

Highlights of the budget include:

Education

- \$15 million for the weighted student formula, which are funds given to schools based on enrollment and other factors.
- \$2 million for school athletics.
- \$1.925 million for Strive-HI performance system, which was designed to measure and better understand school performance and progress, and to help tailor rewards, supports and interventions for school improvement.
- \$600,000 for the educator evaluation system.
- \$579,208 for the professional development management system.
- \$256,000 for teacher induction and mentoring program.
- \$200,000 for a contract with Teach for America.
- \$3 million for early learning through the prekindergarten program.
- \$9 million to cover the shortfall in utility costs
- \$592,000 in general funds for sabbatical leave for teachers
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Charter Schools

- \$800,000 for additional funding to mitigate charter school commission costs.
- \$134,802 for charter school per-pupil allotment

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Public Libraries

- \$685,000 for electricity budget shortfall in libraries statewide.
- \$200,000 to increase security services at libraries statewide.
- \$600,000 to maintain computers and other technological services offered by Hawaii State Public Libraries System to patrons.

Health

- \$5 million for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
- \$2 million for the Hilo Medical Center primary care residency program.
- \$750,000 for Hawaii Health Information Exchange for operational and technical support.

University of Hawaii

- 89 positions and \$4 million for the University of Hawaii West Oahu campus.
- \$1 million for community college outcome based funding.
- \$19.5 million in general funds for UHPA employees' salary increases.
- Increase of the special fund ceiling by nearly \$46 million to support UH-Manoa campus operations and programs.
- 50 positions to support UH community colleges operations.

Agriculture

- 4 positions and \$96,309 for the pesticides branch.

Human Services

- \$5.5 million for foster care payment rate increase.
- \$200,000 for Hawaii Health Information Exchange for Medicaid services.
- \$500,000 for the REACH program.

Environment

- \$577,000 for operating expenses for conservation and resources enforcement officers.
- 12 temporary positions and \$800,000 for community fisheries enforcement units.
- \$100,000 in general funds and \$3.9 million in special funds for the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation 2016 Congress.

Public Safety

- 10 positions and \$259,930 for hospital and suicide watch posts.
- 6 positions and \$155,958 for hospital and suicide watch posts.
- 20 positions and \$786,718 for mental health treatment at correctional facilities.

CIPs

HB1700 provides nearly \$900 million to fund projects that continue the progress begun over the last few years in renovating, repairing and maintaining existing state-owned facilities to utilize our current resources and reduce general fund expenditures in the future. Including:

- \$700 million for the Department of Education and \$90 million for the UH system
- Remainder allocated to hundreds of other projects, mainly in the Department of Health, DLNR and DAGS.
- Major funding in the amount of \$1.9 billion is provided to the Department of Transportation for highways, harbors and airports, including an additional \$280 million for the new Mauka concourse at Honolulu International Airport.

HB1700 addresses future capacity needs and economic growth. Including:

- Funding for the much anticipated UH Hilo College of Pharmacy in the amount of \$33 million.
- Allied Health and Administration Building for the growing UH West Oahu campus at Kapolei in the amount of \$28 million.
- Following last year's major investment in technology infrastructure, the budget this year includes an investment of \$100 million in state and matching federal funds for Kolea, the new eligibility system for public assistance programs.

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