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Aloha District 7 Ohana,

I hope you all are doing well as we ease back into somewhat "normal" routines from these past two years under COVID-19 protocols. It's been a long road and while we are all ready to end restrictions, please still stay vigilant about the COVID counts in your area so you can decide what protocols you and your ohana should follow.

This session at the Capitol was like no other with the legislature blending virtual and in person hearings along with welcoming members of the public back to the building. This also marked my first session as a Senator and as both Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs (PSM) and Senate Majority Floor leader.

Mahalo to so many of you for taking the time to contact my office with your positions and concerns about the bills this session. Hearing directly from all of you helps guide my votes and decisions on bills and policies. Please continue to send me your thoughts and concerns, it's never too early to prepare for next session.

I've been honored to represent our community and it continues to be a privilege to serve as your State Senator. I look forward to seeing you and your ohana when I'm out in the district at one of the many upcoming (in person) events. And please remember that my staff and I are just a phone call or email away if you have any questions or concerns on State related matters.

Mahalo nui loa,

District 7 2022 Grant In Aid (GIA) Funds

ORGANIZATION	FY23
ALOHA HOUSE, INC	\$218,754 (CIP)
ARC OF MAUI COUNTY, MOLOKA'I RESIDENCE	\$78,340 (CIP)
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MAUI, INC.	\$190,000 (OP)
HALAU KE'ALAOKAMAILE	\$881,600 (CIP)
HANA ARTS	\$10,000 (CIP)
HANA HEALTH	\$250,000 (CIP)
J. WALTER CAMERON CENTER	\$450,000 (CIP)
LANAI ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, INC	\$20,000 (OP)
LANAI KINA'OLE	\$300,000 (OP)
MOLOKA'I HOMESTEAD FARMERS ALLIANCE	\$100,000 (OP)
MOLOKA'I WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, INC	\$200,000 (OP)
PAIA YOUTH COUNCIL	\$550,000 (CIP)
WAIHOLI HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC.	\$170,000 (OP)
Total	\$ 3,418,694

Senator Lynn DeCoite, District 7



Maui Senate Delegation

Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran, Sen. Roz Baker and Sen Lynn DeCoite. Mahalo to Senator Baker for your 30 years of Service! Happy Retirement!

END OF SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Senator DeCoite's bills passed through the legislature and onto the Governor

SB2621 SD1 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Appropriates funds to the department of agriculture to establish bovine tuberculosis control operations on Moloka'i, including staff, land, and equipment.

SB2623 SD2 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

Excludes from any waiting list maintained by the department of Hawaiian home lands any lessee or successor who sells or transfers their lease on a tract of Hawaiian home lands for personal gain.

SB2624 SD2 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

Requires the department of health to implement a telehealth pilot project and publish an evaluation report on the telehealth pilot project outcomes. Requires the department to implement and administer a rural health care pilot project to provide physicians and nurse practitioners serving selected rural areas with an availability fee and reimbursements for certain expenses and submit to the legislature an evaluation report on the rural health care pilot project outcomes. Appropriates funds to support the pilot projects.



Members of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa in the Senate Chamber after the passage of SB 3338.

SB3338 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL

Appropriates funds for the design, planning, and construction of the Kalaupapa Memorial to be expended by the Department of Health.

SB3179 SD2 HD2 CD1 RELATING TO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Requires the department of land and natural resources' division of forestry and wildlife to adopt rules and issue funds to licensed hunters at a per unit rate for feral axis deer herd management. Appropriates funds to and establishes three full-time equivalent technician positions for the department of land and natural resources to manage axis deer populations in Maui county.



Senator DeCoite visiting members of the Kipahulu Ohana at a DLNR Site Vist for the Kipahulu CBSFA proposal.



Presenting certificates to Captain Eric Memmott and First Officer Nathan McBride for their selflessness and courage at Hāna Airport on Jan 15, 2022.

DeCoite Resolutions Passed

Resolutions are used by the legislature or a single chamber to state its official position on an issue or to request action.

SR6 SD1

Urging the Hawaii Broadband and digital equity office to prioritize access to broadband services in rural areas throughout the state.

SR68

Requesting the Department of Health to prioritize enforcement of water pollution regulations in areas where there have been reports of runoff and other forms of water pollution on Moloka'i.

SCR76 / SR69

Requesting the Board of Agriculture to prohibit unapproved residential use of farm dwelling agricultural parks.



Senator DeCoite in Conference Committee negotiations on Public Safety related bills.



Senator DeCoite participating in the Senate Leadership Press Conference on Sine Die. (Last day of the Legislative Session)



Senator DeCoite on the Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Committee site visit to Saguaro Prison in Arizona.

District 7 Funds

These capital improvement projects and operating budgets are vital to improving schools and facilities, address aging infrastructure, and ensuring services across Senate District 7.

Agriculture

Aquaculture Development

Operating funds..... \$1,078,126

Maui Produce Processing Cooperative

Critical repairs of the cooling facility.....\$160,000

Pesticides Branch

Operating Funds.....\$1,204,933

Bovine Tuberculosis control operations on Molokai

General Fund (SB 2621).....\$500,000

Education

Ha'ikū Elementary School

Hazardous materials remediation.....\$554,000

Campus fencing.....\$1,000,000

Hāna High and Elementary School

Renovate Culinary Arts Facility.....\$880,000

Girls athletic locker room.....\$1,500,000

Design for covered playcourt.....\$500,000

Kalama Middle School

New administrative building.....\$13,000,000

Kaunakakai Elementary School

Roof replacement.....\$743,000

AC replacement\$700,000

King Kekaulike High

Design and construction for Performing Arts

Center.....\$15,000,000

Band room modernization.....\$2,000,000

Kualapu'u Elementary Public Charter School

Play shades and play equipment.....\$1,150,000

Lāna'i and Moloka'i Schools

School Cafeteria and Kitchen upgrades.....\$15,000,000

Lāna'i High and Elementary School

Gym Renovations.....\$500,000

Makawao Elementary School

Water System upgrades.....\$5,000,000

Moloka'i High School

A/C Replacement.....\$660,000

Athletic and Physical Education Facility.....\$3,026,000

Renovation of Gymnasium.....\$6,000,000

Rewire Fire Alarms.....\$500,000

Moloka'i Middle School

Reroof covered walkways.....\$420,000

Pukalani Elementary School

Design for new administration/library building..\$25,000,000

Design of multi-purpose play court.....\$5,000,000

UH Maui College Vocational Technology Center

Design and construction.....\$4,000,000

Makawao Library

Construction for expansion and parking.....\$10,000,000

Hawaiian Homelands

Keokea-Waiohuli

Phase 2B and Phase 3

plans, design, development..... \$15,166,000

Ho'olehua Water System

Equipment and supplies.....\$1,345,000

Moloka'i Veteran's Center

Plans, design, construction land acquisition and

equipment.....\$300,000

Health

Kalaupapa Settlement, Close Landfill

Design and construction to close landfill.....\$7,500,000

Kalaupapa Settlement, Improvements

Improvements for code requirements.....\$945,000

Kalaupapa Settlement, Underground Tanks

Close and remove underground tanks.....\$580,000

Kula Hospital

Electrical/Lighting System.....\$750,000

Patient room renovations.....\$800,000

Plumbing improvements.....\$1,000,000

Lāna'i Community Hospital

Fire alarm system upgrade.....\$500,000

Maui Health Systems

Facilities Repairs, renovations and upgrades.....\$15,000,000

Operating Funds.....\$42,073,000

Maui Health systems, Facilities Repair

Cardiac Lab, Angioplasty Suite.....\$9,150,000

Proof of Concept for Maui Health System

Plan and design for proof of concept.....\$500,000

Emergency Medical Services, Moloka'i

Operating funds.....\$300,000

Human Services

Kahale Mua, Utility Improvements, Moloka'i

Construction to develop public housing facilities.....\$650,000



Senator DeCoite conducting a site visit to the UpCounty Water System in February 2022.

District 7 Funds

\$400,709,153 brought to the district

Land and Natural Resources

Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Construction for improvements.....\$500,000

Maui District Baseyard/Office Improvements

Expansion and renovations.....\$100,000

Pālā'au State Park

Plan, design, and construction for improvements
.....\$1,300,000

Radio Repeater/Patch Link Install, Moloka'i

Manufacture and install enhancing unit.....\$100,000

East Maui Forest

Fencing to protect watershed.....\$780,000

Leeward Haleakalā

Fencing to protect watershed; deer fencing retrofit
.....\$500,000

Moloka'i Forest

Restore and protect watershed\$700,000

Southshore Moloka'i

Fencing to protect watershed; deer fencing retrofit
.....\$1,150,000

Hāna Waysides

Water system and facility improvements.....\$1,250,000

Upcountry Maui Water Well

Plans, land acquisition and design.....\$1,000,000

Waimea State Tree and Maui District Nursery

Plan, design, and construction.....\$500,000

Watershed Ungulate Fencing, Maui County

Plan, design, and construction for fencing.....\$2,800,000

Transportation

Maui Baseyard Security Fence

Plan, design, and construction.....\$120,000

Hāna Highway Bridge Preservation

Bridge preservation plan.....\$24,500,000

Hāna Highway, Huelo to Hana, Improvements

Construction for improvements.....\$5,300,000

Hāna Highway Rockwall Mitigation

Construction for mitigation.....\$2,000,000

Kula Highway, Improvements

Design, construction, and equipment.....\$3,500,000

Hāna Airport

Operating Funds.....\$1,001,462

Kahului Airport

Facilities improvements.....\$45,000,000
Operating Funds.....\$88,625,339

Kalaupapa Airport

Operating Funds.....\$847,145

Lāna'i Airport

Operating funds\$3,609,629

Moloka'i Airport

Operating Funds.....\$3,451,472

Hāna Harbor

Operating Funds.....\$13,519

Kaumalapau Harbor

Operating Funds.....\$167,154

Kaunakakai Harbor

Operating Funds.....\$258,374

Minimum Wage Bill

HB2510 HD2 SD1 CD1

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) – made refundable and permanent.

The EITC helps low to moderate income workers get a tax break. Persons who qualify for the credit can use the credit to reduce their taxes they owe and possibly increase their tax refund.

Minimum Wage Increases

\$ 10.10 Current
\$ 12 = Oct 1, 2022
\$ 14 = Jan 1, 2024
\$ 16 = Jan 1, 2026
\$ 18 = Jan 1, 2028

Minimum Wage Rate for Tipped Employees

\$ 10.10 Current \$10.10 - .75 = \$ 9.35
\$ 12 = Oct 1, 2022 \$12.00 - 1.00 = \$ 11.00
\$ 14 = Jan 1, 2024 \$14.00 - 1.25 = \$ 12.75
\$ 16 = Jan 1, 2026 \$16.00 - 1.25 = \$ 14.75
\$ 18 = Jan 1, 2028 \$18.00 - 1.50 = \$ 16.50

TIP CREDIT

\$.75 = CURRENT
\$ 1.00 = OCT 1, 2022
\$ 1.25 = JAN 1, 2024
\$ 1.50 = JAN 1, 2028

OVER \$1 BILLION IN FUNDING FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN PRIORITIES

Bills headed to the Governor with funding for Native Hawaiians from the 2022 session include:

HB 2511: Appropriates \$600 million to DHHL to pursue a multi-pronged approach to eliminating its waitlist.

SB 3041: Appropriates \$335,557,607.93 for the Kalima Case vs. DHHL.

SB 2021: Appropriates \$64 million to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for a portion of the income and proceeds from the public land trust.

HB 2024: Appropriates \$14 million for the startup and transition planning costs for the Mauna Kea Stewardship and oversight authority. Appropriates \$350,000 for K-12 public education programs in astronomy-related fields of learning.

HB 1600: Included in the State Budget is:

- \$38 million to address staffing recruitment, training, and provide Hawaiian language immersion for students in DOE schools. Also includes classroom renovations.
- \$10,000,000 for Planning and Development for Hawaiian Homesteads.
- \$10,000,000 for capital improvements to Bishop Museum.
- \$7,500,000 to support programming and operations of the Bishop Museum.
- \$2,889,496 and 14 positions for the 'Imiloa Immersion Program at UH Hilo.
- \$400,000 in additional funding for operating expenses at the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve.
- \$200,000 for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.
- \$117,019 for Papahana 'o Kaiona Alternative Learning Program. Papahana 'o Kaiona integrates both traditional and culture education where class is taught in the classroom setting and at various sites like the kalo farm.

HB 1894: Allows the use of both traditional Native Hawaiian burial practices and environmentally-friendly burial practices by including water cremation in the treatment and disposal of human remains.

HB 1768: Exempts traditional and customary kalo cultivation practices from the existing process for disposition of water rights.

HB 2466: Taro cultivation tax exemption.

HR 130: Apologizing to the Native Hawaiian people for the prohibition in Hawai'i schools of the instructional use of the Hawaiian language from 1896 to 1986.

SCR 121: Urging the counties and the State to work with Huamakahikina and kumu hula to establish policies protecting hula.

(List courtesy of the Legislative Hawaiian Caucus)



Senator DeCoite with Lānaʻi Elementary Hawaiian Immersion students.

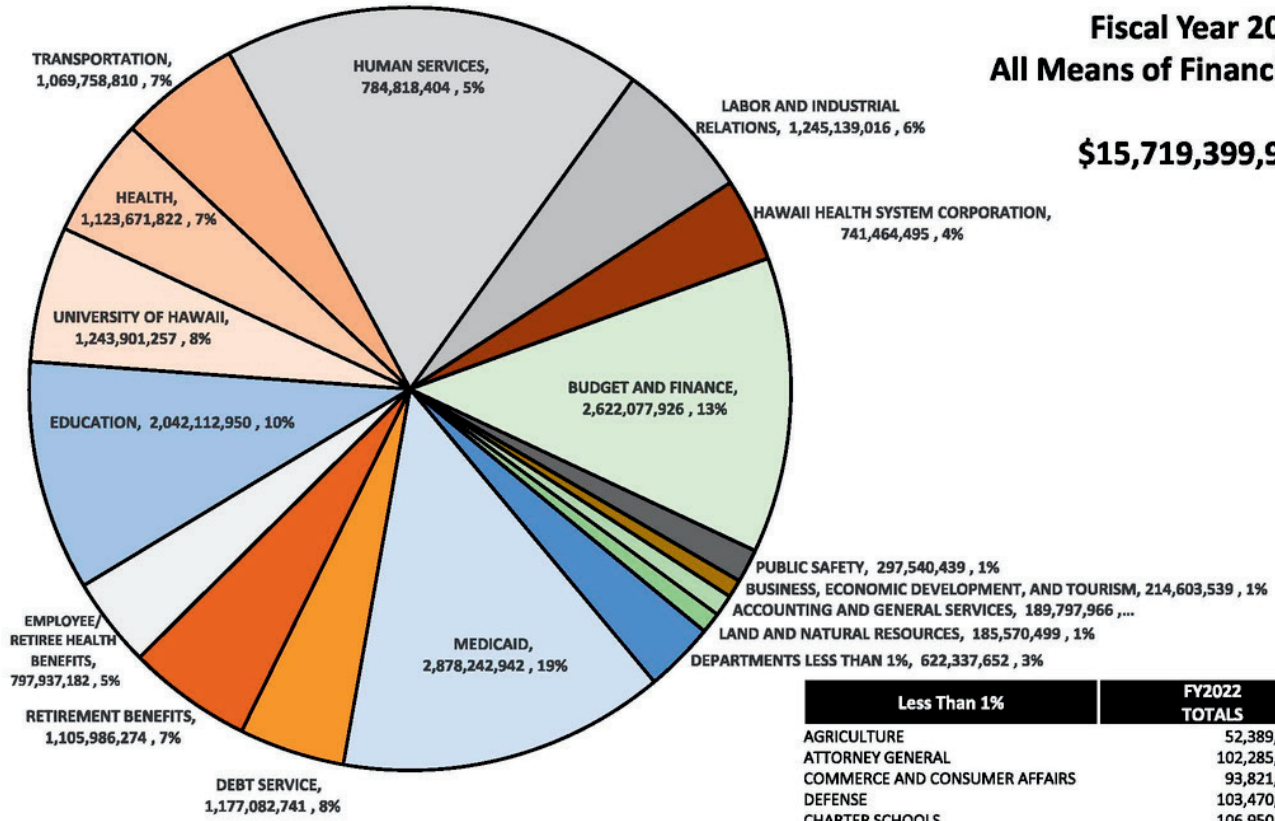


Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Director William Aila hugs Sen. Lynn DeCoite after conference committee approves historic funding in HB2511.

Photo courtesy of Civil Beat

**Fiscal Year 2022
All Means of Financing**

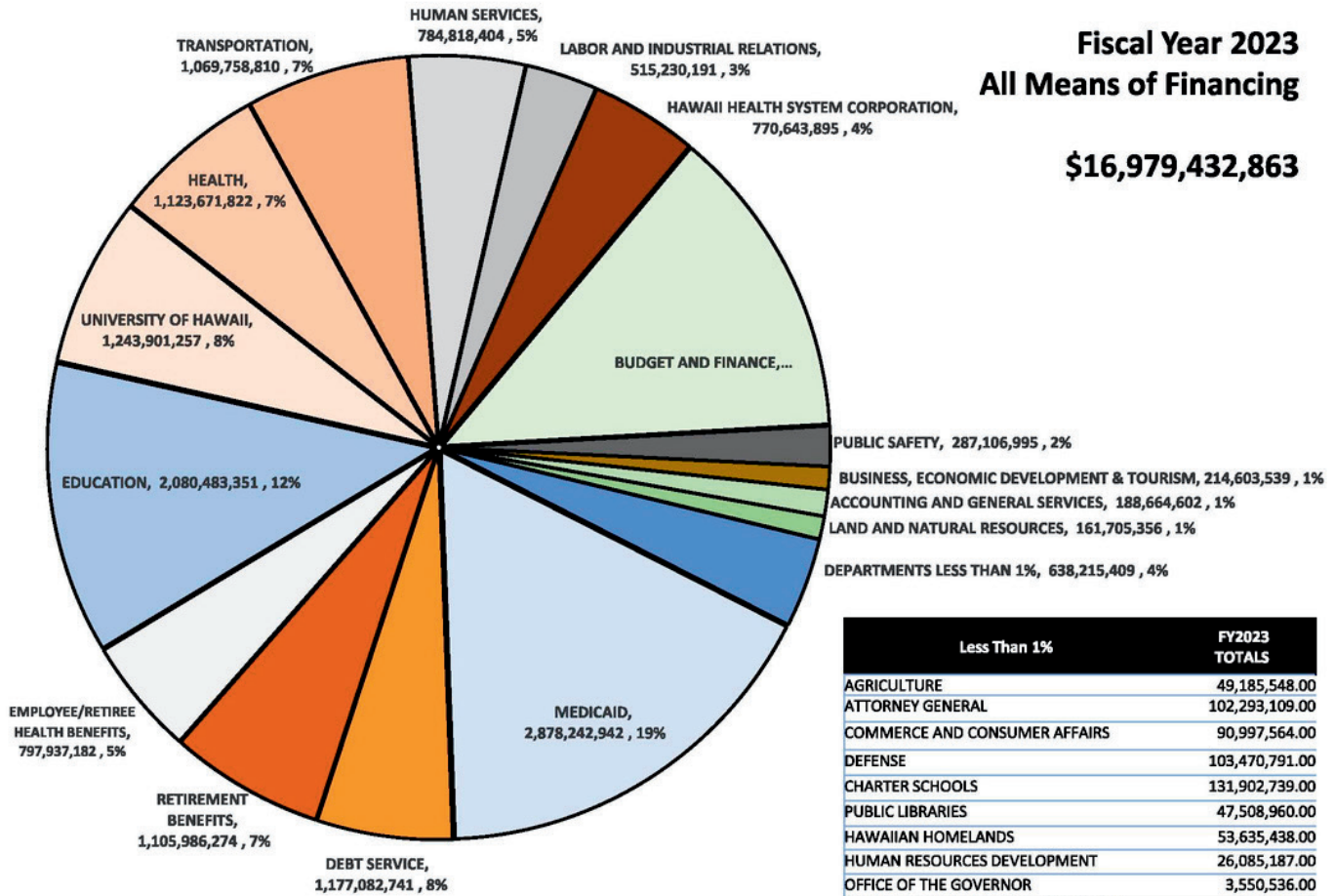
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Less Than 1%	FY2022 TOTALS
AGRICULTURE	52,389,942.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL	102,285,053.00
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	93,821,564.00
DEFENSE	103,470,791.00
CHARTER SCHOOLS	106,950,406.00
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	44,474,441.00
HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS	53,635,438.00
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	26,032,612.00
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	3,550,536.00
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	955,793.00
SUBSIDIES	2,900,000.00
TAXATION	31,871,076.00
TOTAL	622,337,652.00

**Fiscal Year 2023
All Means of Financing**

\$16,979,432,863



Less Than 1%	FY2023 TOTALS
AGRICULTURE	49,185,548.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL	102,293,109.00
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	90,997,564.00
DEFENSE	103,470,791.00
CHARTER SCHOOLS	131,902,739.00
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	47,508,960.00
HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS	53,635,438.00
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	26,085,187.00
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	3,550,536.00
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	955,793.00
TAXATION	28,629,744.00
TOTAL	638,215,409.00



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End of Session - Legislative Newsletter

Do you have Unclaimed Property?

Did you know the State of Hawai'i holds unclaimed property as a custodian for the rightful owner? Have you checked to see if you or your Tūtū who has passed have unclaimed property?

Many of us do and don't even realize it. Some have a few cents to a few hundred or even a few thousand dollars.

It is easy to check if you, your family members, or even your business/organization (past or present) have any unclaimed property. The list is updated every year.

If you have unclaimed property, all you have to do is fill out the forms and get them turned to the Unclaimed Property Office. No fees and no lawyers are needed.

Feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or if I can be of service to you.

~ Sen. Lynn DeCoite

Unclaimed Property Information:

Phone Numbers

Main Line: (808) 586-1589

Maui: (808) 984-2400;
then dial extension 6-1589

Lāna'i & Moloka'i : 1-800-468-4644;
then dial extension 6-1589

Mail

State of Hawaii, Unclaimed Property Program
P.O. Box 150,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96810

Scan QR code to go to website
budget.hawaii.gov/finance/unclaimedproperty/

