



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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To: The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

The Honorable Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

From: Lieutenant Governor Josh Green

Subject: HB 1430 – RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF THE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Hearing: Monday, February 25, 2019, 2:00p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

Position: The Office of the Lieutenant Governor SUPPORTS this bill, offers comments, and proposes amendments.

Purpose: Pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the Hawaii State Constitution, the primary mission of the Lieutenant Governor is to act in place of the Governor in his absence. Accordingly, the Lieutenant Governor must keep abreast of the actions and issues regarding the Administration to ensure he can effectively carry out the necessary functions of the office during these absences. Pursuant to Section 26-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, another core function of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is to serve as Secretary of State for intergovernmental relations. In this role, the Lieutenant Governor is charged with directing and performing a multitude of activities for the public, which are administrative and coordinative in nature. These activities include:

- (1) Processing name changes;
- (2) Authenticating documents for use in foreign countries;
- (3) Handling the sale and distribution of official state publications;
- (4) Compiling administrative rules;
- (5) Compiling legislative acts; and
- (6) Posting state open meeting agendas.

Section 26-1 also indicates that, “governor shall identify and direct other duties as necessary to the lieutenant governor.” Newly elected Lieutenant Governor Josh Green has expressed his desire to focus on alleviating homelessness, mental illness, and drug addiction in our state. In the

coming months the Lieutenant Governor intends to roll out initiatives in these areas which he will fund with the help of the private partners.

The previous administration made significant progress with the Farm-to-School pilot project, known as the Aina Pono Farm to School Initiative. The goal of the program is to increase local products in public school breakfast and lunches statewide. Lt. Governor Green will be continuing the Aina Pono Program and has communicated this to the various stakeholders, including the Department of Education and Agriculture, and key legislative committee members.

B. Economic Impact

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor generates revenues for the State through fees collected for the Secretary of State functions, including processing name changes, issuing apostilles and certifications, and selling state publications.

Such fees are deposited into the general fund and do not go towards funding the operation of the Lieutenant Governor's Office. Last fiscal year the Office processed 1,570 name changes.

II. Federal Funds

- A. The Office does not receive or expend federal funds.

III. Non-General Funds

- A. The Office does not receive or expend non-general funds.

IV. Budget Requests

- A. After consideration of current funding levels, our office has determined that no additional funds were necessary to continue ongoing programs, therefore we are requesting no increase to our budget.
- B. The office was advised by the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) to upgrade our computer equipment which has become outdated and obsolete. The funds for these upgrades have been requested in a separate vehicle, HB 1431.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor requests that operating budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021 be appropriated at **\$977,555.00/fiscal year**.