA's current goal is to reduce the obesity rate among Native Hawaiians (38.7 percent) to 35 percent over the next two years. OHA has already seen some progress in this area, with more Native Hawaiians learning the importance of proper nutrition and regular exercise through OHA's health grant initiatives. OHA hopes to match \$500,000 from the State over the next two years, and to leverage other funds to invest in curbing the obesity rate among Native Hawaiians and others, to ultimately improve their overall health and well-being.

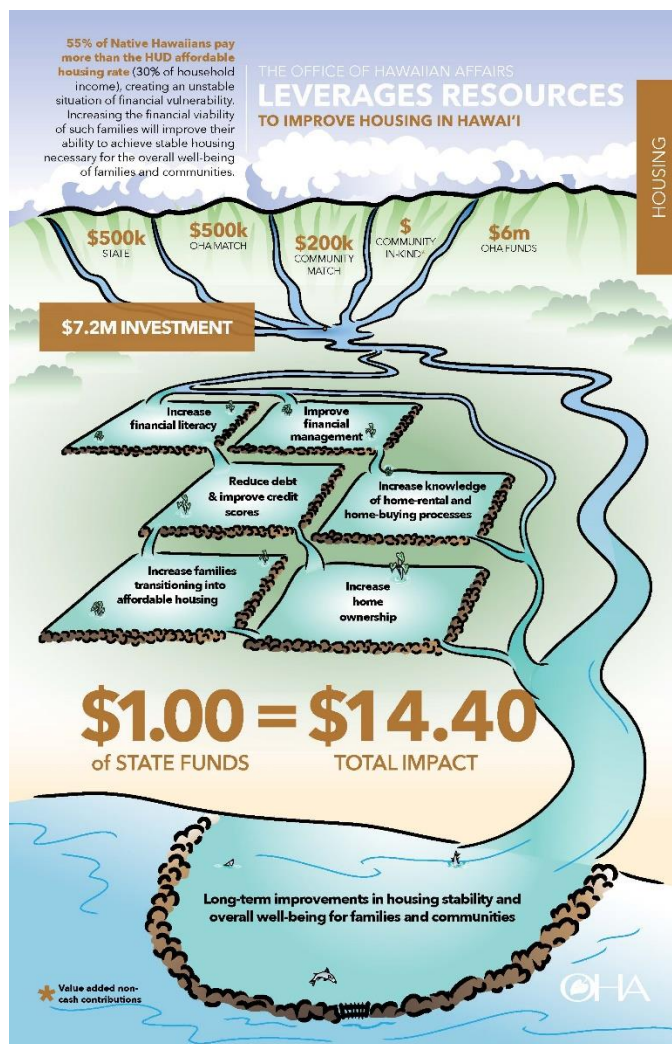
State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians:

- 1,032 NHs completing an Individual Treatment Plan
- 1,032 NHs receiving health improvement and nutrition education
- 807 NHs improving their dietary habits
- 266 NHs reducing weight and their BMIs

## 5. Housing

OHA continues to focus on helping more Native Hawaiians achieve housing stability. According to the latest available figures from 2014, only 53 percent of Native Hawaiians reside in owner-occupied housing. At the same time, more than half of Native Hawaiian renters, many of whom live in overcrowded situations to reduce rental payments, live in homes they are struggling to afford. In addition to being burdened by housing costs, Native Hawaiians also earn less per capita than the state average. In response, OHA is advocating for appropriate affordable housing policies, and hoping to leverage \$500,000 from the State over the next two years, to help lay the groundwork to increase Native Hawaiian homeownership rates and build housing stability among Native Hawaiian renters.

**Figure 10.** Housing Infographic (See Appendix A for larger image)



By leveraging the requested state funds, OHA and community partners expect to invest \$7.2 million into helping Native Hawaiians obtain affordable housing, become more creditworthy and better at managing finances, and increase their home ownership rate.

OHA has already seen real results through past grantees that have successfully helped Native Hawaiian renters become more economically self-sufficient and housing secure across the State.

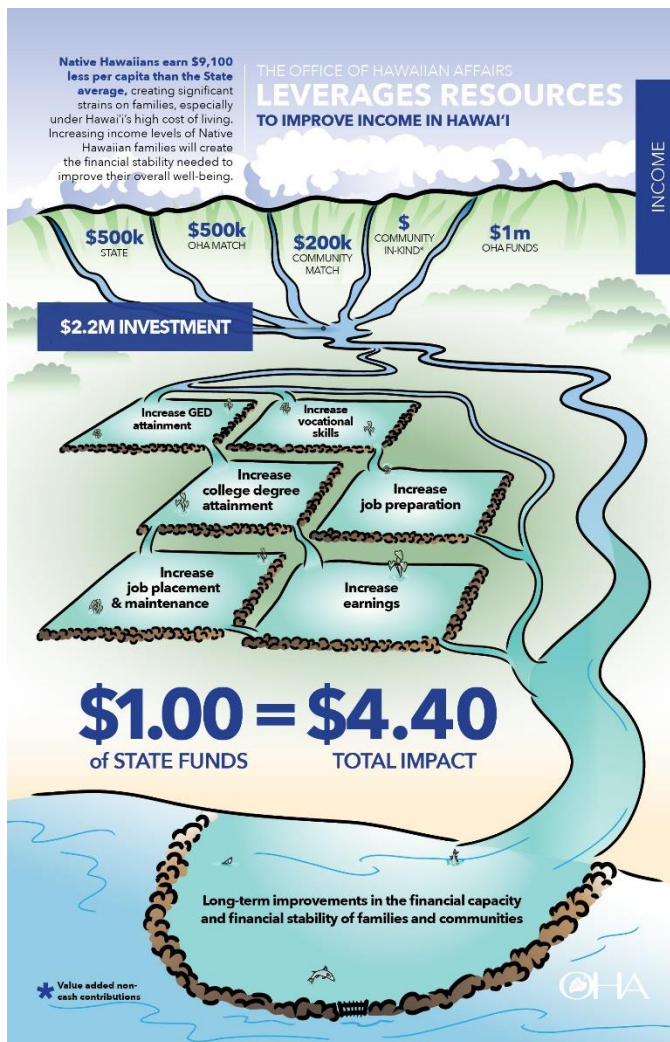
State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians:

- 114 NHs obtaining stable rental housing
- 70 NHs achieving homeownership
- 720 NHs provided financial literacy services

## 6. Income

To help ensure that our state has sufficiently skilled workers to support our businesses and other employers, OHA has invested heavily in career-training programs aimed at increasing the percentage of workforce-ready Native Hawaiians. Research shows that Native Hawaiians participate in the labor force at higher rates than the state average (65 percent, compared to the 61 percent average); however, they earn \$9,100 per capita less than the state average. Moreover, the unemployment rate among Native Hawaiians has nearly doubled to 10 percent over the past decade. At the same time, Hawai'i needs new skilled and trained workers to fill openings in a variety of trades and professions. Unfortunately, many Native Hawaiians and others lack the skills and training needed for such skilled employment.

**Figure 11.** Income Infographic (See Appendix A for larger image)



The requested \$500,000 in state funds will allow OHA and various community partners to invest heavily in creating a steady stream of new Native Hawaiian workers with GED diplomas, college degrees, and/or critical job skills that can enable them to obtain well-paying jobs and support their families.

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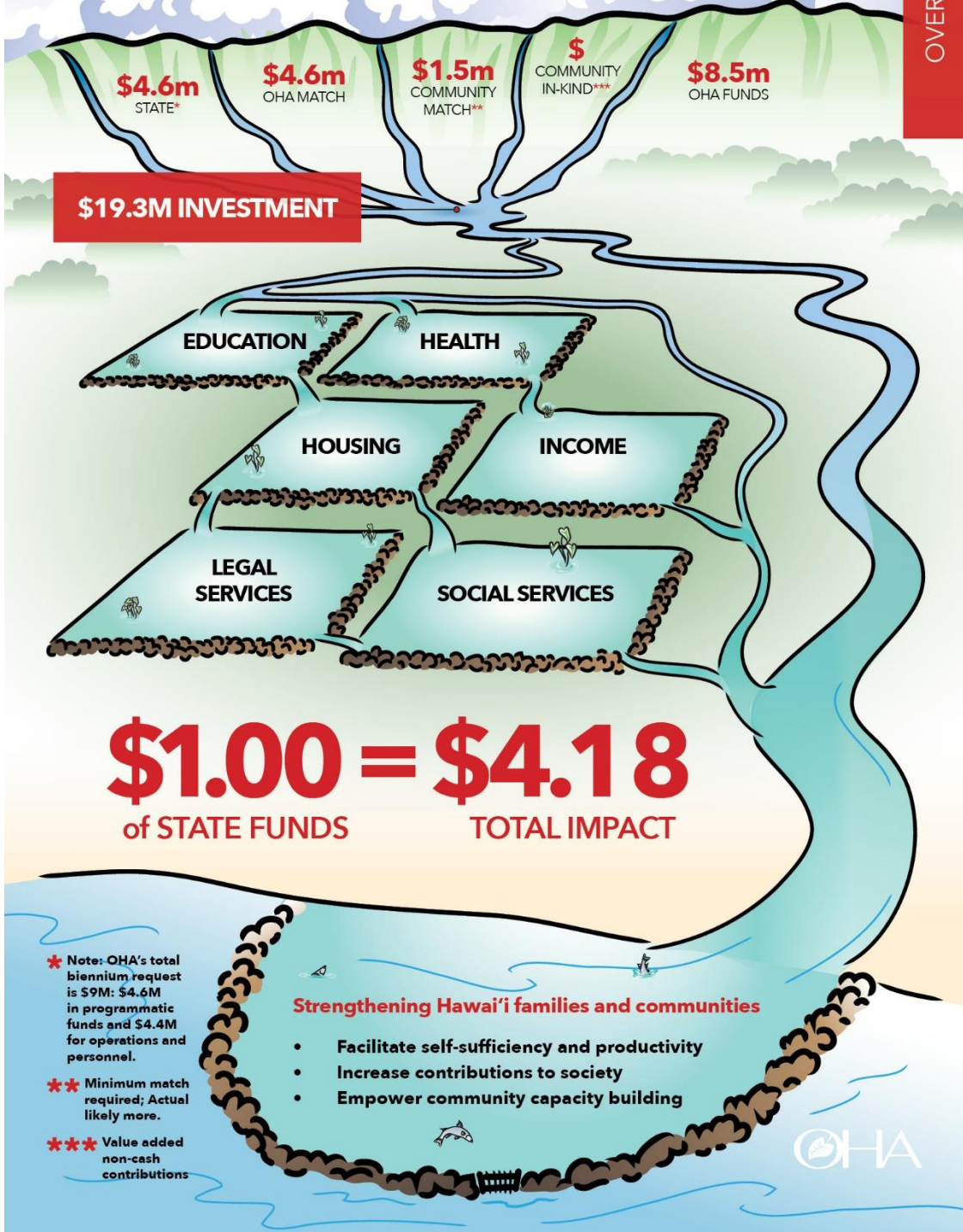
- 166 NHs completing short-term education or vocational training
- 140 NHs attaining employment
- 500 NHs awarded scholarships for educational training to obtain higher earning jobs
- 144 NHs provided financial literacy services

# Attachment A OHA's Full Size Infographics

**Native Hawaiians face some of the greatest needs among Hawai'i's citizens.** Pooling resources to address these needs is an effective way for the State, private organizations, and OHA to meet shared goals.

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OVERVIEW



\* Note: OHA's total biennium request is \$9M: \$4.6M in programmatic funds and \$4.4M for operations and personnel.

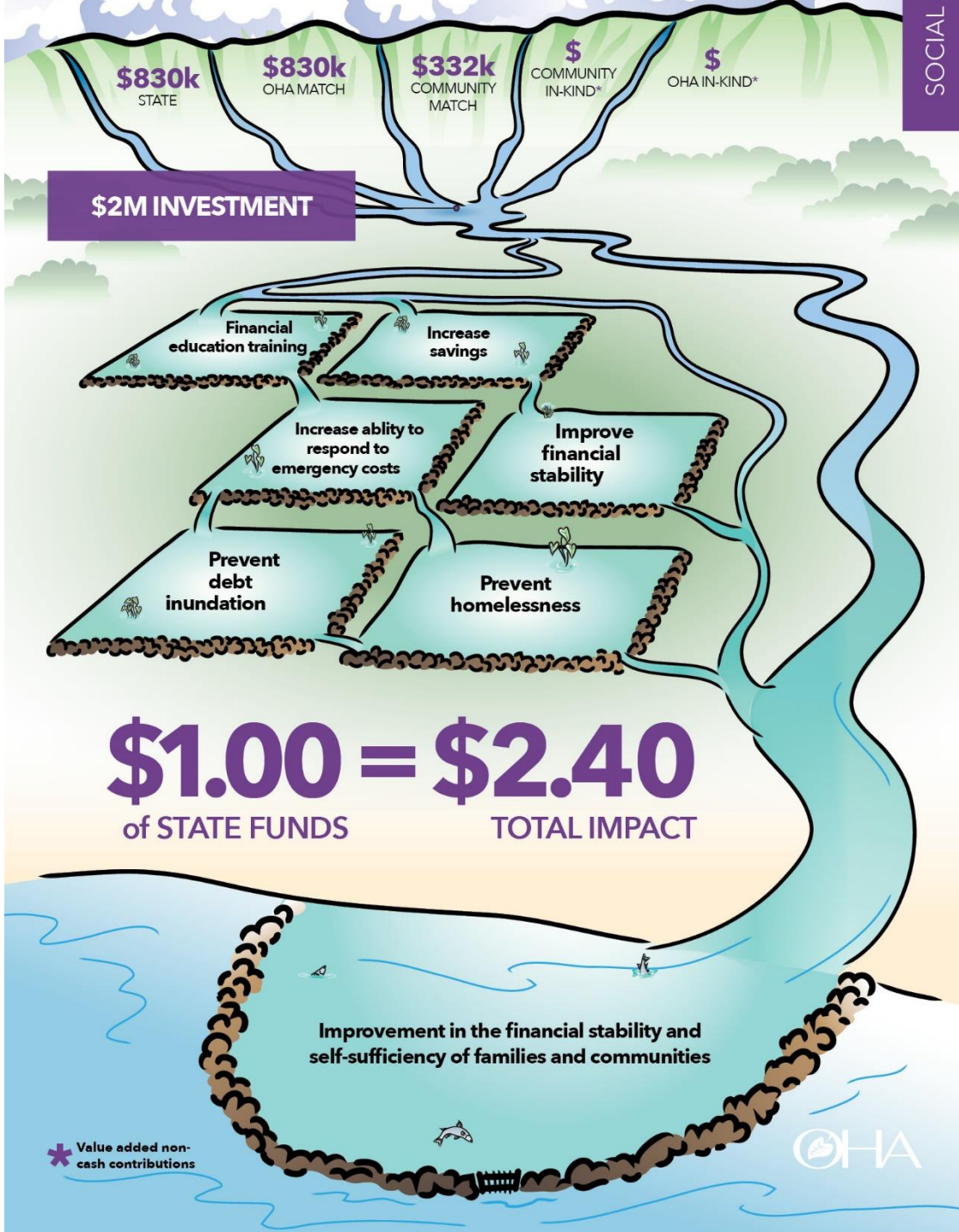
\*\* Minimum match required; Actual likely more.

\*\*\* Value added non-cash contributions

**14% of Native Hawaiians live in poverty.** Providing support for unforeseen needs of such financially vulnerable families can prevent a downward spiral toward debilitating debt, an inability to maintain employment, and homelessness.

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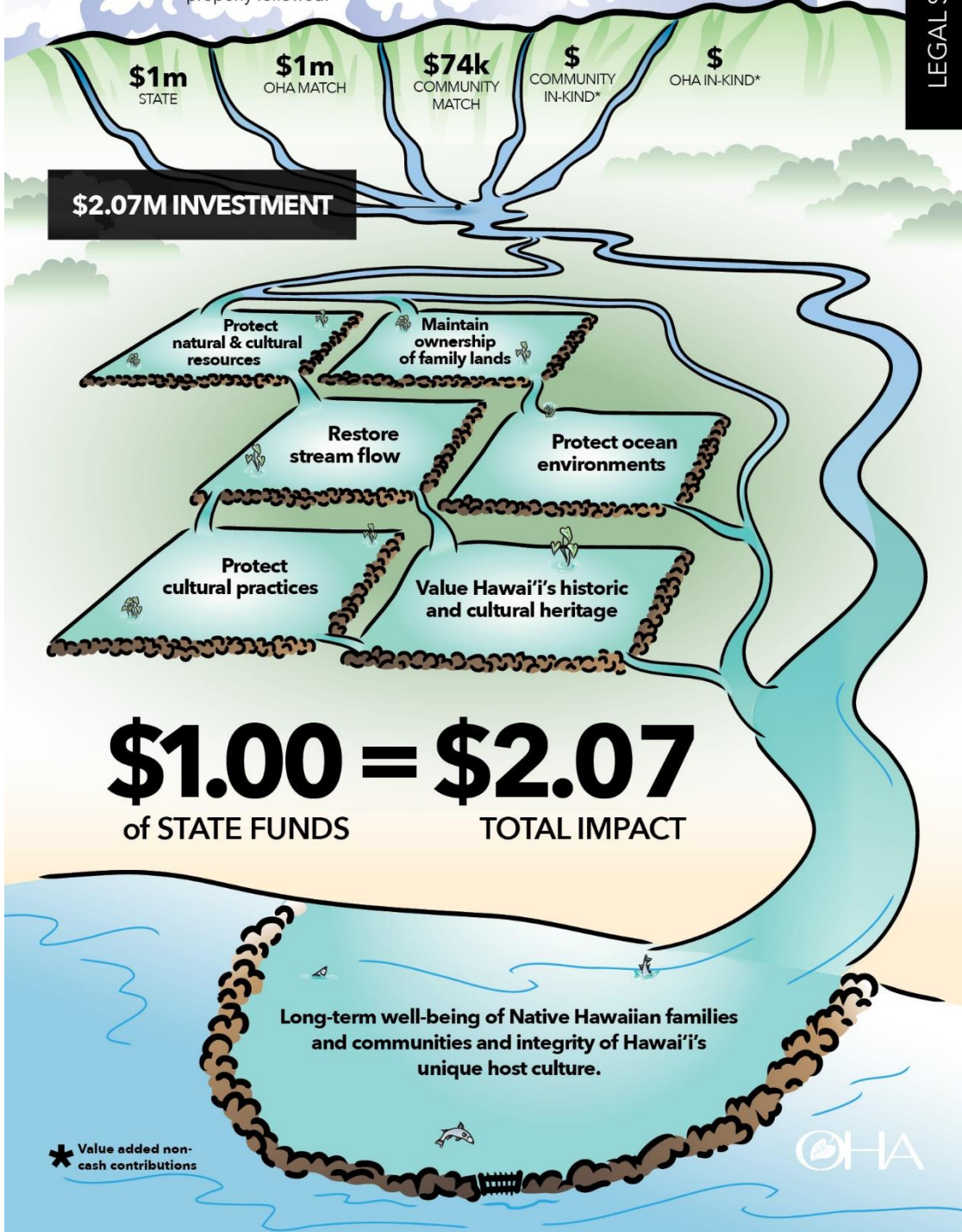




Access to justice is a critical need of the Native Hawaiian community. Affordable legal services allow Native Hawaiians to uphold their legal rights and ensure that our environmental protection and cultural preservation laws are properly followed.

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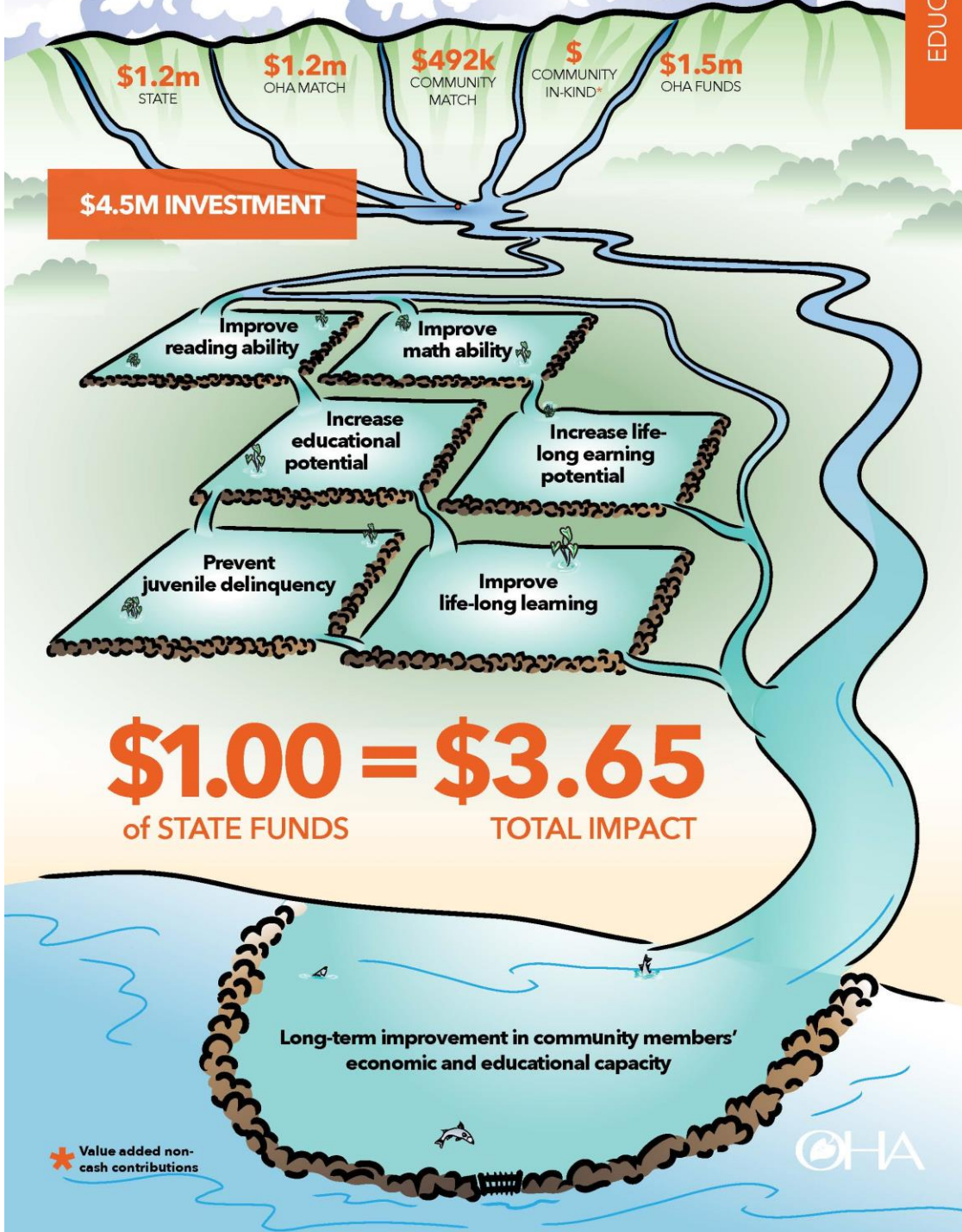


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**72% of Native Hawaiian students are not proficient in math and 64% are not proficient in reading** (vs 58% and 49% of students respectively statewide). Improving these core abilities for students would increase their life-long opportunities in education and employment.

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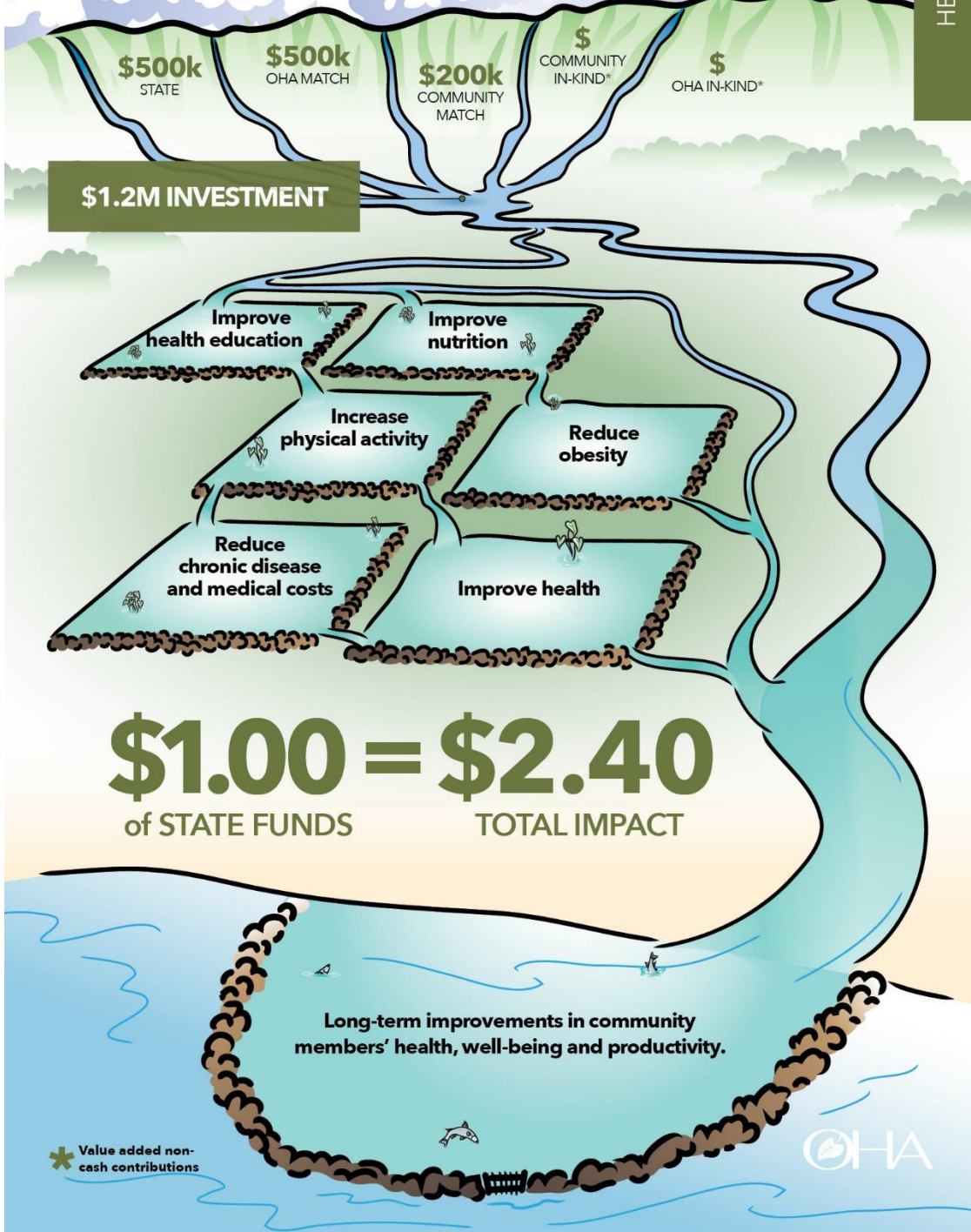
EDUCATION



The prevalence of obesity among Native Hawaiians is nearly two times greater than the state average. Decreasing obesity among Native Hawaiians is a key to improving their overall health, well-being, and productivity.

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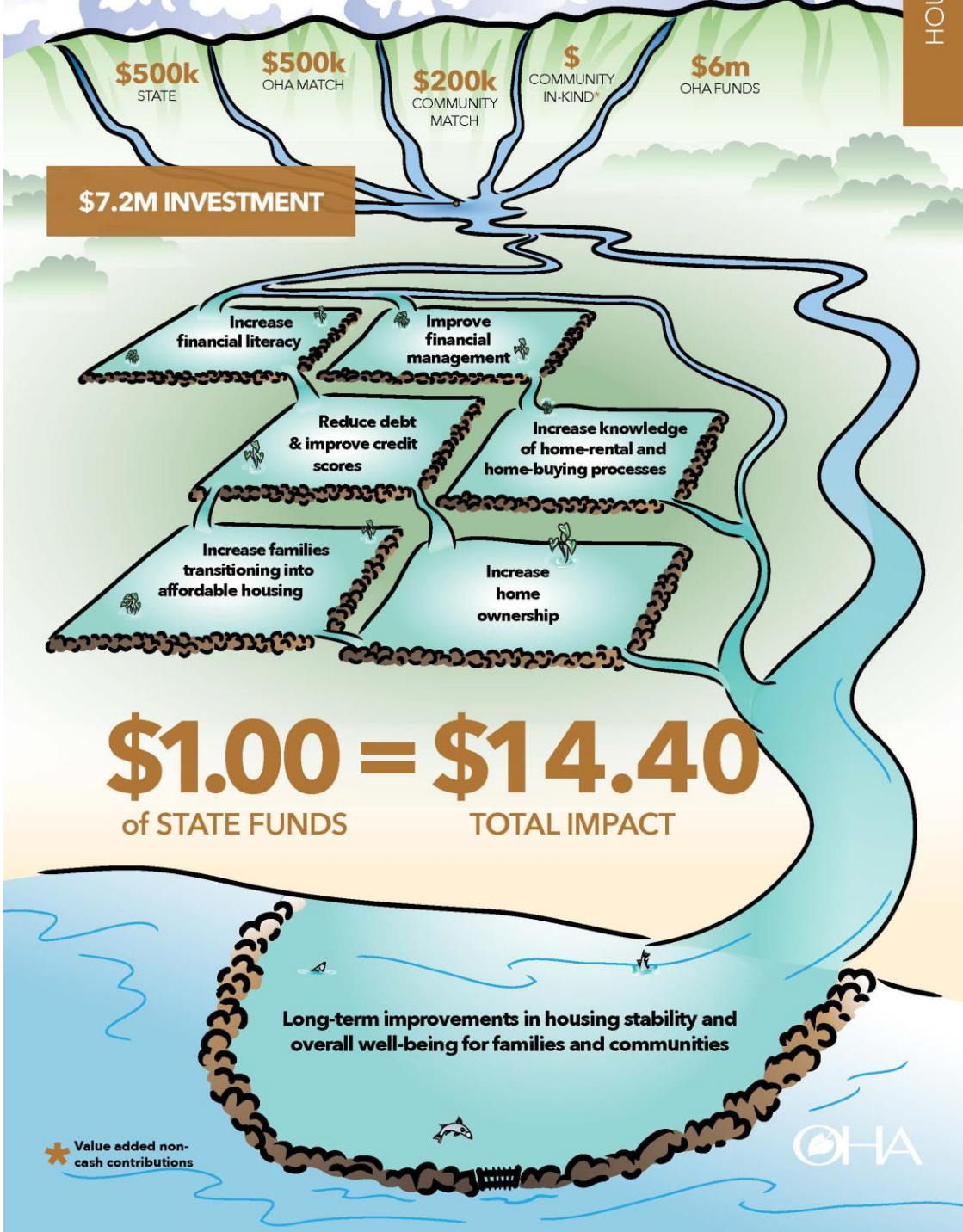
HEALTH



**55% of Native Hawaiians pay more than the HUD affordable housing rate** (30% of household income), creating an unstable situation of financial vulnerability. Increasing the financial viability of such families will improve their ability to achieve stable housing necessary for the overall well-being of families and communities.

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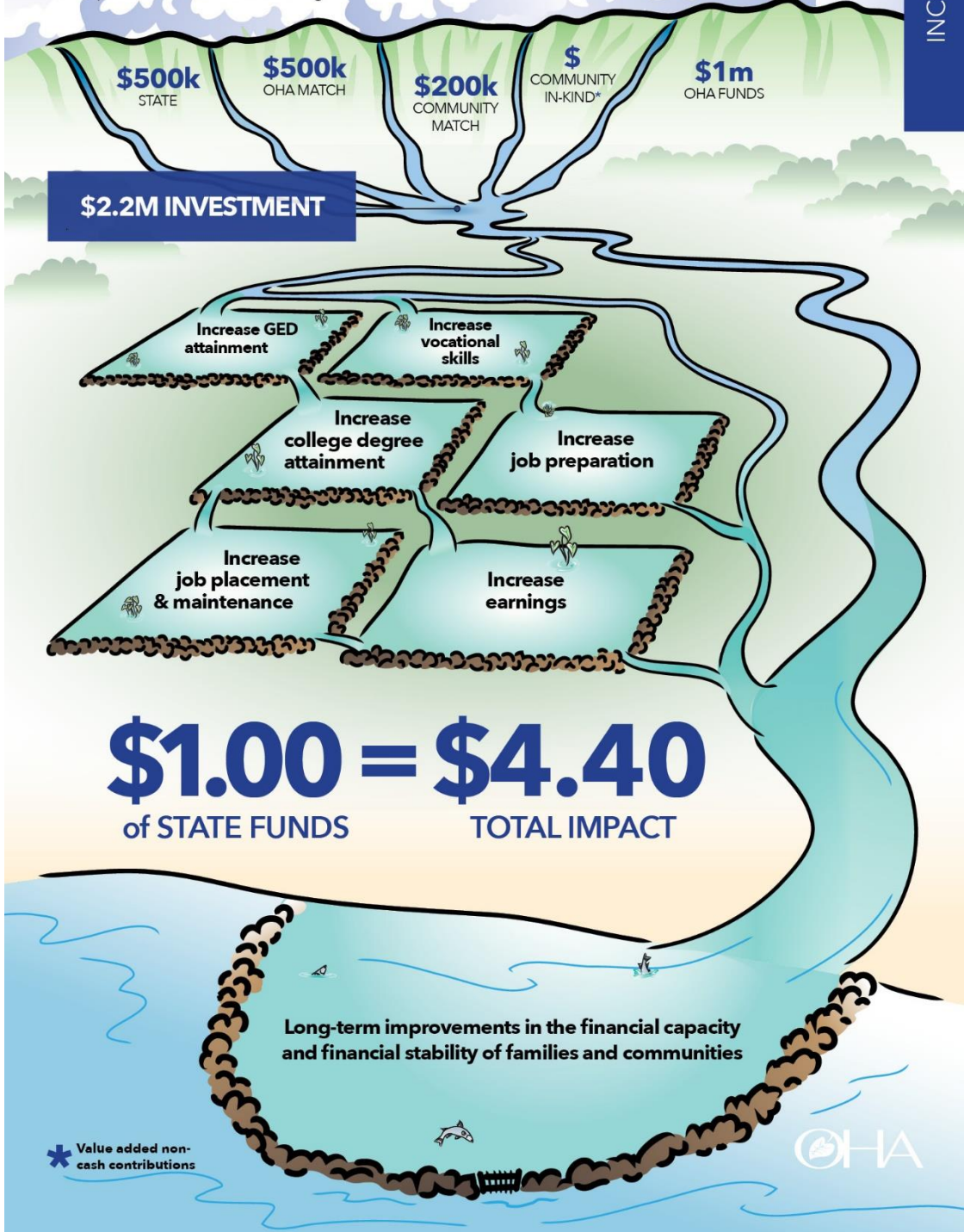
HOUSING



Native Hawaiians earn **\$9,100 less per capita than the State average**, creating significant strains on families, especially under Hawai'i's high cost of living. Increasing income levels of Native Hawaiian families will create the financial stability needed to improve their overall well-being.

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INCOME



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Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairperson  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Room 207  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**SUBJECT: OHA Response to Questions from January 6, 2017 WAM Budget Briefing**

Dear Chairperson Tokuda,

Pursuant to questions forwarded by your office on January 10, 2017 as a follow-up to OHA's January 6, 2017 WAM budget briefing, we hereby provide you with the following responses.

**Q:** Please provide a breakdown of the sponsorship fund for the Executive Director, including transaction and reimbursement amounts for FY16 (actuals) and FY17 (YTD)?

**A:** Part of OHA's grant funding includes sponsorships to provide funding support for an event or activity with the expectation of recognition benefits. This varies from a grant which provides financial assistance to an organization to support a project or program services. CEO sponsorships are processed in accordance with OHA's internal Sponsorship Guidelines and Process for CEO Sponsorships that has been in place since July 2014. Funding for this grant category is approved by OHA's Board of Trustees (BOT) with management transfers allowed pursuant to authority in Section 3.5.f of OHA's BOT Executive Policy Manual titled *Biennium Budget Realignment & Adjustments* states as follows:

*Changes to the budget that are not comprehensive enough to require a realignment are to be handled through budget adjustments. Management is delegated the authority to approve budget adjustments that fall within 10% of the total budget within their span of control. Any adjustments that exceed management's authorities must be approved by the BOT and shall be presented to the BOT in Action Item format.*

**Attachment #1** provides details for FY16 (actuals) and FY17 (YTD) sponsorships awarded as of January 6, 2017. There were no reimbursements during the reporting period.

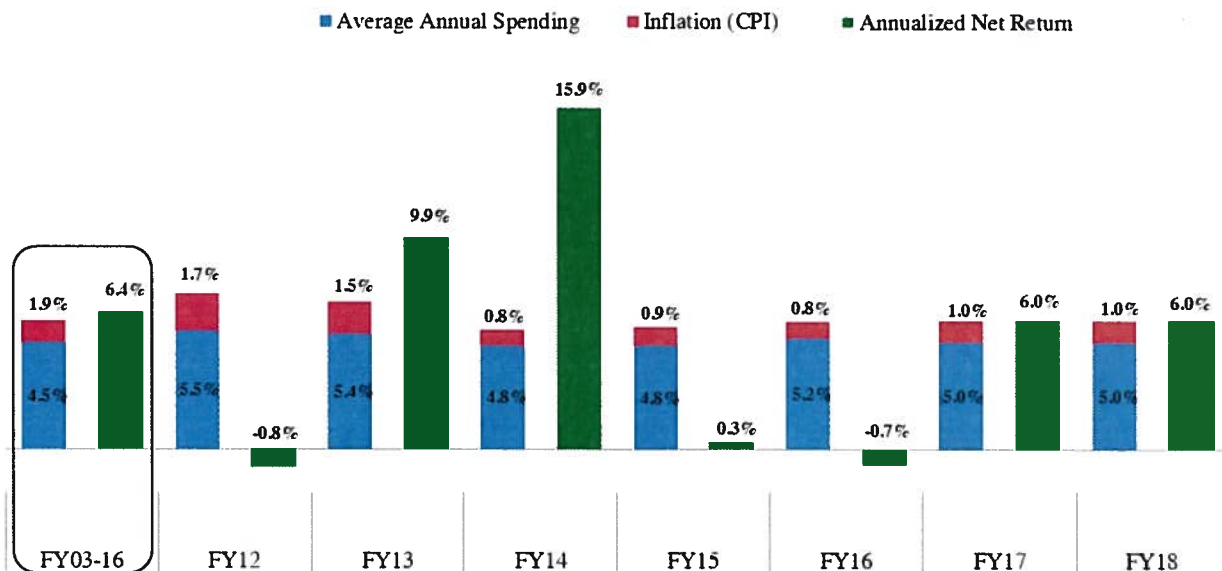
**Q: (A)** Please provide information on the Office of Hawaiian Affairs’s annual investment portfolio performance from FY12 to FY16. WAM is especially interested in the investment rate of return on the trust funds.

**(B)** Please provide information on the amount that has been drawn annually from the investment returns for the operating expenses of the Office of Hawaiian Affair from FY12 to FY16.

**(C)** Please provide the investment return amount and rate and the draw down for operating expenses estimated for FY17 and FY18.

**A:** The long term goal of OHA’s Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF) is to earn a rate of return that exceeds both OHA’s annual spending and inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index. This return target ensures that the NHTF will be able to maintain purchasing power and provide the same financial benefits to both current and future generations. As seen in **Figure 1** below, during the period of March 2003 to June 2016 inflation averaged 1.9% per year and spending averaged 4.5% per year for a **total return target of 6.4%**. During this 11-year period, the NHTF met its return target and reported a **net annualized return of 6.4%**. Actual NHTF performance for FY12 to FY16 is also presented with estimates for FY17 and FY18 provided. No “investment return amount” for FY17 and FY18 is available at this time.

**Figure 1. OHA’s NHTF Performance**



**Figure 1** is also presented as **Attachment #2**.

**Figure 2** below responds to your questions relating to draws made against OHA’s NHTF and provides the maximum authorization in each fiscal year pursuant to BOT approval. The maximum authorization is allowed pursuant to the NHTF Spending Policy and allows draws of 5% of a rolling 20-quarter average marking value of the NHTF plus any additional allocations

made from OHA’s fiscal reserve fund (FISCAL RESERVE) which is designed to provide money in certain situations including budget stabilization, unpredicted one-time payments and capital acquisitions.

The maximum designations allowable from FISCAL RESERVE to be made in any given fiscal year is limited to no more than \$3 million annually OR the balance of the fund (whichever is less). The \$3 million limitation is based on the fiscal year in which the designation is made, regardless of the year of funding specified in the designation and requires a vote of super majority (6 affirmative votes) for approval. There may be special circumstances that will require the use of funds in excess of the situations noted above, therefore, the criteria noted in the guidelines can be waived by OHA’s BOT with a vote of super majority plus 2 (8 affirmative votes). OHA’s Fiscal Reserve Balance is calculated as follows:

**Beginning Balance**

**+ Increases:**

**Audited financials that include:**

❖ **Unexpended and unencumbered “approved” core operating budget**

❖ **Unused funding from a prior fiscal year that is later “lapsed”**

**- Decreases**

**BOT-authorized withdrawals**

**= Ending Balance**

**Figure 2. Authorized and Actual Draws from OHA’s NHTF**

	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Totals FY09-FY16
Average Market Value	\$ 400,735,931	\$ 370,521,562	\$ 376,436,018	\$ 374,131,711	\$ 370,615,463	\$ 359,123,504	\$ 342,218,550	\$ 345,981,272	
<b>Board Authorized Draws from OHA's NHTF</b>									
5% of Average Market Value	\$ 20,036,797	\$ 18,526,078	\$ 18,821,801	\$ 18,706,586	\$ 18,530,773	\$ 17,956,175	\$ 17,110,928	\$ 17,299,064	
Add: Fiscal Reserve Authorizations	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,870,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	
=Total Authorized Draws	\$ 23,036,797	\$ 21,526,078	\$ 21,821,801	\$ 21,706,586	\$ 21,530,773	\$ 20,826,175	\$ 20,110,928	\$ 20,299,064	\$ 170,858,201
Less: Actual Draws	\$ (22,700,000)	\$ (18,500,000)	\$ (19,032,000)	\$ (19,600,000)	\$ (28,000,000)	\$ (24,500,000)	\$ (18,000,000)	\$ (15,000,000)	\$ (165,332,000)
Under/(Over) Authorized Draws	\$ 336,797	\$ 3,026,078	\$ 2,789,801	\$ 2,106,586	\$ (6,469,227)	\$ (3,673,825)	\$ 2,110,928	\$ 5,299,064	\$ 5,526,201
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Figure 2 is also presented as Attachment #3. Note, from FY09 through FY16, authorized draws totaled nearly \$170.9 million while actual draws were closer to \$165.3 million; which reflects a 96.7% rate of spending.



The Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairperson  
January 24, 2017  
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Please feel free to contact Chief Advocate, Kawika Riley, by email at [kawikar@oha.org](mailto:kawikar@oha.org) or by phone at 594-1996 should you have any questions regarding this response. The response has also been submitted electronically to [s.nasir@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:s.nasir@capitol.hawaii.gov).

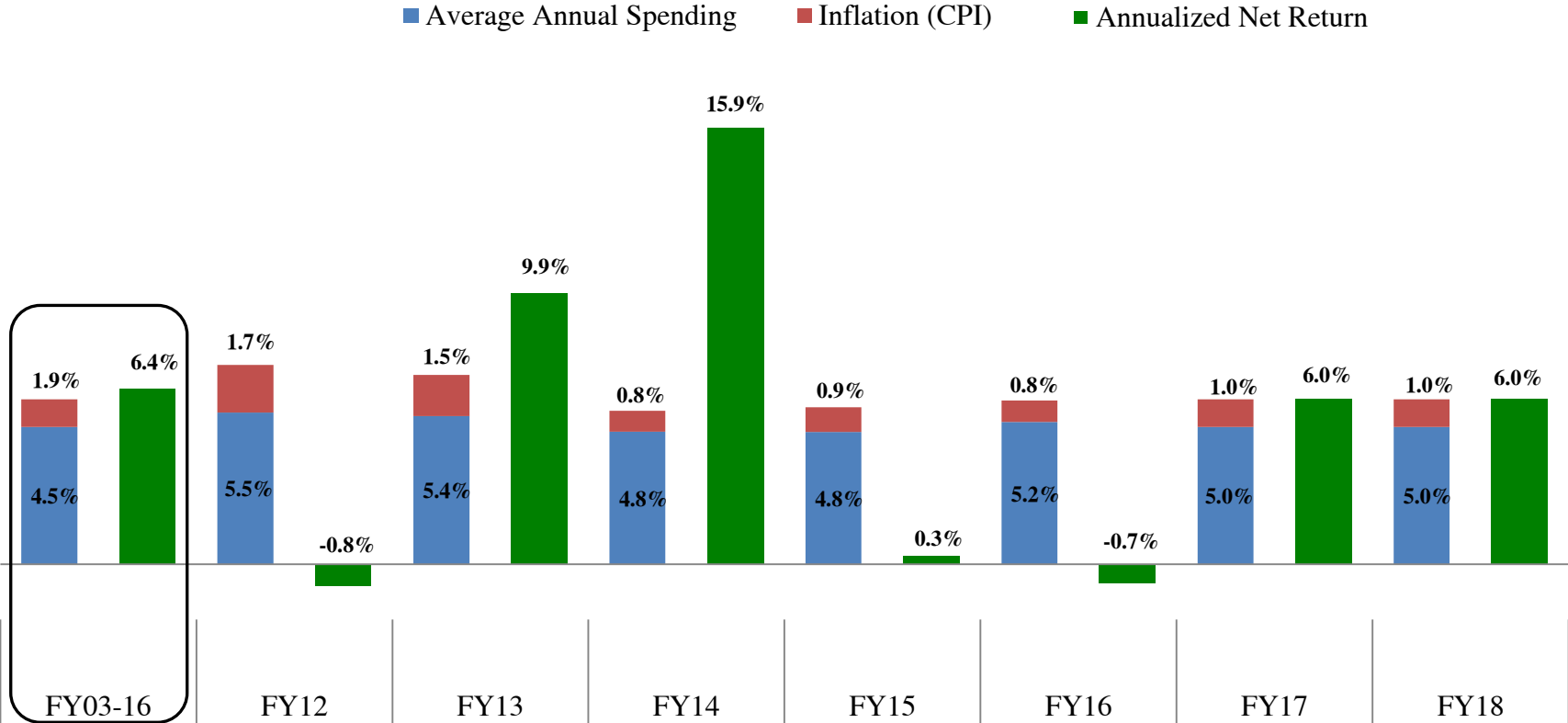
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Ka Pouhana, Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Trustee Rowena Akana, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Organization	Purpose	FY 16 (Actual) Award Amount
Aha Hipuu via Pohai o Kamehameha	10th Annual Kalani Alii Awards Banquet	\$ 1,000
Ala Kahakai Trail Association	Ka'u community stewardship project	2,000
Alu Like, Inc.	Gerontology Society of America Annual Scientific Conference 2015	5,000
American Diabetes Association	Step Out Walk to Stop Diabetes	10,000
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum	"Voices 2015: Moving Health Forward" conference	25,000
Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum	Making Waves - 17th Annual BPBM Dinner	3,500
Biographical Research Center	"This Native Daughter" video trailer	20,000
Clare Apana	KU'E petition - traveling presentations	20,000
Edith Kanakaole Foundation	Palapala Kanawai Mauna	25,000
Hawaii Psychological Association	HPA Convention 2015	1,000
Historic Hawaii Foundation	Kamaaina of the Year 2015 dinner	3,500
Hoomau Ke Ola	Project Aukahi o ka Aina	25,000
Kailapa Community Association	operational funds	2,000
KEY Project	Koolau Ohana Festival	1,600
Kokua Kalihi Valley	"Malama I Kekahi" dinner	750
Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club	2015 Ku I ke Kamaaina Recognition/Scholarship Luau	2,500
Living Life Source Foundation	Pasifika Festival 2016 and Pacific Arts Association Conference	10,000
Lunalilo Home	Annual Benefit Luau	200
Lunalilo Home	24th Annual Lunalilo Home Golf Tournament	3,000
Na Pualei o Likoleihua	participation at Merrie Monarch	5,000
National Indian Education Association	NIEA 2015 Convention	2,500
Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation	"Hoomalu Ka Lehua I Ka Wao" annual awards dinner	1,000
Pacific Islander Health Partnership on behalf of the Summit	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Summit	4,500
PA'I Foundation	Healing Our Sprit Worldwide Indigenous Peoples Conference	6,900
Papahana Kuaola	3rd Annual Fundraiser	1,750
Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center	Pacific Islander Needs Assessment	2,000
Queen's Medical Center	"An Everlasting Legacy of Giving" Annual Benefit Dinner	5,000
Rotary Club of West Honolulu	David Malo Award event	1,000
Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders Association	Hanau Ke Alii - Molokai performance	10,000
Waimea Valley - Hiipaka LLC	Waimea Valley Summer 2015 Concert Series	10,000
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$ 210,700</b>



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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY  
Committee on Finance  
Hearing: Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m.  
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IN SUPPORT OF  
HB 335 HD1, Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

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Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty J. K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
Members of the Finance Committee

Aloha mai kākou

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges your committee to pass HB 335 HD1, Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, that appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2019 appropriations.

After carefully reviewing the requested appropriations, we feel that the request is modest in consideration of the many programs and services delivered by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in implementing its strategic priorities of ‘āina, culture, economic self-sufficiency, education, governance, and health. A detailed description of these priorities can be found at the OHA website at [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

Me kealoha pumehana

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House Committee on Finance

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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TESTIMONY

By Kau'i Burgess  
Kamehameha Schools

To: Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee

RE: **HB 335 HD1, Relating to Office of Hawaiian Affairs**

E ka Luna Ho'omaluku Luke, ka Hope Luna Ho'omaluku Cullen a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike Waiwai o ka Hale o nā Lunamaka'āinana, aloha! My name is Kau'i Burgess and I serve as the Director of Community Relations for Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to **support HB 335 HD1**, relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), and offer the following comments:

OHA's mission, which is to mālama (*protect*) Hawai'i's people, and its environmental resources and assets for the perpetuation of culture, the enhancement of lifestyle, and the protection of entitlements of Native Hawaiians aligns with Kamehameha Schools' vision and efforts to support the advancement of a thriving Lāhui by the year 2040.

We believe that appropriating the requested funds for OHA to deliver educational, social, legal, health, housing and income improvement programs and services will complement the efforts of Kamehameha Schools and other Native Hawaiian serving organizations that seek to leverage our resources to support the improvement of Hawai'i's systems that affect Native Hawaiians and all Hawai'i's people.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

'A'oha hana nui ke alu 'ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.



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## Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth In Support of HB335 HD1 Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs House Committee on Finance 08 March 2017, 9:00 am, Room 308

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

**Hawai'i Green Growth strongly supports HB335 HD1** to appropriate funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to support the protection of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, Native Hawaiian communities and action on all six of the *Aloha+ Challenge* sustainability goals. This includes Land and Culture grants that support efforts across the state on clean energy, local food, natural resources, and education.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is a key leader in an advancing integrated sustainability, and is one of the six signatories of the *Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability – He Nohona 'Ae'ōia*.

The *Aloha+ Challenge* is a joint leadership commitment launched by the State Legislature (SCR69), Governor, four County Mayors, Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Hawai'i Green Growth public-private partners. This statewide framework outlines six ambitious 2030 sustainability goals in the areas of clean energy, local food, natural resource management, solid waste, smart sustainable communities, and green education and workforce. The *Aloha+ Challenge* has been recognized nationally and internationally as a model that can be scaled to support the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement.

As a public-private partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth strongly supports **HB335 HD1**.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Theodora Akau Gaspar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: OHA needs to be held accountable for all the mismanagement and the levels of deception especially with beneficiary monies....

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
dennis boyd miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Regarding HB335 FIN Committee March 8, 2017 in Room 308 Aloha! I'm Dennis B Miller, a Waikiki resident. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has the appearance of financial improprieties. The public deserves to know that public money is spent honestly. By demonstrating full transparency and complying with a forensic audit, the OHA can restore its reputation as a trustworthy agency. Failing to comply with a forensic audit will leave the OHA under a cloud of suspicion of wrong doing. Please be good stewards of public funds and require all agencies with 'messy' financial record keeping to undergo a forensic audit. Thank you, Dennis B Miller

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Vickery	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Complete forensic audit before anymore funds can be released. Do your job for the benefit of the trustees, not yourselves. Enough already!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Koonohiokala Norenberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not give the Office of Hawaiian Affairs any funding until a forensic audit is completed.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lilia Kapuniai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Evern Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do NOT pass this bill without adding that OHA must do a forensic audit FIRST.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Howard H Spinney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We need to get the Forensic Audit, or change the way the board is voted in, before any more funds go to Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I mean why is it that the public get to vote for these people and the monies appropriated for OHA is Hawaiian's Beneficiary monies! And also there was a lot of money missing in the last statement's according to the OHA board, massing over 1,000,000 dollars. why? The Office of Hawaiian Affairs need to be Audited by a forensic un-bias company or the FBI.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Sent: Monday, February 7, 2017 Subject: HB335 Aloha Chair Ing, Vice Chair Gates and Committee Members: I am in support of House Bill HB335, but I would strongly recommend that your committee require that an independent third party forensic audit be done to ensure that the fiduciary responsibilities of the OHA Board of Trustee's and its Administration are in compliance. There have recently been too many allegations regarding the mishandling of Beneficiary's monies and the paying out of Beneficiary's monies to settle misconduct perpetrated by Trustee's themselves, when OHA currently pays for insurance to pay for such misconduct. The recent objection by certain Trustee's to have an independent forensic audit done, yet wants a unqualified individual to oversee an internal audit sends red flags up that there appears to be deception and an effort to conceal what is really going on financially at The Office of Hawaiian Affairs. An independent third party audit will either uncover wrong doing or eliminate all suspicion for all concern. Ron Lee Waianae, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly SUPPORT HB335 which would provide the funds needed to support strategically-aligned programs and operations that will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. This bill includes proposals to match OHA trust funds with state general funds, and would allow the state to multiply the impact of its dollars in providing much- needed education, housing, health, social, income, and legal services to Native Hawaiians. This bill will ultimately strengthen Hawai'i's families and communities as a whole. I know firsthand how valuable these services are to my family and my community and I urge the committee to PASS this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aulii Dudoit	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Benton Pang. I strongly SUPPORT HB335 HD1 which would provide the funds needed to support strategically- aligned programs and operations that will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. This bill includes proposals to match OHA trust funds with state general funds, and would allow the state to multiply the impact of its dollars in providing much-needed education, housing, health, social, income, and legal services to Native Hawaiians. This bill will ultimately strengthen Hawai'i's families and communities as a whole. I know firsthand how valuable these services are to my family and my community and I urge the committee to PASS this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kuulei Cooper-Springer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We demand a forensic audit of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, before ANY funds are appropriated. The continued reckless spending of beneficiary dollars is unacceptable, as our Kupuna and keiki continue to wait for basic needs. OHA is out of control, and deserves more scrutiny. It has become an ineffective, disfunctional entity, which continues to freely spend money without any accountability. Mahalo.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
E Yadao	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: No more unfettered funds that go to the personal enrichment of trustees instead of the intended recipients: beneficiaries. No more funds for this organization until a full AUDIT is conducted.

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House Committee on Finance  
March 8, 2017 at 9:00AM  
State Capitol Conference Room 308  
HB335, HD1

Aloha nui e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance:

We write today in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB335.

The biennium budget allows the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to operate in support of the social and economic well-being of the Native Hawaiian community. Our organization has had the opportunity to work as a community partner with OHA over the past decade on one of their programs in supporting Native Hawaiians individuals and families achieve greater financial stability, integrate financial literacy tools into their households, and have greater access to credit for their educational, home improvement, and debt consolidation needs. In addition to consumer support, this program has also supported over 2,000 locally owned businesses with their long-term success and access to credit. These businesses create jobs and generate economic activity which not only support Native Hawaiian beneficiaries, but significantly impact positively the larger Hawai'i community as well.

This is only one program of many that OHA operates in direct support of the social and economic needs of the Native Hawaiian community. Matching funds from the state further leverage the important work that OHA and its community partners do around education, healthcare, culture, and economic self-sufficiency. These are critical goals not only for the 23% of the population of Native Hawaiian ancestry, but for the entire state. Supporting OHA directly supports these important long-term goals for our State residents and communities.

We strongly **support** this budget bill and urge this Committee to vote in favor. Mahalo for the opportunity to share testimony on this important measure. Mahalo.





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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Finance Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Committee Members,..... I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF HB 335 SD1 RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS. Appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. Appropriations..... I appreciate the state's funding and also REQUEST A LIFTING OF THE \$15,000,000 CAP. As evidenced by OHA's Biennium FY 18 & 19 Report to the OMH Committee, OHA successfully leverages each state funded \$1 for an IMPACT of \$4.40 to our Hawaiian community..... While there are questions on some OHA's expenditures, we are seeking a financial audit, with OHA, that will clarify these areas of concern. Please allow us concerned individuals and organizations to work this out with OHA..... Mahalo for your time and consideration and again I SUPPORT PASSAGE OF HB 335 HD1 AS IS..... Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai, A concerned Waianae community member

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kuhio Lewis	King Kamehameha Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments: Aloha e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance: We write today in strong support of HB335, the biennium budget for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Native Hawaiian Civic Clubs were founded by Prince Kūhio in 1918 to advocate for the improved welfare of Native Hawaiians including through the perpetuation of culture, health, economic development, and education. The King Kamehameha Hawaiian Civic Club has members across multiple generations and from communities throughout the State of Hawai'i. We know that the ability of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to provide much needed education, housing, health, social, income, and legal services to Native Hawaiians require stable fiscal resources. This budget helps the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its efforts to engage in critical data collection and research; operate programs in support of improved health, economic conditions, legal access, and the overall well-being of Native Hawaiian individuals and families; and, provides funding to community-based organizations implementing social and economic develop programs for communities across the State of Hawai'i. We urge this Committee to pass this budget bill. Not only does it provide necessary funding in support of our trust obligation to the Native Hawaiian people, but the dollars spent directly go to positively impacting communities across the state of Hawai'i. Mahalo.

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