



# Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura District 2, Puna-East Ka'ū

Aloha,

We started the 2021 session with a projected \$1.4 Billion deficit, the highest unemployment rate in the country and a projected 34% increase in homelessness. I asked for your input on how to address our issues.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 Community Survey. In the wake of the disasters, such as the COVID-19 Pandemic, your feedback becomes especially valuable and I will be sure to keep your responses in mind as we move forward.

The enclosed budget diagram shows how we are dependent on federal funds to address our basic needs.

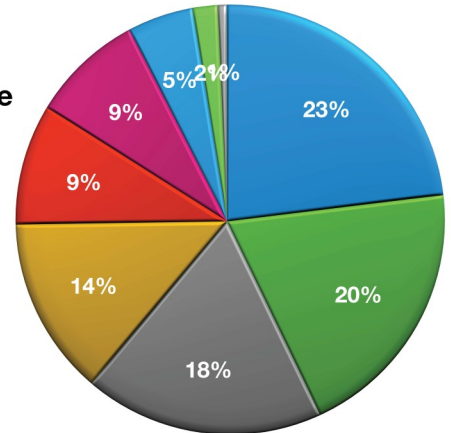
Mahalo,

Joy A. San Buenaventura



### What do you think is the most important issue facing our community?

- 23% Economy/Jobs
- 20% Crime/Drug Abuse
- 18% COVID-19 Related
- 14% Housing/Squatters
- 9% Infrastructure
- 9% Roadways, Utilities
- 5% Environment
- 2% Climate Change
- 1% TMT

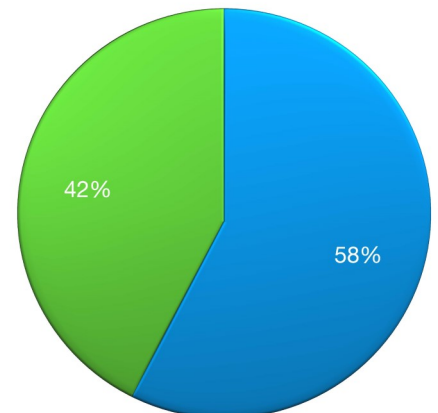


586 Total survey responses

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### We have miles of private roads in subdivisions that are not maintained. Are you satisfied with the association/entity that maintains the roads in your subdivision?

- 58% No
- 42% Yes



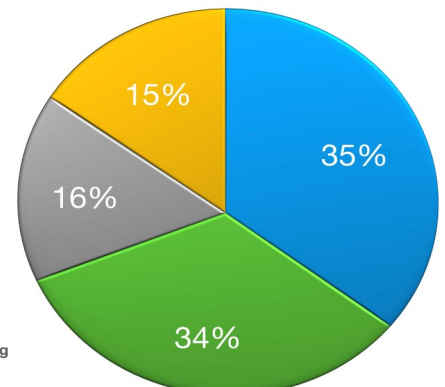
1,232 Total survey responses

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### How do we revive the economy?

- 35% Legalize Hemp
  - 34% Legalize Marijuana
  - 16% Legalize Gambling\*
  - 15% Legalize Sports Betting\*
- \*most responses were against gaming

<b>Legalize Hemp</b>	<b>Legalize Gambling</b>
Yes 1,066	Yes 483
No 221	No 776
<b>Legalize Marijuana</b>	<b>Legalize Sports Betting</b>
Yes 1,027	Yes 460
No 279	No 772



5,084 Total survey responses

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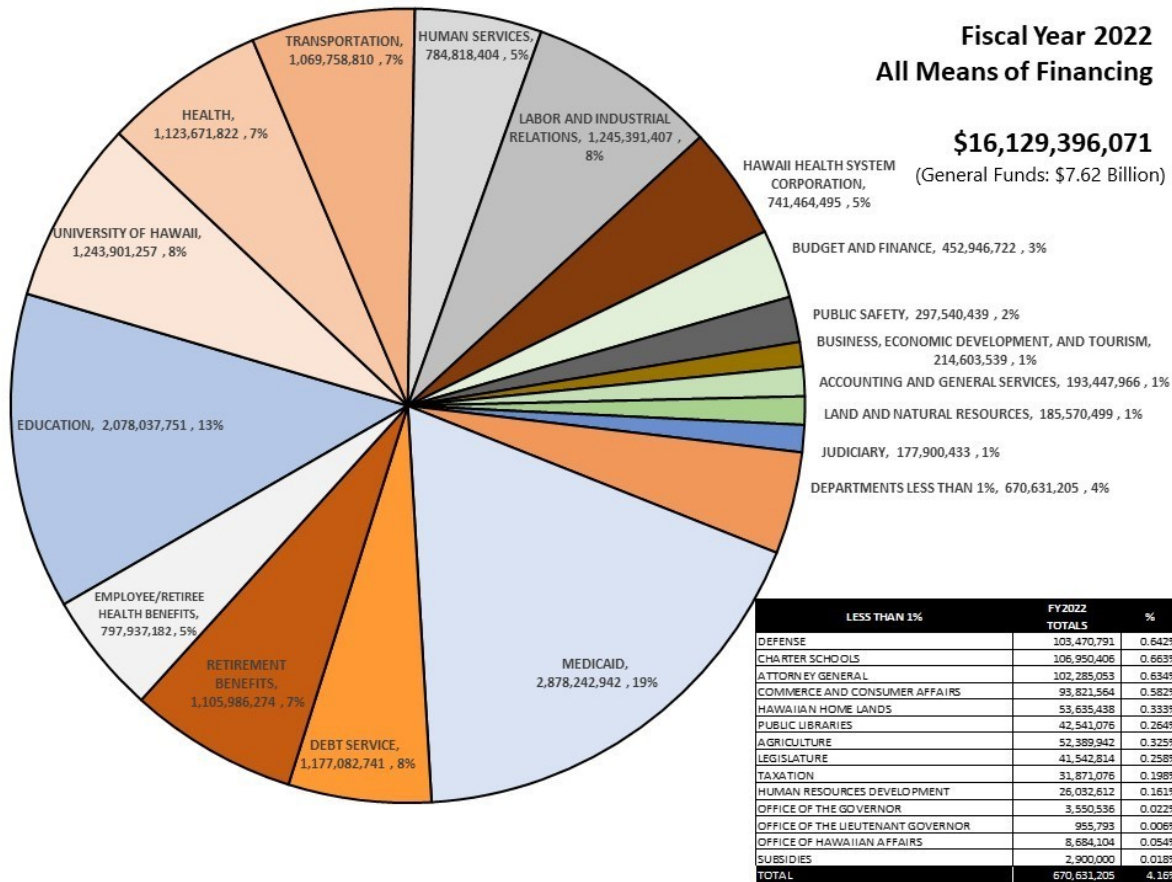
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# BUDGET NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal Year 2022  
All Means of Financing

**\$16,129,396,071**

(General Funds: \$7.62 Billion)



- **\$612,797** in general funds to retain the **HILO YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY**.
- An additional **\$2,482,554** for the **HAWAII KEIKI PROGRAM**, promoting healthy keiki and reducing the amount of absences statewide.
- **\$901,292** to restore (14) important **HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS** positions.
- **\$500,000** for fiscal year 2022 in American Rescue Plan funds for additional funding for the **RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM** for low income families.
- **\$5,400,000** in American Rescue Plan funds for fiscal year 2022 for additional funding for **GENERAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR TEMPORARILY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS** to maintain the current level of benefits.
- **\$14,300,000** in American Rescue Plan funds for continued homeless services including the **HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM**, the **RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM**, the **HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES AND CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES**, and the **STORED PROPERTY AND DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICE**.
- **\$1,739,179** to restore (57) critical **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES** positions.
- **\$31,035,000** for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 in American Rescue Plan funds for cash support for **CHILDCARE**.
- **\$4,684,584** in general funds and **\$10,286,655** in federal funds for **HIV PREVENTION AND CARE SERVICES**.
- **\$1,500,000** in American Rescue Plan funds for fiscal year 2022 for the **EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING** for purchase of services for **SENIOR CENTERS**.
- **\$1,459,440** for (30) new **CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE ENFORCEMENT** officers statewide.
- **\$1,646,475** to restore the **YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM** to provide youth with environmental stewardship opportunities.

## SIGNIFICANT NON-BUDGET BILLS

- ◆ [HB887](#): Increases penalties for sex-trafficking of minors.
- ◆ [SB793](#): Removes the sub-minimum wage for disabled workers.
- ◆ [SB159](#): Automatic Voter Registration.
- ◆ [SB512](#): SNAP; removes \$10 cap and increases local produce purchases.
- ◆ [HB1376](#): Mediation requirement for evictions. Encourages mutually beneficial resolution between landlords and tenants.
- ◆ [SB244](#): Expanded liability protections for donors of food and similar charitable donations made to needy persons by organizations.
- ◆ [SB970](#): Expanded telehealth recognition.
- ◆ [HB767](#): Hawaii-Farm-to-School Program; Supports Hawaii's Food Security Goals; Supports local producers while providing students with nutritious locally grown food.
- ◆ [SB538](#): Restores authority to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission to enforce disability complaints.
- ◆ [HB282](#): Expands no-cost emergency shelter for minors.
- ◆ [HB566](#): Adds "coercive control" to the offense of abuse of family or household member.



To learn more about bills that passed in the 2021 session, please visit: [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov)

## 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



**\$20.5 million** for cellular-based vehicle to everything statewide system construction to increase broadband connectivity along state highways



**\$10 million** in fiscal year 2022 for the design, plan and construction of a new library in upper Puna



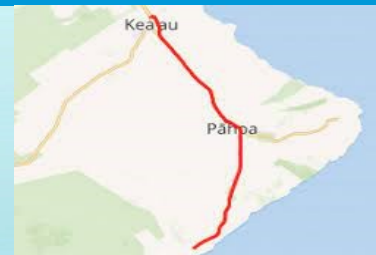
**\$1.3 million** to reinstall a right-turn-on red from Shower Drive to Hwy 130 that was removed to allow a left turn lane from Hwy 130 into Shower Drive



**\$1.23 million** to improve facilities at mountain view elementary school



**\$250,000** to install split air conditioning units and other ventilation improvements at Kea'au middle school





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**COOPER COMMUNITY CENTER PANTRY**

Please consider donating your unused or unwanted KTA Save-A-Tape Points and/or "My Reward" Certificates (Sack N Save and Foodland) to Cooper Community Center Pantry. Your generous donations help many throughout the community.



**FREE TELEHEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES FOR NEIGHBOR ISLANDS**

Until August 2023, rural residents of Hawaii Island can get free behavioral health care. Health insurance not required. Please visit: [hawaiiutelehealth.org](http://hawaiiutelehealth.org) or call (808) 375-2745.



**THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT (EBB) PROGRAM**

Eligible households can receive up to \$50 a month towards broadband service (\$75 a month for households on Hawaiian Home Lands). To see if you qualify, please visit: [broadband.hawaii.gov/ebb](http://broadband.hawaii.gov/ebb) or call (833) 511-0311.



**HAWAII COUNTY EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Provides grants for rent and utilities to Hawaii Island renters impacted by COVID-19. For information on eligibility requirements and how to apply, please visit: [www.HawaiiCountyERAP.org](http://www.HawaiiCountyERAP.org)



**THE FOOD BASKET**

The Hawaii Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen schedules. Please visit: <https://www.hawaiifoodbasket.org/hawaii-food-pantry-soup-kitchen-schedule>



**LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAII**

For helpful legal information and COVID-19 related resources, please visit: [www.legalaidhawaii.org/](http://www.legalaidhawaii.org/)



**2021 End-of-Session Virtual Townhall**

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 6:00pm - 7:00pm via Zoom**

**Register here: <https://bit.ly/2TgGlvH>**

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