



# Representative Jarrett Keohokalole

## Aloha Neighbors,

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your State House Representative for the 48<sup>th</sup> District, Kāneʻohe, Kahaluʻu, and Waiāhole. The 2016 legislative session adjourned on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and I am happy to provide you with an update on what was accomplished this year in the Hawaiʻi State Legislature.

While there is still much to be done to improve our state, significant steps were taken to address a number of key issues, including increasing funding for affordable housing and homelessness, cooling our overheated classrooms, and paying down the state’s unfunded liabilities. The legislature also made long-term investments that will preserve valuable Oʻahu agricultural land and protect public health and safety by upgrading our aging prisons and state hospital.

As your Representative, I look forward to discussing this and the many other issues of interest to you as I go around the district this summer. My office is open to any questions or concerns you may have, so don’t hesitate to call or write me! You can reach me at my office (808) 586-8540 or by email at [repkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repkeohokalole@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Mahalo,

**Jarrett Keohokalole**



**Representative Keohokalole with Gov. David Ige and members of the Koʻolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club signing into law a bill relating to traditional Hawaiian burials.**



**District 48**  
**Kāneʻohe**  
**Kahaluʻu**  
**Waiāhole**

**Committees:**

- Vice-Chair*
- Labor and Public Employment
- Member*
- Finance
- Public Safety
- Transportation

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## Budget highlights

This year's budget reflects a balance of appropriations dedicated to some of our most pressing needs and a commitment to the long-term sustainability of our state. For the past two sessions I was assigned to the House Finance Committee, whose primary responsibility was to work with the Senate money committee to formulate a budget proposal to send to the Governor for his approval. Here are some of the highlights of this year's budget:



**Representative Keohokalole speaking on the House floor.**

### AGRICULTURE

- \$31 million to purchase over 900 acres of farmable agricultural land from Dole/Castle & Cooke Development Co.
- \$26 million for new construction and repairs for farm irrigation systems

### ECONOMY

- \$3 million for the Entrepreneur's Sandbox
- \$2 million for the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant program
- \$2 million for the Business Development and Manufacturing Development programs

### EDUCATION

- \$50 million to address capacity, equity, and program support for the Department of Education
- \$16 million to increase weighted student formula allotments to schools
- \$10 million to Preschool Open Doors

- \$1.1 million for the planning of a High Technology Workforce Development Center

### ENVIRONMENT

- \$1.3 million for the Dept. of Health vector control program for a total of 45 positions to address mosquito control/eradication
- \$1.5 million for the Commission on Water Resource Management
- \$1.5 million for Albizia control

### HEALTH

- \$160 million for a new high security forensic facility at the Hawaii State Hospital
- \$1.3 million for additional health and safety upgrades at the Hawaii State Hospital

### HOMELESSNESS

- \$12 million for homeless support services

### HOUSING

- \$61 million for the development

of new affordable housing

- \$35 million for repairs and maintenance for public housing
- \$24 million for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for administrative and operating expenses related to homestead development

### UNFUNDED LIABILITY

- \$80 million in prefunding payments to address the state's unfunded liabilities

### PUBLIC SAFETY

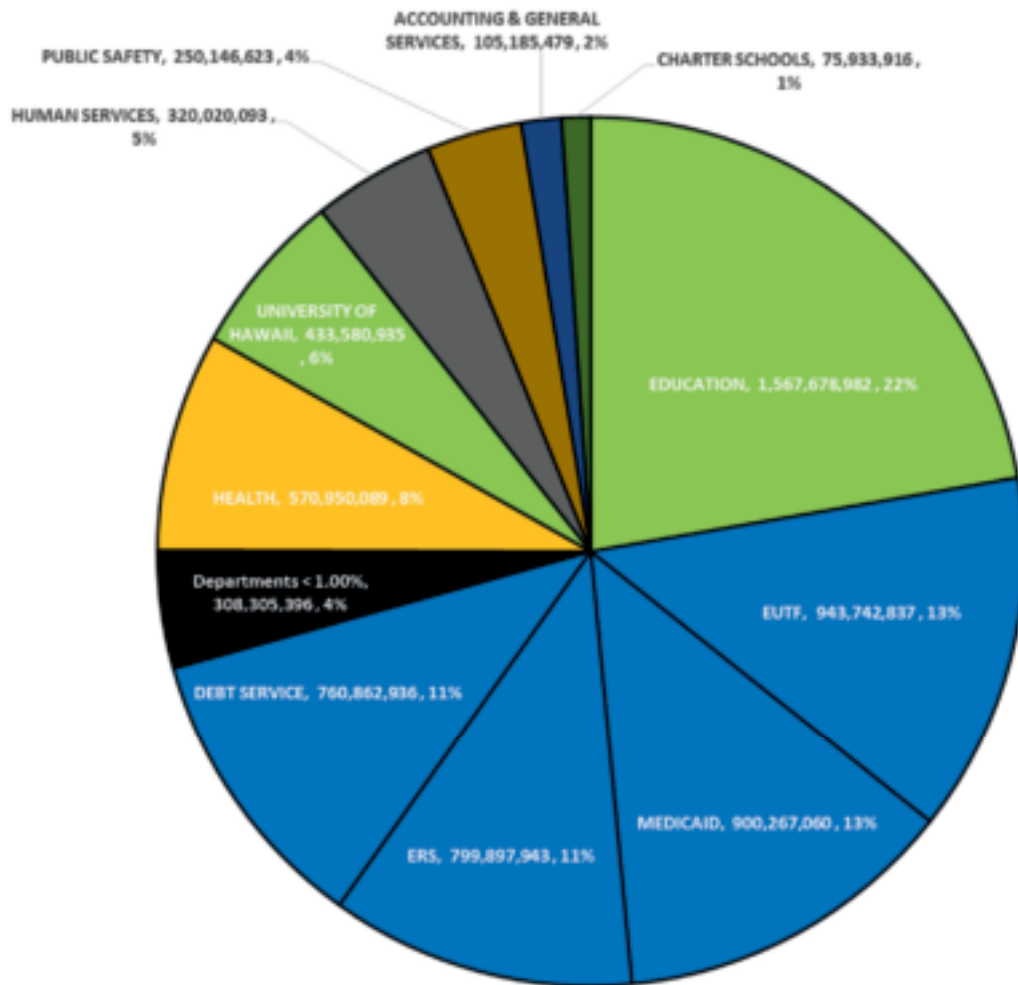
- \$64 million for repairs and maintenance of state correctional facilities

### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

- \$48 million for projects at UH Mānoa, UH West Oahu, and UH Hilo
- \$35 million for a Creative Media Facility at UH West Oahu
- \$25 million for community colleges

# 2016 State Budget

## How is your money being spent?



### Budget funds operations, investment, CIP

The state budget bill appropriates funds for operating and capital improvement costs of the Executive Branch for the supplemental year of the current biennium, and is now with Governor David Ige for his signature.

The bill appropriates approximately \$13.7 billion in general funds for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, including more than \$1.1 billion for capital improvement projects (CIP) funded by general obligation bonds and approximately \$2.5 billion for CIPs funded by other means of financing.

### Departments <1.00%

BUDGET & FINANCE	61,628,813	0.88%
LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES	34,566,698	0.49%
LIBRARIES	33,661,055	0.48%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	31,716,325	0.45%
TAXATION	27,687,019	0.39%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	23,925,340	0.34%
DEFENSE	21,139,755	0.30%
LABOR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	18,745,118	0.27%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	17,476,205	0.25%
AGRICULTURE	15,316,858	0.22%
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & TOURISM	13,543,802	0.19%
GOVERNOR	3,816,705	0.05%
SUBSIDY	2,500,000	0.04%
TRANSPORTATION	1,500,000	0.02%
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	1,081,703	0.02%

## Summary of bills passed this session

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

[SB2833](#), which increases funding for affordable rental housing development by making the State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit more valuable. Reduces state tax credit period from 10 to five years.

[SB2561](#), which establishes a goal of developing or vesting the development of at least 22,500 affordable rental housing units ready for occupancy between Jan. 1, 2017 and Dec. 31 2026.

[SB2560](#), which requires and appropriates \$500,000 for the Department of Health to provide treatment and care for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges to enable them to reside in a permanent dwelling or homeless facility.

### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

[HB1608](#), which appropriates \$750,000 for the UH Graduation Pathway System.

### THE ENVIRONMENT AND INVASIVE SPECIES

[HB2037](#), which appropriates \$4 million for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to host the International Union for

Conservation of Nature's World Conservation Congress meeting at the Hawaii Convention Center on September 1-10, 2016.

[HB1050](#), which mandates the Department of Agriculture to perform specified tasks to address the interisland spread of invasive species.

[HB2646](#), which creates a permanent fuel tank advisory committee to study, monitor, and address fuel tank leak issues.

[SB3084](#), which amends the cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit by making it available for cesspools within a tax map key area in which more than one residence is connected to a large-capacity cesspool.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

[SB2196](#), which establishes the law enforcement officer independent review board within the Department of the Attorney General to investigate incidents of officer-involved death.

[HB1907](#), requires law enforcement agencies and departments charged with maintenance, storage, and preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits to conduct an inventory of all stored kits and report to the Attorney General. Appropriates funds for test-

ing of about 500 kits.

### LABOR

[HB2605](#), which appropriates funds to establish, administer, and support job training and supportive services for individuals who are unemployed and dislocated due to the closure of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company and the Makena Beach and Golf Resort on Maui.

[HB2008](#), which requires state departments and agencies to obtain approval from the governor for employment of temporary hires for periods of greater than two terms of 89 days for a position that is wholly funded by general funds.

[HB1739](#), which prohibits employers from requiring, requesting or coercing employees or potential employees to provide access to their personal social media accounts, subject to certain exemptions.

[HB1878](#), which appropriates \$1.7 million for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and \$32,000 for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly.

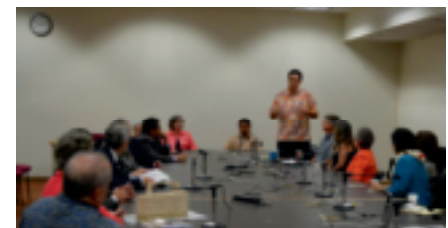
[HB2252](#), the "CARE Act," which requires hospitals to adopt discharge policies consistent to support families by enabling patients in inpatient hospitals to



Mahalo to Nancy Wada and her art class from the Kaneohe Senior Center for displaying their pieces during our opening day ceremonies!



Former Rep. George Okuda from Kahala'u volunteering at the Capitol.



Speaking about invasive species with USDA Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden and Senator Mazie Hirono.



Representative Keohokalole with his keiki at WCC's Math Night.



**The Koʻolau delegation of the Hawaii House of Representatives**

Left to right: Rep. Feki Pouha (Koʻolauloa, North Shore), Rep. Jarrett Keohokalole (Kāneʻohe, Kahaluʻu, Waiāhole), Rep. Ken Ito (Kāneʻohe, Maunawili), Rep. Chris Lee (Kailua, Waimānalo), Rep. Cynthia Thielen (Aikahi, Kailua).



Community blessing of the new electronic vehicle charging station at Temple Valley Shopping Center. Below, lending a hand at the Community Works in 96744 graffiti cleanup.



designate a caregiver prior to discharge from the facility, and allow the patient and the patient’s caregiver to participate in the discharge planning.

**HEALTH**

[SB2392](#), which takes steps to reduce opioid-related overdoses by encouraging the use of opioid antagonists to assist individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

**AGRICULTURE**

[HB1689](#), which establishes an organic foods production tax credit, making Hawaii one of the first states in the nation to do so, applicable to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2016. Sunsets 12/31/2021.

[SB2659](#), which establishes an Industrial Hemp Pilot Program to allow the cultivation of industrial hemp and distribution of its seed in Hawaii through limited activities by licensee-agents of the Board of

Agriculture for purposes of agricultural or academic research.

[HB1997](#), which implements the recommendation of the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board to create an Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative Program to conduct training on all islands for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency.

**TRANSPORTATION**

[HB2086](#), which appropriates and deposits \$37 million in general funds into the state highway fund as a subsidy. Requires the Governor to provide a plan to sustain the state highway fund.

[SB2618](#), which requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study of establishing an interisland and intra-island ferry system.

[HB2049](#), which establishes the roads commission to make recommendations on the ownership of private roads. Adds

roads, alleys, streets, ways, lanes, bike-ways, and bridges to the list of public highways or public trails that can be dedicated or condemned.

**ENERGY**

[HB2569](#), which requires the Department of Education to establish a goal of becoming net-zero with respect to energy use by January 1, 2035, making Hawaii one the first in the nation to set such a goal for its public school system. Requires the DOE to expedite the cooling of all public school classrooms.

**FISCAL INITIATIVES**

[HB2317](#), which makes a general fund appropriation of \$150 million for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to further capitalize the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund (“Rainy Day” fund).

# Funding for Capital Improvement Projects in District 48

One of my main priorities during these past two years has been to work with our Windward legislators to repair and upgrade our community infrastructure, *especially* at our aging public schools. Here is a list of projects in our district that were funded in the biennium budget:

- **Castle High School** - \$7,789,000 for whole school renovation, expansion of the cafeteria and road resurfacing.
- **Waiāhole Valley** - \$6,500,000 for design and construction of new water system infrastructure.
- **Kahekili Highway** - \$5,250,000 for plans and design for corridor capacity, pedestrian, bikeway, and other improvements.
- **He‘eia Kea Pier** - \$3,692,000 for a new waste water treatment system and remediation of the failing concrete wall around row 200.
- **King Intermediate School** - \$1,140,000 for reconstruction of the Bldg. C sewer system, Bldg N re-roofing, fire alarm upgrades, and road resurfacing.
- **Kāne‘ohe Elementary** - \$736,000 for a modular energy positive portable classroom, new library A/C, and roadway resurfacing.
- **Kapunahala Elementary** - \$640,000 for two portable classrooms and road resurfacing.
- **State Dept. of Transportation** - \$420,000 for traffic improvements including the intersection of Kāne‘ohe Bay Dr. and Pū‘ōhala St.
- **‘Āhuimanu Elementary** - \$320,000 for replacing A/C units and campus drainage improvements (including mosquito prevention).
- **Kahalu‘u Elementary** - \$350,000 for restroom and walkway repairs.
- **Benjamin Parker Elementary** - \$315,000 for roof and restroom repairs and roadway resurfacing.
- **Waiāhole Elementary** - \$260,000 for road resurfacing and new A/C units.
- **Pū‘ōhala Elementary** - \$200,000 for roadway resurfacing.
- **He‘eia Elementary** - \$180,000 for a new fire lane and road resurfacing.

## Community Grants

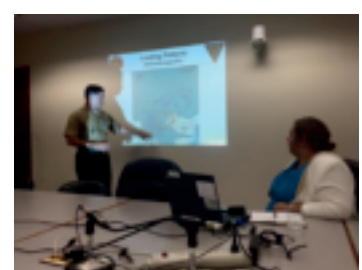
- Waikalua Fishpond - \$1,500,000 to the Pacific American Foundation Hawaii for construction of an education, research, and employment facility.
- YWCA Kokokahi - \$658,000 for construction of a new roof for the Midkiff Gymnasium.
- Kualoa-He‘eia Ecumenical Youth (KEY) Project - \$391,000 for the extension of the Kūpuna breakfast program and construction and renovation of its multi-purpose facility.
- Kamalapua o Ko‘olau - \$200,000 for operation of early childhood education programs.



Lawmakers Listen Town Hall hosted by Rep. Keohokale with (from left): Majority Whip Ken Ito, Majority Floor Leader Cindy Evans, Finance Chair Sylvia Luke, Speaker of the House Joseph Souki, Majority Leader Scott Saiki, and Vice-Speaker John Mizuno.



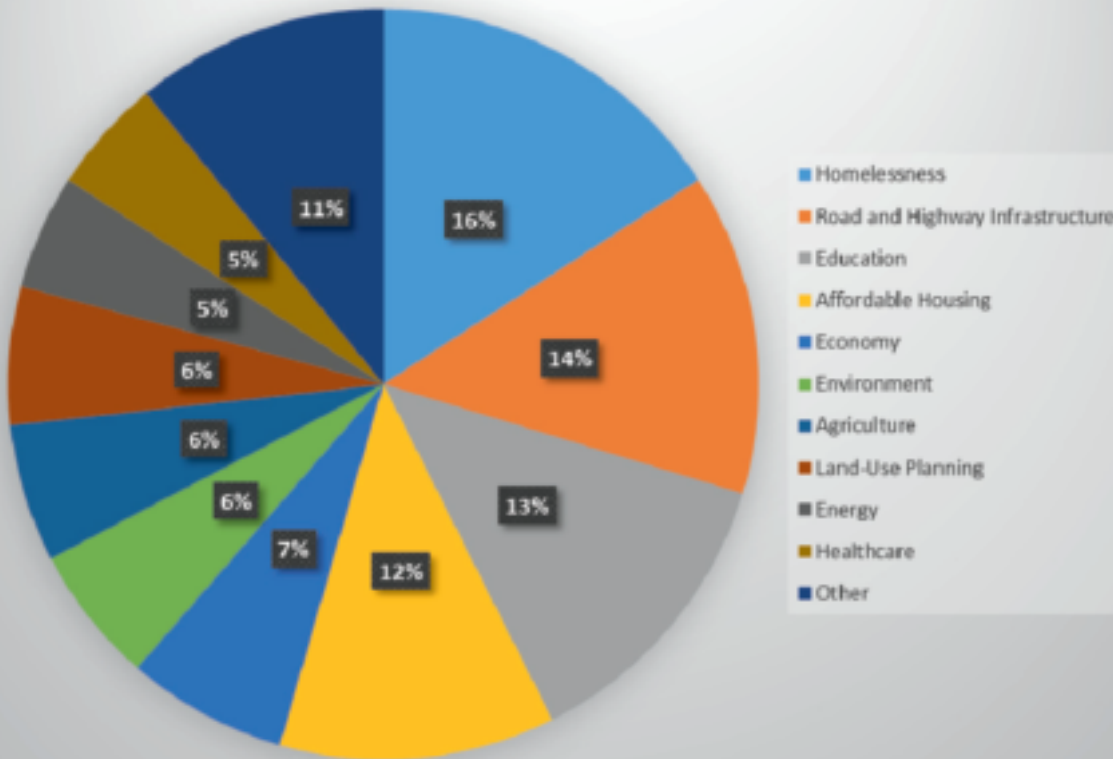
At James B. Castle High School speech festival serving as a judge for these awesome young orators!



Briefing with Marine Corps Base Hawaii regarding flight patterns around Kāne‘ohe Bay.

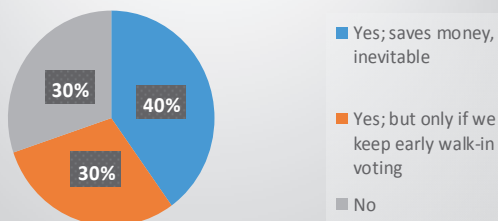
# The People's Survey 2016 Results

## Top Issues of House District 48

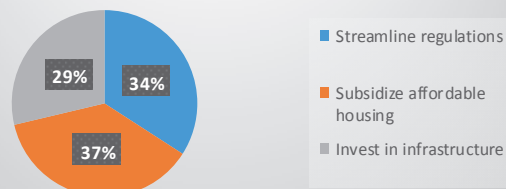


*Mahalo to all of you who participated in our survey by mail or online! We received more than 250 responses!*

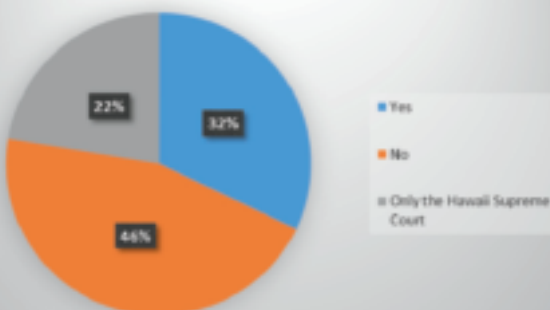
## Should the State Transition to All Mail-In Voting?



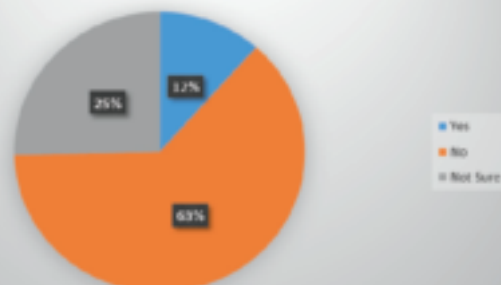
## Which Strategy Should the State Pursue to Increase Affordable Housing?



## Should Judges be Elected?



## Do You Support the HECO/NextEra Buyout?





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## Interested in serving our district?

Volunteer and internship opportunities are available throughout our community and also in-office with Representative Keohokalole. Email or call our office for more information!



Governor David Ige signs HB 393 relating to Hawaiian Fishponds into law with Representative Keohokalole and his family.

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