



HB335 HD2
RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

March 29, 2017

1:30 p.m.

Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** HB335 HD2, OHA's 2017-2018 budget proposal. **OHA respectfully asks that the Committee support OHA's request for health improvement, housing improvement, and income improvement program provisions, as well as OHA's personnel request, as reflected in the attached SD1. This measure would further the long and successful partnership between the State of Hawai'i and OHA, and represents a strong investment that would multiply the community impact of the requested general funds, through OHA's proven strategic leveraging efforts. It would also help OHA maintain current level of operations and reduce impacts to OHA's level of community support and/or services.**

Since OHA's establishment in 1978, the scale of OHA's 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 other agencies' policies and practices which impact Native Hawaiians;
- Conducting advocacy efforts on behalf of Native Hawaiians; and
- Serving as a receptacle for reparations.

In addition to the growing needs of our beneficiaries, OHA faces a significant financial burden as a result of the State and the federal government's recent negotiation to increase the composite fringe rate for state employees to 60%. While OHA is not privy to or consulted on the changing fringe rate, the change has placed a \$2.3 million additional burden on OHA. We humbly request that the legislature assist OHA by restoring OHA's personnel funding request of \$1.4 million to help to cover a portion of the more than \$2.3 million increase each fiscal year.

The reduction in general funds for personnel costs in HB335 HD2 would have a significant impact to OHA's operations. The number of FTE positions partially funded by state general funds—62, has remained the same from last biennium. In order to work through the fringe rate increase to mitigate reductions to our programmatic services, OHA has already, and intends to continue to freeze 9 FTEs during the fiscal biennium 2018-2019. OHA estimates the impact of reduction in general fund personnel to be equivalent to

approximately 20 FTE positions. The total potential impact of 29 FTEs, represents approximately 1 of every 6.2 FTEs of OHA's work force.

If some or all of the personnel reduction is offset by other trust fund budget areas, it will inevitably result in reduced programmatic services to communities and beneficiaries which OHA serves.

Additionally, 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.

Accordingly, OHA respectfully requests the Committee to approve the attached proposed SD1, which would amend HB335 HD2 by:

- Reinserting the health, housing, and income improvement program and services (\$750,000 in general funds for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19)
- Clarifying that OHA is requesting general funds for zero (0.00) temporary positions
- Reinserting the increased general fund request of \$1.4 million, to partially cover the approximately \$2.3 million overall increase in OHA's personnel fringe costs, and related POS allocations.

In conclusion, restoration of OHA's original request for general fund appropriations will help OHA to cover a portion of the unanticipated fringe cost increase, while also maintaining a similar level of community investment and support as it has provided over the previous biennium. The proposed SD1 includes a request for personnel (62 FTE positions partially funded by general funds) and operational expenses, which will be matched with OHA trust funds by a 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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 **PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**
2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may
3 be cited as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Appropriations Act of
4 2017.

5 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise clear from the
6 context, as used in this Act:

7 (a) "Program ID" means the unique identifier for the specific
8 program and consists of the abbreviation for the Office of
9 Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) followed by the organization number
10 for the program.

11 (b) "Means of financing" (or "MOF") means the source from which
12 funds are appropriated or authorized to be expended for
13 the programs and projects specified in this Act. All
14 appropriations are followed by letter symbols. Such
15 letter symbols, where used, shall have the following
16 meanings:

17 A general funds

18 T trust funds

1 (c) "Permanent position ceiling" means the maximum number of
2 permanent positions that an expending agency is authorized
3 for a particular program during a specified period or
4 periods, as denoted by an asterisk. "Temporary position
5 ceiling" means the maximum number of temporary positions
6 that an expending agency is authorized for a particular
7 program during a specified period or periods, as denoted
8 by two asterisks.

9 **PART II. PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS**

10 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS. The following sums, or so much
11 thereof as may be sufficient to accomplish the purposes and
12 programs designated herein, are hereby appropriated or
13 authorized from the means of financing specified to the Office
14 of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1,
15 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The total general fund
16 expenditures and the number of positions in each fiscal year of
17 the biennium shall not exceed the sums and the number indicated
18 for each fiscal year, except as provided elsewhere in this Act,
19 or as provided by general law.

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PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

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ITEM NO.	PROG. ID	PROGRAM	EXPENDING AGENCY	FISCAL YEAR	M O	FISCAL YEAR	M O
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			OHA		322,011T		322,011T
2.	OHA160	- ADMINISTRATION			15.47*		15.47*
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	OPERATING		OHA		1,785,300A		1,785,300A
					21.53*		21.53*
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			OHA		2,368,928T		2,368,928T
3.	OHA175	- BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY			4.56*		4.56*
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			OHA		3,411,589T		3,411,589T

1 **PART III. PROGRAM PROVISIONS**

2 SECTION 4. Provided that the general fund appropriations
3 in part II of this Act shall be expended by the Office of
4 Hawaiian Affairs.

5 SECTION 5. Provided that of the funds appropriated for
6 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$415,000 in general
7 funds and \$415,000 in trust funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
8 the same sums for fiscal year 2018-2019 shall be expended to
9 provide for social services, including referral services and
10 case management, to at-risk Office of Hawaiian Affairs
11 beneficiaries to immediately address unexpected crises. Program
12 activities shall be designed with an overall objective to
13 provide financial assistance to improve stability during
14 emergency situations; provided further that notwithstanding
15 section 10-17(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes, any funds expended
16 for the purposes of this section shall be in accordance with
17 chapter 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as appropriate.

18 SECTION 6. Provided that of the funds appropriated for
19 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$615,000 in general
20 funds and \$615,000 in trust funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
21 the same sums for fiscal year 2018-2019 shall be expended to
22 provide for educational improvement programs for Native Hawaiian

1 students. Program activities shall be designed to help Native
2 Hawaiian students meet or exceed educational standards; provided
3 further that notwithstanding section 10-17(e), Hawaii Revised
4 Statutes, any funds expended for the purposes of this section
5 shall be made in accordance with chapter 103D or 103F, Hawaii
6 Revised Statutes, or a competitive grants process, as
7 appropriate.

8 SECTION 7. Provided that of the funds appropriated for
9 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$524,400 in general
10 funds and \$524,400 in trust funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
11 the same sums for fiscal year 2018-2019 shall be expended to
12 provide for legal services and legal representation to Office of
13 Hawaiian Affairs beneficiaries for:

- 14 (1) the assertion and defense of quiet title actions; and
- 15 (2) assistance with ahupua'a and kuleana tenant rights,
16 including rights of access and rights to water; and
- 17 (3) land title assistance, including review of title and
18 genealogy; and
- 19 (4) preservation of traditional and customary practices; and
- 20 (5) protection of culturally significant places; and
- 21 (6) preservation of Native Hawaiian land trust entitlements;

1 provided further that notwithstanding section 10-17(e), Hawaii
2 Revised Statutes, any funds expended for the purposes of this
3 section shall be made in accordance with chapter 103D or 103F,
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes, as appropriate.

5 SECTION 8. Provided that of the funds appropriated for
6 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$750,000 in general
7 funds and \$750,000 in trust funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 and
8 the same sums for fiscal year 2018-2019 shall be expended at the
9 discretion of the board of trustees of the office of Hawaiian
10 affairs for office of Hawaiian affairs beneficiaries for health
11 improvement programs and services, housing improvement programs
12 and services, and income improvement programs and services;
13 provided further that no state general funds shall be expended
14 unless matched by the expenditure of at least an equal amount of
15 office of Hawaiian affairs' trust funds.

16 **PART IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

17 SECTION 9. Provided that whenever necessary, the board of
18 trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or the board's
19 designee may transfer sufficient funds and positions between
20 programs for operating purposes; provided further that these
21 transfers shall be consistent with legislative intent; and
22 provided further that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall

1 submit a report to the legislature of all uses of this
2 authority for the previous twelve month period from December 1
3 to November 30 no later than twenty days prior to the regular
4 session of 2018 and 2019.

5 SECTION 10. If any portion of this Act or its application
6 to any person, entity, or circumstance is held to be invalid for
7 any reason, the legislature declares that the remainder of the
8 Act and each and every other provision thereof shall not be
9 affected thereby. If any portion of a specific appropriation is
10 held to be invalid for any reason, the remaining portion shall
11 be expended to fulfill the objective of such appropriation to
12 the extent possible.

13 SECTION 11. In the event manifest clerical, typographical,
14 or other mechanical errors are found in this Act, the board of
15 trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is authorized to
16 correct these errors. All changes made pursuant to this section
17 shall be reported to the legislature at its next session.

18 SECTION 12. Material to be repealed is bracketed and
19 stricken. New material in prior enacted laws is underscored.

20 SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1,
21 2017.

Report Title:

OHA Package; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Appropriations; Budget

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. (HB335 HD2 SD1)

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COPIES OF PREVIOUS OHA RESPONSES TO SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

OHA Response Jan. 24, 2017 to Senate Ways and Means Committee
 OHA Response March 22, 2017 Impact Statement to Senate Ways & 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).

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

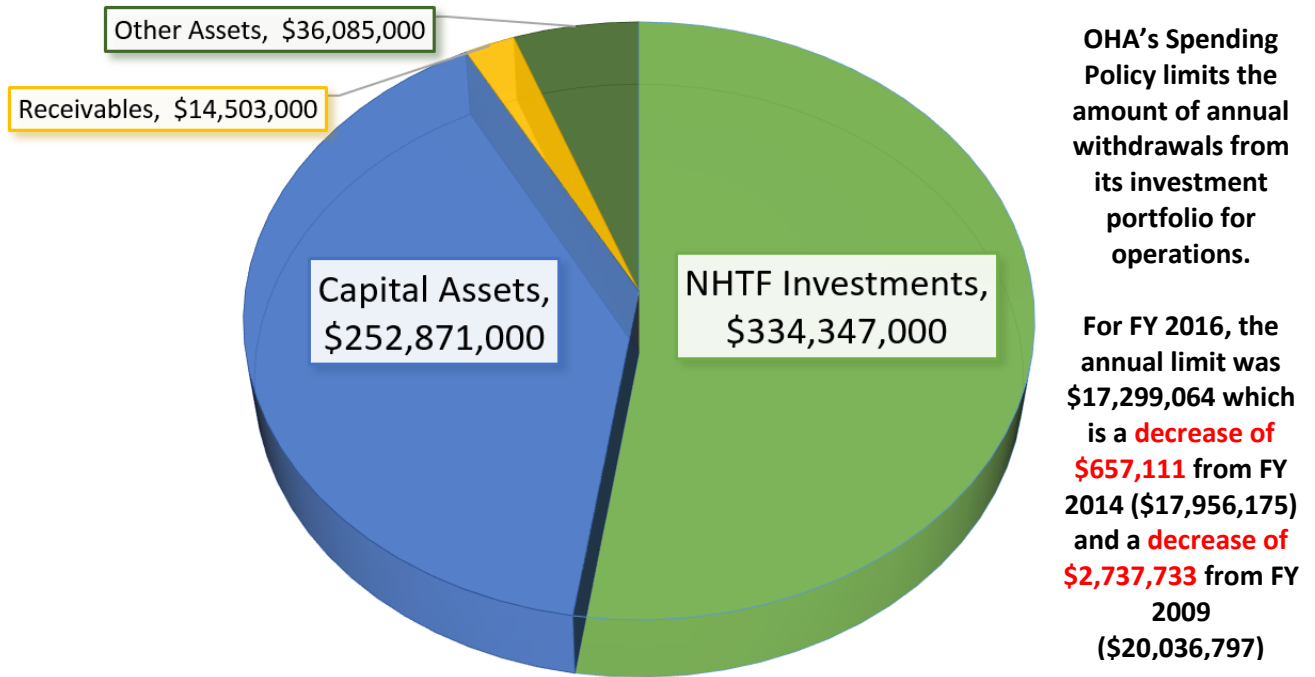


Figure 2. OHA’s FY 2016 Funding Sources for Core Operations = \$35,666,229

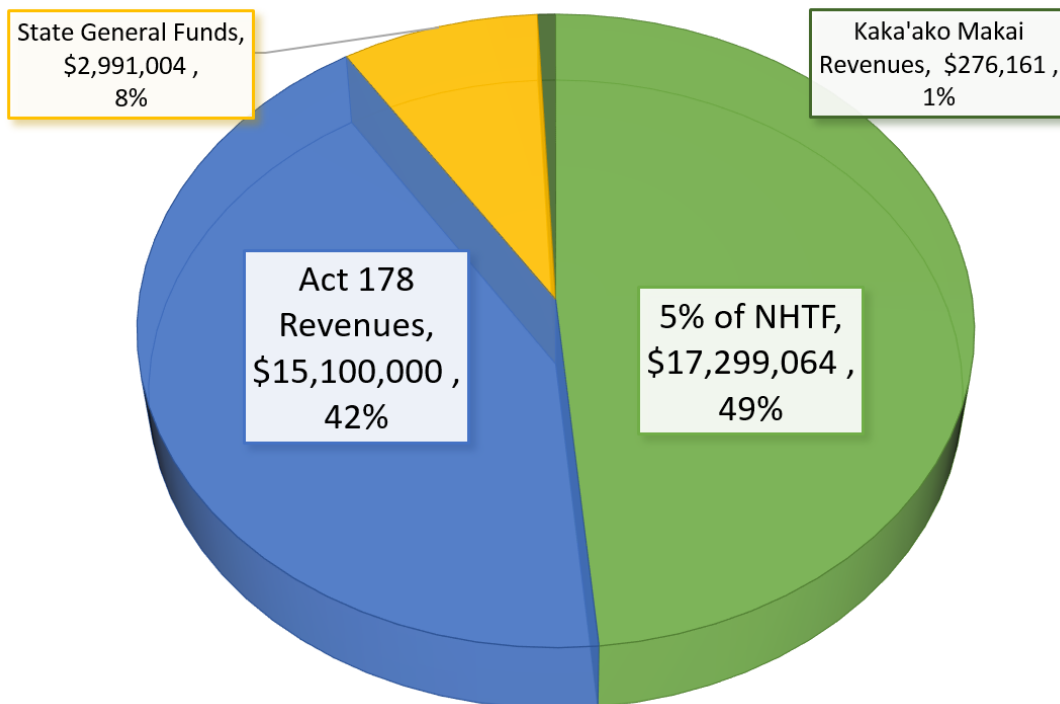
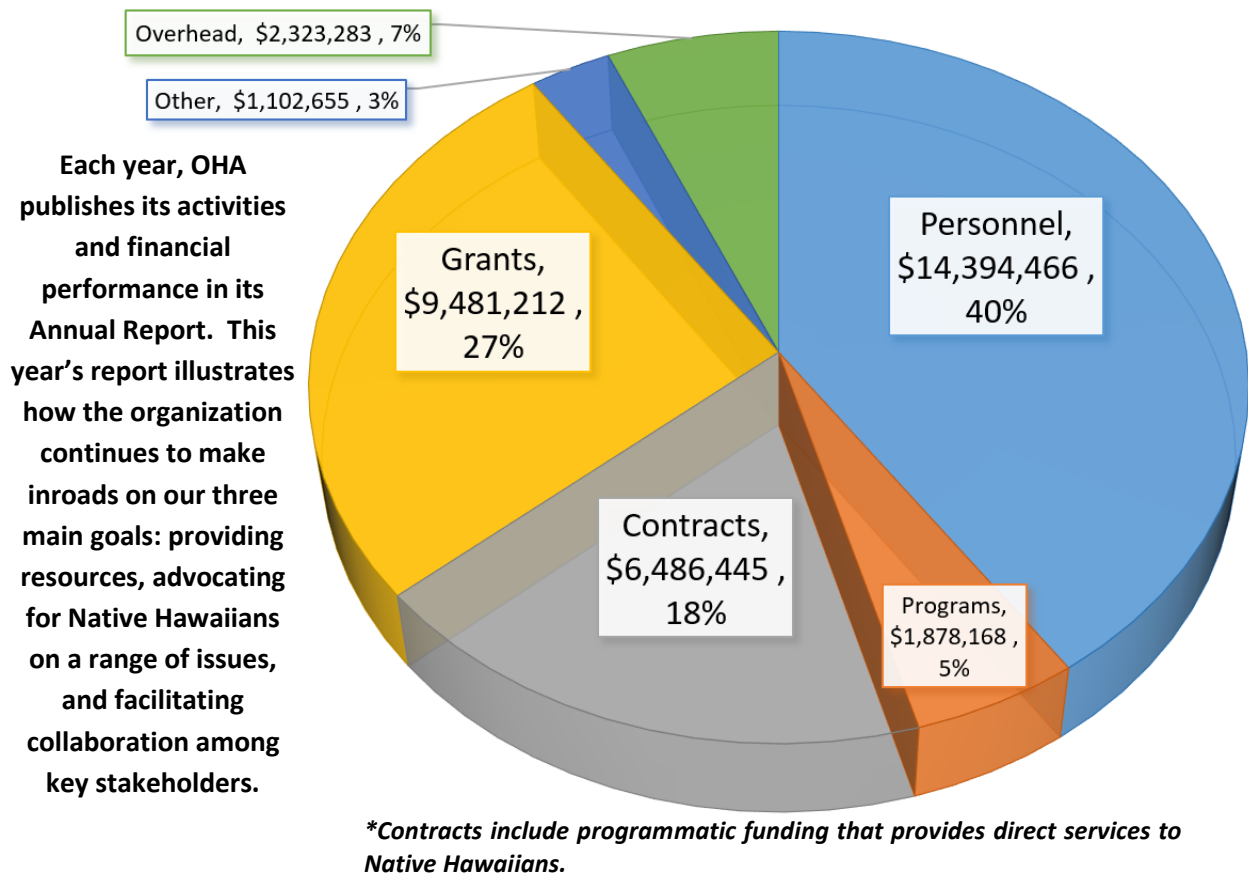


Figure 3. OHA's FY 2016 Core Operating Budget = \$35,666,229



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/.

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

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. 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
TOTAL:	\$ 4,608,800	\$ 4,608,800	\$ 1,498,514	\$ 8,540,000	\$ 19,256,114	4.18	19,070	15,656

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
U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highways --	
Pass-through from Department of Transportation, State of Hawai'i Interstate Route H-3	20.205
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency --	
Direct Programs - Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements	66.818
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services --	
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.”

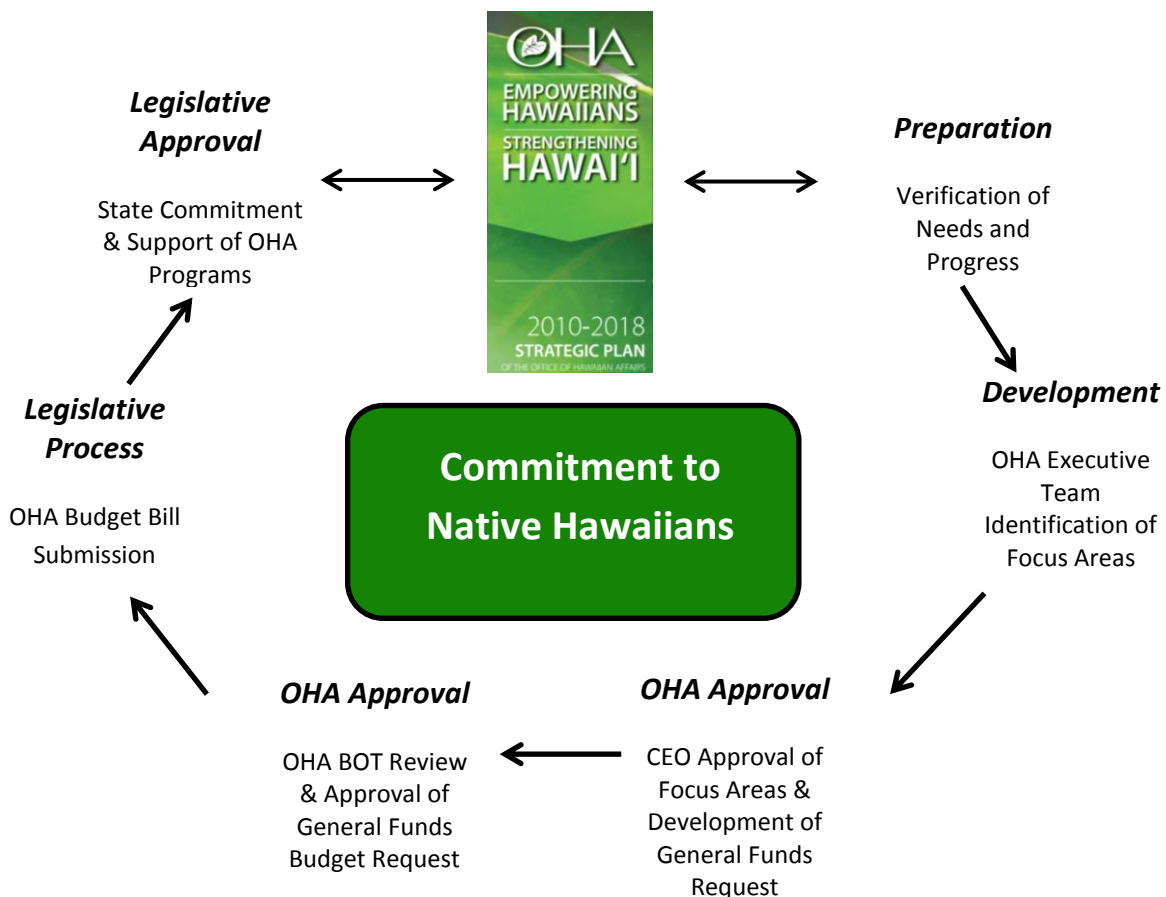
BUDGET REQUEST

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
Sub-Total Programs:	\$ 2,173,830	\$ 2,173,830	\$ 2,304,400	\$ 2,304,400	\$ 130,570	\$ 130,570
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
Sub-Total Non Programs:	\$ 817,174	\$ 4,255,874	\$ 2,217,174	\$ 3,798,128	\$1,400,000	\$ -457,746
Totals:	\$ 2,991,004	\$ 6,429,704	\$ 4,521,574	\$ 6,102,528	\$1,530,570	\$ -327,146
FB 18/19 (2-year) Programs Total:			\$ 4,608,800	\$ 4,608,800	*Same as Table 2, 1:1 match	
FB 18/19 (2-year) Non Programs Total:			\$ 4,434,348	\$ 7,596,256	* 1.71:1 match	
FB 18/19 (2-year) Overall Total:			\$ 9,043,148	\$12,205,056	*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

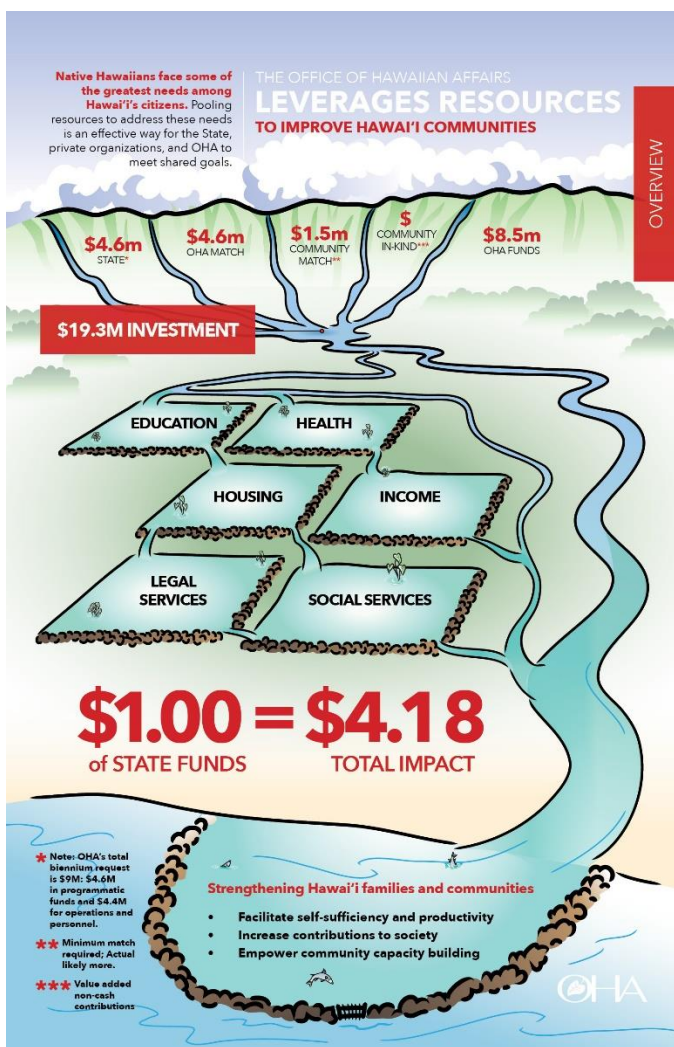
Fiscal Year	State General Funds Amount
FY 2007	\$ 2,866,279
FY 2008	3,053,108
FY 2009	3,087,075
FY 2010	2,469,659
FY 2011	2,469,659
FY 2012	2,370,872
FY 2013	2,370,872
FY 2014	3,141,574
FY 2015	2,741,574
FY 2016	2,991,004
FY 2017	2,991,004
Total:	\$ 30,552,680

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)



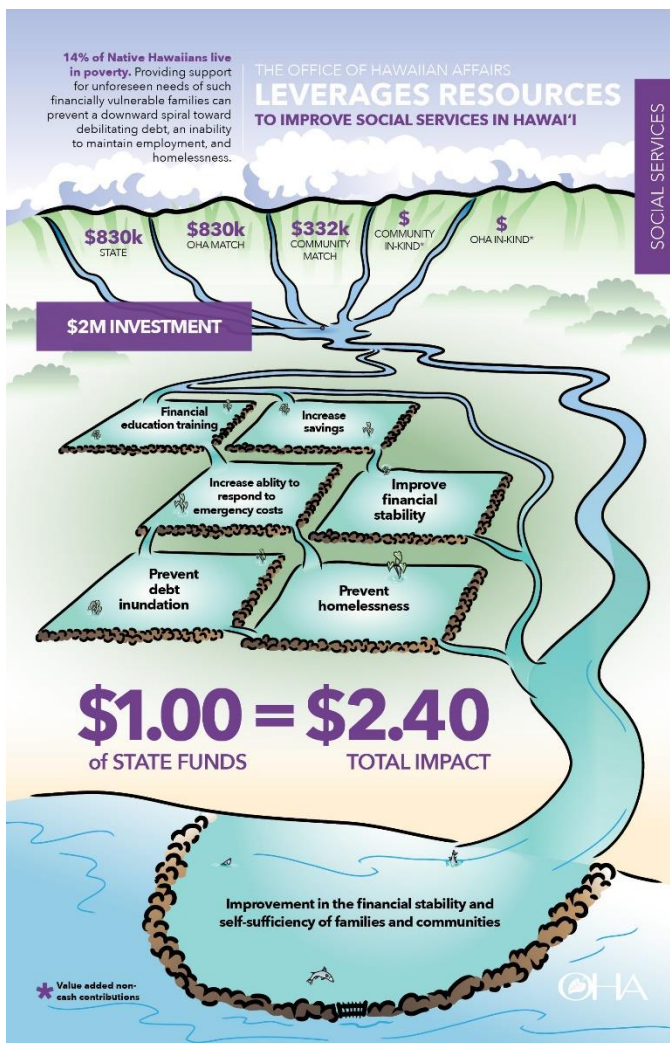
OHA's grants program has substantially increased its capacity by requiring projects to align with OHA's strategic priorities, and by closely monitoring grant projects to ensure adequate progress toward specific, measurable outcomes. Therefore, it is with enthusiasm and hope that OHA is now requesting \$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.

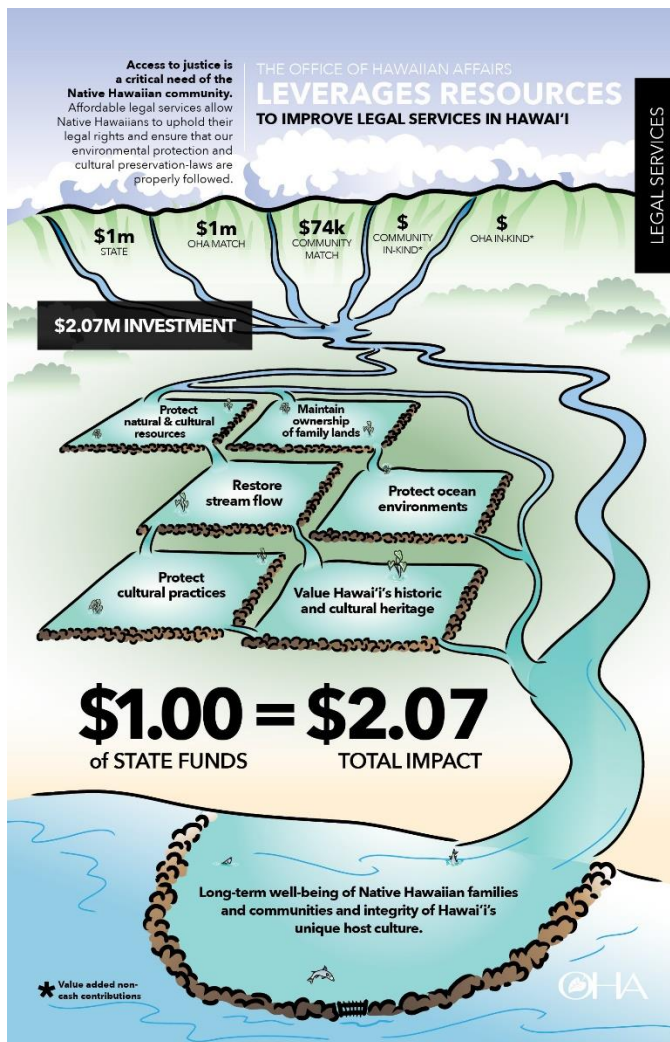
State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians (NHs):

- 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.

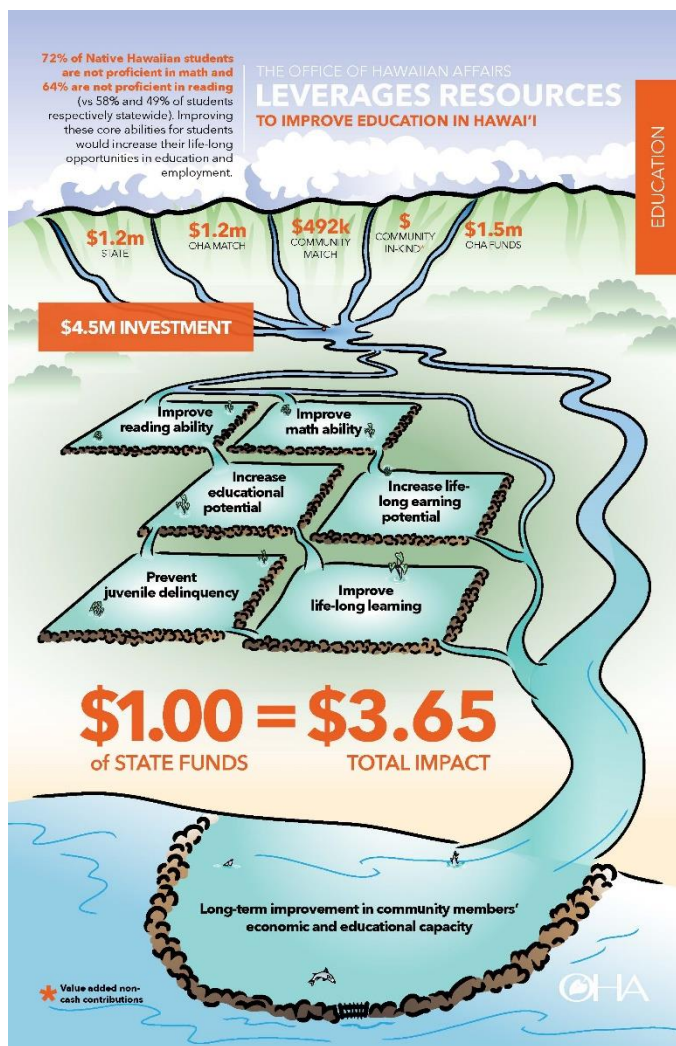
State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians:

- 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.

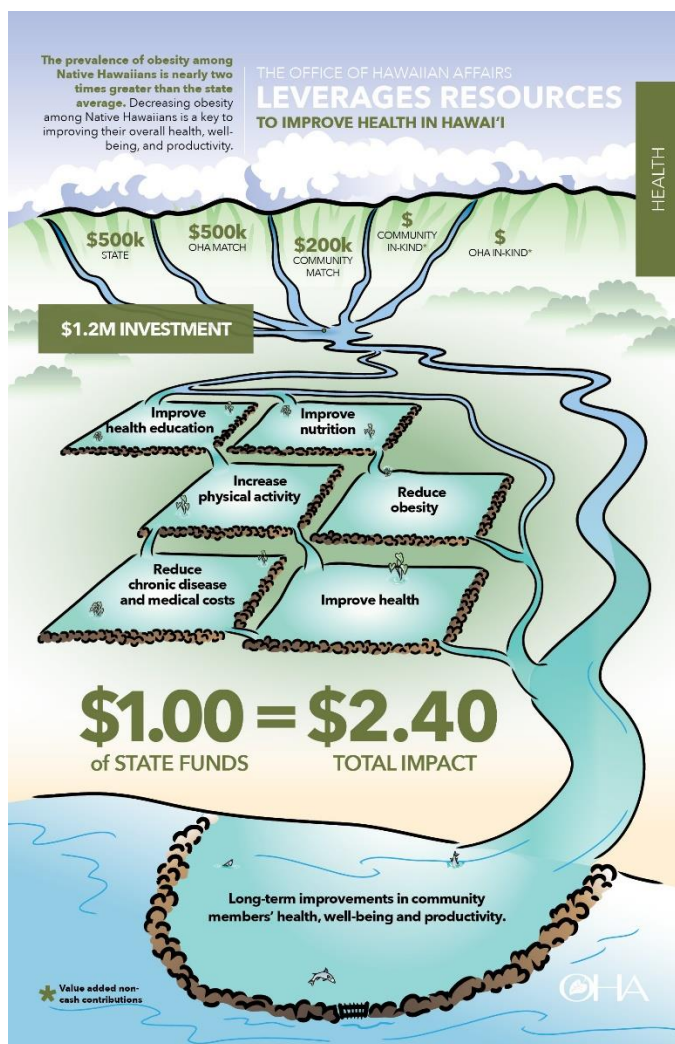
State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians:

- 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.

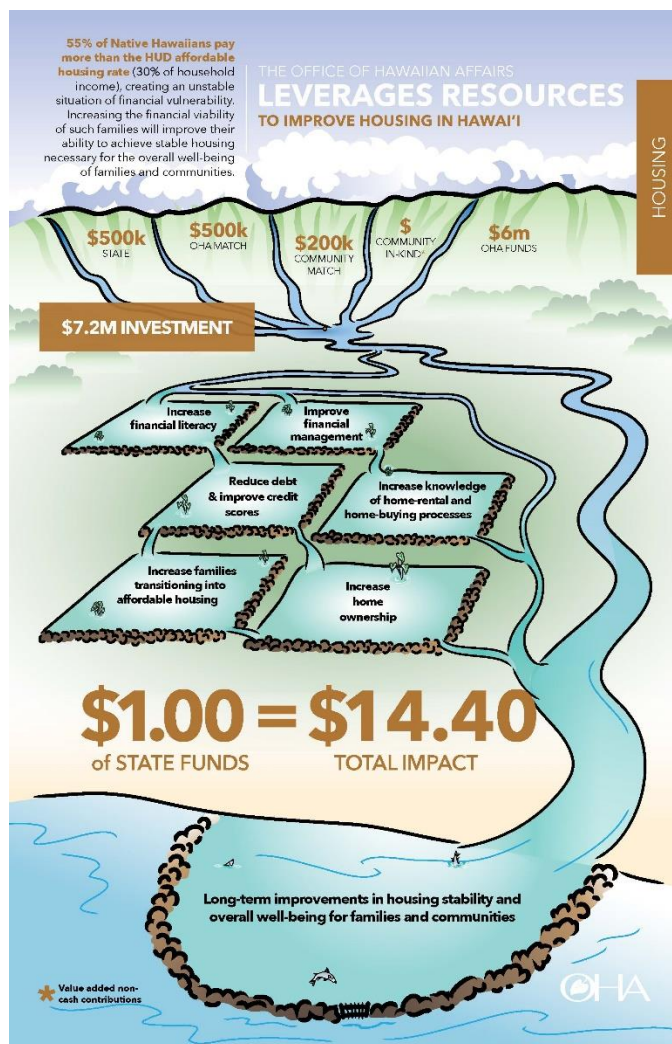
State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians:

- 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.

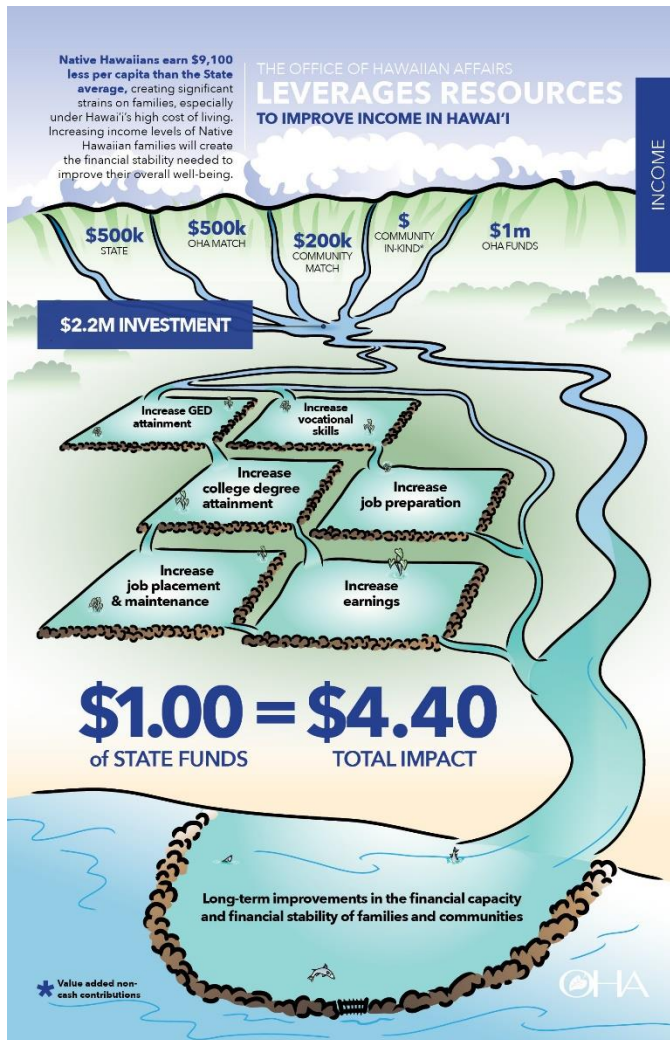
State support will result in the following impact to Native Hawaiians:

- 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.

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

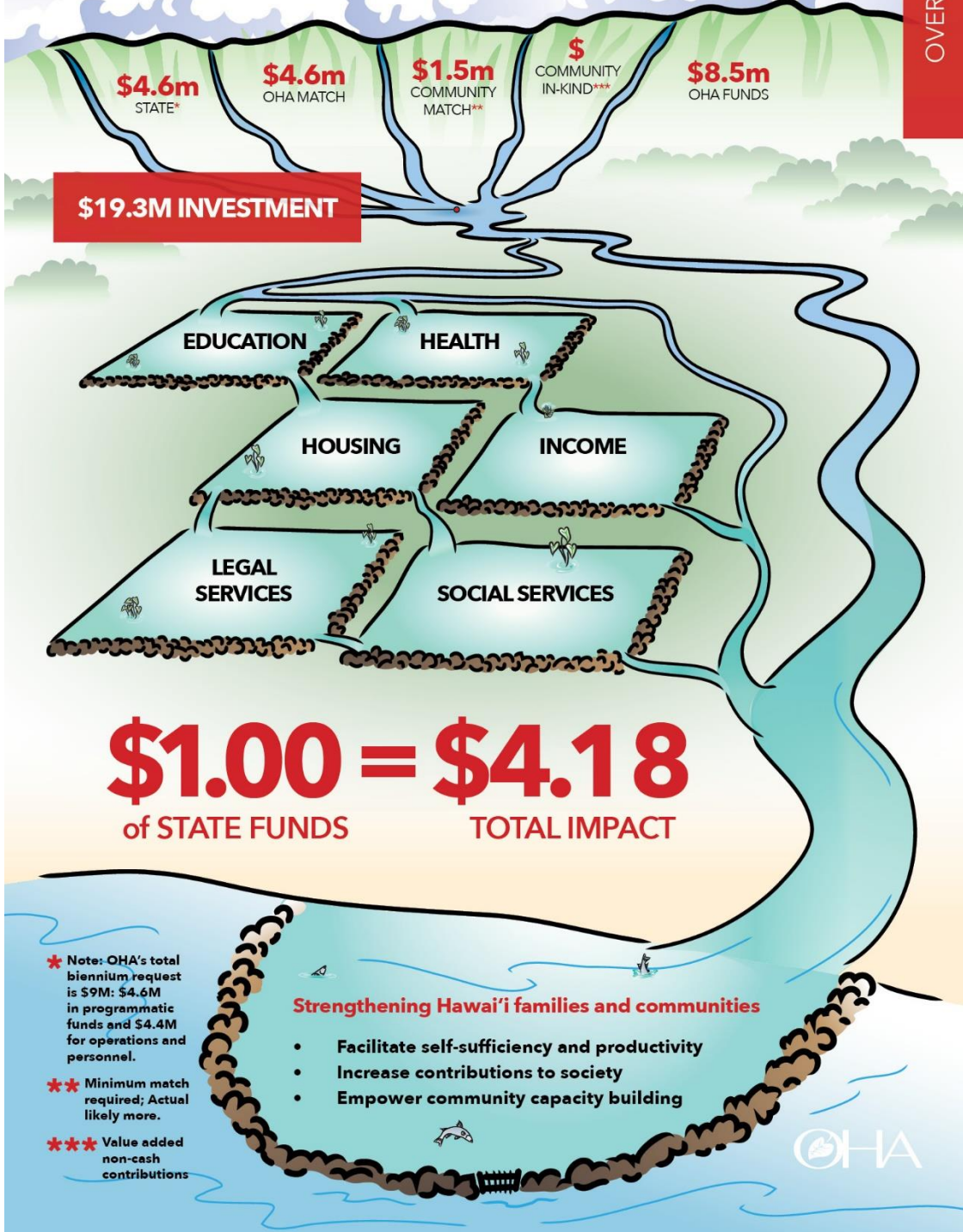
- 166 NHs completing short-term education or vocational training
- 140 NHs attaining employment
- 500 NHs awarded scholarships for educational training to obtain higher earning jobs
- 144 NHs provided financial literacy services

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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TO IMPROVE HAWAI'I COMMUNITIES

OVERVIEW



\$19.3M INVESTMENT

\$1.00 = \$4.18
of STATE FUNDS TOTAL IMPACT

* 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

Strengthening Hawai'i families and communities

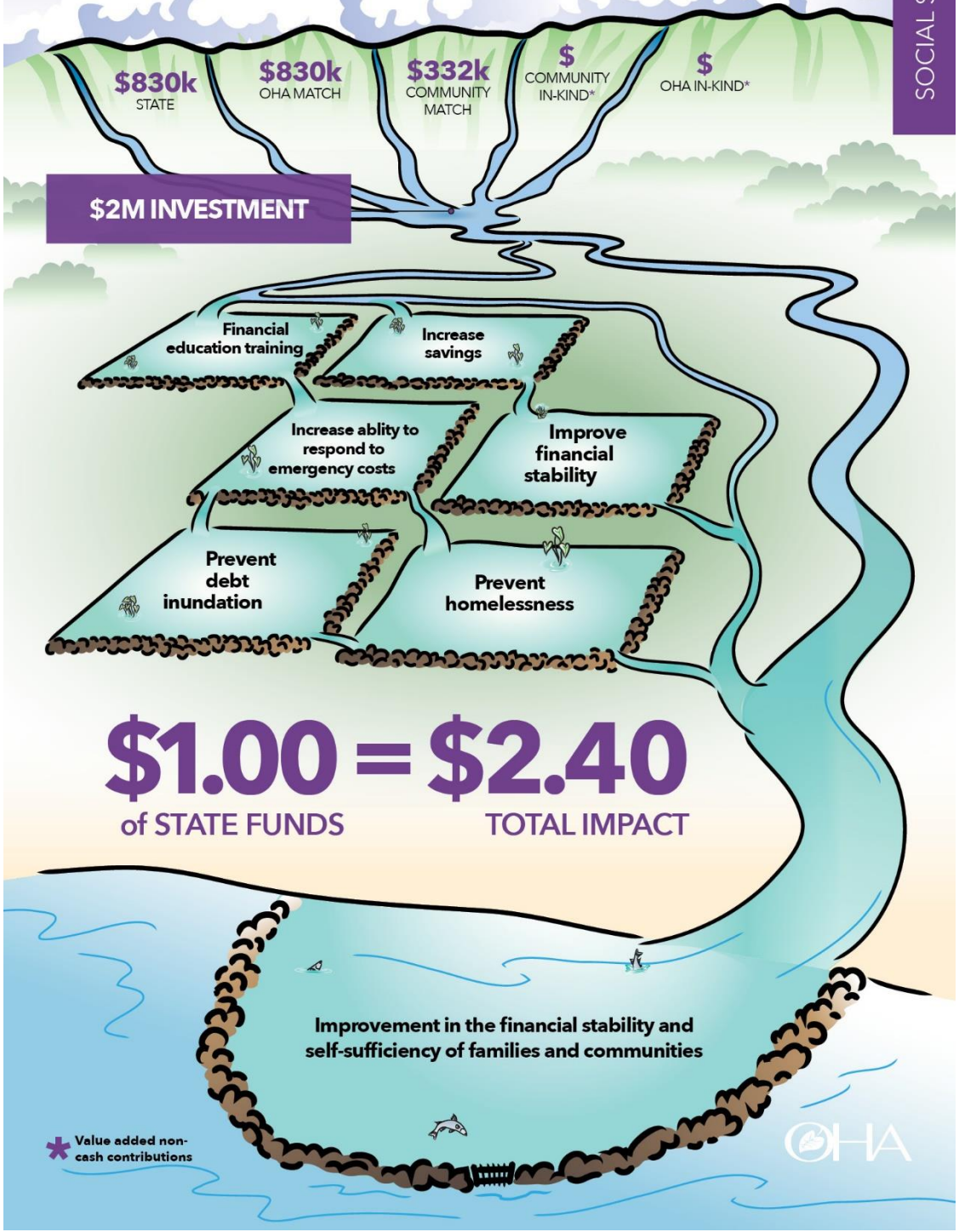
- Facilitate self-sufficiency and productivity
- Increase contributions to society
- Empower community capacity building



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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SOCIAL SERVICES



\$2M INVESTMENT

\$1.00 = \$2.40
 of STATE FUNDS TOTAL IMPACT

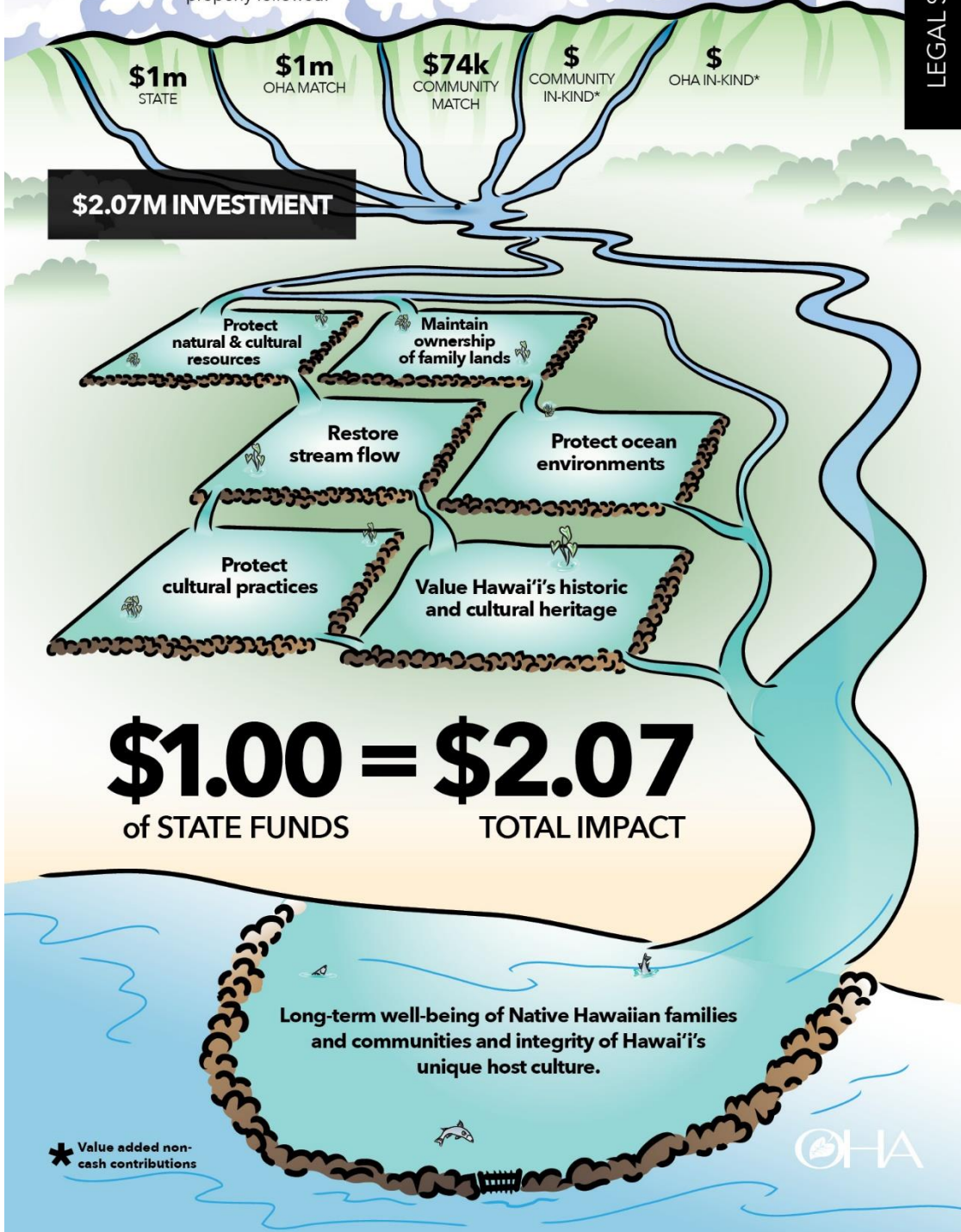
* Value added non-cash contributions



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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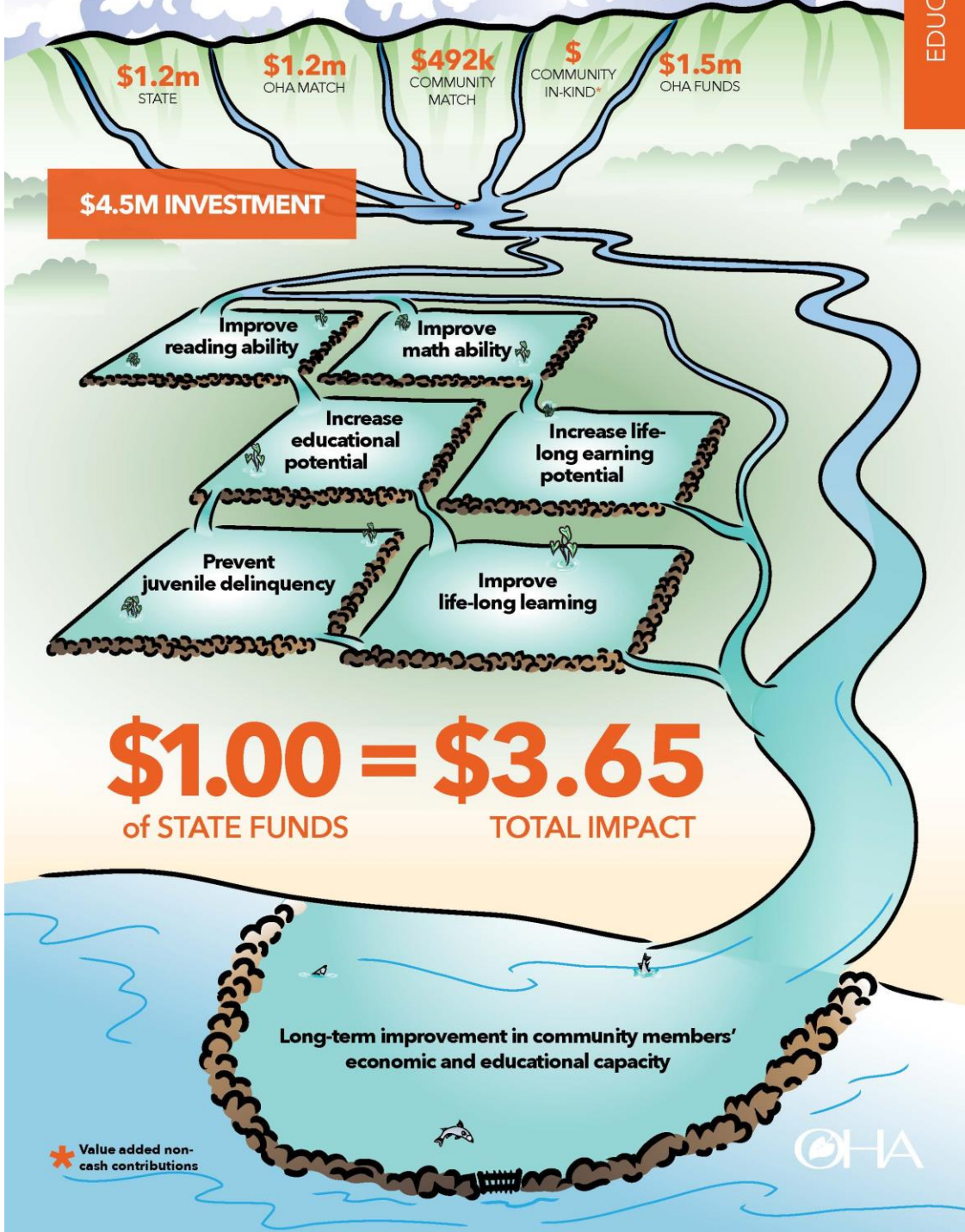
LEGAL SERVICES



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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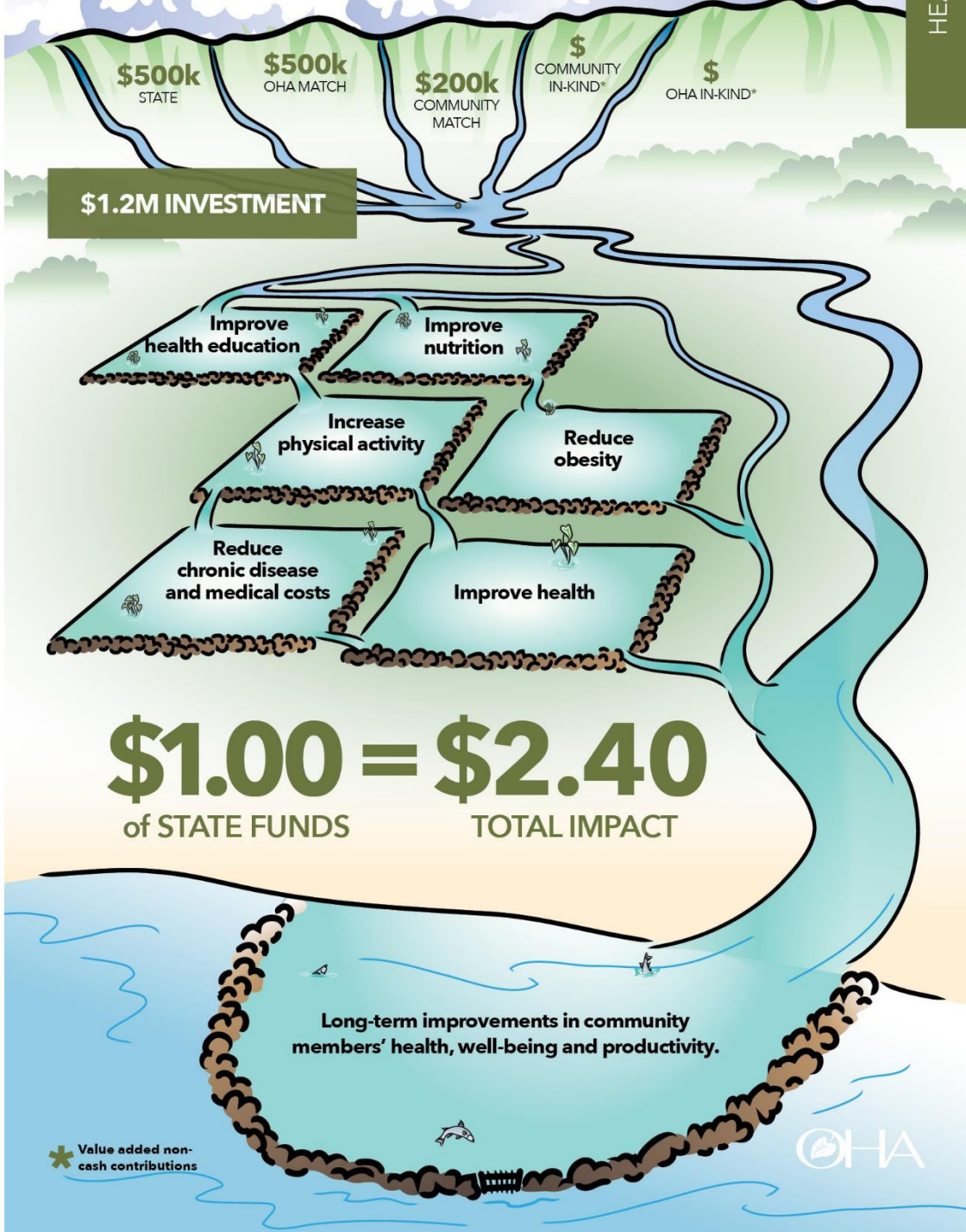
EDUCATION



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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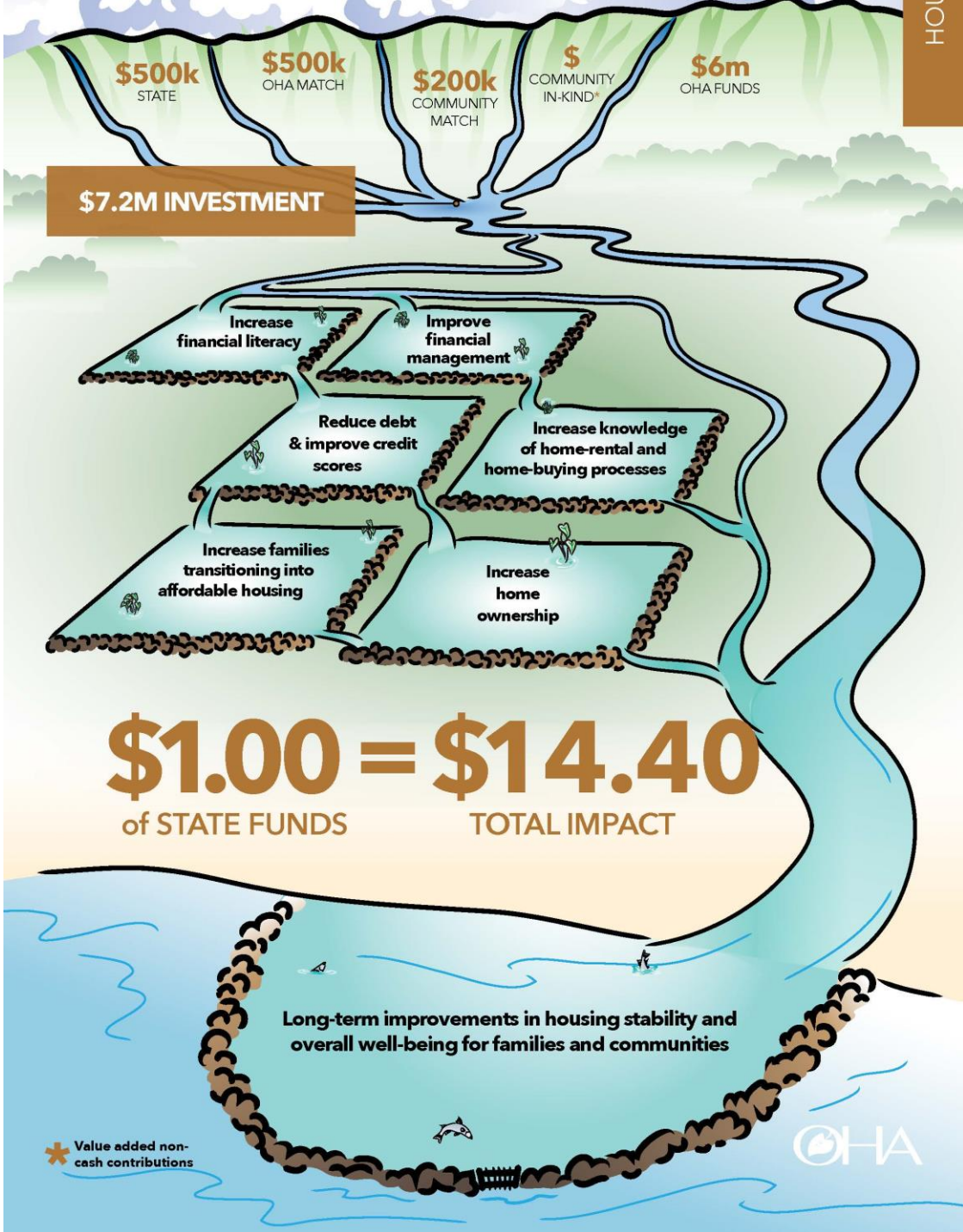
HEALTH



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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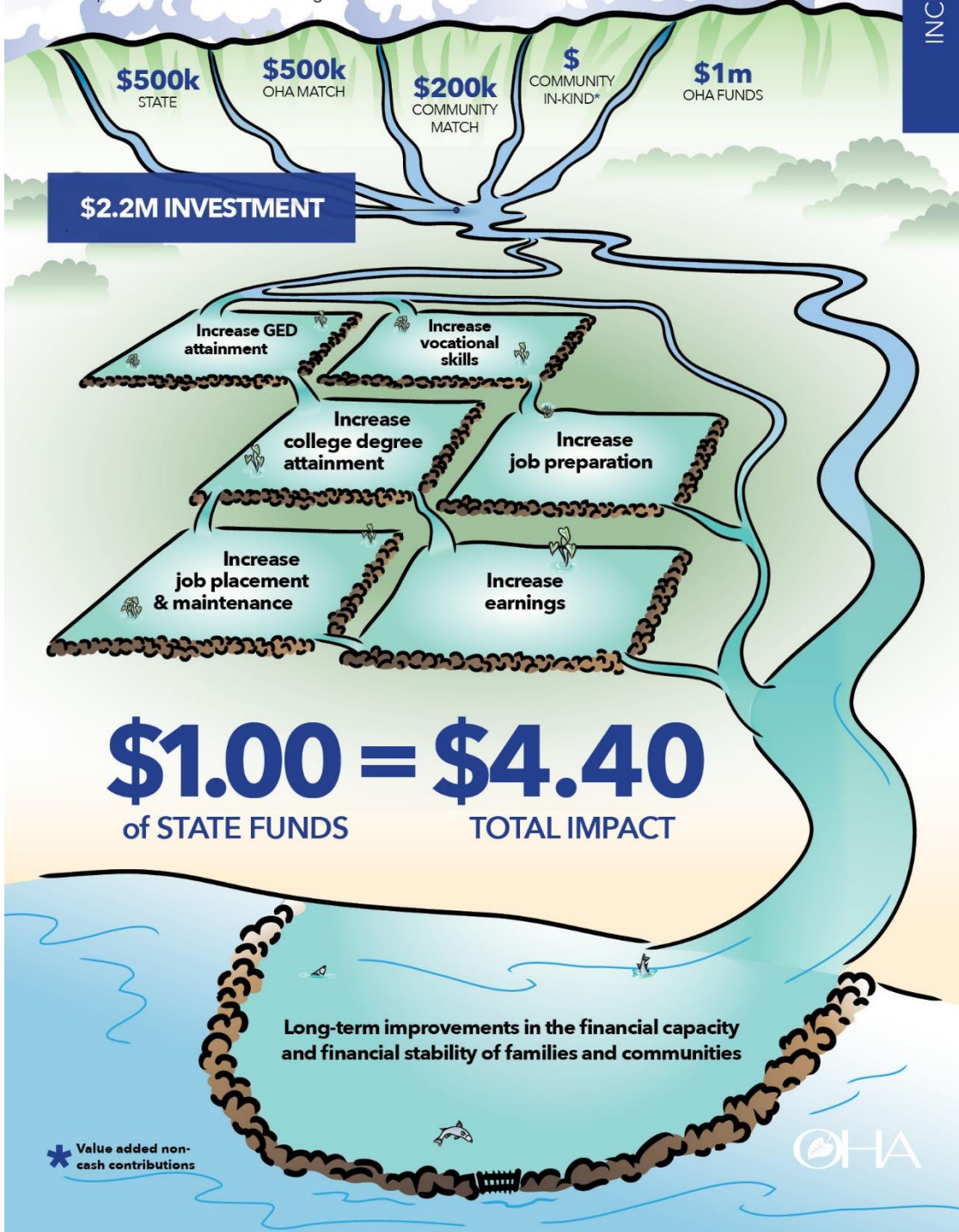
HOUSING



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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ATTACHMENT 1

January 24, 2017

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chairperson
Committee on Ways and Means
Hawaii'i State Capitol
Room 207
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii'i 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

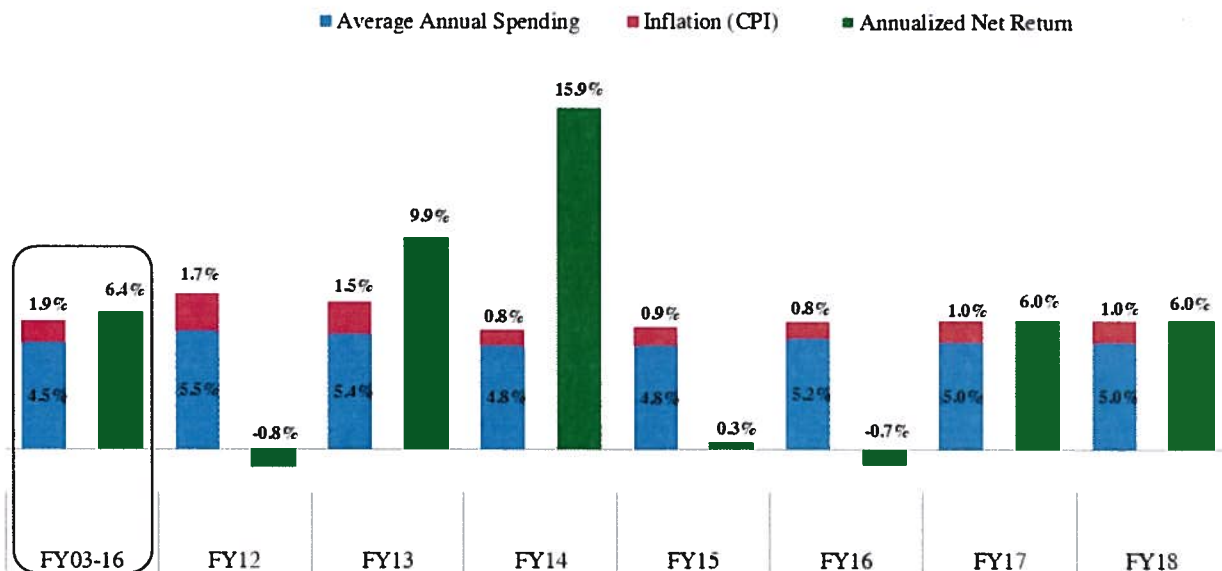


Figure 1 is also presented as **Attachment #2**.

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

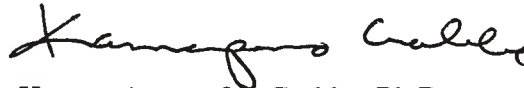
	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Totals FY09-FY16
Average Market Value	\$ 400,735,931	\$ 370,521,562	\$ 376,436,018	\$ 374,131,711	\$ 370,615,463	\$ 359,123,504	\$ 342,218,550	\$ 345,981,272	
Board Authorized Draws from OHA's NHTF									
5% of Average Market Value	\$ 20,036,797	\$ 18,526,078	\$ 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
FY17 - FY19									
Average Market Value	\$ 353,168,710	\$ 351,171,965	\$ 350,014,137						
Board Authorized Draws from OHA's NHTF									
5% of Average Market Value	\$ 17,658,436	\$ 17,558,598	\$ 17,500,707						
Add: Fiscal Reserve Authorizations									
=Total Authorized Draws	\$ 17,658,436	\$ 17,558,598	\$ 17,500,707						
Less: Actual Draws									
Under/(Over) Authorized Draws									

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 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.

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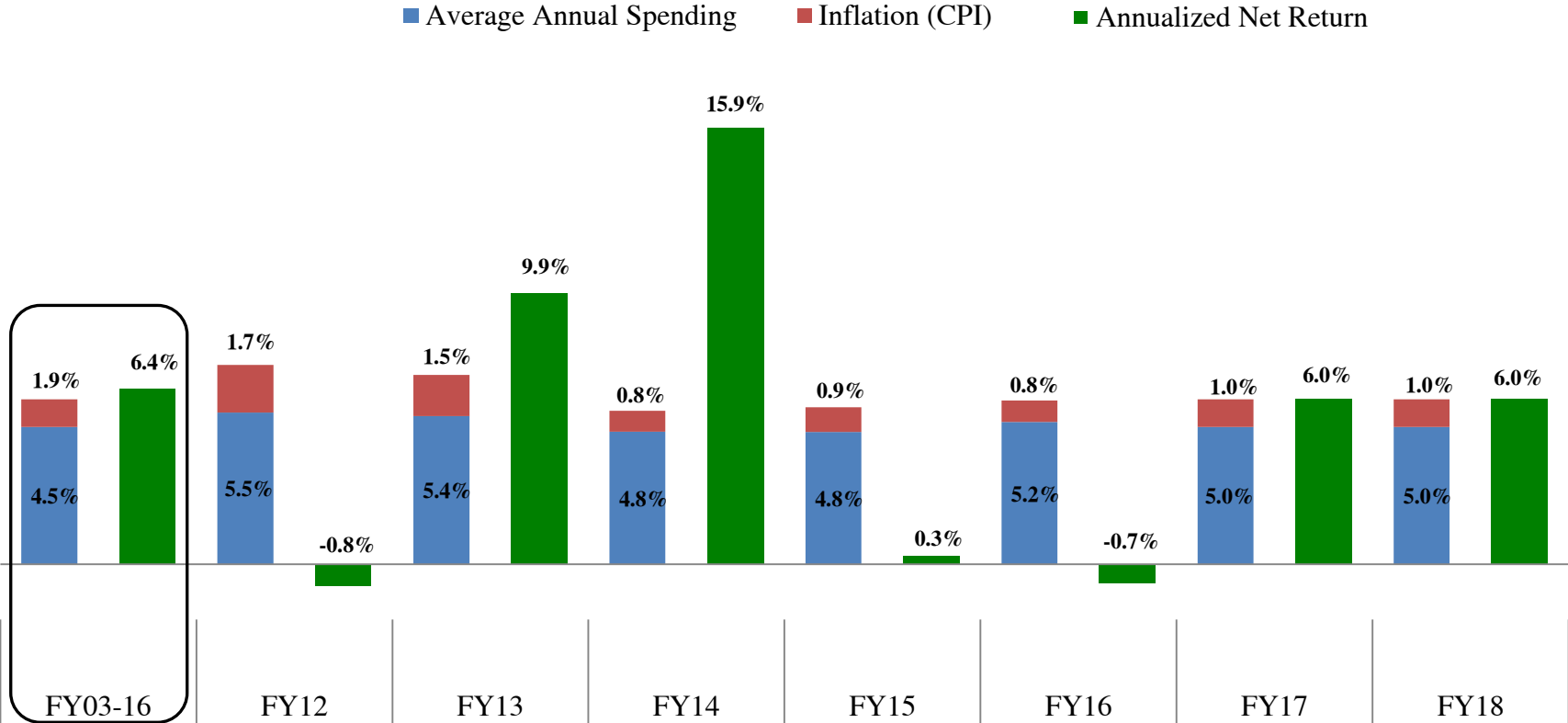


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Organization	Purpose	FY 16 (Actual) Award Amount
Aha Hipuu via Pohai o Kamehameha	10th Annual Kalani Alii Awards Banquet	\$ 1,000
Ala Kahakai Trail Association	Ka'u community stewardship project	2,000
Alu Like, Inc.	Gerontology Society of America Annual 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 Monarcfh	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
TOTALS:		\$ 210,700

Organization	Purpose	FY 17 (YTD) Award Amount
American Cancer Society	Relay for Life of the Kamehameha Ohana	\$ 1,000
Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum	Annual Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum Dinner	5,000
Blueprint for Change	Puuhonua System planning	20,000
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA)	15th Annual Native Hawaiian Convention 2016	10,000
Edith Kanakaole Foundation	Palapala Kanawai Mauna	25,000
Hawaii Maoli on behalf of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs	57th Annual Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention 2016	10,000
Hawaii Pono Foundation	Onipaa celebration	5,000
Hawaiian Islands Land Trust	"Malama Aina Kakou" fundraiser	2,500
Hawaiian Mission Houses	"Huakai: A Musical Journey"	1,000
Ke Alii Pauahi Foundation	Mahiai Match-Up Fundraiser Gala	1,500
Lunalilo Home	Annual Benefit Luau	1,000
National Tropical Botanical Garden	Pacific Ocean Summit at IUCN World Conservation Congress	25,000
Pohai o Kamehameha for Aha Hipuu	11th Annual Kalani Alii Award Luncheon	1,000
The Friends of Iolani Palace	50th Anniversary Celebration	3,000
Waimea Valley - Hiipaka LLC	Return of Pu'ukua to the Valley	3,500
Waimea Valley - Hiipaka LLC	Waimea Valley Summer 2016 Concert Series	10,000
TOTALS:		\$ 124,500



	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	
Board Authorized Draws from OHA's NHTF									
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

	FY17	FY18	FY19
Average Market Value	\$ 353,168,710	\$ 351,171,965	\$ 350,014,137
Board Authorized Draws from OHA's NHTF			
5% of Average Market Value	\$ 17,658,436	\$ 17,558,598	\$ 17,500,707
Add: Fiscal Reserve Authorizations	-		
=Total Authorized Draws	\$ 17,658,436	\$ 17,558,598	\$ 17,500,707
Less: Actual Draws			
Under/(Over) Authorized Draws			



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ATTACHMENT 2

March 22, 2017

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
 Committee on Ways and Means
 Hawai'i State Capitol
 Room 207
 415 South Beretania Street
 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chairperson Tokuda,

Pursuant to your request dated March 16, 2017, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) herein presents information and commentary relating to HB 335 HD 2: RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

Question #1 – A list of all changes made by the house draft of the budget bill to operating and capital budget requests and provisos submitted to the legislature that affects your department.

OHA Response to Question #1: Summary of changes provided in Table 1 below:

Table 1: House Adjustments to OHA's General Funds Budget for each year of the Biennium FY 2018/FY 2019:

Program ID	Original HB 335	Adjusted HB 335 HD 2	Adjustments
OHA150 – Office of the Trustees	\$ 104,947	\$ 28,435	(76,512)
Personnel	104,947	28,435	(76,512)
Operating	0	0	0
OHA160 – Administration	\$ 1,785,300	\$ 700,159	(1,085,141)
Personnel	1,488,426	403,285	(1,085,141)
Operating	296,874	296,874	0
OHA175 – Beneficiary Advocacy	\$ 2,631,327	\$ 1,762,410	(868,917)
Personnel	326,927	208,010	(118,917)
Operating	2,304,400	1,554,400	(750,000)
TOTAL PER YEAR:	\$ 4,521,574	\$ 2,491,004	(2,030,570)

The adjustments noted above in Table 1 also resulted in the following changes to HB 335:

1. Dollar amount changes in MOF A and MOF T in the PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS table on page 3 under OHA Program ID OHA150, OHA160, and OHA175
2. Section 8 (relating to Health, Housing, & Income proviso) was deleted.

Question #2 – An impact statement for each request that includes a description of the type and level of services impacted by the change made by the house draft of the budget bill to the request.

OHA Response to Question #2: Impact is summarized in Table 2 (as reference) and described in Table 3 below:

The decrease in general funding, as proposed by HB 335 HD 2, is summarized in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Total Biennium FY 2018/FY 2019 General Funds Program Adjustments:

	FY 2017-2018			FY 2018-2019			Total Biennium Adjust.
	Original HB 335	Adjusted HB 335 HD 2	Adjust.	Original HB 335	Adjusted HB 335 HD 2	Adjust.	
OHA150 – Office of the Trustees							
<i>Personnel</i>	\$ 104,947	\$ 28,435	\$ -76,512	\$ 104,947	\$ 28,435	\$ -76,512	\$ -153,024
OHA160 – Administration							
<i>Personnel</i>	1,488,426	403,285	-1,085,141	1,488,426	403,285	-1,085,141	-2,170,282
<i>Operations</i>	296,874	296,874	0	296,874	296,874	0	0
OHA175 – Beneficiary Advocacy							
<i>Personnel</i>	326,927	208,010	-118,917	326,927	208,010	-118,917	-237,834
<i>Social services</i>	415,000	415,000	0	415,000	415,000	0	0
<i>Legal services</i>	524,400	524,400	0	524,400	524,400	0	0
<i>Education</i>	615,000	615,000	0	615,000	615,000	0	0
<i>Health</i>	250,000	0	-250,000	250,000	0	-250,000	-500,000
<i>Housing</i>	250,000	0	-250,000	250,000	0	-250,000	-500,000
<i>Income</i>	250,000	0	-250,000	250,000	0	-250,000	-500,000
Total:	\$4,521,574	\$2,491,004	\$-2,030,570	\$4,521,574	\$2,491,004	\$-2,030,570	\$-4,061,140

The reduction in personnel will have a significant impact to OHA’s operations. The 62 FTE positions partially funded by State General Funds, has remained the same from last biennium. OHA’s increased request in personnel funding of \$1.4 million is primarily to help cover a portion of the more than \$2.3 million increase each fiscal year, due to an increase in the State’s fringe rate to 60%. It is not intended for any additional FTE positions.

At OHA’s full request for personnel (HB335) of approximately \$1.9 million, the State’s contribution rate would be approximately 35% of the 62 partially Generally Funded FTEs. A reduction of the State’s contribution to approximately \$640,000, a reduction of nearly \$1.3 million, would equate to a State contribution rate of 10% of the 62 partially Generally Funded

FTEs. Furthermore, because fringe benefits are covered by the State for General Funded positions, every dollar General Fund dollar reduced for personnel has a real impact of \$1.60. Therefore, the reduction of \$1.3 million equates to a real impact of more than \$2 million to OHA’s Trust Fund.

In order to work through the fringe rate increase without reducing our programmatic services, OHA has already and intends to continue to freeze 9 FTEs during FY18/19 biennium. OHA estimates the impact of reduction in General Fund personnel to be equivalent to approximately 20 FTE positions. The total potential impact of 29 FTEs, represents approximately 1 of every 6.2 FTEs of OHA’s work force.

If some or all of the personnel reduction is offset by other Trust Fund budget areas, it will inevitably result in reduced programmatic services to communities and beneficiaries which OHA serves.

Regarding the reduction in grants funding request, since OHA is not a direct service provider, but rather a support entity providing critical funding for many statewide programmatic services, the loss to OHA is quite different compared to the loss that will be felt across the community because of the reduction of services provided statewide for Native Hawaiians.

Restoring OHA’s original General Fund request will enable OHA to maintain a similar level of community investment and support as it has provided over the previous biennium, including OHA’s continued commitment to leverage State General Funds by **more than 400% (4 times)**.

For each biennium adjustment listed in Table 2 above, a brief description of its impact to our Native Hawaiian beneficiaries is provided in Table 3 below:

Table 3: Description of Native Hawaiians Affected by the Total Biennium FY 2018/FY 2019 General Funds Adjustments:

HB 335 HD2	Total Biennium Adjust.	# Affected (estimated)	Description
<i>Personnel (OHA150, OHA160, and OHA175)</i>	\$ -2,561,140	20 OHA Employees and/or UNKNOWN # of Native Hawaiians	-Based on allocation of personnel request between General Fund request and OHA’s Trust Fund, we estimate this reduction to be equivalent of approximately 20 employees. -If this reduction is offset by other areas of OHA’s budget, it will have an inevitable impact to OHA’s level of community support and/or services provided to our beneficiaries.
<i>Health</i>	-500,000	Up to 1,038 individual Native Hawaiians	-520 Native Hawaiians not completing an Individual Treatment Plan -520 Native Hawaiians not receiving patient education -404 less Native Hawaiians improving their dietary eating habits -133 Native Hawaiians not reducing weight and their BMIs
<i>Housing</i>	-500,000	Up to 972 individual Native Hawaiians	-61 less Native Hawaiians receiving rental assistance -Up to two less homes built -36 less Native Hawaiians participating in IDA savings for housing -57 less Native Hawaiians obtaining stable rental housing

			-360 Native Hawaiians failing to receive financial training -35 less achieving home ownership
<i>Income</i>	-500,000	Up to 656 individual Native Hawaiians	-320 less Native Hawaiians developing individual development plans -50 less Native Hawaiians pursuing 2-year degrees or short term certificates -83 Native Hawaiians not earning a short-term certificates -90 Native Hawaiians not able to complete Employment Preparation/Job Readiness Training -70 less Native Hawaiians attaining employment
Total:	\$-4,061,140	Approx. 2,666 NHs and 20 OHA Employees	

Question #3 – An alternative reduction for any reduction you oppose.

OHA Response to Question #3: Today’s economic situation does not allow for an easy decision with regard to the funding of numerous State agencies, however, we highly encourage your committee to restore OHA’s original general funds request based upon the above information and commentary.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide information and commentary relating to the adjustments as proposed by HB335 HD2.

Please feel free to contact me by email at johnk@oha.org or by phone at 594-1955 should you have any questions regarding this response. The response has also been submitted electronically to s.nasir@capitol.hawaii.gov and a.vargas@capitol.hawaii.gov as per your request.

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HB335

Submitted on: 3/24/2017

Testimony for WAM on Mar 29, 2017 13:30PM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. As a native Hawaiian Advocacy Corporation, we need OHA operating at the peak of its ability on behalf of its beneficiaries. We realize that in this tight budgetary times, finances are minimal. Nevertheless, OHA needs its requested funds to meet its fiduciary duties to its native Hawaiian beneficiaries, of which the complete staffing of OHA is necessary. Please pass this bill. Mahalo!

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Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth In Support of HB335 HD2 Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Senate Committee on Ways and Means 29 March 2017, 1:30 pm, Room 211

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

Hawai'i Green Growth strongly supports HB335 HD2 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'oa*.

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 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 HD2**.

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

Comments: We write today in strong support of HB335, the biennium budget for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs including the original proviso for much needed funds for health, housing, and income. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs relies upon its budget in order to fulfill its constitutional duty to the Native Hawaiian people. With these resources, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs engages in critical data collection and research; directly operates to support the improved health, economic conditions, legal access, and well-being of Native Hawaiian individuals and families; provides funding to community-based organizations implementing social and economic develop programs for communities across the State of Hawai'i; and, serves as a voice and advocate for Native Hawaiian communities. 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. 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.

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Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
IN SUPPORT OF HB 335 HD2
Wednesday March 29, 2017, 1:30pm, Room 211

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz:

My name is Kevin Chang, I am the Executive Director of Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (or KUA) and this is our testimony in support of HB 335 HD2.

KUA works to empower communities to improve their quality of life through caring for their environmental heritage together to better Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being. We employ a community-driven approach that currently supports three statewide networks: more than 31 mālama 'āina community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 38 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and a new and growing group of Limu practitioners called the Limu Hui.

KUA supports the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Appropriations Act of 2017 for a number of reasons. This will provide the funds needed to support strategically-aligned programs and operations that will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. OHA staff and advocacy and outreach resources -more specifically described in Section 7 of this bill- have been tremendously important and supportive of efforts in the state to empower community based natural resource management in Native Hawaiian and rural communities.

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.

Mahalo for your service to our community and this opportunity to testify.

Aloha 'Āina Momona.

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HB335

Submitted on: 3/28/2017

Testimony for WAM on Mar 29, 2017 13:30PM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucu	Support	Yes

Comments: The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus strongly supports HB335 HD2 that 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. We note that the appropriations proposed are two million dollars less than requested and hence will have some adverse impact on programs and services delivered to the Native Hawaii community and indirectly to others. We support the original request of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. These funds are leveraged with trust funds and support critical programs desperately needed by our community.

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March 28, 2017

Attn: Ways and Means Committee
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Members of Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

After-School All-Stars Hawaii is in SUPPORT of HB335, which would provide the funds needed to support strategically-aligned programs and operations that will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. Our programs serve a significant number of native Hawaiian middle/intermediate school youth who need structured and safe after-school programs during the hours of 3-6pm. We've been fortunate to have support from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on providing quality programming that aligns participation in our programs with academic success, specifically our schools on the Leeward Coast and on the Big Island in East Hawaii.

This bill will ultimately strengthen Hawai'i's families and communities as a whole. We request the committee's support of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AD", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dawn Dunbar
President/CEO, After-School All-Stars Hawaii

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Submitted on: 3/28/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club	Kalihi Palama HCC	Support	Yes

Comments: The Kalihi Palama HCC supports HB335 HD2 that appropriates funds to support the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. However, we urge the committee to provide the appropriations initially requested since the current appropriations are about two million dollars less and will adversely impact on delivery of programs and services that benefit Native Hawaiians and many others indirectly. We note too that OHA's budget of \$9M constitutes less than 1%, or more specifically 0.03% of the state's budget of \$28.5B. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments in support of appropriations for OHA. Respectfully, Leimomi Khan, President

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Date: March 29, 2017

Where: State Capitol Room 211

TESTIMONY

By Kau‘i Burgess
Kamehameha Schools

To: Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee

RE: **HB 335 HD2, Relating to Early Learning.**

E ka Luna Ho‘omaluku Tokuda, ka Hope Luna Ho‘omaluku Dela Cruz a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike o nā Loa‘a a me nā Ho‘olilo o ka ‘Aha Kenekoa, 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 HD2**, 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‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lani Dawson Arena	Hawaiian Native Corp. & its Dawson Subsidiaries	Support	No

Comments:

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 29, 2017 at 1:30PM
HB335, HD2

Aloha nui e Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

We write today in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB335 including the original request for personnel and the proviso for health, housing, and income.

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. Comprising less than 1% of the State biennium budget, funds support these 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.



Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 29, 2017 at 1:30PM
HB335, HD2

Aloha nui e Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

We write today in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB335's original budget request including the proviso for health, housing, and income.

This budget bill provides the funds needed to support strategically-aligned programs and operations that will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. The support from the Office of Hawaiian affairs during the 2016 Hawaiian Media Makers Conference helped to increase the new media capacity building and opportunities for over 200 local filmmakers, journalists, and creative media content-producers in attendance. Support for film makers in telling Native Hawaiian stories has played an important role in helping to share our community's narrative and empower local voices and our filmmaking industry.

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. The original personnel request is important to the ability of OHA to continue to operate in support of the Hawaiian community as it does while also meeting the fringe rate mandatory increase. We also support the original request including the proviso for health, housing, and income. These funds are leveraged with trust funds and go directly into communities and spent on critical health and housing programs desperately needed by our community. We deeply understand the budget constraints of the state today. At its original request, the OHA budget would comprise approximately 0.03% of the overall state budget, while being matched and leveraged with additional trust dollars that go towards addressing many of the community concerns of the state today.

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In full support of the bill and urge committee members to pass measure to ensure funding of programs for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries serviced thru the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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Submitted on: March 28, 2017

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Time: 1:30 PM
Place: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in support of HB 335 HD 2, Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Submitted to: Senate Ways and Means Committee

Aloha Chair Tokuda and Committee Members,

I strongly support House Bill 335 House Draft 2 (HB 335 HD2) because it is the right thing to do.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
G Asi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly SUPPORT HB335 HD2 which would provide the funds needed to support strategically-aligned programs and operations that will directly benefit 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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H.B. 335, H.D. 2

Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Decisionmaking on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of H.B. 335, H.D.2, the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I am a professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law and director of Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law. Ka Huli Ao has worked closely with OHA over the years and has received funding from OHA for our Aʻo Aku Aʻo Mai Initiative, which includes community trainings and the distribution of legal primers on water rights, iwi kūpuna, traditional and customary rights, and quiet title, and providing legal assistance to rural and neighbor island communities. OHA and Ka Huli Ao have also partnered on the Native Hawaiian Law Training, which is now required for members of 10 State Boards, Commissions, and Councils. Since we began offering this training in 2013, almost 600 people, including legislators and legislative staff, have attended our sessions.

I submit this testimony, however, in my personal capacity as a private citizen and an attorney who has worked, litigated, and written on Native Hawaiian legal controversies, particularly in relation to Native Hawaiian lands and resources, political status, and reconciliation, for many years.

I support the overall budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, but I particularly wish to focus on the funding for legal services and representation for OHA beneficiaries. In my many years of experience, I have seen the great need in our community for legal representation. The kinds of advice and legal representation issues that surface can range from questions about kuleana access and tenant rights, to inheritance issues related to family lands, to helping to prove genealogy to qualify for Hawaiian Home Lands, to shoreline access issues, and to community groups seeking permits to restore a fishpond or to organize into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The legal needs of our community are great.

In truth, all of the items in the OHA budget are of great importance to the Native Hawaiian community. Recognizing that it is a very difficult budget year, and that OHA's original budget request has been significantly reduced, I humbly ask that, at the very least, you support the current version of the OHA budget.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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Lilia Kapuniai	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Lauifi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill for funding of Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kehaulani Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Kehaulani Lum, and as a taxpayer and beneficiary of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 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. It is a win-win for our Hawai'i Nei. My family and I support the original request of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. These funds are prudently leveraged with trust funds and support critical programs desperately needed by our community and beneficial to the State of Hawai'i, as a whole. I urge the committee to PASS this bill. Mahalo nui loa for your serious and compassionate consideration. In gratitude and Aloha, Kehaulani Lum

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Kilia Purdy-Avelino	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jordan Inafuku	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 support the original request of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. These funds are leveraged with trust funds and support critical programs desperately needed by our community. I urge the committee to PASS this bill.

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Dylan Beesley	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! I am writing in strong SUPPORT of HB335 which would provide the funds needed to support strategically-aligned programs and operations that will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. These funds are leveraged with trust funds and support critical programs desperately needed by our Molokai community, and communities across the islands. I urge the committee to please PASS this bill.

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Lani Dawson Arena	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Soon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha nui e Chair Tokuda and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, As a beneficiary of OHA and a resident and small business owner in Honolulu, I write today in strong support of OHA's original budget request. I know you are deeply familiar with the important work that OHA does - from the direct advocacy and programs administered by the agency to the vital community programs funded that seek to address many different areas of the Hawaiian community. These programs serve the Hawaiian community in important and impactful ways while also having a positive impact on their surrounding communities and the state as a whole. I understand your task to be a difficult one, and I appreciate and applaud the work you must do to stretch resources across the many important state functions and community programs requesting support before this body. Supporting OHA's budget is a good way to leverage those resources into greater community impact, since each dollar from the state is matched on average 4-1 by trust funds before being invested into programs that impact culture, economic development, health, housing, and many key areas of life in Hawaii. OHA's testimony has raised important concerns regarding the unique position of the agency regarding personnel and fringe costs. Supporting the original request can help to ensure OHA's continued community programming without any loss of important positions within the agency. Mahalo for your consideration. Aloha.

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: MOANA'S HULA HALAU
Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 4:29:20 PM

DEAR OHA,

I'M WRITING THIS LETTER ON BEHALF OF MOANA'S HULA HALAU, THE HELP THAT OHA HAS GIVING US HELP US TO KEEP PREPETUATING OUR CLUTURE THROUGH HULA , LANGUAGE AND HISTROY. COMING FROM SUCH A RUAL ISLAND WE HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME RASING MONEY AND ASKING OUR COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT, WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH OTHER ORGANIZATION ASKING OUR COMMUNITY TOO.

I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE GIVING TO US THROUGH OUT THE YEARS.

MAHALO
RAQUEL DUDOIT
KUMU MOANA'S HULA HALAU

From: [Aukai Reynolds](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: HB335
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:21:32 AM

Aloha no Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

I, Robert 'Aukai Reynolds, wanted to let you know that I strongly **SUPPORT HB335** because this bill provides necessary funding for programs and operations that will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. I particularly like that there is a matching of OHA trust funds with State General Funds, a great concept and partnership that shows the State and OHA working together for the betterment of Native Hawaiians. This will help provide financial support of programs like health, education, legal services, and much needed housing.

I do support the original request of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. These funds are leveraged with trust funds and support critical programs desperately needed by the community. Please contemplate your decision thoroughly as it will have an impact on the Native Hawaiian community, which in turn is a reflection of our community in Hawai'i as a whole. Thus, I urge the committee to please **PASS** this bill.

Mahalo

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Lori Buchanan	Individual	Support	No

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Gayla Haliniak	Individual	Support	No

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Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha kakou, I SUPPORT HB335 HD2 - RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS. Appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

..... While this budget is short of OHA's request, I support it because OHA shares in the State's projected revenue reduction. However, I note that this reduced Budget may cause staffing reductions, level of servicing reductions and beneficiary programs (health, education, housing, loans/grants, etc.) reductions. These programs are essential to OHA in fulfilling its constitutional and statutory duty - to better the conditions of both Native Hawaiians and the Hawaiian community in general. Also, please REMOVE THE OHA CAP and return to the negotiations table for OHA'S PRO RATA SHARE OF REVENUES from state lands. Mahalo for allowing my testimony and please pass HB 335 HD2 AS IS.

..... Me ka haahaa, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai
 Concerned Hawaiian and Waianae resident

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