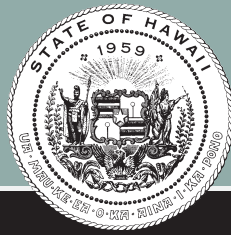


2019 Legislative Report



Hawaii State Senate District 5 Wailuku • Waihe'e • Waiehu • Waikapu • Kahului

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The 2019 Legislative session adjourned sine die on May 2, 2019, with 303 bills sent to the Governor for consideration.

The legislature adopted the State Budget using a different process from past years, passing basic funding for government operations in HB2 and HB116. Those two measures provided funding for homelessness and housing, critical health and human service needs, support for keiki and kupuna caregivers, and protection of natural resources.

As part of my primary responsibility as Vice Chair of the Ways and Means committee, I negotiated in separate bills, HB1259, all the capital improvement projects (public schools, University of Hawaii, libraries, State highways, airports, harbors and other public facilities) and HB809 for grant-in-aid awards for eligible non-profits.

I am honored to represent our community and it continues to be a privilege to serve as your State Senator. The 30th Legislature will reconvene on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. As always, the goal is to move forward together on improving the quality of life in all our communities for all of our residents. I look forward to seeing you soon at community events on Maui.

Aloha,


Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

Governor's Deadlines

Please note that some of the bills described in this newsletter are still pending Governor David Ige's action.

June 24, 2019 – Notice of Intent to Veto
(35th day after sine die)

July 9, 2019 – Veto Deadline
(45th day after sine die)

Measures Introduced That Passed

Campaign Finance

SB197 HD1 - Act 107 (signed 6/21/19)

Exempts candidates who are deemed elected, running unopposed or unsuccessful after a primary or special primary election from the prohibition on donating excess campaign funds for charitable or scholarship purposes.

Pharmacists

SB203 HD2

Clarifies that pharmacists may perform certain vaccinations or immunizations and are required to maintain immunization records.

Real Estate Investment Trusts

SB301 SD1 HD CD1 [Governor Ige included this measure on bills he intends to veto.]

Disallows dividends paid deduction for real estate investment trusts; applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2019; sunsets 12/31/2023.

Crime Victim Restitution

SB852 SD2 HD1 CD1 - Act 108 (signed 6/21/19)

Clarifies that lost earnings, mental health treatment, counseling and therapy are eligible for reimbursement to a crime victim as a result of a defendant's offense.



Conference Committee meeting on 3/22/19 regarding Executive Budget (HB2).

END OF SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Kupuna Caregivers Program

SB1025 SD1 HD2 - Act 126 (signed 6/25/19)

Requires the Executive Office on Aging to develop and implement a plan to maximize the number of participants in the Kupuna Caregivers Program; also changes the program funding allocation cap to \$210 per week.

Housing Services

SB471 SD2 HD1 CD1 - Act 62 (signed 6/7/19)

Appropriate funds for the next two years to fund the Housing First program, rapid re-housing program, family assessment centers and homeless outreach and civil legal services.

Rental Car Tax

SB162 SD2 HD3 CD1 - Act 174 (signed 7/1/19)

Increases the state tax surcharge on rental cars from \$3 per day to \$5 per day for Hawaii residents to meet constitutional requirement of equal treatment under the commerce clause. [Out of state drivers already pay \$5 per day.]

Drunken Driving

HB703 HD1 SD2 CD1 - Act 169 (signed 6/27/19)

Increases penalties for people convicted for driving drunk three times within 10 years, making that a felony offense; those convicted would be sentenced to a prison term of up to 5 years, or 5 years' probation with a minimum of 10 days in jail and revocation of their licenses for 3 to 5 years.

Decriminalizing Marijuana

HB1383 HD2 SD1 CD1

Establishes that the possession of three grams or less of marijuana will be a violation punishable by a fine of \$130.

Firearms "Red Flag" Law

SB1466 SD2 HD2 - Act 150 (signed 6/26/19)

Establishes a process by which a law enforcement officer, family or household member, medical professional, educator or colleague may obtain a court order to prevent a person from accessing firearms and ammunition when the person poses a danger of causing injury to oneself or another.

Vote by Mail

HB1248 HD1 SD2 CD1 - Act 136 (signed 6/25/19)

Enacts voting by mail across all counties for elections starting in 2020; establishes a limited number of voter service centers that would open 10 business days before an election to receive personal delivery of mail-in ballots, accommodate voters with special needs and offer same day registration.

Mandatory Recounts

SB216 SD2 HD1 CD1 - Act 135 (signed 6/25/19)

Requires a mandatory recount of election votes when the difference between two candidates is equal to or less than 100 or one-quarter of 1% of the total number of votes cast, whichever is greater.



June 25, 2019: Attending the bill signing of HB168, HB1248 and SB216 -- all measures relating to voting and elections.



At the Maui Food Bank with Rep Hashimoto, Rep DeCoite and Rep Yamashita on May 14, 2019.



Emergency Preparedness Handbook:
www.mauielectric.com/prepare

Capital Improvement & Repair Projects & Grants-In-Aid

Airports and Harbors

Kahului Airport	
Facility improvements	\$28M
Terminal improvements	\$10M
Kahului Harbor	
Harbor improvements	\$56.5M

Community

Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui, Inc.	
New Paukukalo Clubhouse (grant-in-aid)	\$850K
Hale Mahaolu	
New building for senior housing (grant-in-aid)	\$750K
Hale Makua Health Services	
Kahului Campus Expansion (grant-in-aid)	\$200K
Nursing Home Care (grant-in-aid)	\$285K
Hamakua Harvest	
Support/education for farmers (grant-in-aid)	\$30K
Maui Academy of Performing Arts	
New theatre (grant-in-aid)	\$125K
Maui Arts & Cultural Center	
Community Stage & Events Lawn (grant-in-aid) ...	\$500K
Maui Economic Development Board, Inc.	
Science, technology, engineering and math curricula (grant-in-aid)	\$200K
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.	
New ADA accessible school buses (grant-in-aid) .	\$291K
Nisei Veterans Memorial Center	
Pavilion enclosure (grant-in-aid)	\$300K

Education

Baldwin High School	
Reroof Building B (construction)	\$1M
Girls' Athletic Locker Room (design/construction)	\$1.4M

Iao Intermediate School	
Old cafeteria renovations for additional classrooms	\$4M
Air conditioning for Building A	\$1.1M

Kahului Elementary School	
New Classroom Building	\$6M
Parking Lot fencing (design/construction)	\$500K

Maui High School	
Girls' Athletic Locker Room and Athletic Facilities ...	\$8M

Maui Waena Intermediate School	
P.E. field improvements	\$1.81M
Air conditioning	\$1M

Pomaikai Elementary School	
Parking Lot fencing	\$500K

Waihee Elementary School	
Covered walkways	\$3M
Drainage improvements	\$500K

Wailuku Elementary School	
Air conditioning/electrical system upgrades	\$3.9M
Reroof Buildings G and J	\$1.2M
ADA accessibility improvements (design)	\$270K

Parks, Roads and Baseyard

Kanaha Pond State Wildlife Sanctuary	
Perimeter fence	\$300K

Puunene Avenue (Kamehameha Ave to Kuihelani Hwy)	
Widening and safety improvements	\$500K

Maui Health System	
Repairs and upgrades for MMMC, KH, and LCH ...	\$12M

Hoapili Hale Courthouse	
Repairs, renovations, and improvements	\$4.36M

Maui Community Correctional Center	
Renovations and upgrades	\$8M

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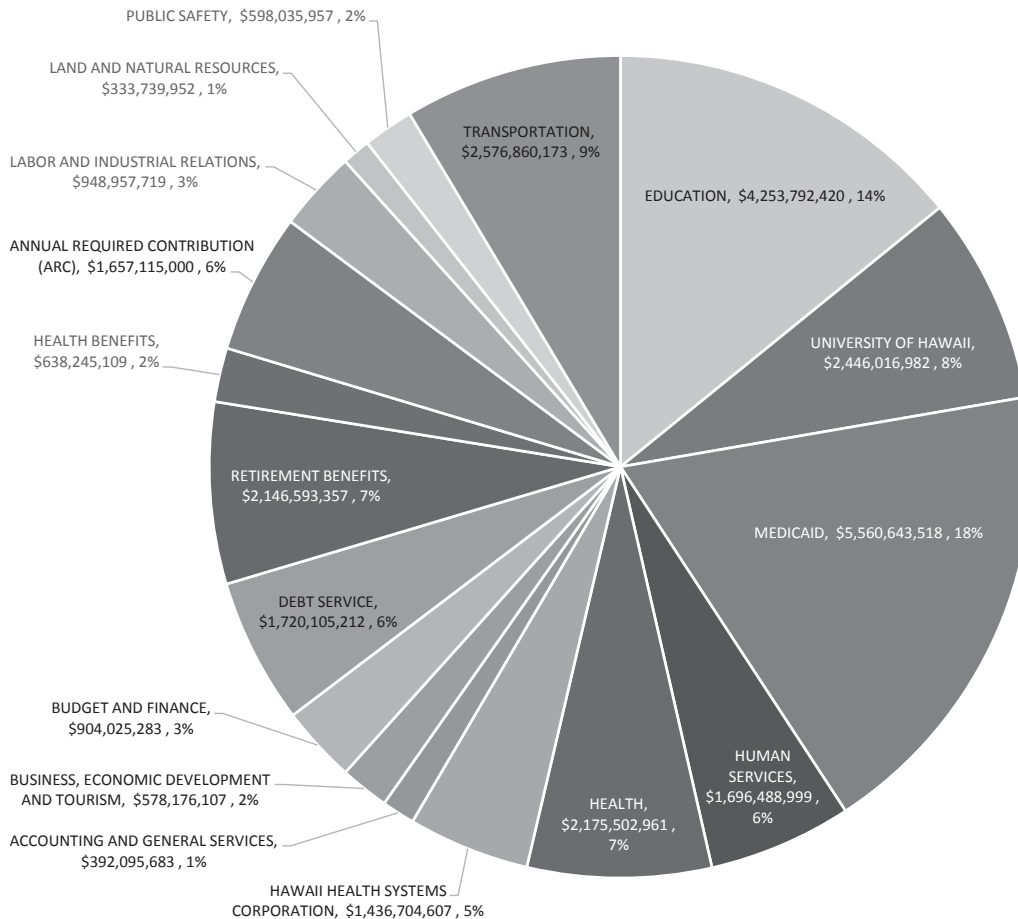
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HB2 CD1
HB116 CD1

EXECUTIVE BUDGET

FB2019-2021

\$31,320,458,635
ALL MEANS OF
FINANCING
FB2019-2021



DEPTS < 1%	FB19-21	%
AGRICULTURE	\$ 109,842,984	0.35%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$ 205,428,434	0.66%
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	\$ 180,498,656	0.58%
DEFENSE	\$ 219,714,368	0.70%
CHARTER SCHOOLS	\$ 214,637,778	0.69%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	\$ 87,825,348	0.28%
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	\$ 7,577,806	0.02%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	\$ 101,049,880	0.32%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	\$ 52,410,250	0.17%
OFFICE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR	\$ 1,955,110	0.01%
SUBSIDIES	\$ 1,884,000	0.01%
TAXATION	\$ 74,534,982	0.24%

* Also includes funding from SB78, SB491, SB512, SB812, HB624, HB852, HB1561