



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
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**H.B. NO. 172, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN
AFFAIRS**

Hearing: Thursday, February 28, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

The Office of the Auditor has **no position** regarding H.B. No. 172, H.D. 1, which requires that the Office of the Auditor conduct a financial and management audit of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). **However, we offer the following comments and request clarification of the intended scope of the audit.**

We strongly suggest that the committee identify the specific programs or activities that it wants assessed to ensure that our report covers the issues that the Legislature is most interested in having us examine. We conduct performance audits in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require us to properly plan, document, and carry out work necessary to address “audit objectives” that we identify during the planning phase of our audit work. Without more specific direction we may develop audit objectives that may be different from those envisioned by the Legislature, and for that reason, the report may offer less value to the Legislature.

We also note that Section 10-14.55, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), requires us to audit OHA at least once every four years. We most recently audited OHA's use of its fiscal reserve, discretionary grants, CEO sponsorships, and trustee allowances. The report, which was issued in 2018, is accessible through our website at: <http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2018/18-03.pdf>. Generally, we assess an agency's implementation of our audit recommendations about two years after the audit is issued. If the committee intends that we audit OHA, as the bill currently reflects, we recommend that the scope of the audit exclude those programs that we most recently audited.

With respect to the required financial audit, we do not perform any financial audits in-house; rather, we contract with certified public accounting (CPA) firms to audit the financial statements of State agencies and for the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Additionally, OHA's financial statements are currently audited annually by a CPA firm whose reports are accessible through OHA's website. If the intent of this bill is to have us audit OHA's financial statements, we require an appropriation to contract with a CPA firm to do so or request that the bill specifically direct OHA to reimburse us the cost of the financial audit.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.B. No. 172, H.D. 1.



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB172 HD1, OHA's 2020-2021 budget proposal vehicle, and respectfully requests that the original appropriation amounts and position counts be reinserted into this measure. **OHA respectfully asks that the Committee support OHA's original biennium request, which would further the long and successful partnership between the State of Hawai'i and OHA, and which would multiply the community impact of the requested general funds through OHA's proven strategic leveraging efforts.**

Since OHA's establishment in 1978, the scale of our mandate has increased substantially. With now more than 520,000 beneficiaries who continue to be disproportionately represented in many negative health, education and socio-economic statistics, OHA's mission may be more critical now than ever before. Accordingly, 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 for Native Hawaiians.

The proposed partnership in HB172 HD1 would not only further these important responsibilities, but would also represent a wise investment that has quadrupled the community impact of state general funds. OHA has and remains committed to carefully and strategically 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 2017-2018, OHA was able to leverage the **\$3.3 million in general funds it received** for programmatic support, to provide over **\$14 million to critical community programs** in social services and case management, educational improvement, and legal services. **In other words, for every \$1 in general funds that OHA received for programmatic purposes, community programs received \$4.24.** Continuing OHA's highly successful funding partnership with the State would allow for the continued leveraging of State general funds and OHA trust funds with additional resources to efficiently and effectively **foster innovative solutions** to some of the State's most pressing challenges, and maintain a **high level of accountability and due diligence** in the use of limited financial resources.

As reflected in the original draft of this measure, OHA also hopes to expand our existing partnership with the state to jointly fund housing programs through a general fund request of \$500,000 per year for housing improvement grants. This additional request would build off of OHA's recent and successful investments in housing programs, to provide substantial and widespread relief to OHA beneficiaries struggling under our current housing crisis.

With regards to this housing program request, OHA notes that Native Hawaiians have significant and unique housing needs, and are particularly affected by the housing crisis. Data shows that Native Hawaiians are less likely to own a home.¹ Native Hawaiian households are also much more likely to be "doubled up," with multi-generational or unrelated individuals living together in single households.² Furthermore, Native Hawaiian households are more than three times more likely to have a 'hidden homeless' family member than all state households.³ Recent research has further shown that the state and Native Hawaiian housing rental housing demand is almost entirely for increasingly rare "affordable" units, rather than for market-rate or other 'gap'-rate units.⁴ Such data demonstrates the dire need for housing among the Native Hawaiian community.

Over the last decade, OHA has accordingly provided more than \$40 million to support the housing and housing-related needs of Native Hawaiians throughout the continuum of housing security, including the houseless, at-risk families and youth, and those seeking to increase their financial capacity and purchase or rent their own home. **OHA grant-supported programs have proven to be particularly successful at helping our beneficiaries obtain and maintain stable and sustainable housing, even achieving national recognition for their effective and innovative approaches.** OHA's original \$500,000 general fund request will enable OHA to significantly increase its investment in housing programs, expanding their reach and providing substantial relief to those individuals and families impacted by our housing crisis.

Additionally, OHA's biennium request, as reflected in the original draft of this measure, includes a modest increase of \$562,130 in general funds annually to help address OHA's increasing fringe expenses. As a result of the unexpected and rapid increase in the state's fringe rate to 60.08%, OHA's personnel costs has risen substantially in recent years.

¹ See OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOMEOWNERSHIP HO'OKAHUA WAIWAI FACT SHEET VOL.2016, NO. 1, page 3, available at <https://19of32x2yl33s8o4xza0gf14-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/NH-Homeownership-Fact-Sheet-2016.pdf>. This figure includes 8,329 DHHL residential lease "owner-occupied" property units. DHHL ANNUAL REPORT 2014, at 47, available at <http://dhhl.hawaii.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2011/11/DHHL-Annual-Report-2014-Web.pdf>. For non-DHHL properties, the Native Hawaiian homeownership rate is therefore 41.2%, 15.5 percentage points below the statewide rate.

² 24.8% of Native Hawaiian households, compared to 9.6% of state households include more than two generations or unrelated individuals. SMS, *supra* note 1, at 70.

³ 14.1% of Native Hawaiian households, compared to 4.2% of state households have a hidden homeless family member. *Id.*

⁴ See SMS, HAWAII HOUSING PLANNING STUDY, at 34 (2016), available at https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hhfdc/files/2017/03/State_HHPS2016_Report_031317_final.pdf.

OHA anticipates the fringe rate may continue to increase in the near future, further increasing its personnel costs. The requested general fund appropriation increase will help OHA cover a portion of the unexpected and anticipated fringe cost increase, and allow it to maintain a level of community investment and organizational capacity commensurate with the previous biennium.

With regards to the audit described in HB172 HD1, OHA notes that it is subject to a State Audit every four years, is subject to a State Review every five years, regularly contracts with an independent audit firm to conduct an annual financial audit, and has contracted with an independent audit firm to conduct a forensic/performance audit.

OHA remains committed to implementing improvements to our spending policies and protocols to better enable us to uphold our fiduciary responsibilities to our beneficiaries. OHA has taken important and significant steps to addressing issues identified in audits 18-03 and 18-08. However, OHA notes that the more than \$21.5 million for the two fiscal years covered by the two 2018 state audits on OHA's grants substantially contributed to meeting the overwhelming needs of OHA's beneficiaries. With regards to audit 18-03, the vast majority of the non-competitive funds flagged by the auditor were disbursed as a function of OHA's autonomy and discretion as a fiduciary organization, approved in public Board of Trustee meetings, to address pressing, time-sensitive needs of our beneficiaries (such as failing infrastructure at a care home serving Native Hawaiian kūpuna). Moreover, nearly \$11 million of the \$14 million in non-competitive funds supported historically underfunded state programs, for which a competitive process is not required under state procurement laws. And with regards to Audit report no. 18-08, which focused on OHA's \$7.5 million in competitive grants, the auditor found that OHA's competitive grants were "well-managed" and "found that OHA made significant efforts to implement [the auditor's] 2013 audit recommendations," by fully or partially implementing 22 of 23 of the auditor's recommendations.

Accordingly, OHA respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** HB172 HD1, with the reinsertion of the measure's original appropriation amounts and position totals. Please find attached specific detailed testimony on OHA's budget request. Mahalo nui loa for your time and careful consideration of this matter.



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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). Native Hawaiians live in each county, 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 its annual spending to 5% of the rolling 20

quarter average of the NHTF to help ensure sufficient resources are available for future generations. FY 2018 is used as an example to depict OHA's net assets and core operating budget.

Figure 1. OHA's FY 2018 Net Assets (unaudited) = \$662,915,500

OHA's Spending Policy limits the amount of annual withdrawals from its investment portfolio for operations.

For FY 2018 the spending limit was \$17,555,826, which was an increase of \$256,762 from FY 2016 of \$17,299,064.

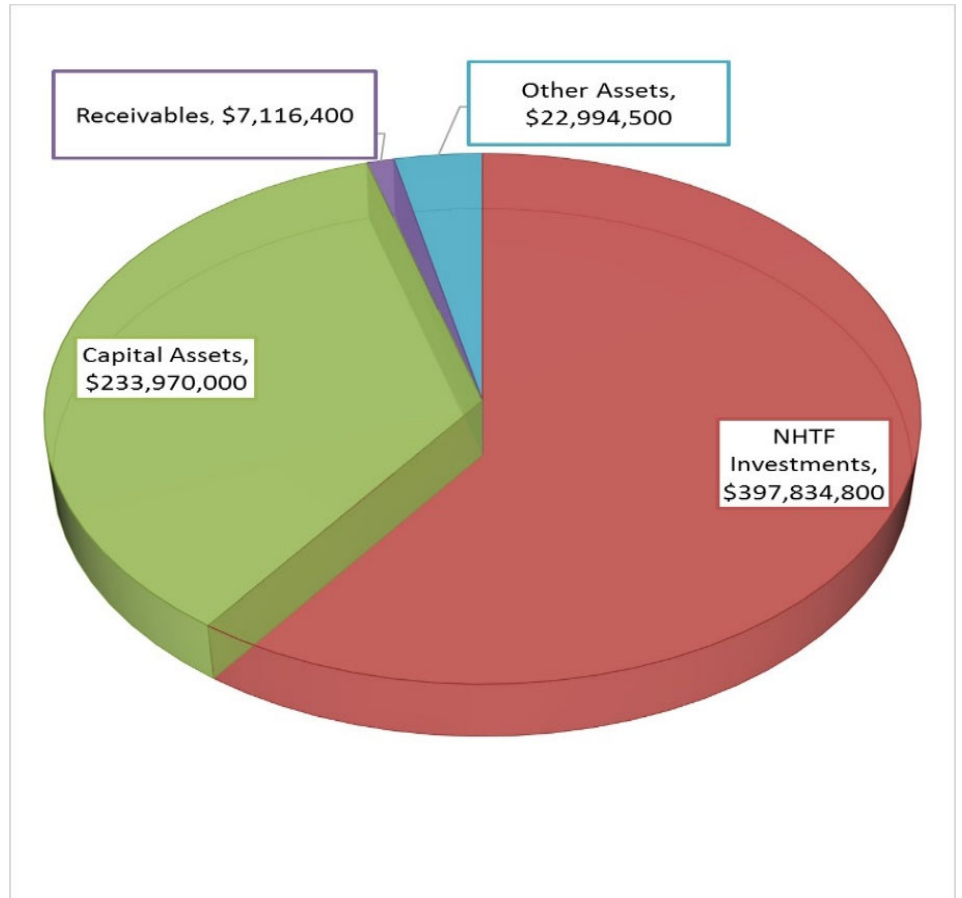


Figure 2. OHA's FY 2018 Funding Sources for Core Operations = \$36,127,702

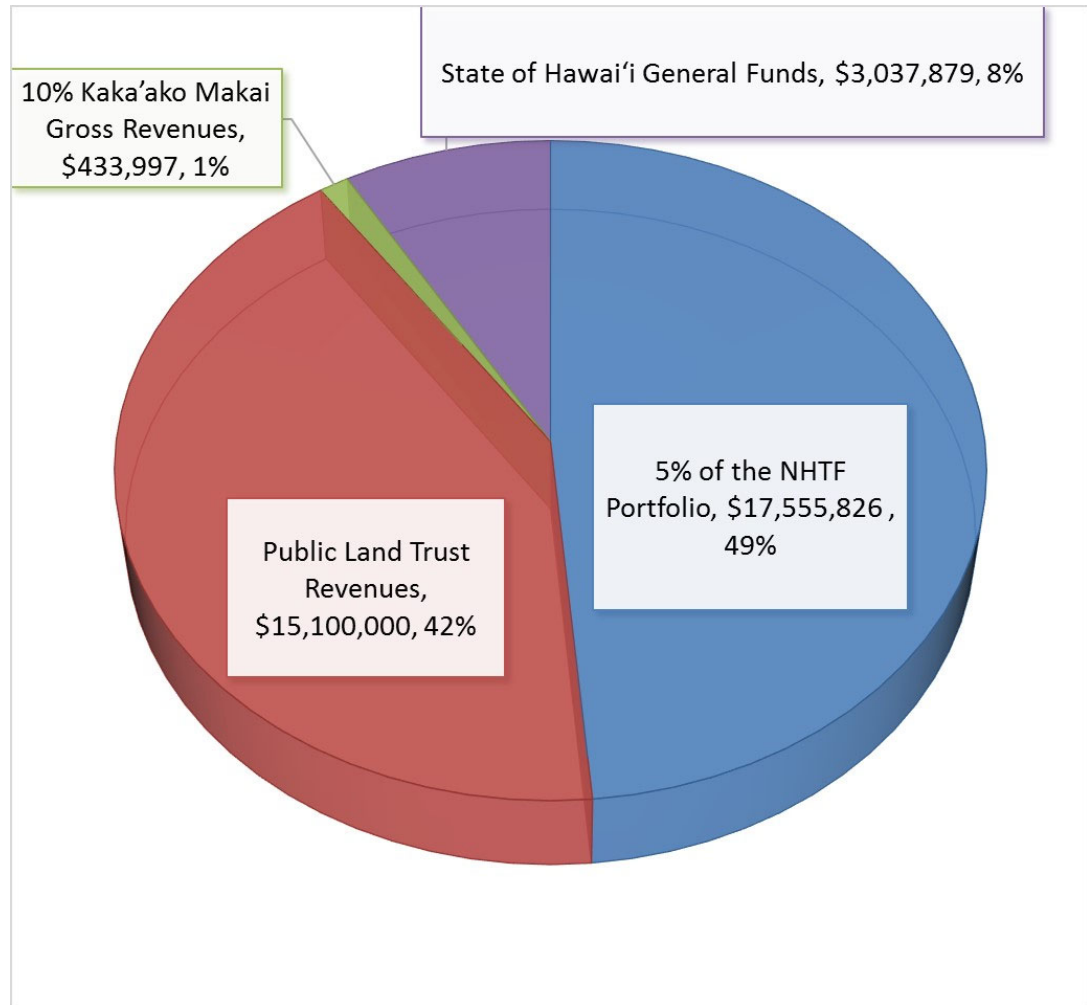
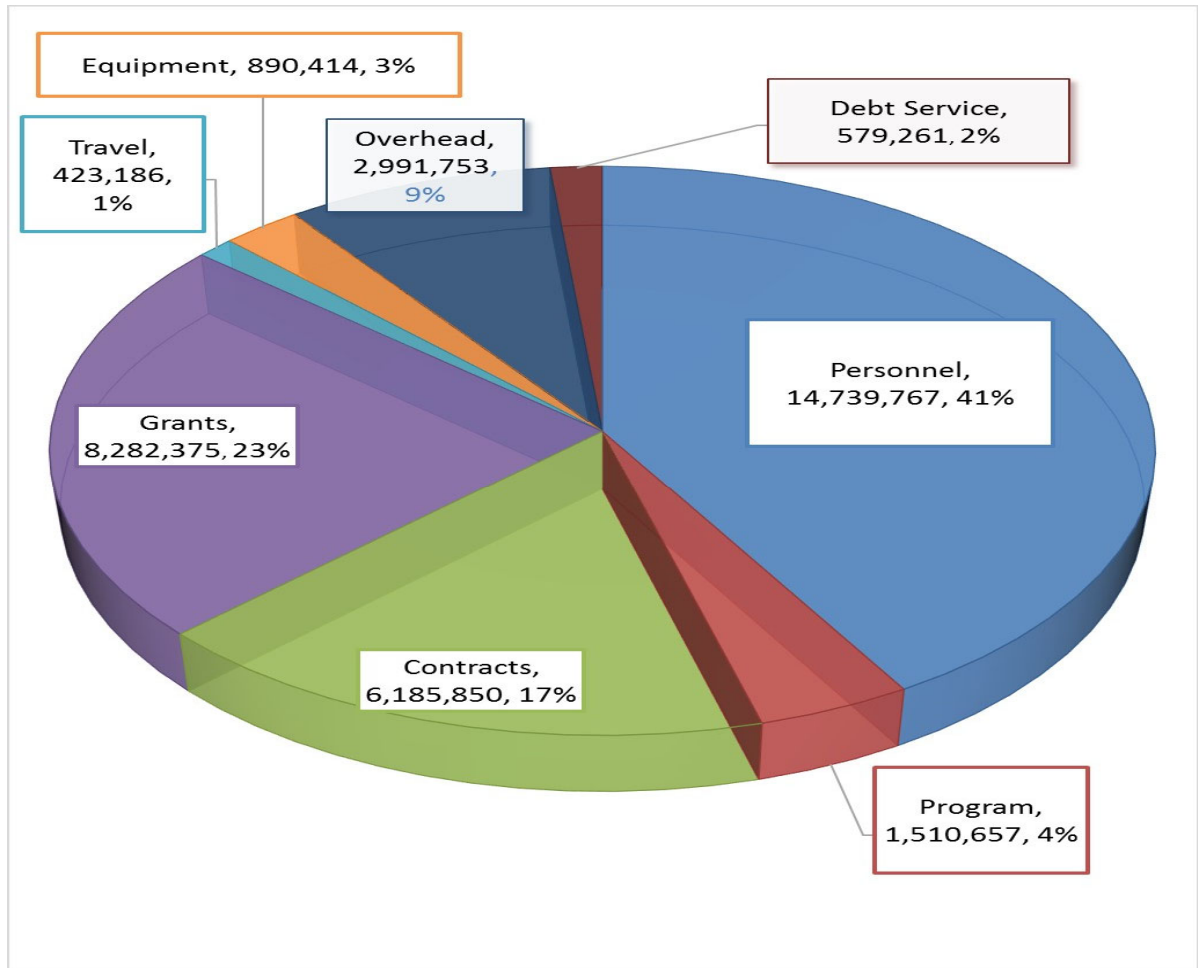


Figure 3. OHA's FY 2018 Core Operating Budget = \$35,603,263



Each year, OHA publishes its activities and financial performance in its Annual Report. This year's report illustrates how the organization continues to make inroads on our three main goals: providing resources, advocating for Native Hawaiians on a range of issues, and facilitating collaboration among key stakeholders.

We encourage you to review the 2018 Office of Hawaiian Affairs Annual Report. The complete report can be downloaded from www.oaha.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. OHA has begun the challenging process of updating the Strategic Plan. Administrative staff has presented the Board of Trustees with the key steps and timetable for the update process. Developing the content of the plan will require interaction between the Board and staff, with final approval of the plan resting with the Board.

Table 1. Key Education, Economic, Health and Legal Indicators

Target Area	➤ Strategic Indicator ○ Related Measure/Evidence from OHA funding	Progress FY 17 - FY18	Future Progress	\$ Requested from State	
EDUCATION	Adults	➤ Increase number of degrees or certificates earned by Native Hawaiians from the UH System by 12%	97.8% FY2018	Maintain	\$ 0
		○ Number of OHA scholarships provided	384 awarded / yr	Maintain	
	K-12	➤ Increase the percentage of Native Hawaiian student that meet or exceed math standards*	26% SY2018*	Increase	\$ 615,000
		➤ Increase the percentage of Native Hawaiian student that meet or exceed reading standards*	38% SY2018*	Increase	
		○ Number of Native Hawaiian students OHA assisted	3,428 students / yr	Maintain**	
ECONOMIC	Income	➤ Increase Native Hawaiian median family income to 92% or greater of the total State median family income	87.7% FY2016	Increase	\$ 0
		⊖ Number of Native Hawaiians assisted	170 families / yr	Maintain**	
	Housing	➤ Increase Native Hawaiian homeownership rate to 58%	50.3% FY2016	Increase	\$ 500,000
		➤ Decrease the percent of Native Hawaiians who pay more than 30% of Income on rental housing cost to 55%	51% FY2016	Decrease	
		○ Number of Native Hawaiians assisted	894 families / yr	Maintain**	
	Social Services	○ Number of Native Hawaiians assisted	924 individuals / yr	Maintain**	\$ 415,000
	Income/Housing/Social Services	○ Number who completed Financial Literacy Training to secure OHA economic assistance	757 individuals / yr	Maintain**	\$ 0
HEALTH	➤ Reduce the rate of obesity among Native Hawaiians to 35%	45.6% FY2016	Decrease	\$ 0	
	○ Number of Native Hawaiians who lost weight	535 individuals / yr	Maintain**		
LEGAL	○ Number of Native Hawaiians who received legal services including representation	580 individuals / yr	Maintain**	\$ 524,400	
TOTAL ANNUAL PROGRAMMATIC REQUEST:				\$2,054,400	

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, legal, housing, 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 increased in FY2018 but OHA notes a decrease in the first half of FY2019 due to the current volatile stock market.
- **Beneficiaries.** Due to many factors, Hawai'i continues to experience increases to costs of living (i.e. housing and food) that exceed increases in wage and income. This has exacerbated Native Hawaiians' housing instability, high rates of homelessness, and higher rates of poverty. Additionally, although Native Hawaiians participate in the labor force at higher rates than the state average (66.7% versus 65.3%), Native Hawaiian per capita income is substantially lower than the state population, \$24,188 compared to \$33,882 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018; U.S. Census Bureau, 2018).
- **Bottom Line.** State and federal budget cuts may have reduced services and programs that previously serviced OHA beneficiaries. When there are cuts beneficiaries often turn to OHA to fill the gap. Also, increasingly non-profits 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 1. 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. 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. Additionally, trustees

have adopted new guidelines for its Kulia grants program and are in the process of amending trustee allowance policies and its fiscal reserve policy. 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. Finally, OHA's Board approved a policy amendment that requires Board approval for all grants and sponsorships and therefore these decisions will be made in open public meetings.

Significant Return on Investment via OHA and Community Commitment. For FY18 and FY19 OHA successfully leveraged \$3,347,660 of general funds into \$14,160,959 in the areas of social services, legal services, education, and income, a 4.23 : 1 total impact.

Strong demand continues for OHA grant money to help tackle priority issues. Community partners increasingly tailor marketable services to OHA priorities to meet critical needs across the State. Organizations contribute a minimum 20% cash match in each grant request. In turn, OHA anticipates that it will be as successful as it was in this past fiscal biennium, and through continued partnerships with the State and many well-connected organizations, we will leverage OHA funds as much as 8.4 : 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 **4.23 : 1 total impact** as depicted in Table 2.

In other words, OHA will turn **\$4.1 million** into **\$17.4 million** to strengthen Hawai'i families and communities

Table 2. Summary of FB 20/21 Projected State Leveraged Impact by Priority Area: State Funds Leveraged 4.23:1

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	0	1,992,000	2.40	1,847	1,847
Legal Services	1,048,800	1,048,800	676,218	0	2,773,818	2.64	1,160	1,160
Education	1,230,000	1,230,000	200,000	1,540,000	4,200,000	3.41	9,687	6,856
Housing (inc \$6M DHHL)	1,000,000	1,000,000	400,000	6,000,000	8,400,000	8.40	4,432	3,576
TOTAL:	4,108,800	4,108,800	1,608,218	7,540,000	17,365,818	4.23	17,126	13,439

Notes:

[A] Housing includes \$3M/year to DHHL.

[B] Additional Funds through OHA Partnership: \$13,257,018 [= \$17,365,818 (Total Investment) - 4,108,800 (State General Funds)]

[C] Leveraged Impact = Total Investment / State General Funds; Projected State General Funds leveraged through OHA Partnerships: 4.23 : 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 program and one (1) Federally-funded direct program. As of this time, these awards have not lost, or are not at risk, of losing federal funding. They are summarized as follows:

<u>Federal Grantor / Pass-through Grantor / Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highways --	
Pass-through Program: Department of Transportation, State of Hawai'i Interstate Route H-3	20.205
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services --	
Direct Program: 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 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.”

NON-GENERAL FUNDS

D. Reports to the Legislature on Non-General Funds pursuant to HRS 37-47

Please see Appendix C.

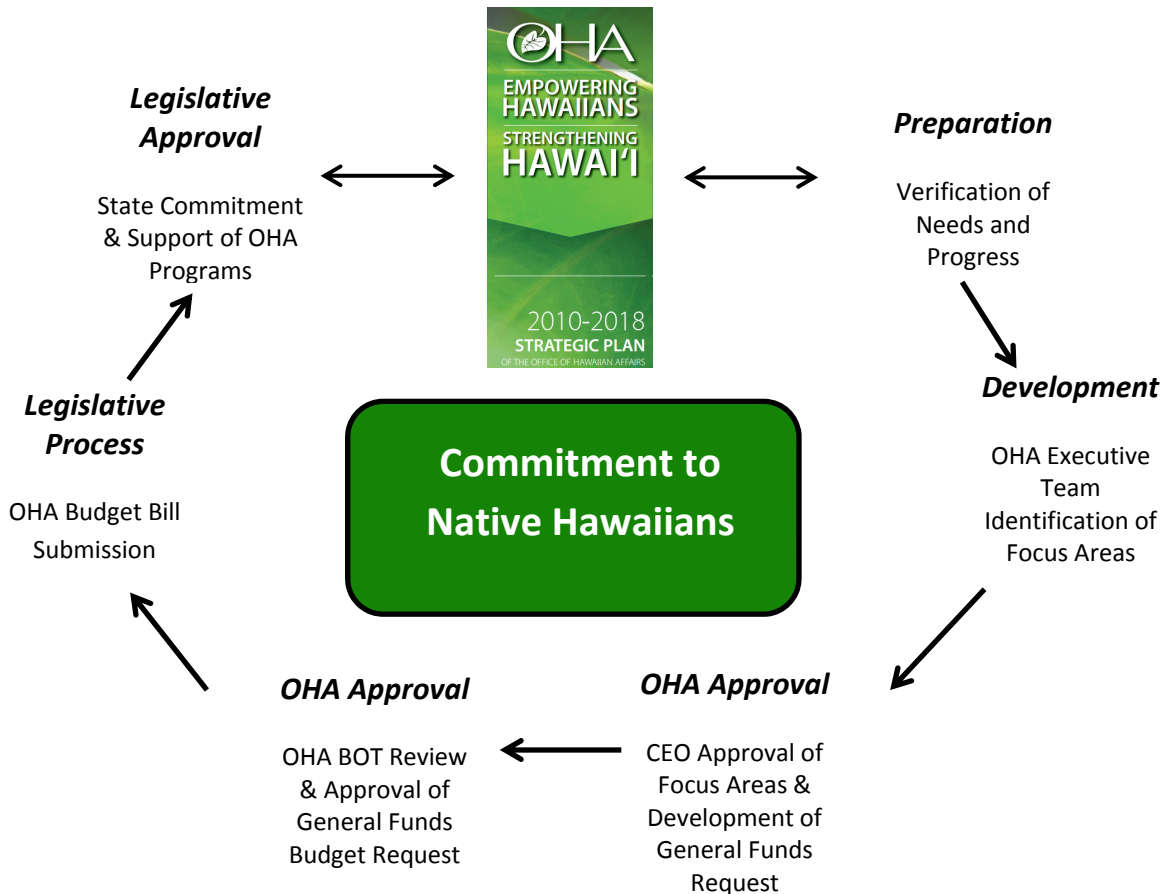
BUDGET REQUEST

E. 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

Historical Funding. OHA has received State General Funds since 1981 for a portion of its personnel and operating cost and to provide services. Through its FY 2018 - FY 2019 appropriations, OHA currently supports services to beneficiaries in the priority areas of **Social Services, Legal Services, Education, and Income**. OHA considers all of its programmatic request (Social Services, Legal Services, Education, and Housing) as well as support provided for personnel and operations as priorities.

Budget Changes. OHA is requesting an increase in programmatic support totaling \$500,000/year in the areas of Housing, as well as an increase in personnel support totaling \$562,130/year as explained in Section E. Significant Adjustments and Related Outcomes below.

In summary, OHA requests **\$7,921,158** including **\$4,108,800** for **programmatic support** plus **\$3,852,358** for **personnel and operations** during the next biennium. OHA hopes to leverage State's General Funds provided for programmatic support of **\$4,108,800** to a projected **\$17,365,818** or **4.23:1**, as summarized in Table 2.

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 four specific priority areas that are ultimately about helping statewide efforts to strengthen families and communities.

F. Significant Budget Adjustments and Related Outcomes

OHA's FB 20/21 State General Funds request includes the following significant adjustments:

Budget Adjustments/Changes

HOUSING:

- **Increase** request for the combined areas of \$500,000/year.

INCOME:

- **Decrease** request of \$119,430/year.

PERSONNEL:

- **Increase** request totaling \$562,130/year and \$1,124,260/FB 20/21.

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. 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 20% cash match in each grant request. In turn, OHA funding will allow many well-connected organizations to leverage OHA funds as much as 8.4 : 1 (see Table 2. Leveraged Impact, under “Housing”).

Changes for the upcoming FB 20/21 biennium are summarized in **Table 3** below:

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

Purpose	FB 18/19 (per year)		FB 20/21 (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. Housing	0	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
5. Income	119,430	619,430	0	0	-119,430	-619,430
Sub-Total Programs:	\$ 1,673,830	\$ 2,173,830	\$ 2,054,400	\$ 2,054,400	\$ 380,570	\$ -119,430
A. Personnel	1,067,175	3,959,000	1,629,305	3,959,000	562,130	0
B. Operations	296,874	296,874	296,874	296,874	0	0
Sub-Total Non Programs:	\$ 1,364,049	\$ 4,255,874	\$ 1,926,179	\$ 4,255,874	\$ 562,130	\$ 0
Totals:	\$ 3,037,879	\$ 6,429,704	\$ 3,980,579	\$ 6,310,274	\$ 942,700	\$ -119,430
FB 20/21 (2-year) Programs Total:			\$ 4,108,800	\$ 4,108,800	*Same as Table 2, 1:1 match	
FB 20/21 (2-year) Overall Total:			\$ 7,921,158	\$12,620,548	*Overall 1.6:1 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 11-FY 19) in which OHA committed over **\$54 million in support of State agencies and its University**, it received less than half that amount, or **\$25 million** in State General Funds, as summarized in **Table 4** to the right.

The infographics on the pages following summarize OHA’s overall budget request as well as its projected leveraged impact as it relates to the four priority areas.

Table 4. State General Funds to OHA FY 11-FY 19

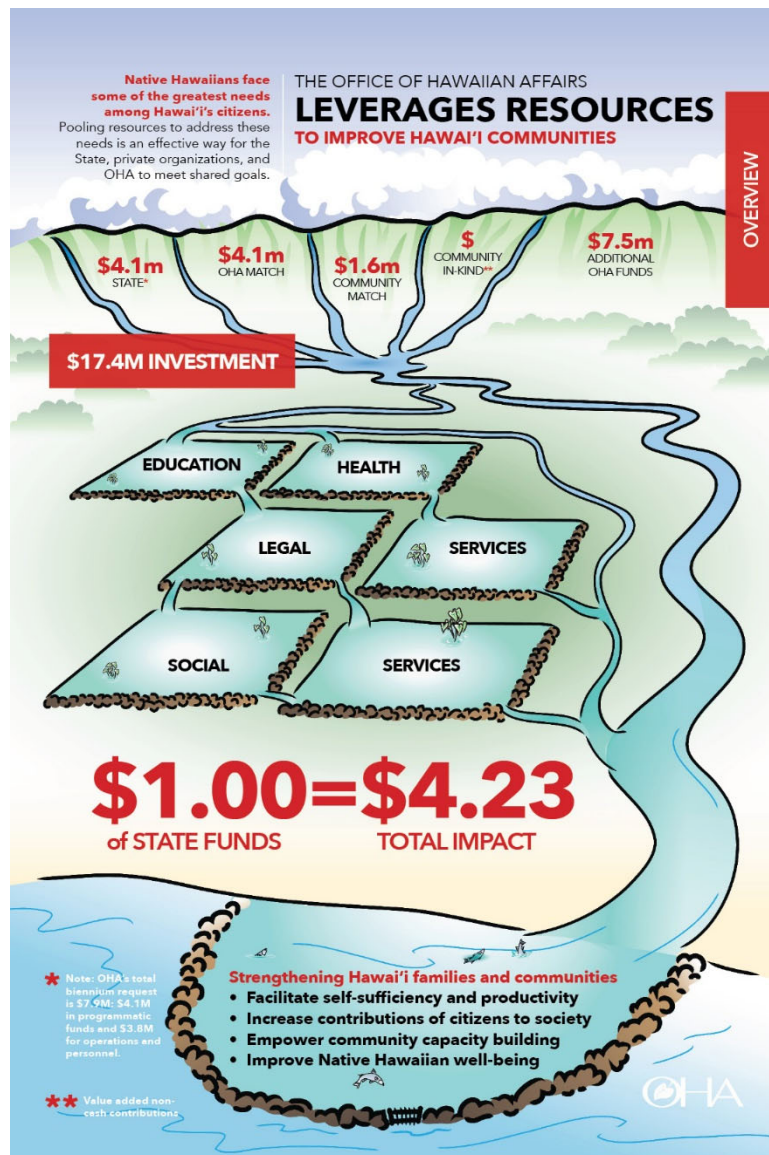
Fiscal Year	General Funds Amount
FY 2011	2,469,659
FY 2012	2,370,872
FY 2013	2,370,872
FY 2014	3,141,574
FY 2015	2,741,574
FY 2016	2,991,004
FY 2017	2,991,004
FY 2018	3,037,879
FY 2019	3,037,879
Total:	\$ 25,152,317

Summary of OHA’s Budget Request and Projected State Leveraged Impact

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 advocacy 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’ 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 and building upon this progress.

Strong demand remains for OHA grant money to help tackle these issues and OHA has seen community partners 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 and Hawai’i residents.

Figure 5. Summary Infographic (See Appendix A-1 for larger image)



OHA’s grants program has substantially enhanced its community impact 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 optimistic enthusiasm that OHA is now requesting \$4.1 million (over half of OHA’s \$7.9 million total budget request) in programmatic state funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal biennium. OHA hopes to leverage \$4.1 million in State funds into a \$17.4 million investment in four specific areas that further existing State efforts to strengthen Hawai’i’s families and communities.

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

1. Social Services

In partnership with the State, OHA hopes to continue to provide support and funding for social services to at-risk Native Hawaiians. Through its grants program, OHA works with and funds organizations that serve Native Hawaiians who may be struggling financially or facing unexpected crises.

Unfortunately, the need for social services support within the Native Hawaiian community remains high. The most recent data from 2017 reveals that 12% of Native Hawaiian individuals and 10% of Native Hawaiian families live in poverty (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018). These rates are nearly 2.4% points higher than that of the total state population (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018). In fact, although Native Hawaiians participate in the labor force at higher rates than the state average (66.7% versus 65.3%), Native Hawaiian per capita income is only 71% of that of the total state population, \$24,188 compared to \$33,882 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018; U.S. Census Bureau, 2018).

For many in our communities who are already living paycheck-to-paycheck and struggling to survive financially, emergency situations such as natural disasters, sudden unemployment, medical issues, or family

crises, exacerbate their already dire financial situation. In 2018, we saw many Native Hawaiian families affected by extreme flooding in Wainiha and Hā'ena, and by lava flows in Kalapana-Kapoho and Pāhoā.

OHA's emergency assistance program, funded through our social services proviso, collaborates with community partners to provide relief to struggling Native Hawaiians faced with unforeseen circumstances by providing funds to pay for necessities like 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.

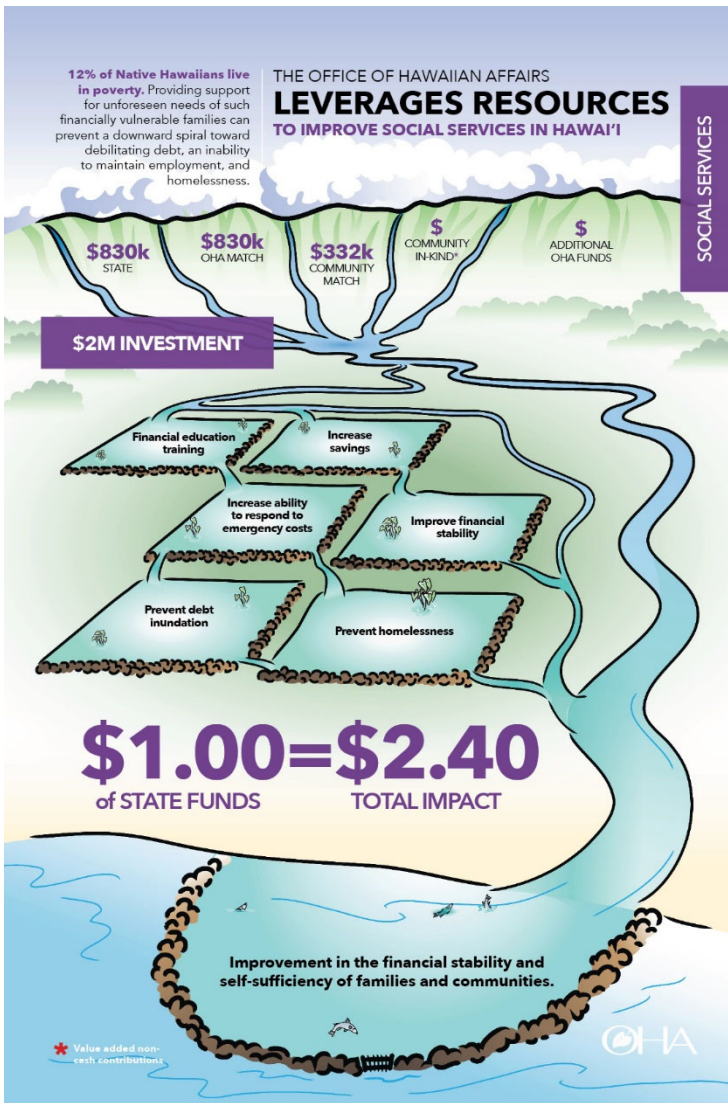


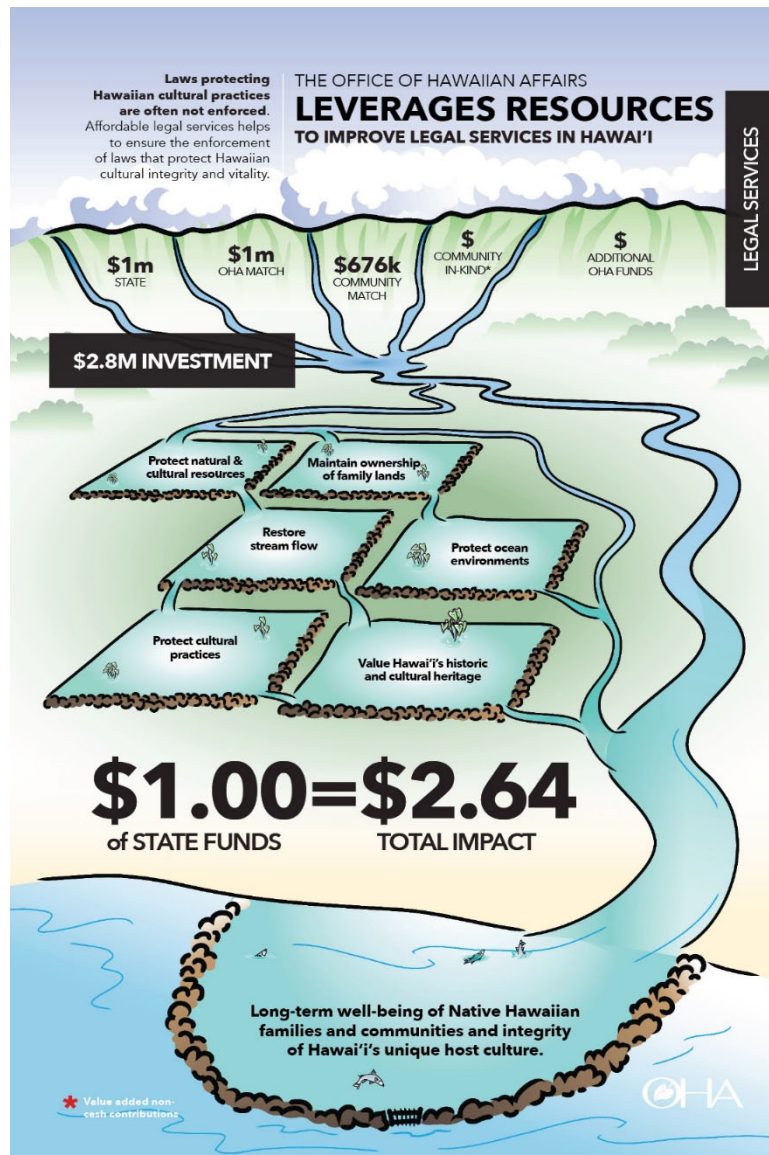
Figure 6. Social Services Infographic (See Appendix A-2 for larger image)

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.

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. Accordingly, OHA’s legal services program provides funding that ensure 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-3 for larger image)



OHA hopes to leverage \$1,040,800 in state funds over the next two years for a total investment of \$2.77 million in legal services that can improve and consistently uphold state laws that are meant to protect Native Hawaiians’ rights and interests.

3. Education

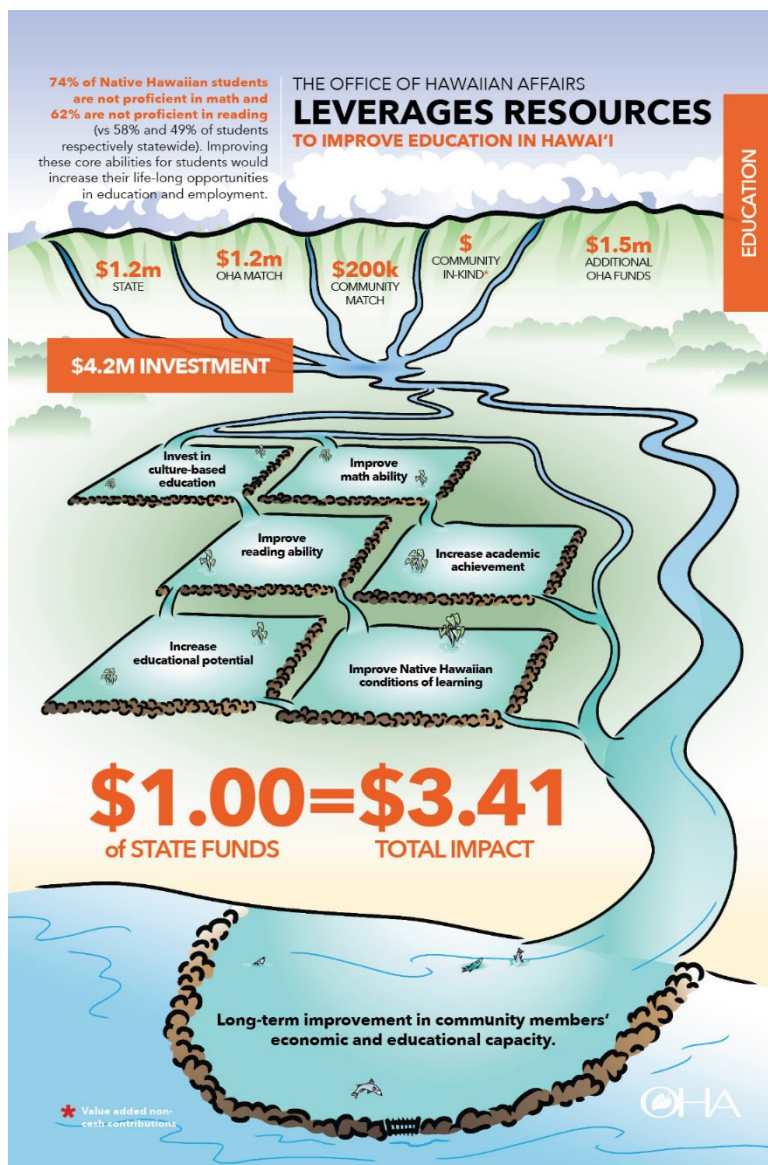
In the year ahead, OHA will continue to focus on closing the persistent achievement gap between Native Hawaiian students and their peers across the State, particularly in math and reading. OHA recognizes the need to reverse this trend, which threatens to undermine the future success of Native Hawaiian students. Last school year, 2017-18, 74% of Native Hawaiian students were not proficient in math and 62% were not proficient in reading (vs 58% and 46% of all students respectively) (DOE, 2018).

In order to close this gap, OHA seeks to support programs that provide Native Hawaiian students with learning opportunities that are culturally-based, that strengthened students' sense of well-being, and that provide specific strategies to help them understand the math and reading concepts with which they are struggling. Research shows that teaching environments using a culture-based education approach positively influence

key student outcomes, including improved community connections and cultural relationships, increased self-efficacy and a sense of belonging, and increased college aspirations. (Kanaiaupuni et al., 2017).

In addition, OHA believes that successful educational outcomes for all students, 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-4 for larger image)



OHA is hoping to continue to partner with the state and 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 will be able to invest an additional \$2.97 million into educational programs designed to help Native Hawaiian students succeed academically. These students will also graduate with the skills needed to obtain well-paying jobs and/or pursue a college education.

4. Housing

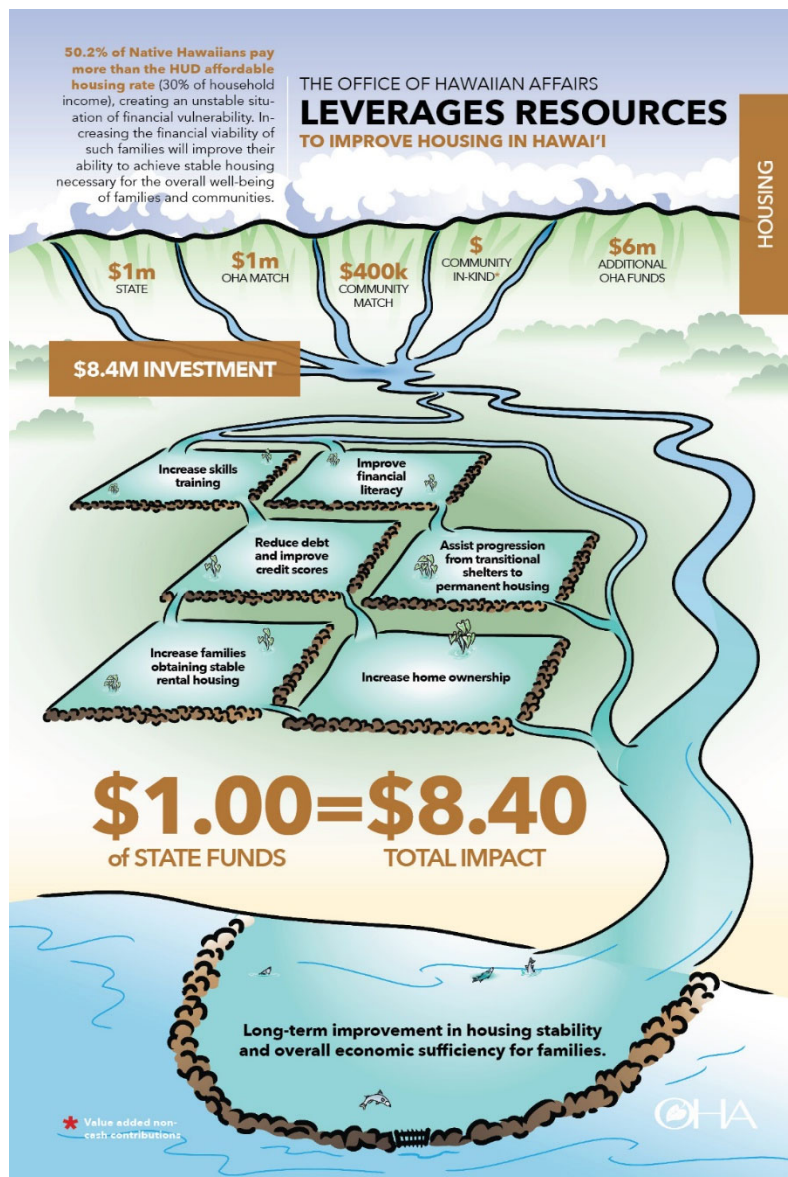
OHA continues to focus on helping more Native Hawaiians achieve housing stability, as many continue to struggle to achieve homeownership, afford adequate rental housing, and avoid homelessness. According to the latest available figures from 2017, only 54% of Native Hawaiians reside in owner-occupied housing, compared to 58.5% of residents of the state/State (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018). Of Native Hawaiian households planning to buy a home, the average amount available for a down payment was half that of non-Hawaiian households, \$24,440 compared to \$59,225; Native Hawaiians' median affordable monthly mortgage payment was \$1,000 less (HHFDC, 2016).

Meanwhile, more than half of Native Hawaiian renters live in homes they are struggling to afford, and many may also live in overcrowded situations to reduce rental payments (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018). In fact, one in four Native Hawaiian homes are occupied by two or more families in order to share housing costs and 14% include "hidden homeless" persons. These rates are more than two times that of non-Hawaiian households (10% doubled-up and 4% with hidden homeless). (HHFDC, 2016). In addition to being burdened by the same unaffordable housing costs as the rest of Hawai'i, Native Hawaiians also earn substantially less—nearly \$10,000 less—than that of the per capita income of the State (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018).

Among the State's homeless populations, Native Hawaiians represent the largest ethnic group, comprising 27% of all clients receiving homeless services statewide (Yuan & Cauci, 2018) and 32% of surveyed homeless on O'ahu (PIC, 2017). In fact, 25% of emergency shelter clients and 32% of transitional housing clients are Native Hawaiian (Yuan, 2017). Additionally, 22% of Native Hawaiian households are at-risk of becoming homeless (HHFDC, 2016).

In response to this data, OHA is advocating for appropriate affordable housing policies, and hoping to leverage \$500,000 from the State over the next two years to improve housing stability. OHA is accepting grants to assist Native Hawaiians improve housing stability, including Native Hawaiians that are currently homeless, at risk of homelessness, in transitional housing, in unstable or unaffordable rentals, and/or those pursuing homeownership.

Figure 9. Housing Infographic (See Appendix A-5 for larger image)



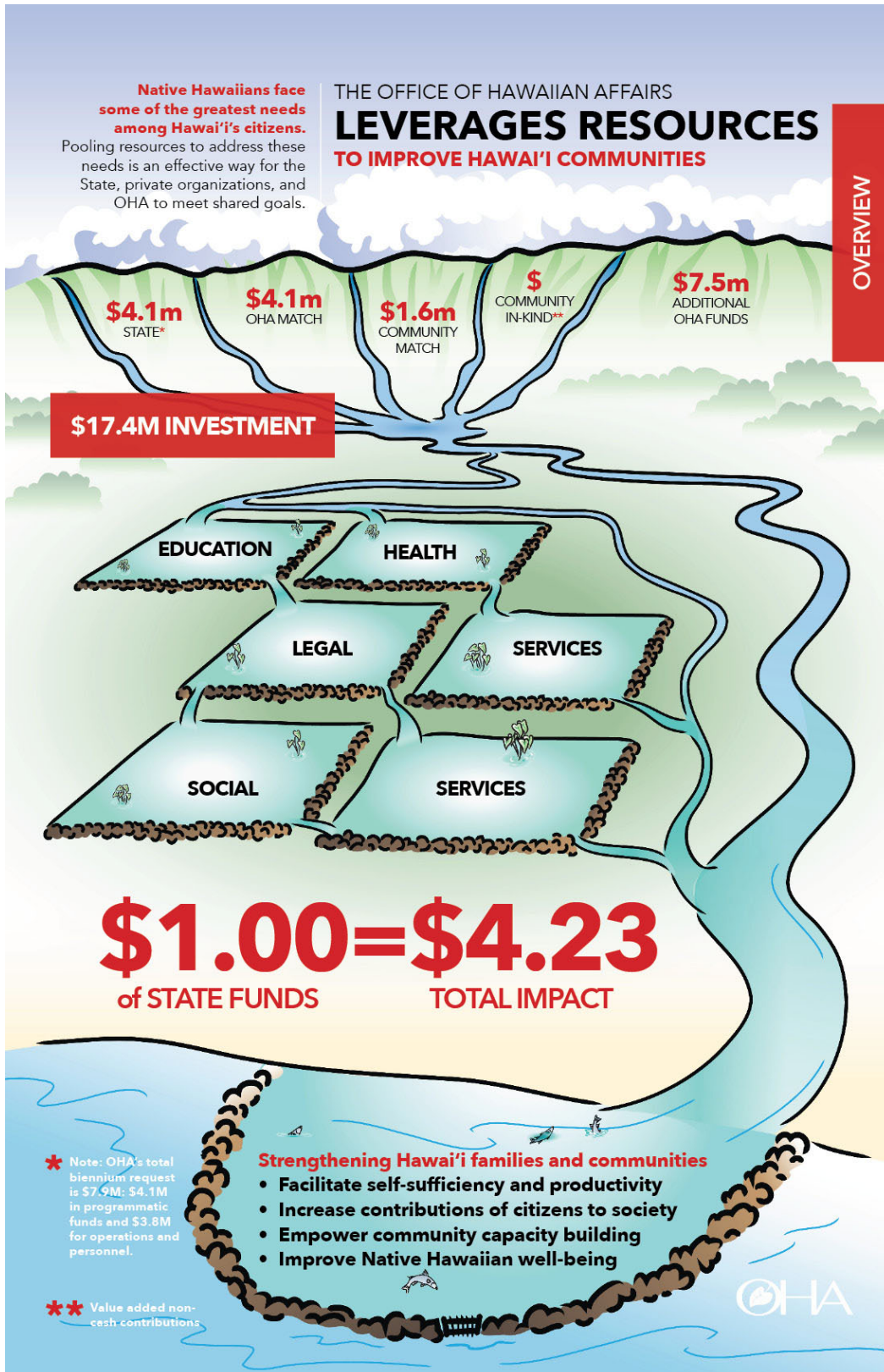
OHA and community partners expect to invest \$8.4 million into helping Native Hawaiians achieve housing stability, become more creditworthy, improve financial management, and increase their home ownership rate.

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

Appendix A

OHA's Full Size Infographics

Figures A-1 Overview



Figures A-2 Social Services

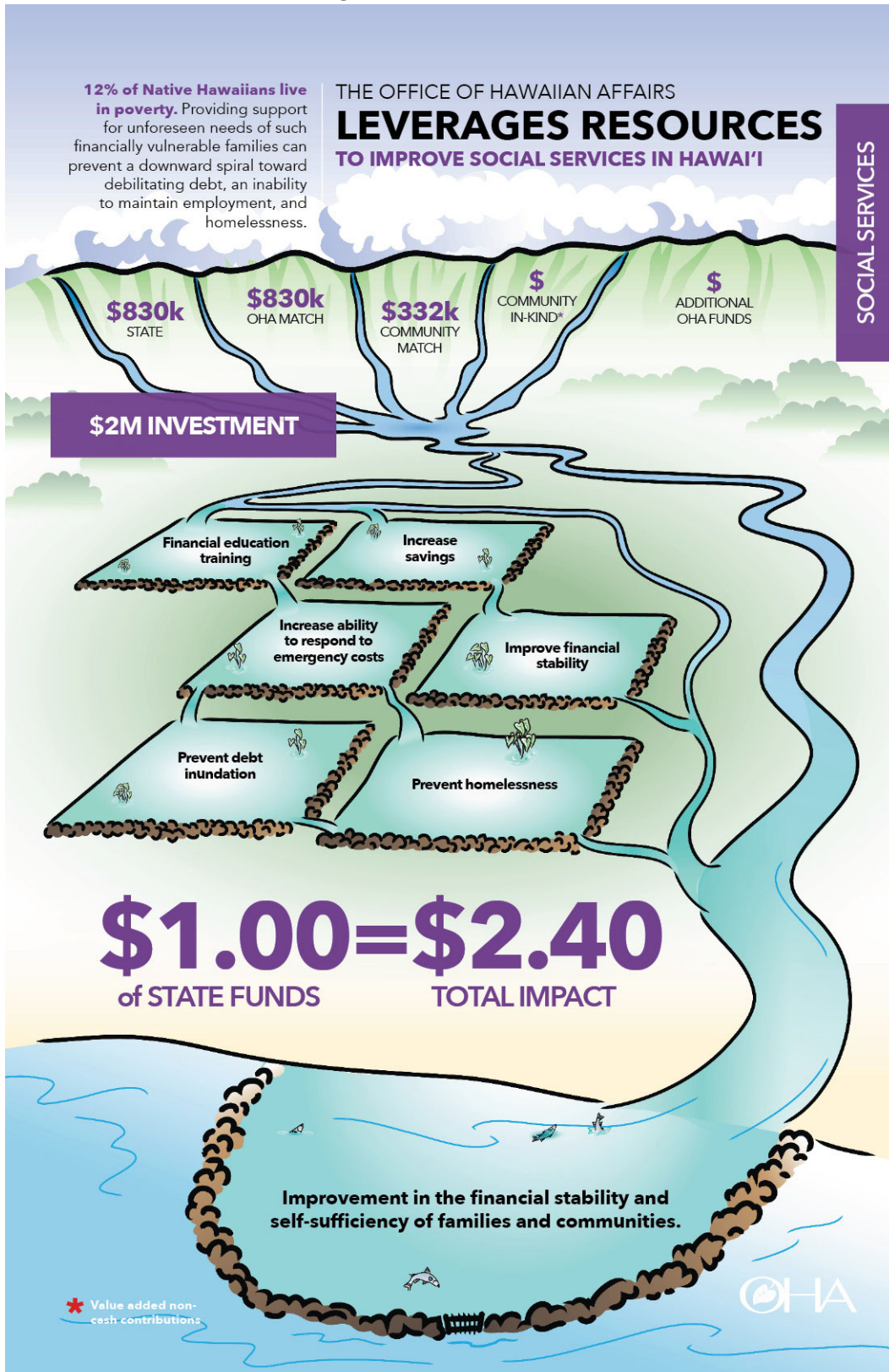


Figure A-3 Legal Services

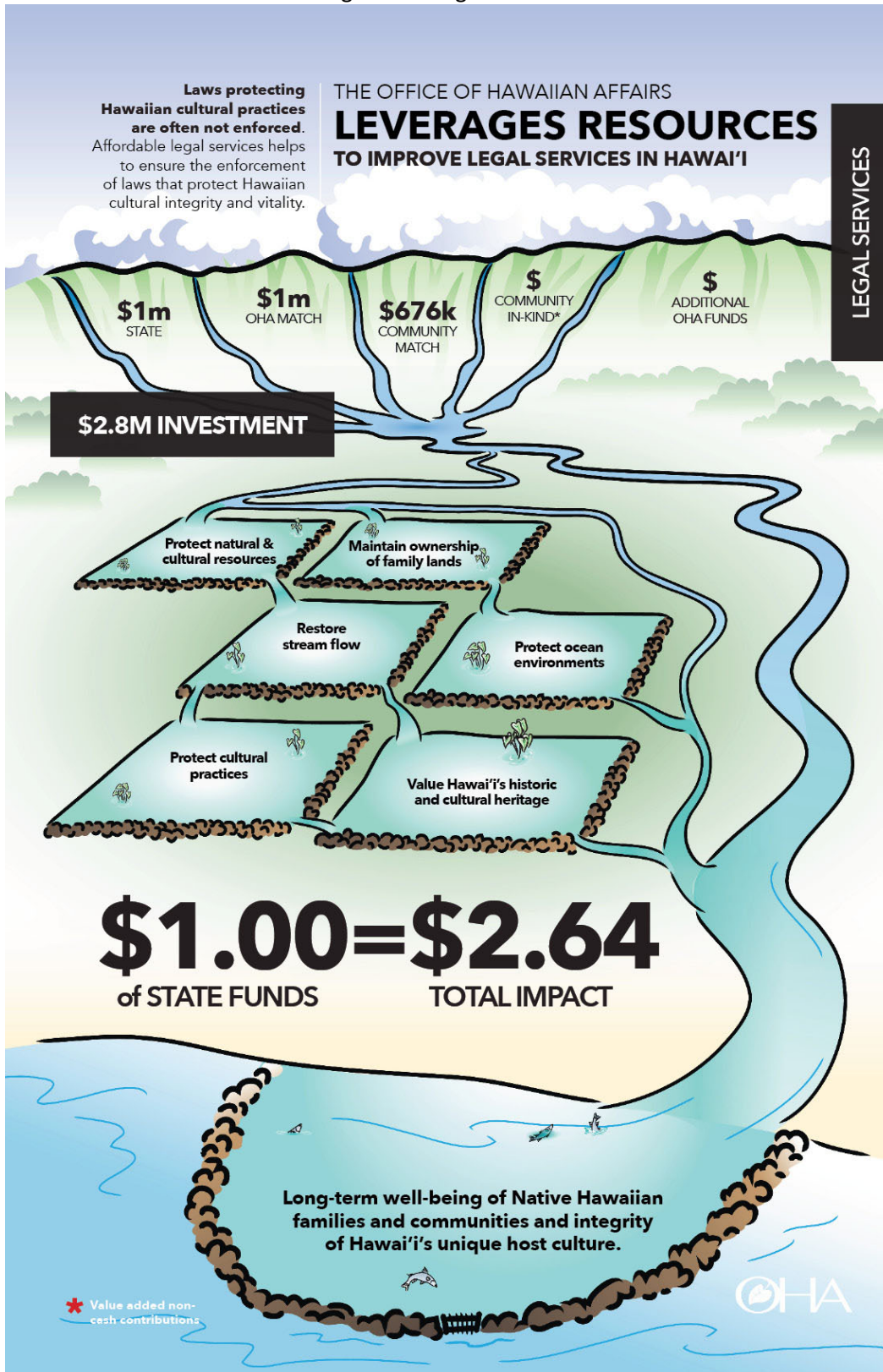


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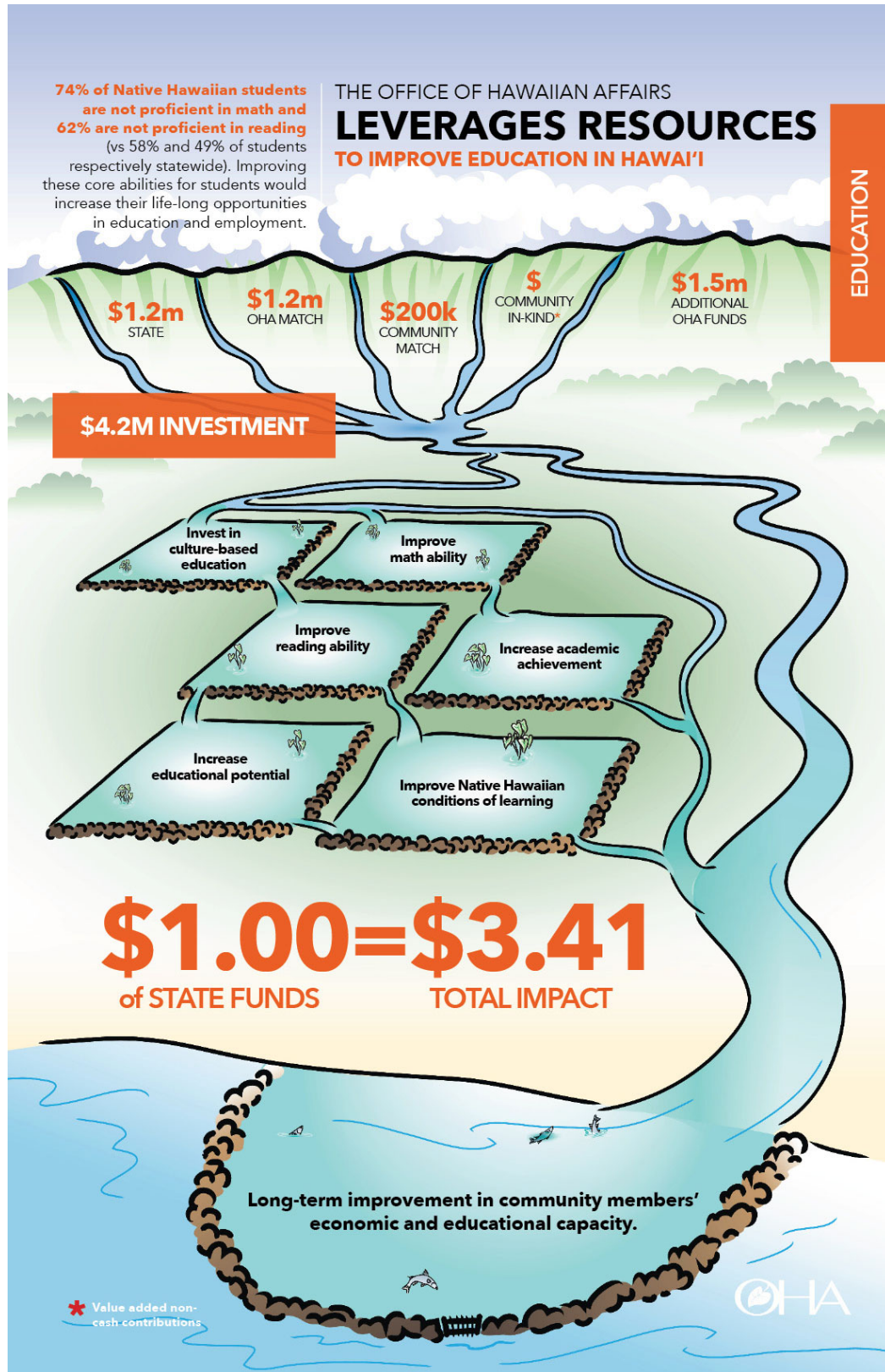
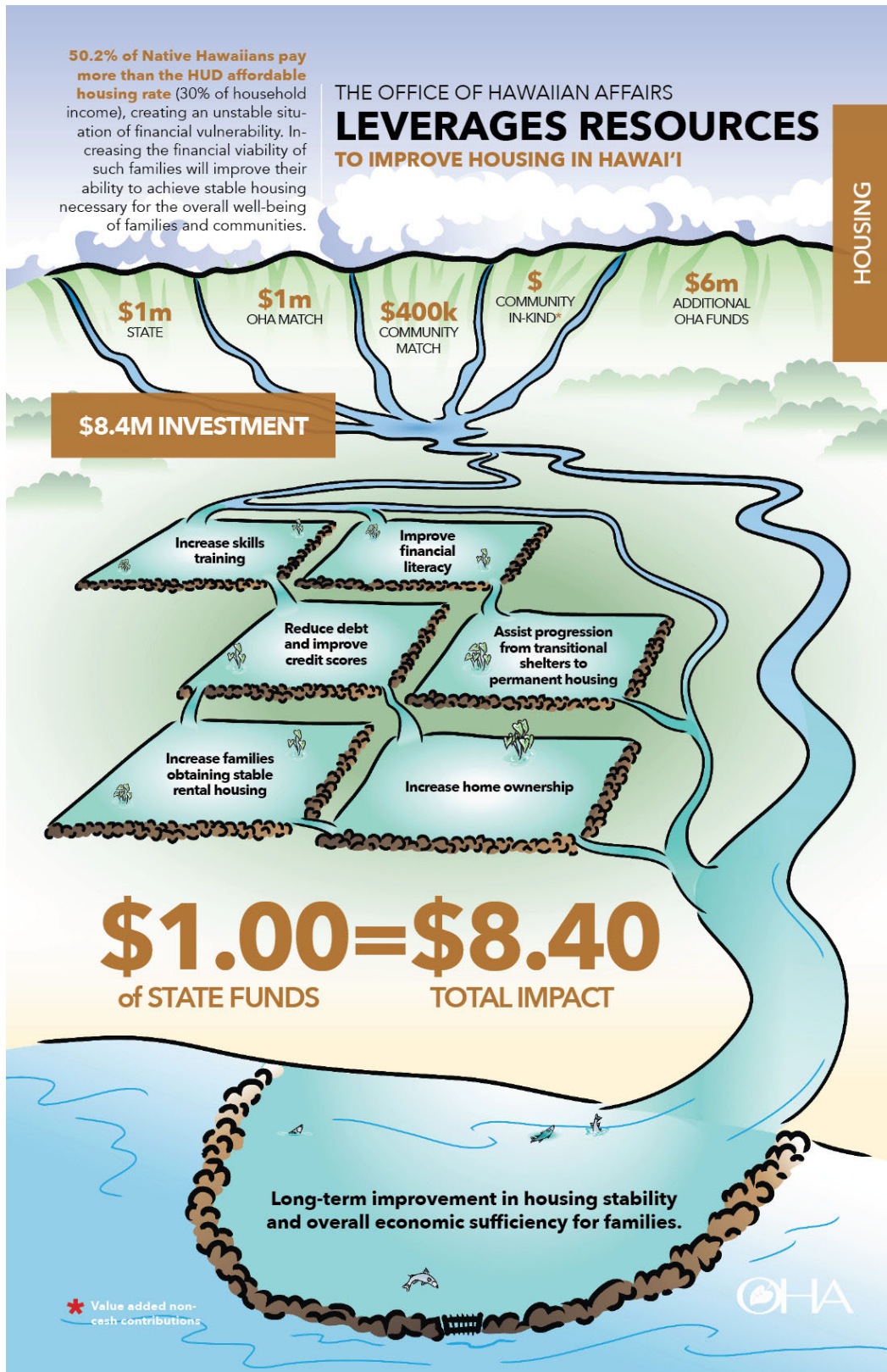


Figure A-5 Housing





February 26, 2019

To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, and Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Finance Committee

Re: Hearing on HB 172 HD1 Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

February 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Hawai'i State Capitol

Conference Room 308

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 172 HD 1

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, and Representative Ty Cullen, Vice Chair, and House Members of the House Finance Committee:

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), a Native Hawaiian serving organization, testifies in strong support of the OHA budget bill because of the financial support and funding for programs it provides for Native Hawaiian individuals, their families, and their communities. This funding will enable OHA to work towards achieving its mission of “bettering the conditions of Hawaiians” as is its duty and responsibility under the State of Hawaii Constitution and the related laws of the State of Hawaii promulgated after OHA was created through the amendments passed by the 1978 Constitutional Convention and later ratified and adopted by a vote of the people.

CNHA Supports \$4.1 Million of General Funding for the Proposed OHA Budget Bill and for a Commitment In An Equal Amount of Matching OHA Trust Funds.

The OHA budget bill proposes and requests \$4.1 million in state general funds through the various provisions of section 5, section 6, section 7, and section 8 for the combined two years of the coming biennium. In return, OHA will match, through their trust funds, on a dollar for dollar basis, this \$4.1 million committed by the State Legislature. In addition, OHA will commit an additional \$9.1 million in OHA resources on top of the total \$8.2 million set forth in their proposed budget bill as a way to leverage this initial Legislative general fund investment of \$4.1 million. Expressed another way, each dollar invested by the state will yield a minimum of \$4.23 in OHA funding for all of the sectors set forth in sections 5,6,7, and 8 of the OHA budget bill. By any standard economic rubric, this \$4.2 to \$1 leverage marker makes good economic sense, and helps to address the needs of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries who also comprise approximately 25% of the general population of Hawaii.

Section 5 of the OHA budget bill proposes and requests \$415,000 in State general funds (for each of the two years of the biennium) to be matched by \$415,000 (for each of the two years of the biennium) in OHA trust funds to provide education and direct support to assist Hawaiians who are at-risk of being overwhelmed financially and who may be at jeopardy of becoming homeless. Through its relationship with community funders, OHA's financial commitments will yield and create an additional \$332,000 in external community funding and support for these OHA program initiatives. When expressed another

way, each dollar of State funding will yield nearly \$2.40 in additional resource commitments from OHA and its community partners to improve the social service safety net for Native Hawaiians.

Section 6 of the OHA biennium budget bill addresses the need to improve education outcomes for Native Hawaiian students and to thereby increase their lifelong economic, health, and social well being. The bill proposes and requests \$615,000 in State general funds (for each of the two years of the biennium) to be matched, on a dollar for dollar basis, by \$615,000 (for each of the two years of the biennium) in OHA trust funds. In addition to this commitment of their trust funds, OHA will commit to adding \$1.5 million in OHA funds plus \$200,000 in community funds to support these Native Hawaiian education initiatives for a leverage rate of \$1 of state funds being matched by \$3.41 in OHA spending to improve the education of Native Hawaiians.

Section 7 of the OHA biennium budget bill addresses OHA's need to defend the rights of Native Hawaiians to protect their Hawaiian kuleana lands, to defend Hawaiian families against quiet title actions increasingly brought by mainland buyers with huge financial resources to force Hawaiians without sufficient cash resources to sell their ancestral lands rather than defend their ownership of their family lands, to encourage, define, and defend the rights of Hawaiians to practice their traditional and customary rights and to exercise their kuleana to malama 'aina while nurturing their connection to their homelands and encouraging a sense of well being and fostering a strong sense of Hawaiian identity through such actions, and to defend the special status of the lands of the Kingdom of Hawaii which were seized without permission by the Committee of Safety, transferred without Kingdom permission to the provisional government, transferred without Kingdom permission to the United States, and eventually transferred by the Federal government to the State of Hawaii in 1959 when Hawaii became the 50th state in the Union. We further support OHA funding to assure that the trust lands themselves, as well as the income, rents, and proceeds and the additional trusts created by federal and state Constitutions, by State compacts, and by federal and state statutes from this original trust *res* for Native Hawaiians, shall be honored, adhered to, and given full force and effect in the relevant and appropriate federal and state courts.

Section 7 proposes and requests \$524,000 in State general funds (for each of the two years of the biennium) and \$524,000 (for each of the two years of the biennium) in matching OHA trust funds for these crucial and necessary legal services. OHA will provide additional matching funds in the amount of \$676,000 to support these legal services which, when added to the total amount of funds OHA will provide for these legal services, equates to \$2.64 of OHA funds for every dollar in general State funds authorized and appropriated by the legislature to defend the rights of Native Hawaiians.

Section 8 of the OHA biennium budget bill proposes and requests \$500,000 in general funds (for each of the two years of the biennium) for housing and housing related programs for Native Hawaiians that will, in turn, be matched by \$500,000 (for each of the two years of the biennium) in OHA trust funds. OHA is committed to spend an additional \$6 million of its agency funds, in addition to acquiring a community match of \$200,000 to support its housing initiatives for Native Hawaiians. The effective leverage rate by OHA for each dollar of State general funds authorized and appropriated is \$3.41.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Kuhio Lewis', is positioned above the printed name.

J. Kuhio Lewis
Chief Executive Officer
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement



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House Committee on Finance

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: Pepeeuali 28, 2019

Where: Capitol Room 308

TESTIMONY

Submitted by the listed organizations

RE: **HB172 HD1, Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs**

Aloha e ka Luna Ho‘omaluku Luke, ka Hope Luna Ho‘omaluku Cullen, a me nā Lunamaka‘āinana ‘ē a‘e o kēia Kōmike. The listed organizations appreciate the opportunity to **SUPPORT** HB172 HD1, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai‘i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai‘i’s indigenous, native people. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management, and the funding of community programs. OHA’s budget bill requests state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to support OHA’s budget plans for the upcoming biennium. While still maintaining the three historical provisos (social services, legal services and education improvement), HB172 also requests general funds for housing programs. This bill proposes matching OHA trust fund resources with the requested state general funds. By passing this measure, the state would reaffirm its commitment to address the needs of Native Hawaiians by supporting programs and operations that directly benefit Native Hawaiians, while strengthening Hawai‘i’s communities as a whole.

Therefore, the listed organizations urge the Committee to **PASS** HB172 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

HB-172-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 7:46:57 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

HB-172-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2019 11:55:18 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yvonne Hosaka	Ka'ike'apona	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

I strongly **SUPPORT** HB172, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2020-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i's indigenous, native people. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. OHA's budget bill requests approximately \$3.9 million in matching state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years. It would support OHA's three historical provisos (social services, legal services and education improvement), as well as an additional proviso, which would allow OHA to increase its housing grants.

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I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund these critical programs and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee.

Mahalo Piha

Yvonne Hosaka

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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

For hearing Thursday, February 28, 2019

Re: HB 172, HD1

RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

Appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 for the Office of the Trustees (OHA150), Office of Hawaiian Affairs Administration (OHA160), and Beneficiary Advocacy (OHA175). Requires an expenditure of trust funds to pay for the auditor to conduct a financial and management audit.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

There are two main issues for you to consider:

1. OHA already has assets of more than \$662 Million, according to its latest annual report. Most of that money is squirreled away in real estate, stocks, and bonds. And for greedy OHA that's not nearly enough! This year OHA has bills in the legislature demanding "back rent" of \$139 Million, plus \$35 Million more every year. No other branch of the State government has such a hoard of wealth. It is

immoral and probably illegal for OHA to have such a huge cash stash.

Act 273 (1980) says "twenty per cent of all funds derived from the public land trust ... shall be expended by the office of Hawaiian affairs ... for the purposes of this chapter." Act 273 does not say the funds may be invested in an investment portfolio, it says the funds SHALL BE EXPENDED to provide services. Yet OHA seems to think it can grab tens of millions of dollars every year which it then invests or uses for political purposes such as lobbying Congress or the Department of Interior to "recognize" ethnic Hawaiians as an Indian tribe; but OHA fails to provide more than sporadic and inadequate funding for purposes which OHA should be supporting.

Act 273, Session laws of 1980 should be rescinded. OHA should be funded in the same manner as any other branch of the State government; i.e., by an appropriation included in the annual or biennial State budget, including a line-item listing of the purposes for which the money is to be spent. Then there would be no further conflict or litigation over how to calculate the 20%.

2. OHA is a branch of the State government. But unlike any other government agency, OHA is aggressively using government equipment and employees to solicit its beneficiaries to engage in the political activity of lobbying the legislature to appropriate additional megabucks to increase OHA's own cash stash. Proof of that solicitation is provided in the attached email. It's probably illegal, and certainly unethical, for paid employees of a government agency to use government equipment to engage in political activity.

OHA often claims it is not a government agency. But the whole purpose of this bill is to get the legislature to provide OHA with operating funds in the same way the legislature provides operating funds to all state agencies. In the same hearing notice where other agencies of the State government are getting appropriations for their operating expenses. Thus we see that OHA is indeed a government agency.

But none of the other government agencies uses government equipment and paid employees to send out emails to their employees and beneficiaries urging them to submit testimony to the legislature to support the department's appropriations bill for operating expenses. Does DBEDT ask businesses that use its data to lobby the legislature to support its appropriation? Does the HPHA ask recipients of Section 8 vouchers for subsidized housing to lobby the legislature to support its appropriation to pay the salaries of HPHA bureaucrats?

You members of the legislature know very well that you are not allowed to use your office equipment or your legislative staffers to send out requests for campaign contributions. But attached is an email I received on OHA webpage header on Tuesday afternoon February 26 asking hundreds or thousands of recipients to send in testimony for your hearing on Thursday February 28 to support this bill to pay for OHA's operating expenses. The email provides clickable links to automatically contact your committee, and it provides suggested content for the testimony.

You should ignore any testimony containing OHA's pre-scripted message, because the people sending it to you were merely sheep being herded by their masters, and/or they were too lazy or too ignorant of the issues to write their own testimony. Whoever at OHA organized this lobbying campaign should be fired or at least demoted, along with a reduction in pay. The Campaign Spending Commission should take note of how OHA is operating as an unauthorized and undeclared non-candidate committee engaged in advertising and lobbying.

See attached OHA email.

From: Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHAoutreach@oha.org)

To: ken_conklin@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 2:01 PM HST



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SAMPLE TESTIMONY

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Tadia Rice	Individual	Support	No

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HB-172-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rhonda Roldan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB172 HD1**, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2020-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i's indigenous, native people. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. OHA's budget bill requests approximately \$3.9 million in matching state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years. It would support OHA's three historical provisos (social services, legal services and education improvement), as well as an additional proviso, which would allow OHA to increase its housing grants.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!

Rhonda Roldan

From: Nani Lovell <nlove08054@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 2:41 PM
To: FINtestimony
Subject: Please Support HB172 Relating to OHA Budget

I strongly SUPPORT HB172, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2020-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i's indigenous, native people. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. OHA's budget bill requests approximately \$3.9 million in matching state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years. It would support OHA's three historical provisos (social services, legal services and education improvement), as well as an additional proviso, which would allow OHA to increase its housing grants. In the last six fiscal years (2011-2018), OHA awarded over \$110 million in programmatic funding, grants, and sponsorships, that address our state's most critical issues, including environmental stewardship, food security, housing and homelessness, education, and health care. I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund these critical programs and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee.

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Subject: Support of HB172 Relating to OHA Budget

Aloha House Committee Members

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Anita Mae K. Naone
605 Alihi Place
Kailua, Oahu 96734

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Mahalo,
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Submitted on: 2/26/2019 3:31:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lise Vaughan Sekona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mahalo,
Kahealani Peleras

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Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 4:00 PM
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Cordially,

Earl S. Tenn (Pa Mai)

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Submitted on: 2/26/2019 4:08:05 PM

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Bradford Baang	Individual	Support	No

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Brad Baang

Waianae

HB-172-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 4:49:10 PM

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Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB172.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Member Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/26/2019 5:20:21 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2019 2:00:00 PM

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Richard Kapela Davis	Individual	Support	No

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Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to submit this testimony,

-Kapela-

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Palos Verdes Peninsula Village

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian from the island of Kaua`i and I SUPPORT HB172 that appropriates funds for the operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

I believe the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund critical programs (e.g. grants, sponsorships,etc) helps our community and I humbly request that HB172 be passed out of this committee.

Mahalo,

Donna Kaliko Santos

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Sent from my iPhone
Lianne Uchima

From: mark crabbe <k51980@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:29 PM
To: FINtestimony
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Mark Crabbe
Email: ks1980palenaole@gmail.com
Cell: 808-778-2974

From: Brenten Yamane <brentenyamane@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:21 PM
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Mahalo,
Brenten Yamane
(808) 375-2436

FIN-Jo

From: Elizabeth Kuluwaimaka <konawaileo@yahoo.com>
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Mahalo,

Elizabeth Kuluwaimaka

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Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:59 PM
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HB-172-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2019 12:08:57 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Kanealii	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mahalo Nui,

Diane Kanealii, Executive Director

Kailapa Community Association

Hawaii, Island

HB-172-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2019 12:43:14 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kauahi Perez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha to the House Committee,

My name is Kauahi Perez and I strongly **SUPPORT** HB172, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2020-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i's indigenous, native people. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. OHA's budget bill requests approximately \$3.9 million in matching state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years. It would support OHA's three historical provisos (social services, legal services and education improvement), as well as an additional proviso, which would allow OHA to increase its housing grants--which is sorely **NEEDED**.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Kauahi Perez

From: Kanaka Bronson <bronsonkanaka.bb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 2:21 PM
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HB-172-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 3:36:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/28/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen T Hazam	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB172 HD1. No more money until they complete their forensic audit, including their LLCs. They are dragging their feet. No money until a full report of the findings are released to the public.

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Democratic Party of Hawaii
Hawaiian Affairs Caucus

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB172, HD1
Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Committee on Finance
Hearing, Feb 28, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 308

Aloha, Rep. Luke, Chair; Rep Cullen, Vice Chair; and members of the Committee on Finance

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports HD172, HD1, Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

OHA's budget bill requests state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to support the operating costs of the Office of the Trustees; the operating costs of Administration; and Beneficiary Advocacy Programs, i.e., social services, education, beneficiary advocacy, and housing improvement.

Additionally, HD1 to this bill calls for the OHA to appropriate trust funds for the costs for the auditor to conduct a financial and management audit of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Your committee may wish to reconsider this provision in view of the following:

1) OHA has executed a \$500,000 contract to conduct a forensic/performance audit that is currently underway; 2) The Attorney General's office issued two reports last year of its audit of OHA. The AG's office found the need for OHA to tighten up its policies to assure fair and equitable processes for expenditures. OHA has taken steps to refine their policies since then, including freezing discretionary spending by Trustees. 3) OHA is subject to a State Audit (every four years), a State Review (every five years), and regularly contracts with an independent audit firm to conduct an annual financial audit.

Thus, providing for appropriations to cover costs for an auditor to conduct a financial and management audit of OHA seem redundant and unnecessary.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony in support of HB172, HD1 with amendment.

Respectfully

/s/ Leimomi Khan

LEIMOMI KHAN
Chair

of social services, legal services and education improvement, while also requesting general funds for housing programs. In addition, this bill proposes matching OHA trust fund resources with the requested state general funds. Through passage of this bill, the state will better fulfill its trust responsibilities to Native Hawaiians by supporting programs and operations that directly benefit Native Hawaiians, while strengthening all of the communities of Hawai‘i.

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.

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

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.

OHA-1 OHA Biennium Budget Bill Fiscal Year 2019-20/2020-21: OHA's budget bill requests \$3,980,579 in state general fund appropriations each fiscal year to support OHA's budget plans for the upcoming biennium. This request is \$942,700 more per fiscal year compared to what OHA received in the previous fiscal biennium, and includes \$562,130 more for personnel. While still maintaining the three historical provisos (social services, legal services, and education improvement). OHA-1 also requests \$500,000 in general funds for housing improvement programs. This bill proposes matching OHA trust fund resources with the requested state general funds. By passing this measure, the state would reaffirm its commitment to address the needs of Native Hawaiians by supporting programs and operations that will directly benefit OHA's beneficiaries. (Attachment A)

From: Scott King <makapiapia871@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 4:45 PM
To: FINtestimony; Eat This Not That; editor@china.org.cn
Subject: Please Support HB172 Relating to OHA Budget

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From: Selina Unga <sunga3242@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:47 AM
To: FINtestimony
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Selina's iPhone 6s Plus

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From: Kalani Quiocho <kalaniquiocho@gmail.com>
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Ua mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono

Mahalo nui,

Vernon Kalani Quiocho Jr
98-142 Lipoa Place Apt 101
'Aiea, Hawai'i 96701

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From: Katherine Yvonne Mary Burke <kymburke@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:04 PM
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Thank you,
Katherine Burke
Palolo Resident



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Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:38 PM
To: FINtestimony
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Me ka ha'aha'a,
Micah MH
808 200 8983

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From: Earl Carinio <ecarinio@yahoo.com>
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noalani Nakasone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo from Kauai!

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HB-172-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2019 11:12:53 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Constance Keoahunui Uale Warrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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