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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 300, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

by

Tommy Johnson, Director

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 23, 2023; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 211 and Via Video
Conference

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** House Bill (HB) 300, House Draft (HD) 1 which appropriates funding for the fiscal biennium 2023-2025 for the operating budget and capital improvement program (CIP) under the 'Steady State' executive budget submittal. We appreciate the support of the House Finance Committee on PSD's Steady State operating and CIP budget requests, however, we urge the Senate Committee on Ways and Means (Committee) to consider funding the Governor's Message #1 for additional operating budget requests totaling as follows:

FY 2023-24: 8.0 FTE and \$955,061 - General Funds
FY 2024-25: 8.0 FTE and \$2,525,932 - General Funds,
-\$5,835 - Interdepartmental Transfer

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Additionally, PSD respectfully requests that the Committee fund the following CIP request that were not funded in HD1 as follows:

FY 2023-24: Steady State, PSD Priority #1 - \$15M for the Project Development and Delivery Phase of the New OCCC Facility

Governor's Message #1, PSD Priority #7, \$3M for the Planning for a New West Hawaii Jail and Community Transitional Center

FY 2024-25: Steady State, PSD Priority #1 - \$10M for the Project Development and Delivery Phase of the New OCCC Facility

We have provided to the Committee staff an impact statement that outlines the importance of funding these CIP projects now.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony on HB 300, HD1.



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Testimony of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

In SUPPORT of
HB 300, HD1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports the intent and offers comments on HB 300, HD1, which provides operating and capital improvement appropriations and authorizations for Executive Branch agencies and programs in Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2023-25.

HB 300, HD1, includes budget requests for the Hawai'i State Energy Office – BED120's which address HSEO's top priorities as the critical path to a resilient clean energy economy. HSEO requests the Committee's consideration for amending the following:

Adjustment: SEQ#213-001 ADD FUNDS FOR HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE (\$1B/\$1B).

Impact Statement: The House FIN does not concur with \$1,150,000/\$1,150,000 (recurring) requested for cost match and working capital for federal grants and programs. This request is for an annual appropriation from the Energy Security Special Fund (ESSF). Lack of state funds for cost match and working capital would result in the loss of a FEMA subaward to complete an energy system and

critical infrastructure vulnerability and resiliency assessment for Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i Counties. A similar assessment for O'ahu is underway because of ESSF appropriations in FY22/FY23 that provided the working capital necessary under an earlier FEMA subaward. \$450,000 is needed in FY24 to provide the working capital needed to conduct the assessments for the other counties. In addition, a formula grant to states for preventing outages and enhancing the resilience of the electric grid will provide \$6 million to Hawaii in the first 2 years of the program but must be matched by 15% of the amount of federal funds. This formula grant requires \$913,582 in cost match over FY24/FY25. Beyond these substantial grants currently in play which would be in jeopardy if the matching funds were not approved, HSEO is submitting three full applications in response to DE-FOA-0002740, titled BIL Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP). Each project requires cost share of 50% of total project costs, some of which may be needed from the state.

Alternative Reduction: None.

To position HSEO and the State to compete against other states for its fair share of federal funds under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, an ESSF appropriation, up to \$1.15 million each fiscal year, is needed for cost match/share and working capital to leverage federal and other resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Written Statement of
Len Higashi
Executive Director
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB300, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** HB300, HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Last year, HTDC programs secured \$72.5 million in federal funding to support economic development activities in Hawai'i. \$62 million of the funds are for the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) to expand access to capital for small businesses in Hawai'i. HTDC's INNOVATE Hawai'i continues to increase its annual federal appropriation aided by its perfect 100 scorecards. HTDC's Hawai'i Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies secured \$7.2 million in federal funding for renewable energy efforts at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

HTDC core programs assisted over 300 companies providing technical and financial support for innovative small businesses from the startup stage through growth and export. HTDC core programs include the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP) grants, Hawai'i Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR) grants, and accelerator programs. These programs are critical in establishing a pipeline of growing innovative companies in the State.

HTDC supports the amendments in the House draft of the budget which provides funding and staff positions to continue and build upon HTDC core programs.

We would like to ask for your favorable consideration in including the budget adjustments listed in the Governor's Message #1 which includes a CIP appropriation for the First Responders Technology Campus.

HTDC programs provide tremendous economic development leverage to the State. HTDC looks forward to continued support from the State legislature. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

TESTIMONY OF
LEODOLOFF R. ASUNCION, JR.
CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF HAWAII

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

March 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

MEASURE: H.B. No. 300, HD1

TITLE: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

DESCRIPTION: Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. (HD1).

POSITION:

The Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) strongly supports this measure and offers the following comments for consideration.

COMMENTS:

The Commission supports the line item on page 42 of this measure that would preserve the established operating budget and position counts for the Public Utilities Commission Special Fund, while also increasing the Commission’s ceiling in order to expend funds from the Electric Vehicle Charging System Subaccount and the Hydrogen Fueling System Subaccount. It is imperative that the Commission and Consumer Advocate maintain a sufficient level of funding to ensure the continued protection of the public interest and provision of essential utility services.

Notably, the ceiling increase of \$1.5M as contemplated on page 42 of this measure would allow the Commission to expend funds to support the Electric Vehicle Charger Rebate Program (\$750k) and the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Program (\$750k). This is necessary for the Commission to operate these programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**Testimony of
Leah Laramée
Coordinator, Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission**

**Before the House Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 AM**

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 211

**In support of
House Bill 300 House Draft 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Bill 300 HD1 appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Years (FY) 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. **The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) supports this measure.**

The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission consists of a multi-jurisdictional effort between 20 different departments, committees, and counties. The Commission has been successful in providing capacity building assistance to members of the commission including Department of Transportation, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Hawai'i Energy Office, County of Hawai'i, County of Kauai and the Department of Health through the placement of AmeriCorps VISTA members. To enhance the Commission's support and to meet the challenges of climate change facing the state, we humbly request the following additional budget adjustments. These items directly support the State's climate goals through providing professional capacity for a clean, equitable and resilient Hawai'i.

Additional Operating Requests

LNR 101: Add 11 positions (10 Program Specialist IV and 1 Office Assistant IV) and funds to support Climate Justice and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: FY 24: \$323,724 (Salary); \$44,000 (Equipment); FY 25: \$671,208 (Salary), MOF A.

LNR 101: Add funds for statewide climate change mitigation and adaptation coordination. FY 24: \$500,000; FY 25: \$1,000,000, MOF A.

LNR 906: Add 2 positions (Account Clerk V and Accountant IV) and funds to provide fiscal support and assistance to the Climate Change program: FY 24: \$58,944 (Salary); \$8,000

(Equipment); FY 25: \$122,772 (Salary), MOF A

Positions would elevate the ability for climate coordination throughout the state through dedicated staff at the commission and at key departments. Professional capacity to address climate change plays a crucial role in ensuring that climate change is considered in decision-making, and do so competently and with appropriate knowledge and training. Failure to do so may result in lost opportunities to reduce emissions, or lock in planning decisions that will not be flexible enough to deal with changing temperatures.

The currently identified departments include:

Department of Transportation

Program Specialist IV: Climate Mitigation Specialist: Coordinate with the Commission to increase capacity of the DOT to access the billions of federal dollars available through IIA and IRA for climate mitigation efforts to equitably decarbonize transportation. Assist in bridging the gap between land use and transportation sectors through support for Transport Oriented Development collaboration and increasing the departments number of bike and pedestrian projects. Connect state and county stakeholders and convene interagency collaborations to connect multijurisdictional efforts to assess and address climate impacts on the transportation sector to increase efficiency on climate and transportation related projects.

Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency

Program Specialist IV: Climate Hazards and Data Specialist: Integrate Commission social vulnerability work with efforts to map climate related hazards identified in state and county plans to better identify hazards and support hazard mitigation planning. Support efforts to unlock federal funds (FEMA) for climate hazard mitigation funding that has historically been difficult to access.

Department of Agriculture

Program Specialist IV: Climate and Food Security Specialist: Serve as HDOA's POC for all climate change related collaboration with other agencies and organizations. The position would facilitate and ensure effective coordination of efforts to address the changes in agriculture needed to meet the challenges of climate change. Promote carbon smart locally produced products as identified by the climate smart commodities program. Coordinate efforts to measure impacts of climate smart actions on agricultural lands and include embodied carbon on imported foods to ensure equity when calculating the carbon footprint of locally produced foods. Lead efforts on circular economy in the agricultural sector.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Program Specialist IV: Climate, Culture and Indigenous Knowledge Specialist: Enhance the Commission's capacity to incorporate indigenous knowledge into climate science. Coordinate Native Hawaiian engagement in the climate conversation to better address needs for climate adaptation.

Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands

Program Specialist IV: Climate and Resilient Homelands Specialist: Serve as a liaison between

DHHL and the Commission to incorporate climate science and resiliency into all DHHL planning efforts. Identify key DHHL lands that could support climate mitigation, food and water security goals while providing opportunities for DHHL beneficiaries. Advise the Planning Office on incorporating climate science, state policies and implementation measures into Island Plan and Regional Plan updates and provide training workshops for DHHL staff on climate resiliency-related topics such as nature-based solutions, green/gray infrastructure, energy and water efficiency, wastewater treatment alternatives, healthy and walkable community design, and GHG-reducing and drought- and wildfire-mitigating land management best practices.

Department of Education

Program Specialist IV: Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Facilities Specialist: Increase the capacity of the Commission and DOE to mitigate and adapt to climate impacts to DOE facilities through nature-based solutions such as tree planting, green roofs and rain gardens. Assist with efforts to decarbonize DOE buildings. Promote opportunities for multimodal transportation for students, teachers, and faculty for DOE Schools. Support efforts for safe routes to schools and farm to school initiatives.

Hawaii Tourism Authority

Program Specialist IV: Climate and Tourism Mitigation and Adaptation Specialist. Work with the commission to address the climate impact of tourism on the state. Identify mechanisms to reduce the carbon footprint of tourist. Assist in promoting sustainable tourism practices that mitigate climate impacts.

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission

Office Assistant: Provide administrative support to the Commission including meeting coordination, incoming public inquires, office management and Commission meeting logistics.

Program Specialist IV: Climate Equity and Justice Specialist: Work with the commission on efforts to better communicate and address the disproportional impact of climate change on certain communities.

Program Specialist IV: Grants Specialist: Identify and communicate funding opportunities for federal, state, county and private grants and funding opportunities. Provide grant writing and management capacity to the Commission, State, County and community members to ensure that the State is

Program Specialist IV: Climate Data and Communications Specialist: Improve climate data and research communications for better integration into state, county and community planning efforts. Work with federal agencies to incorporate state data into federal tools for better representation at the national level.

Funding would support community equity and engagement efforts, coastal and road resilience pilot projects along the Kamehameha Highway, the Oahu multimodal mobility pilot project, and continued statewide coordination on climate mitigation and adaptation implementation efforts.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Mark Patterson, Chair
Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission

SUBJECT: House Bill 300, House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00AM
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission), created through Act 179/SLH 2019 (HRS Chapter 353L), for the purpose of 1) ensuring transparency, 2) supporting safe conditions for employees, inmates, and detainees, and 3) providing positive reform towards a rehabilitative and therapeutic correctional system, is submitting testimony requesting support of its budget request.

Since its inception in 2020, the Commission has made significant progress on building oversight in the state of Hawaii, particularly since the hiring of the first Oversight Coordinator in July 2022. With the hiring of the Oversight Coordinator, the oversight office officially opened. The Oversight Coordinator prioritized visiting all eight local facilities (four jails, four prisons) and the private facility in Arizona. The Coordinator has posted eight monthly reports (encompassing actions taken by the Commission and expenses for the preceding month) in addition to two facility-specific reports and a strategic plan. All reports are available to the public through the Commission's [website](#) and social media pages ([Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#)). These reports are the beginning stages of building transparency in the state of Hawaii. Additionally, the HCSOC has hired a Special Assistant and is in the process of hiring a Reentry and Diversion Oversight Specialist to assist with overseeing the 4,000+ inmates in this jurisdiction.

During this session, it is the Commission's intent to seek additional funds surpassing the budget sheet submitted to the legislature by the Office of the Governor. With your support, the Commission can continue to build off of this important progress being the first corrections oversight agency in the state.

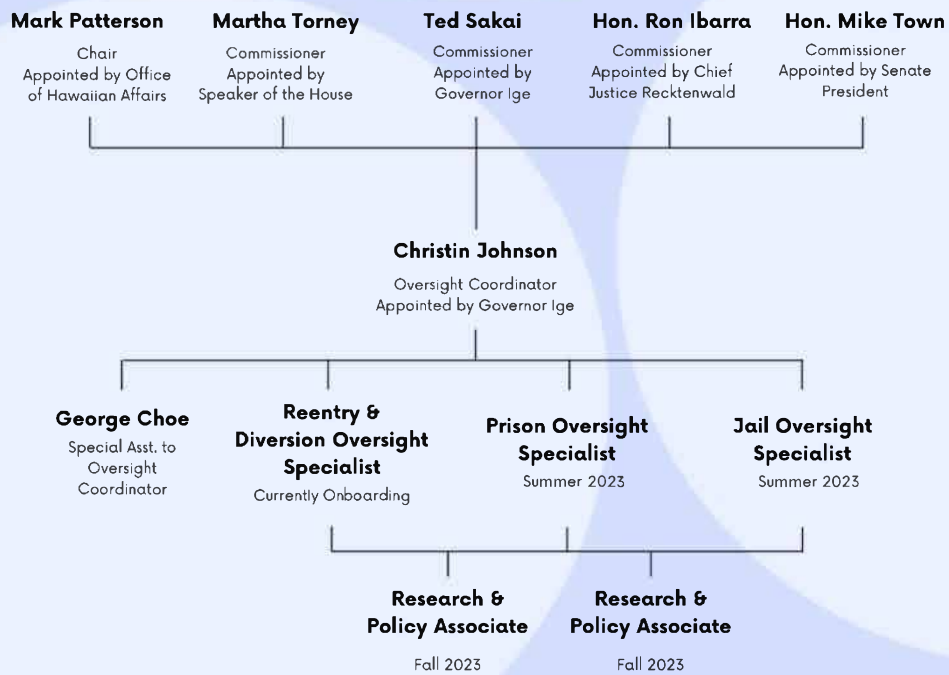
Included in the budget in front of you is a total of four positions and \$534,388 for both FYs of the upcoming biennium. Respectfully, the Commission would like to address the budget request *initially* submitted which included seven positions (four being brand new) and \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25. All seven positions (two of which encompass professional investigative staff) are imperative to the Commission's mandate. In accordance with HRS 353L, the Commission is required to 1) investigate complaints at all correctional facilities, 2) facilitate a transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model, 3) establish inmate population limits for all correctional facilities, and 4) monitor/review the comprehensive offender reentry program and ensure its effectiveness. To achieve these ends, the Commission must have dedicated staff to administer the operations of the Commission in accordance with HRS 353L.

Additionally, the Commission and Oversight Coordinator recognize that funding decisions are difficult, and this request is not taken lightly. In every instance the HCSOC can find outside funding or outside resources, the HCSOC strive for that. A prime example is the HCSOC's success in finding pro bono work to create a forward-facing case management system. This project is estimated to be \$500,000+ that the HCSOC secured, with permission from Ethics, for professional work undertaken voluntarily and without payment by a nationally recognized consulting company, [Thoughtworks](#).

Attached to this letter are two documents, 1) an organizations chart pulled from the HCSOC 2023-2024 Strategic Plan, and 2) the justifications submitted for consideration for personnel services, travel, memberships and conferences, special projects and consultation, and equipment justifications. The budget justifications reflect the Commission's needs to establish responsible, efficient, and transformative oversight practices in the state of Hawaii.

Should you have additional questions, the Oversight Coordinator, Christin Johnson, can be reached at 808-900-2200 or at christin.m.johnson@hawaii.gov. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HCSOC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



State of Hawaii
Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission
2023 Budget Justifications

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Hon. Ronald Ibarra (ret.) Martha Torney
Hon. Michael Town (ret.) Theodore Sakai

Oversight Coordinator
Christin M. Johnson

The Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC) established a new office in July 2022 after hiring its first Oversight Coordinator. This budget reflects the office, travel, and personnel needs in order to establish responsible, efficient, and transformative oversight practices in the state of Hawaii. The Oversight Coordinator considered other oversight agencies nationwide in addition to comparing salaries for exempt positions here in Hawaii state offices. The Coordinator believes the salaries being requested are fair, reasonable, and absolutely vital in recruiting the experience and expertise the Commission needs.

In Accordance with HRS 353L, the Commission shall:

- (1) Oversee the State's correctional system and have jurisdiction over investigating complaints at correctional facilities and facilitating a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model;
- (2) Establish maximum inmate population limits for each correctional facility and formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional facility; Work with the department of public safety in monitoring and reviewing the comprehensive offender reentry program, including facility educational and treatment programs, rehabilitative services, work furloughs, and the Hawaii paroling authority's oversight of parolees. The commission may make recommendations to the department of public safety, the Hawaii paroling authority, and the legislature regarding reentry and parole services; and
- (3) Ensure that the comprehensive offender reentry system under chapter 353H is working properly to provide programs and services that result in the timely release of inmates on parole when the maximum terms have been served instead of delaying the release for lack of programs and services.

To achieve these ends, the HCSOC is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25.

Personnel Services Justifications

Oversight Coordinator (\$175,056+/year)

In accordance with HRS 353L, the Governor appointed the Oversight Coordinator from a list of three nominees submitted by the Commission, and the Oversight Coordinator shall be paid a salary set at one hundred percent of the salary of the director of human resources development.

Office Assistant (\$86,000+/year)

In accordance with HRS 353L, this position shall handle specific office tasks and administrative duties, such as directing communications between people in custody, friends/family members, community members and the Commission, handle all travel accommodations, track legislation and hearings, among other needed tasks. This position will also assist with the intake and organization of all incoming complaints.

Jail Oversight Specialist (\$125,000+/year)

In accordance with HRS 353L, this position shall oversee the State's jails (Hawaii Community Correctional Center, Kauai Community Correctional Center, Maui Community Correctional Center, and Oahu Community Correctional Center) and “investigate complaints at said correctional facilities and facilitate a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model.” Additionally, since this is the first position of its kind in the state, this position will be setting the investigative and analytical policies and procedures specific to jail investigations for the office in addition to creating hiring and training packets for potential future hires.

Prison Oversight Specialist (\$125,000+/year)

In accordance with HRS 353L, this position shall, oversee the State's prisons (Halawa Correctional Facility, Waiawa Correctional Facility, Kulani Correctional Facility, the Women’s Community Correctional Center, and one facility houses Hawaii inmates on the mainland: Saguaro Correctional Center) and “investigate complaints at said correctional facilities and facilitate a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model.” Additionally, since this is the first position of its kind in the state, this position will be setting the investigative and analytical policies and procedures specific to prison investigations for the office in addition to creating hiring and training packets for potential future hires.

Reentry Specialist (\$125,000+/year)

In accordance with HRS 353L, this position shall, “ensure that the comprehensive offender reentry system under chapter 353H is working properly to provide programs and services that result in the timely release of inmates on parole when the maximum terms have been served instead of delaying the release for lack of programs and services.” Additionally, since this is the first position of its kind in the state, this position will be setting the policies and procedures specific to reentry and diversion efforts for the office in addition to creating hiring and training packets for potential future hires.

Two (2) Research & Policy Associates (\$90,000+/year/position)

In accordance with HRS 353L, this position shall, “conduct an ongoing study and investigation of the operation and the administration of correctional system laws in effect in other states or countries, any literature on the subject that may be published or available, any federal laws that may affect the operation of the correctional system, and the reaction of residents to existing and potential features of the correctional system in order to recommend or effect changes that will tend to serve the purposes of this chapter.” The research will inform policy recommendations, legislative changes, and public reports from the Commission.

Other Expenses Justifications

Inter-Island Correctional Facility Travel (\$25,000+/year)

Of the eight Hawaii-based correctional facilities, one of the jails and three of the prisons are located on the island of Oahu. The other four correctional facilities are located on each of the major islands. Therefore, staff and Commissioners must be able to travel to the Big Island, Kauai, Maui on a consistent basis to ensure transparency, safe working conditions for employees, safe humane living conditions for people in-custody, and to provide

positive reform towards a rehabilitative and therapeutic correctional system, in accordance with HRS 353L. This allocation allows inter-island Commission meetings with each Commission present, facility tours for Commissioners and staff, and includes airfare, car rental, daily per diem, airport parking, and as-needed lodging for night or weekend tours.

Mainland Correctional Facility Travel (\$20,960+/year)

One facility houses people in custody from Hawaii on the mainland: Saguaro Correctional Center. This facility is located in Eloy, AZ. Staff must be able to travel to the Saguaro Correctional Center on a quarterly basis to ensure transparency, safe humane living conditions for people in-custody, and to provide positive reform towards a rehabilitative and therapeutic correctional system, in accordance with HRS 353L. This allocation allows quarterly visits and includes airfare, car rental, daily per diem, airport parking, and lodging.

Memberships and Conferences (\$7,100+/year)

In accordance with HRS 353L, the Oversight Coordinator shall understand and continue to study the operation and the administration of correctional system laws in effect in other states or countries. Therefore, the HCSOC are active member of the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE). For over 25 years, NACOLE has worked to support independent civilian oversight that leads to more effective policies and correctional standards and safer communities. NACOLE offers academic symposiums, an annual conference, webinars, regional training, and reports and training materials. This allocation allows two staff (or one staff, and one Commissioner) to attend the annual conference and better understand the operations and administration of correctional systems across the country. Additionally, this allocation allows all HCSOC commissioners and staff to be members of NACOLE and have access to additional training materials. More information about NACOLE can be found at <https://www.nacole.org/>.

Special Projects and Consultation (\$115,000 – one time cost)

In accordance with HRS 353L, the HCSOC must establish maximum inmate population limits for each correctional facility and formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional facility. Due to the significant overcrowding found in each of the jails, the HCSOC finds it imperative to hire an expert consultant for a Bed Utilization Project and a Population Limit Study.

The Bed Utilization Project will help HCSOC and the Department of Public Safety to understand how all beds are being filled with the current classification system and policies and procedures in place. For example, the Commission has found that the Department classifies people in custody at a higher rate than most correction agencies in the country. Higher-custody beds like Maximum-Custody cost the state more money than lower custody levels due to cells being used instead of dorm settings. An expert consultant can help the State understand why people in custody are classified at higher rates and help initiate a plan to adjust policies, procedures, and potentially state law to better manage the population in the most safe, humane, and cost-efficient way possible. This will allow staff to focus and follow through on the findings and allow faster results by hiring an expert consultant whose main or only focus would be this project.

After the study to ensure beds are being utilized in the most efficient way possible, an expert consultant will be hired to conduct a Population Limit Study. This will set the standard of what exactly constitutes as overcrowding and will allow staff to have specific standards to oversee when touring the facilities. This is a *one-time cost* that can be used as opposed to hiring a specific staff member to focus on bed utilization and overcrowding.

Equipment Justifications (\$11,279+)

All equipment includes the initial setup for new staff coming on board. Therefore, this cost includes laptops, keyboard and mouse combos, webcams, and other basic necessities to work towards the goals and mission of the HCSOC. Most costs are a *one time cost* until the equipment needs to be repaired or updated. General office supplies (pens, paper, sticky notes, etc.) are also included within this category. All the equipment listed in the budget is necessary to fulfill the requirements listed in HRS 353L.



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Testimony of
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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

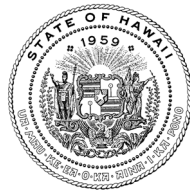
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of House Bill 300, HD1, which provides the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority (“HGIA”) (BED 138) the ability to expend its special funds under its lending ceiling, bond ceiling and operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Additionally, included in the budget, is \$300.0 million in general funds, which will be strategically invested over the next seven years to provide much needed loan capital to finance solar + storage systems for ALICE households and assist with the estimated \$3.75 billion financing gap needed to decrease the energy burden for our disadvantaged communities. Said gap funding is not only in alignment with the State’s plan to meet its 100% clean energy goal in the electricity sector, but it will also be a critical component of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission Energy Equity docket.

HGIA intends to also apply for Federal funds under the Inflation Reduction Act’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds. While matching funds are not required, the EPA has indicated that leveraging said Federal funds will be the 3rd priority for this highly competitive grant application process, making this bill and appropriations even more important to attract additional Federal funds into Hawaii to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (1st priority) and deliver benefits to disadvantaged communities (2nd priority).

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 300, HD1.

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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 300, H.D. 1

March 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this Administration bill.

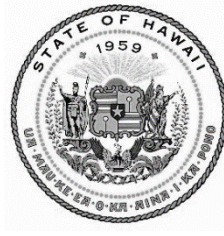
House Bill (H.B.) No. 300, H.D. 1, requests appropriations for FY 2023-25 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement program (CIP) projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. While B&F appreciates the funding provided by this bill, the Executive Branch prefers the original version of the bill, H.B. No. 300, plus subsequent Governor's Budget Messages to the Legislature dated February 13, 2023 and March 10, 2023, which together include funding to support the Administration's priority programs.

B&F strongly recommends that the Committee amend the bill to incorporate the operating and CIP budget adjustments proposed in the Governor's Budget Messages, along with other budget requests that were originally proposed in H.B. No. 300. Together, those budget requests will provide critical funding to support the Administration's priorities for affordable housing and infrastructure, reducing homelessness, protecting natural resources and climate, education, improving access

to healthcare including mental health services, government efficiency, and reducing the cost of living.

H.B. No. 300 and the Governor's Budget Messages also replenish resources for programs that were severely impacted by budget reductions, while building back the State's workforce by restoring position counts and funds for deleted positions and funding for defunded and underfunded positions, and provide funding for increases in essential operating costs, such as utilities and insurance. In addition, they also provide funding to support other essential public services and to improve State programs. B&F defers to the departments in regard to the specific program impact of the changes made by H.B. No. 300, H.D.1.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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March 21, 2023

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB300 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

SENATOR DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: 03/23/2023

Room Number 211

The School Facilities Authority (“SFA”) stands in **strong support** of HB300 HD1 as it pertains to our budget request.

The SFA was statutorily established in 2020 by Act 72 SLH2020 to develop new schools, new school facilities, and redevelopment projects on school lands. The SFA received its first staffing allocations in 2022 with 4 FTEs being allocated for FY23. In that time, the SFA has moved quickly to hire staff and set up internal operations and infrastructure.

The SFA has also invested a significant amount of its time in the execution of Act 257 SLH2022 and the expansion of pre-kindergarten facilities. This critically important investment in our keiki’s future continues to progress thanks to the efforts of our many partners in this effort such as the Lieutenant Governor, Department of Education (“DOE”), Executive Office on Early Learning, Charter School Commission, and other State and private partners.

In our efforts to continue to make good on this investment by the Legislature, the SFA is requesting three additional full-time equivalents (“FTEs”) in the executive budget request outlined in HB300. These three FTEs will allow the SFA to continue expanding its operational capacity to meet not just the requirements of Act 257 SLH2022, but also future expansions of pre-kindergarten facilities to meet the goals set forth by Act 46 SLH2020. Our requested positions include a project manager, planner, and management analyst. In an effort to remain as efficient as possible, the SFA is not requesting additional funds in the executive budget to cover the costs of these FTEs.

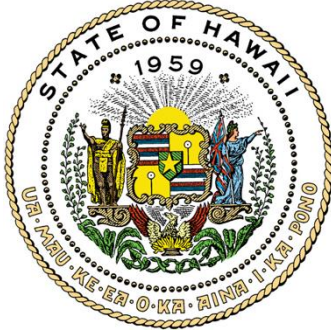
If the requested FTEs are approved as noted in HB300 HD1, the SFA will have a total of 7 FTEs with a 1,300,000-million-dollar operating budget. Our budget tables would be reflected as follows:

FY 2024	FTE	\$	FY 2025	FTE	\$
A Funds	7.0	\$1,300,001	A funds	7.0	\$1,300,001
C funds		\$750,000.00	C funds		\$5,250,000.00

HB300 is also inclusive of two Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funding requests in FY24 and FY25. These lump sum requests are to address on-going school capacity issues statewide in fulfillment of our role in new school and new school facility projects. The SFA seeks to work with the DOE on identifying sites in the first fiscal year, and utilizing the second year appropriation for work associated with the identified sites from the first fiscal year.

The SFA believes that the budget requests outlined in HB300 HD1 are both reasonable and prudent to expand our capacity to fulfill our statutory obligations as set forth by the Legislature. We look forward to continuing to build the facilities that our keiki deserve and work with the Legislature on future collaborative efforts. We respectfully request your support of the requests for EDN450 as outlined in HB300 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of HB300 HD1 and for your on-going support of Hawaii's keiki.



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Ke Ke'ena O Ka Hope Kia'aina

TO: Chair Donovan Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor

RE: Testimony for H.B. 300 – Relating to the State Budget

DATE: March 23, 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of H.B. 300, H.D. 1** which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive branch for fiscal years 2023 – 2024 and 2024 – 2025.

We appreciate the Committee's time at our budget briefing in January and we continue to support our submitted budget requests. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor is requesting an operating budget that will continue to support statutory responsibilities, which include the processing of name changes, issuing apostilles and certifications, and selling state publications, and will also support the shift in expectations and goals beyond the day-to-day operations and responsibilities of the office. My office has been entrusted with areas of policy, including pre-k expansion and broadband, that require additional resources to execute.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of H.B. 300, H.D. 1.



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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
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FROM: Keith Barber, Ombudsman
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SUBJECT: House Bill 300 House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00AM
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Keith Barber from Office of Legislative Corrections Ombudsman in Michigan and I am writing to urge you to consider supporting the budget request from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission). The Commission is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25 which includes seven total positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment. Given that this office is so new (*office opened in July 2022*), it is important to ensure they are properly funded to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

I have worked at Michigan's Legislative Corrections Ombudsman office for over 35 years, the last 14 years as the Ombudsman with direct responsibility for the operation, management, and funding of our oversight agency. We share similar oversight responsibilities as the HCSOC and it has become clear to me over the years the key to operating an oversight agency with that level of statutory responsibility requires adequate funding and staffing.

As you may know, approximately 70% to 80% of the funding for a service agency of this nature is for employee costs. These are highly specialized positions that require adequate funding to attract appropriate staff for the many responsibilities that encompass Corrections oversight. Attracting professional people who are the best fit to fulfill the mission of the agency begins with a commensurate salary.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have additional questions. I can be reached at 517-373-9996 or at kbarber@legislature.mi.gov. Thank you for the opportunity to bring this important matter to your attention.

Sincerely,

Keith Barber
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TESTIMONY OF THE
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 300, HD 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

March 23, 2023

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 300, HD 1. This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The mission of the Office of Elections is to provide secure, accessible, and convenient election services to all citizens statewide. Our office is responsible for the printing and counting of ballots and voter education. We work cooperatively with the Offices of the County Clerks which are responsible for voter registration, mailing and receipt of ballots, voter service centers, and places of deposit.

For this biennium, we are asking for funding of \$6,169,276, for fiscal year 2023-2024, and \$2,470,761 for 2024-2025. This request includes the cost of the voting system contract for the 2024 Elections and a matching requirement to receive \$1 million in federal funding.

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
HB 300	3,650,968	2,470,761
GM 1	<u>2,518,308</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$6,169,276</u>	<u>\$2,470,761</u>

Voting System Contract

The voting system contract is critical to the administration and conduct of elections for both the State and Counties. Without a voting system, there can be no election. The goods and services provided in the voting system contract are

for the ballot printing and mailing, and operation and maintenance of the voting equipment, including:

- Ballot paper
- Accessible alternate format ballots
- Printing services with quality control
- Addressing, assembling, and sorting mail ballot packets through a mailing house
- Set up, maintenance, and storage of the voting equipment
- Operating the voting equipment scan and tabulate ballots at the counting centers
- Supporting and troubleshooting voting equipment at the voter service centers
- Ballot tracking for voters to check or receive alerts that their ballot packet has been created and then that the ballot has been received and accepted for counting

We are asking that the Legislature fund the full amount of the contract and allow the expense to be prorated, pursuant to HRS §11-110(a)(1), with the Offices of the County Clerks following each election.

The 2024 Elections will be the third statewide elections conducted by mail. The switch from polling place elections to elections by mail impacted our budget in various ways. Two significant changes were implemented through Act 136 SLH 2019 which required the Office of Elections to consolidate ballot mailing services on behalf of the counties, and to share previously county-only expenses with the counties equally.

Historically in a polling place model of elections, the Office of Elections was responsible for the operation of the polling places, and the Counties were responsible for absentee voting, including ballot mailing and early walk-in voting. The State and Counties shared the costs of counting ballots, including the voting system contract and postage for absentee mail ballots.

Since the implementation of elections by mail, our office continues to be responsible for printing and counting ballots and share these costs with the Counties. However, elections by mail resulted in the State becoming responsible

for 50% of the Counties' expenses related to ballot mailing, walk-in voting locations (voter service centers), and places of deposit. Costs associated with these expenses had been unknown to our office as they were not shared expenses in the polling place elections model.

The cost drivers of our budget have fundamentally changed with the migration to elections by mail and any cost savings were offset by us taking on 50% fiscal responsibility for what used to be solely County concerns.

Matching Funds

Our office is also requesting \$200,000 as a state-matching requirement to access \$1 million in federal funding through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). In the past, it has been permissible to access federal funds from HAVA through in-kind matches above and beyond the maintenance of effort requirement established in 2002. The U.S. Election Assistance Commission which administers the grants has now moved to require the State to deposit the matching funds into our federal HAVA account, rather than an in-kind match, to access an additional \$1 million.

This funding, totaling \$1.2 million, will be used to improve the statewide voter registration system. The statewide voter registration system is the database of the voter rolls used to enter and maintain voter records, including mailing and receipt of ballots. The State houses and supports the statewide voter registration system while the Offices of the County Clerks are the main users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 300, HD 1.



NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY



An Authority of the State of Hawaii attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Statement of
Gregory P. Barbour
Executive Director

Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:00 am

State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

in consideration of

HB 300 H.D.1 **RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee, the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) supports HB 300 H.D.1 , which provides operating and capital improvement appropriations and authorizations for Executive Branch agencies and programs in Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2023-25. We request your favorable consideration of adjustments to the budget as submitted in Governor's Message GM 1. One of the three CIP line items for NELHA to assist us in carrying out our duties was included in HB 300 H.D.1. We request your favorable consideration to the two additional CIP items as noted below.

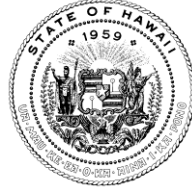
BED146 - \$1,500,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY24 to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed offshore research corridor, Island of

Hawaii. This is a very high priority for NELHA. These funds will be used to complete an EIS for an offshore research corridor which would describe specific activities that could take place in these waters and would provide a path for expedited approval for short-term, small-scale, non-commercial demonstration or research projects for OTEC, offshore aquaculture, ocean monitoring and conservation activities.

There have been two recent technological breakthroughs regarding a potential of an underwater offshore OTEC demonstration project. Completing this EIS as soon as possible could greatly facilitate accelerating the deployment of this OTEC demonstration project.

BED146 - \$17,317,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY24 for construction of three new roads, Island of Hawaii. The total scope of this project includes the construction of three of five new roads and is a pre-requisite for future new land development at the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park (HOST Park) which NELHA administers. Total for the five roads estimated at \$31.7M and approximately 1.1 miles in length. Three of the five roads have already been designed and are “shovel-ready”. When completed these roads will provide access to approximately 100 additional acres of available land in HOST Park. The total construction cost includes design, archaeological monitoring, construction engineering services, HELCO service fees, construction management and contingencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

Thursday, March 23, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211 & Via Videoconference

On the following measure:

H.B. 300 H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA or Department). The Department supports this bill and respectfully requests revisions.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

For the Committee's information, the relevant program appropriations for the Department are on pages 42 to 43 of this measure. The Department acknowledges the hard work of the House Finance Committee and appreciates how H.D. 1 incorporates a number of the Department's budget requests. In doing so, however, H.D.1 does not include items that CCA asked for in GM1 and other critically needed ceiling requests. The Department has been fortunate that, as a special-funded department, it has

received authorization to continue to recruit for and fill positions, and as reflected in this testimony, it has successfully worked toward filling as many vacant positions as possible.

This testimony mirrors the contents of the DCCA's Impact Statement that was provided to this committee a short time ago. Specifically, the DCCA respectfully requests the following to ensure funding for programs and positions:

1. **CCA 107:** House adjustment adds \$1 in special funds. DCCA believes that this is a placeholder for a tradeoff/transfer of one permanent position and \$106,511 in FY 24 and \$110,334 in FY 25 in special funds to CCA 191.

Impact: We require this tradeoff in order to increase consumer and public outreach through programs and re-design the department's web portals.

Alternative trade-off reduction: This item is a tradeoff.

2. **CCA 111:** Fringe Benefits Request for \$419,310 in FY24 and \$729,029 in FY 25. DCCA requests WAM's approval of this item for ceiling to adequately fund authorized positions.

Impact: We require this budget request in order to pay for fringe benefits for all authorized and approved positions.

Alternative trade-off reduction: None.

3. **CCA 191:** House adjustment adds \$1 in general funds and \$1,050,005 in special funds. DCCA believes that this a placeholder for the following:
 - a. A tradeoff/transfer of one permanent position and \$106,511 in FY 24 and \$110,334 in FY 25 in special funds from CCA 107
 - b. \$2,940,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 in general funds for the repair of the roof at the King Kalakaua Building
 - c. \$50,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 in special funds for productivity software
 - d. \$29,000 in FY 24 in special funds for computer and equipment refresh for the Office of Administrative Hearings
 - e. \$15,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for travel and training funds for the Office of Administrative Hearings
 - f. \$350,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for a modernization and replacement of critical and non-supported fiscal software.

Impact: These requests are critical for the safety security, professional development and operations of the department.

Alternative trade-off reduction: One request is a tradeoff and all funds will

be accessed to DCCA's Compliance Resolution Special funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Testimony of

MICHAEL K. NĀHO'OPT'I
Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on

WAYS & MEANS

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 221

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 300 HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

House Bill 300 HD1 appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. The Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) **opposes this measure** in its current form and respectfully **request the committee adopts the Governor's Message (02/13/23)** with regards to addition of funds for the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission in LNR908/AC Ser 213-002.

Senate WAM support for the KIRC in last year's State Budget bill, Act 248 SLH2022, was a critical one-time infusion of general funds so that the KIRC can keep its base camp facilities on Kahoolawe open and continue bringing volunteers to carry-on the important island restoration work. For over a decade, the KIRC has been coming to the legislature seeking the State's financial support to keep Kahoolawe facilities operating to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate uses of Kahoolawe.

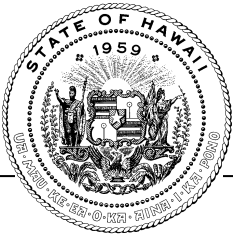
The KIRC seeks to make this funding permanent, to ensure that the KIRC can continue the long-term operations and maintenance of the Honokanai'a Base Camp, on-island facilities and infrastructure, and the KIRC ocean going vessel, 'Ōhua. Without our base of operations, the well-maintained equipment and facilities on Kahoolawe, and our means of getting to and from Kahoolawe, safe public access as well as the continuing management and restoration efforts on Kahoolawe would be impossible. This funding is crucial to the long-term stability and continuation of the KIRC's on-island restoration and rehabilitation efforts.

The success and relevance of KIRC's management of Kaho`olawe is evident as several of today's current issues such as the Navy/State environmental relationships, unexploded ordnance on State lands and recognition of native Hawaiian traditional practices on State lands utilize the KIRC's model of land management and its expertise and experience to help solve their own management issues.

KIRC has lived on a shoestring budget for the past decade, making do with whatever resources and funds we have been able to get, but at the same time been able to do amazing work, restoring one of the most devastated and remote places in Hawaii. This has only been possible because of the countless volunteers we have brought to Kaho`olawe over the past two-decades and the many more that are waiting years to get to Kaho`olawe. This additional funding is critical to ensure the KIRC can continue bringing volunteers to restore Kaho`olawe and learn of Aloha `Āina through hard work and dedication.

The KIRC is a very cost-effective program with little controversy; able to accomplish much with limited resources; a model for future community-based land management and well regarded by native Hawaiians, environmental organizations, the scientific community, and the general public. The task ahead of the KIRC is one of the greatest challenges for this and the next generation, but to many in Hawaii, a challenge that is worth the effort.

Please amend House Bill 300 HD1 and support the Governor's Message requesting additional funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission in LNR908/AC Ser 213-002.



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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of
HB 300, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) supports HB 300, HD 1. This appropriates the funds for the OPSD operating budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal year 2024-2025.

To better fulfill OPSD's mission to guide the development of the State through a continuous process of comprehensive, long-range, and strategic planning to meet the physical, economic, and social needs of Hawaii's people, we would like to request your favorable consideration of the following additional budget adjustments which was not included in HD1 and items relayed in Governor's Message #1. These items fund core OPSD activities as set forth in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §225M-2 and enable OPSD to directly support the Governor, Legislature, and agencies through sound planning to promote affordability, climate resilience, and government efficiency and effectiveness.

Impacts from HD1

- BED144/PL - \$62,172 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 for additional funds for the Planning Program Manager (Pos. No. 11310) for the full year was included in HB300 but not included in HB300 HD1. This position is currently filled with a permanent civil service employee and humbly request to fund this position.

Additional Operating Requests

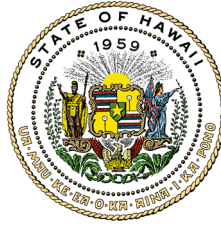
- BED144/DA - \$17,665 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 for personal services adjustments for the Land Use Commission, pursuant to HRS §225M-2(c). This is payroll reconciliation for salary differentials not reflected in prior fiscal years.

- BED144/DA - \$25,060 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 for increased travel budget for the Land Use Commission, pursuant to HRS §225M-2(c). The Land Use Commission holds meetings in person across the state and travel costs are increasing due to inflation. Due to drastic increases in the cost of travel, rental cars and lodging, the LUC will incur an estimated 30% increase in travel expenses across the board.
- BED144/PL - \$254,275 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 for restoration of funding for Special Plans Project Analyst (Pos. No. 122606) and funds for Other Current Expenses reduced pursuant to Act 88, SLH 2021, pursuant to HRS §225M-2(b). Funding for the Special Plans Project Analyst was removed during the COVID-19 economic downturn. OPSD budget has been reduced over the years but has added the Environmental Review Program (former OEQC), which along with inflation, has reduced OPSD's ability for the current budget to support the Office's programs.
- BED144/PL - \$279,354 in General Funds for FY24 and \$418,008 in FY25 to establish the OPSD Statewide Sustainability Branch, pursuant to HRS §225M-2(b)(9), adding 1.00 Permanent FTE and funds for a Planner V, 2.00 Temporary FTE and funds for Sustainability and Climate Specialist positions, and 1.00 Temporary FTE and funds for a Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Specialist position, and operating funds. The Statewide Sustainability Branch was enacted in Act 45, SLH 2020, but remains unstaffed and unbudgeted.
- BED144/PZ - \$500,000 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 to increase services on a fee to provide matching federal funds to support the administration and implementation of the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, pursuant to HRS Chapter 205A and HRS §225M-2(b)(6). The State is responsible for meeting a one-to-one matching requirement to remain federally approved and eligible for federal funding. The CZM Program receives \$2.5 million in Federal funds annually. The current general fund budget for the program is \$238,345 in personnel and other current expenses. A federal evaluation expressed concern that the State's continued lack of state funding for the CZM Program endangers the state's ability to implement the federally approved Hawaii CZM Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 300 HD1
Relating to The STATE BUDGET

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SENATOR DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATOR GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: March 23, 2023
10:00 AM

Room Number: 211
Via Videoconference

EOA's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of Health, strongly support our operating budget as outlined in the Program Appropriations, Page 28, No. 25 of HTH 904, line 17-26, of HB 300 HD1, Relating to the State Budget.

Fiscal Implications: This measure appropriates operating funds for FY 2023-2024 and for FY 2024-2025. HD1 provides an additional \$400,000 to EOA's budget.

Purpose and Justification: As Hawai'i's aging population continues to grow, the need for investment in long term care services and supports increases. Sufficient appropriations are required to assure the health, safety, and independence of our kupuna and their caregivers. We thank the legislature for the additional funds to EOA's budget and appreciate your consideration of this bill.

Recommendation: We respectfully request your support of EOA's operating budget as outlined in HB 300 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Statement of
BRENNA H. HASHIMOTO
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HB300 HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and the members of the committee.

The purpose of House Bill 300 House Draft 1 is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvements costs for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2023- 2025.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) strongly **supports** HB300 HD1 as it relates to our four biennium budget requests.

1. HRD102 Seq. No. 100-001 – Addition of \$4,305,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,225,000 in fiscal year 2025 to address increasing workers' compensation costs. Workers' compensation is a statutorily mandated benefit with penalties and fees assessed to employers who do not timely pay their obligations.
2. HRD102 Seq. No. 101-001 – Addition of \$74,976 in fiscal year 2024 and \$79,896 in fiscal year 2025 for full-year funding of two half-year funded positions authorized by Act 248, SLH 2022 for the Employee Classification Branch. Both positions were established and filled in January 2023.
3. HRD102 Seq. No. 213-001 – Addition of 1.0 permanent FTE and \$52,344 in fiscal year 2024 and \$108,521 in fiscal year 2025 for the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office. The EEO Office provides much needed subject matter expertise for EEO matters to employees, human resources officers, civil rights staff, supervisors, managers, and administrators of Executive Branch departments. The additional position will enable EEO to provide greater training opportunities in the areas of disability discrimination including conducting interactive processes for reasonable

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accommodations, protected class-based harassment, and conducting effective EEO investigations. Additional staff will also enable the EEO Program to provide more in-depth guidance and assistance to departments with the objective of achieving greater consistency and compliance with EEO laws, regulations, and rules across the Executive Branch. This additional position will bring the total number of employees in the EEO office to three. HB300 HD1 currently provides an earmark of \$1 in each year of the biennium.

In addition to funding the 1.0 FTE, we are requesting \$1,500 in fiscal year 2024 only for the computer to accompany this new position. HB300 HD1 currently does not provide for its sufficient funding.

Please note the error in the budget worksheets that would need to be fixed as well:

213-001 GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (02/13/2023):
ADD POSITION AND FUNDS TO WORKFORCE ATTRACTION,
SELECTION, CLASSIFICATION AND EFFECTIVENESS (~~HMS222/HA~~); (HRD102/OA).

4. HRD191 Seq. No. 213-001 – Addition of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2024 to fund a department-wide replacement of all existing DHRD desktop computers and networking switch gear equipment. A majority of the department's existing desktop computers were purchased in 2014 and are approaching the ten-year mark of continuous use. The failure rate of these units has increased over the past few years to the point where replacement units are becoming scarce, with replacement parts in short supply. Furthermore, the current units will not run more up-to-date, secure, and modern computer operating systems (specifically Windows 11). HB300 HD1 currently provides an earmark of \$1 in each year of the biennium.

Finally, HB300 HD1 provides a House adjustment to add 1.0 FTE for a Collective Bargaining Coordinator and \$160,000 in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 (HRD102 Seq. No. 1000-001). DHRD supports the Governor's request to restore the permanent Chief Negotiator position within the Governor's office, consistent with HRS section 89A-1. If a Collective Bargaining Coordinator position is placed within DHRD, further clarification on the position's roles, responsibilities, and details of placement within the organization is necessary. As proposed in the House adjustment, the position would be placed in the Employee Classification and Compensation Division (HRD102/RA), however should be more appropriately placed in the Director's Office (HRD191/AA).

We appreciate the Legislature's further consideration to sufficiently fund our biennium budget requests. We are aware of the challenges ahead and remain committed to working with the Legislature to seek solutions that effectively balance short and long-term priorities. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

HB-300-HD-1

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Saumalu Mataafa	Testifying for KIRC Commissioner	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Ways and Committee,

I am respectfully requesting that the Committee consider **adding funds for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission for LNR908/AC, SEQ 213-002; that is consistent with the Governor's Message (2/13/2023).**

The funds are critical to providing the continuation of the Kaho`olawe base camp operations and transportation of volunteers to the island. The KIRC has been able for the last two decades to restore a portion of Kaho`olawe with volunteer labor from the public.

Mahalo,

Saumalu Mataafa

Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commissionner



STATE OF HAWAII
HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:00 AM

Conference Room 211

**By Stacey A. Aldrich
State Librarian**

H.B. 300, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

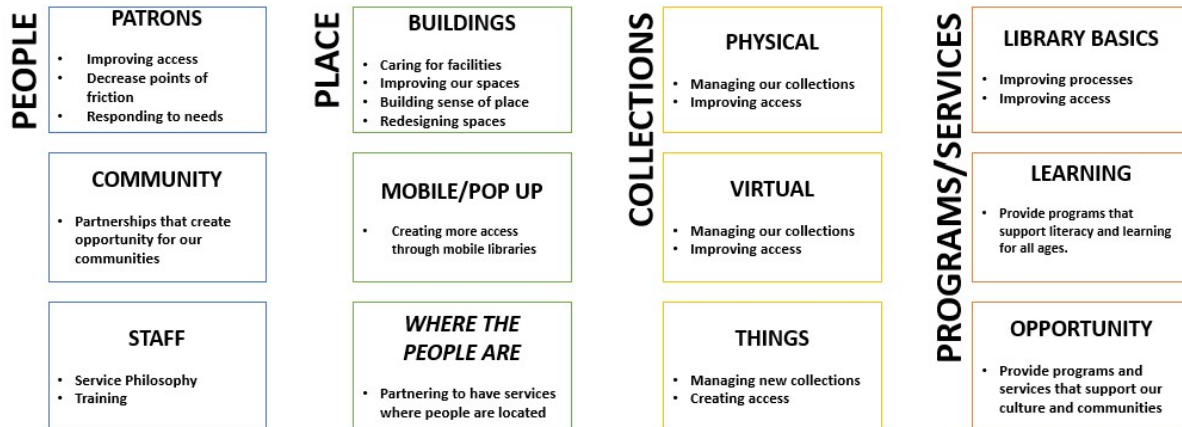
To: Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **supports** H.B. 300, HD1, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, and respectfully requests the Committee's support to fund the remaining HSPLS requests.

The State budget provides Hawaii's 51 public libraries, two bookmobiles and two support facility with the necessary resources to nurture lifelong learning and remain the heartbeat of our communities. The support and resources provided by the State Legislature, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, and the Board of Education, ensure equity of access to our collections, both physical and digital, staff expertise, and programs and services that connect people to the world of information and ideas. These resources also enable public libraries to create and maintain spaces for community engagement.

The HSPLS Biennial Budget request for FY23-FY25 directly advances the objectives of the four core areas of focus in the HSPLS Strategic Framework – People, Place, Collections, and Programs/Services:

HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM FRAMEWORK – AREAS OF FOCUS



The HSPLS’ Biennial Budget request for FY23-FY25 is based on a review of our prior budget and actual expenditures for the previous years. Areas of greatest need and potential impact on our ability to provide public library services to our communities are carefully balanced. Lastly, we consider how the budget request corresponds with our long-term priorities to meet the future needs of our communities.

HSPLS Budget – General Fund Requests Not Funded in HD1:

To ensure that our public libraries remain vital community spaces and provide the same level of access to library services across the state, we need staff in both the branches and in operational support positions.

In many rural communities, especially on the neighbor islands, public libraries are the only community resource available including educational resources and digital access and services. The requested investment in staffing will ensure there is access to vital community resources throughout Hawaii.

1. \$148,248 for 2 Librarian VI positions (Hawaii, Maui)

We need two additional Librarian VI positions to oversee the Hawaii Island and Maui branches; these staff will work on their respective islands. The Librarian VI positions are crucial to the support of our branch managers and ensure consistency of services and equity of access for communities, particularly in rural areas.

These staff positions can provide immediate and direct support to branches, keeping libraries open when there is no branch manager available due to vacation, illness, or vacancy, and assisting with personnel, staffing, hiring, collections, services and programming. Establishing a

Librarian VI position on these islands also creates a pathway for promotion to a higher paying librarian position, which will be an encouragement for staff to remain on our neighbor islands.

2. \$48,228 for 1 Janitor II for Hawaii Island

Healthy spaces are vital for our communities, and janitorial services are necessary to ensure our buildings are clean and safe. However, we have challenges with consistent janitorial services on Hawaii Island.

Funding will allow us to convert a temporary janitor position into a full-time floating janitor for Hawaii Island. A floating janitor ensures that we can maintain a clean and safe environment for the public and our staff at our Hawaii Island public libraries when a library does not have a permanent janitor or the janitor is unavailable for an extended period of time. This position could be scheduled to work at any of the 12 public libraries on Hawaii Island, and not only provide cleaning services, but provide additional support in emergency situations.

Due to the lengthy hiring process, the temporary janitor position has been critical to keeping our libraries open when there are vacancies; in many cases, it takes months before a new permanent janitor can be hired.

3. \$55,800 for 1 Delivery Driver for Hawaii Island

There is only one truck driver to serve all 12 libraries on Hawaii Island. Due to the distances between libraries, we need one additional driver.

Deliveries are vital to internal operations and providing books and materials to patrons across the island. It's also more cost effective than using postal services for the movement of resources in a statewide public library system. Deliveries include new book deliveries, books being transferred from one branch to another, programming materials, and paperwork.

Our driver also helps ensure that we can maintain our statewide operation by preparing and shipping items that need to be moved to another island, delivering equipment, cleaning supplies and anything else that needs to get to a library branch. A second driver will improve efficiencies, routes and provide backup when a driver is not available due to illness, vacation, or vacancy.

4. \$300,000 for Public Awareness Program

The Legislature has invested significant sums to provide resources such as broadband and work force training programs to our most economically-challenged communities. Despite this investment, many people – in both rural and urban locations – often do not have the necessary tools at home, or they lack the training to use them (i.e., computers).

In a recent public library survey, one message was clear from the more than 18,000 responses, people do not know about all of the resources that are available to support them and their families.

While the library system offers these resources for free, many people, especially those in traditionally hard-to-reach groups, are unaware of these services. This funding would allow HSPLS to reach them with information about the valuable library resources that are available to them at no cost. Comprehensive public awareness messaging can close the remaining gap in resources to help bridge the digital divide.

HSPLS Budget – CIP Requests Not Funded in HD1:

\$10,000,000 for New Keaau-Mountain View Public Library

We are requesting \$10 million to supplement an earlier FY2022 appropriation of \$10 million for Planning, Design and Construction to build a new Keaau-Mountain View Public Library. The new library will replace and consolidate two existing Public and School Libraries on the campuses of the Keaau Middle School and the Mountain View Elementary School.

The requested funding for the new Keaau-Mountain View Public Library is critical so that the prior appropriation of \$10 million will not be in jeopardy of lapsing. The project is on track to be out to bid by the end of 2023 and meet its encumbrance deadline of June 30, 2024.

Funding for Public Libraries Supports Individual Achievement and Community Growth

Our 51 public libraries and two book mobiles on six islands are vital hubs that are open to all and connect our communities to information, ideas, our shared stories, and each other.

The investments included in the HSPLS budget will ensure that Hawaii's public libraries continue to provide staff who can guide community members to the free resources and programs that support early literacy, education, job-seeking, connection to government resources, and the life of the mind through new stories, worlds and ideas. The funding will also ensure that our facilities are safe spaces for our communities to meet, engage and learn.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

By

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President

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Kalbert K. Young

Vice President for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer

and

Jan Gouveia

Vice President for Administration

HB 300 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** HB 300 HD1, Relating to the State Budget. This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

As we emerge from the global pandemic and associated economic downturn, we are learning from those experiences and are working to address needs across Hawai'i and within UH. As the state's sole provider of public postsecondary education, we continue to strive to provide quality college and university education and training; create knowledge through research and scholarship; provide service through extension, technical assistance, and training; contribute to the cultural heritage of the community; and respond to state needs. We look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature to help the people of Hawai'i.

The following table represents all General Funded requests for additional funding, showing the budget request approved by the Board of Regents at its November 2022 meeting and the House Draft of the budget, including Governor's Message No. 1 (GM1), dated February 13, 2023, and Governor's Message No. 2 (GM2), dated March 10, 2023. This table does not include numerous transfers which do not affect the overall General Fund budget and also does not include a request for \$205,000 in additional Special Fund ceiling for the Physician Workforce Assessment Special Fund as well as the House add-on of 4 positions and \$1,000,000 in Special Fund ceiling for System Administration.

Campus	Description	Board of Regents		House Draft	
		FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$	FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$
Mānoa	General Fund Restoration	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000
JABSOM	General Fund Restoration	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000
Hilo	General Fund Restoration	\$ 3,420,000	\$ 3,420,000	\$ 3,420,000	\$ 3,420,000
West O'ahu	General Fund Restoration	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,620,000
System Admin	General Fund Restoration	\$ 5,086,848	\$ 5,086,848	\$ 5,086,848	\$ 5,086,848
Mānoa	Athletics Subsidy Continuation	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,200,000
Hilo	Athletics Subsidy Continuation	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Mānoa	HIMB Full Year Funding	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500
JABSOM	GME Residency Full Year Funding	\$ 1,670,000	\$ 1,670,000	\$ 660,000	\$ 660,000
JABSOM	Neighbor Island MD Expansion Continuation	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Mānoa	Hawai'i Promise Expansion	\$ 12,300,000	\$ 12,300,000	\$ 12,300,000	\$ 12,300,000
Hilo	Hawai'i Promise Expansion	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000
West O'ahu	Hawai'i Promise Expansion	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Community Colleges	Hawai'i Promise Continuation	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000
Hilo	Security Officers	\$ 313,320	\$ 313,320		
West O'ahu	Security Officers	\$ 30,900	\$ 61,800		
Community Colleges	Security Officers	\$ 693,780	\$ 1,456,938	\$ 1	\$ 1
Hilo	IT Support	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000		
Hilo	Analytical Lab Manager	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000		
West O'ahu	Campus & ACM Support	\$ 162,996	\$ 325,992		
Community Colleges	Early College Expansion	\$ 577,500	\$ 1,212,750		
West O'ahu	Early College Expansion	\$ 90,000	\$ 180,000		
System Admin	Early College Expansion	\$ 90,000	\$ 180,000		
West O'ahu	Student Success Support	\$ 261,252	\$ 522,504		
Community Colleges	Maui College - Health Center	\$ 98,500	\$ 200,250	\$ 98,500	\$ 200,250
Community Colleges	Maui College - Distance Learning	\$ 73,500	\$ 147,750		
Mānoa	Kūlia I Ka Nu'u Undergraduate Research Initiative	\$ 721,600	\$ 1,058,400		
Hilo	Transfer Center	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		
Hilo	Administration of Justice Program Expansion	\$ 142,000	\$ 142,000		
Hilo	MA Teaching Expansion and Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000		
Hilo	MA Counseling Psychology	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000		
Hilo	Career Advising and Internship Admin	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000		
Hilo	CAFNRM Sustainable Agribusiness	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000		

Campus	Description	Board of Regents		House Draft	
		FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$	FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$
West O'ahu	Health & Wellness	\$ 147,158	\$ 294,316	\$ 147,158	\$ 294,316
West O'ahu	Teacher Preparation	\$ 70,676	\$ 141,352		
Community Colleges	Winward CC - Incarcerated Students	\$ 125,500	\$ 241,550		
Community Colleges	Hawai'i CC - Incarcerated Students	\$ 37,500	\$ 78,750		
Mānoa	Health Science Initiative	\$ 477,009	\$ 688,473	\$ 477,009	\$ 688,473
Community Colleges	Kapi'olani CC - Allied Health Professions & NI Expansion	\$ 761,000	\$ 761,000	\$ 761,000	\$ 761,000
Community Colleges	Windward CC - CNA Program Support	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000		
Community Colleges	Kaua'i CC - Medical Assisting Program Support	\$ 232,000	\$ 232,000	\$ 232,000	\$ 232,000
Community Colleges	Kapi'olani CC - Nursing Clinical Faculty	\$ 259,998	\$ 259,998	\$ 259,998	\$ 259,998
Community Colleges	Hawai'i CC - Nursing Program Maintenance & Expansion	\$ 474,000	\$ 474,000	\$ 474,000	\$ 474,000
Community Colleges	Kaua'i CC - Nursing Faculty	\$ 258,000	\$ 258,000		
Community Colleges	Maui College - Nursing Faculty	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000
Community Colleges	Maui College - CNA to LPN Program Support	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000
Mānoa	UHWO-UHM Nursing Collaboration	\$ 503,000	\$ 503,000		
Mānoa	NAWSON Programs and Training Support	\$ 661,430	\$ 661,430	\$ 661,430	\$ 661,430
Hilo	Nursing Faculty Support	\$ 198,000	\$ 198,000		
Mānoa	Adjust UHWO-UHM NAWSON Collaboration Request			\$	\$ 1
Hilo	Adjust UHH School of Nursing Request			\$ 1	\$ 1
Mānoa	Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health - Training Hubs			\$ 1	\$ 1
Mānoa	UHWO-UHM NAWSON Collaboration			\$ 1	\$ 1
Hilo	UHH Nursing Faculty			\$ 1	\$ 1
Community Colleges	Office of International and Regional Partnerships Study Abroad Program			\$ 15,000	
Community Colleges	Placeholder Amounts for Transfers in GM2			\$ 12	\$ 12
System Admin	IT Equipment			\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
	Total	\$ 56,266,967	\$ 59,399,921	\$ 50,031,460	\$ 50,476,833

The top priority for the UH is the restoration of our General Fund appropriation to pre-pandemic levels. Additionally, the continuation of current funding levels for the subsidy to UH's Athletics programs and specific appropriations made outside of the budget or full-year funding of additions to last year's budget is also UH priorities.

For new funding, the top initiative is the expansion of the Hawai'i Promise Program to our four-year institutions and additional general fund support for the Promise Program at the Community Colleges, which have had to make up the difference in recent years with institutional funding.

Additionally, requests to help address the current workforce shortage in our healthcare industry will assist with employing Hawai'i's citizens in good-paying jobs and benefit those who receive healthcare.

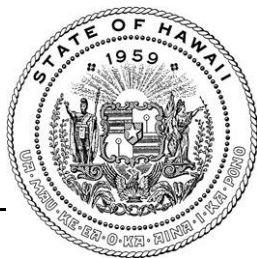
The following table delineates the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests for UH. Similar to the operating table, this shows the Board-approved budget and the Governor's current requests. These projects are GO Bond funded, except where otherwise noted.

Campus	Description	Board of Regents		House Draft	
		FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$	FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$
System Admin	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (GO Bonds)	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
System Admin	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (General Funds)			\$ 30,000,000	\$ 30,000,000
Hilo	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (GO Bonds)	\$ 17,500,000	\$ 26,500,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 26,500,000
Community Colleges	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (GO Bonds)	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000		
Community Colleges	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (General Funds)			\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000
West O'ahu	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (GO Bonds)	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,500,000		
Mānoa	PV Rooftop and Canopies and various Energy Efficiency Projects	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000		
Community Colleges	Minor CIP (GO Bonds)	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000		
Community Colleges	Minor CIP (General Funds)			\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000
Mānoa	Assessment & Feasibility of Hamilton Library	\$ 6,500,000			
West O'ahu	Road B Entry Plaza	\$ 5,500,000			
Community Colleges	Kapi'olani CC - Replace AC System (6930 Ohelo)	\$ 15,000,000			
Community Colleges	Kaua'i CC - Upgrade Fire Alarm System	\$ 8,500,000			

Campus	Description	Board of Regents		House Draft	
		FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$	FY24 \$\$\$	FY25 \$\$\$
Mānoa	Mini Master Plan Phase 3 - Kuykendall Hall		\$ 5,000,000		
West O'ahu	Campus Center Phase II		\$ 49,000,000		
Community Colleges	Windward CC - Repair/Replace HVAC (5988 Imiloa)	\$ 11,000,000		\$ 11,000,000	
Mānoa	Athletics	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 18,000,000	\$ 1,000	
Community Colleges	Kapi'olani CC - Renovate Building (6920 Kokio)	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 10,000,000		\$ 10,000,000
Mānoa	Admin Office & Parking		\$ 8,000,000		
Community Colleges	Honolulu CC - Technology Renovations Phase 2	\$ 3,000,000			
Mānoa	Holmes Hall	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 6,000,000		\$ 6,000,000
Community Colleges	Hawai'i CC - Manono Campus Development	\$ 2,000,000			
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Seawall Repair	\$ 3,000,000			
Mānoa	HIMB – Continue DARPA Prototype Artificial Reef			\$ 50,000,000	\$ 50,000,000
Mānoa	HIMB – Replacement of Sewage System, Seawall, and Pier			\$ 10,000,000	
Community Colleges	Maui – Renovate Existing Buildings for Medical Education Classrooms			\$ 250,000	
Community Colleges	Waiākea Research Station			\$ 1,000	
System Admin	Waiale'e Ag Substation Improvements (General Funds)			\$ 4,000,000	
	Total	\$ 262,500,000	\$ 296,000,000	\$ 180,252,000	\$ 187,500,000

Renew, Improve, and Modernize (“RIM”) Projects are the UH’s top priority, as these funds help to address the UH’s deferred maintenance backlog of approximately \$863 million. The other projects in this list help to protect health and safety, protect and maintain existing infrastructure and system investments, and support current and funded research activity.

We look forward to working with the Legislature throughout this Session and thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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Statement of
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Thursday, March 23, 2023
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State Capitol, Conference Room #211 and Videoconference

In consideration of
HB300, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB300, HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget for the Executive Branch.

To continue to drive, diversify and support our State's economy, DBEDT is requesting additional resources to implement key areas such as AgTech, value-added services, and the development of facilities that will foster the growth of exports; State energy initiatives that provide relief on energy costs while meeting the 100% renewable portfolio standard by 2045; and significant investments that will deliver affordable homes and keep projects moving forward that may have been impacted by the rise of costs.

We'd like to point out a few differences in the HD1 that will have adverse impacts to our programs.

Impacts from HD1

BED113/TO and BED113/XC - Hawaii Tourism Authority

BED113 requested \$75,000,000 for FY24 and \$60,000,000 for FY25 for operations of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. The annual budget for FY22 was \$60 million but in FY23 only \$35 million was funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Reduction will cause impacts on visitor education and Hawaiian cultural programs and undermine the visitor industry's confidence in government's commitment to the sector. Half of the brand

management budget is cut. Community lines of the budget were completely cut, which includes destination management efforts and community enrichment programs. These changes will also have implications on two active procurements, for the U.S. market and for destination stewardship.

BED113 requested \$28,500,000 for FY24 and \$28,500,000 for FY25 for operations of the Hawaii Convention Center, funded through the Convention Center Special Fund. The current bill gives no ability to access operating funds for the convention center through the Convention Center Special Fund, which has been utilizing ARPA dollars since FY22. As written the bill also compromises the ability to execute needed repair and maintenance projects, which will lead to parts of the center being unusable.

BED120/SI - Hawai'i State Energy Office

BED120 requested \$1,150,000/\$1,150,000 recurring appropriation from the Energy Security Special Fund (ESSF) for cost match and working capital for federal grants and programs. Lack of state funds for cost match and working capital would result in the loss of a FEMA subaward to complete an energy system and critical infrastructure vulnerability and resiliency assessment for Kaua'i, Maui, and Hawai'i Counties. A similar assessment for O'ahu is underway because of ESSF appropriations in FY22/FY23 that provided the working capital necessary under an earlier FEMA subaward. \$450,000 is needed in FY24 to provide the working capital to conduct the assessments for the other counties, with 75% of eligible project costs reimbursable by FEMA/HIEMA. In addition, a formula grant to states for preventing outages and enhancing the resilience of the electric grid will provide \$6 million to Hawai'i in the first 2 years of the program but must be matched by 15% of the amount of federal funds. This formula grant requires \$913,582 in cost match over FY24/FY25. Beyond these substantial grants currently in play which would be in jeopardy if the matching funds were not approved, HSEO is submitting three full applications in response to DE-FOA-0002740, titled BIL Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP). Each project requires cost share of 50% of total project costs, some of which may be needed from the state.

BED130/TR - Research and Economic Analysis Division

BED130 Requests \$2,994,167 for FY24 and \$3,382,618 for FY25 in General Funds for tourism research projects. The annual budget for tourism research has been \$4 million during the past 10 years. In the past two fiscal years since Tourism Research was under DBEDT, Tourism Research was funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Federal fund, the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF), at \$4 million in FY22 and \$3.8 million in FY23. The Federal funds needed to be used by December 2024.

The funding for tourism research is critical due to the following reasons: (1) Tourism is the largest economic contributor to our economy and the largest employer in the state, contributing 18% of State GDP and 20% of total state jobs; (2) Tourism data are used by businesses to guide their day-to-day operations and form future business planning; (3) To measure the tourism industry performance and its contribution and the impacts to

other industries in the state; (4) To measure the progress of economic diversification in Hawaii; (5) To collect data to estimate the total number of people on the islands (including residents, visitors in Hawaii, and residents temporarily absent) so that planning for infrastructure and natural resources can be made accurately; (6) To collect opinions of local residents on the development of tourism and assessment of visitors on their trips in Hawaii so that destination management can be measured.

Tourism Research is very important, especially when the tourism industry is still recovering. As of 2022, Hawaii's overall economy recovered 95% of the pre-pandemic level (2019) but the tourism sector recovery was only at 83%. Without the funding, the Tourism Research Program has to be terminated, and businesses would have no data and analysis to guide their operation and planning, the state would lose the measure and assessment on economic diversification, and many state agencies would either not be functional or have difficulties in planning for infrastructure and natural resources.

BED144 – Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

BED144/PL - \$62,172 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 for additional funds for the Planning Program Manager (Pos. No. 11310) for the full year was included in HB300 but not included in HB300 HD1. This position is currently filled with a permanent civil service employee and humbly request to fund this position.

BED150 – Hawaii Community Development Authority

SARATOGA AVE ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT, KALAELOA, OAHU (\$12,125,000) was included in HB300 and not included in HB300 HD1. Respectfully requesting restoration of the funds, for this project that would encourage new residential and commercial development in the district as well as provide reliable resilient underground electricity, resistant to high winds, to existing residents and businesses.

If the project is deferred, it is expected that the existing electrical infrastructure will continue to be in disrepair and remain unreliable as the US Navy is considering relinquishing its repair and maintenance responsibility. Discouraging development, the US Navy is not permitting any new electrical connections.

HB300 HD1 appropriated \$9,000,000 in General Obligation Bond Funds for FY 24 for Central Kakaako Street Improvements. The amount requested in GM1 was \$17,500,000 for construction and \$1,000,000 for planning and design, which is the amount needed for the project that would encourage mixed-use residential development.

If this project is deferred, the design and construction of improvements including roadway repairs, drainage and waterline upgrades, and electricity and telecom upgrades will not be made limiting growth and redevelopment.

BED 180/SA - Stadium Authority

Approval of the \$49.5M ceiling increase is essential to ensure that the maximum amount of funds appropriated for the purpose of building a new multi-sport and entertainment facility is available to be encumbered at the point that the master contract agreement is executed.

It is our understanding that key leaders/decision-makers including Legislative leaders, its respective money committees (WAM and FIN), and the Governor's administration are working to gain consensus on a financing model to support the build out of a multi-sport/entertainment facility. The agreed upon financing model relies on two sources of funding; \$350M in general obligation bond appropriation in DBEDT (BED142) and \$49.5M of appropriated funds (BED180) to collectively support the cost to build the new multi-sport/entertainment facility.

Without the \$49.5M ceiling increase to the Stadium Development Special Fund, the Stadium Authority will not be able to provide the agreed upon and required funding appropriated and essential to supplement the overall cost of the build out and may result in further delay(s) in contract execution resulting in an increase in the project's total cost. The project's agreed-upon master plan, its scope, the RFQ and RFP, among many other items would need to be revised to an amount that excludes the \$49.5M; which, as we understand it, would be contrary to the intent of key leaders/decision makers. At this time, based on the updated financing model, the Stadium Authority is reassessing its implementation timeline to determine when the expenditure ceiling would be required.

We would like to ask for your favorable consideration of the following additional budget adjustments that were relayed in Governor's Message #1.

Additional Operating Requests

- BED105/CI - \$ 260,050 Full-year funding for FY 24, FY25 and out years for two half-funded positions (SRNA and SR24) to comprise the team effectuating CID strategic plan for job creation, business partnerships and industry infrastructure growth in emerging media and entertainment industry clusters, and 1 full-year funded (SR26) position to lead DBEDT film and research tax credit. Positions are related to specific appropriations in SLH 2022.
- BED120/SI - \$1,150,000 in Special Funds for FY24 and FY25 for cost match and working capital for federal grants and programs. This request is for an annual appropriation from the Energy Security Special Fund. This use of ESSF funds will allow Hawaii to compete for its fair share of federal funds under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act.
- BED130/TR - \$2,994,167 for FY24 and \$3,382,618 for FY25 in General Funds for tourism research projects. The projects provide data and analysis at the highest frequency possible on Hawaii's tourism industry which is the largest employer in the state. The data and analysis are used by private businesses and government agencies for planning, monitoring, assessing, and managing activities related to tourism and other industries.

- BED142/AA - \$58,704 for FY24 and \$62,508 for FY25 in General Funds for salary differential to provide full-year funding for #120107 Administrative Services Officer I.
- BED142/DE - \$5,000,000 in General Funds for FY24 to fund the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program. This program provides funding for projects that fall outside of the federal Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program which funds last mile fiber to unserved and underserved households. The Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program will help fund, for example, tiny home, Kauhale communities that are non-typical fiber to the home projects. The Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program was enacted in Act 225, SLH 2021 but was unbudgeted.
- BED143/TE - \$67,044 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 to restore salary for the Technology Marketing Specialist. The position is needed to ensure statewide outreach and data collection for HTDC programs.
- BED144/DA - \$17,665 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 for personal services adjustments for the Land Use Commission. This is payroll reconciliation for salary differentials not reflected in prior fiscal years.
- BED144/DA - \$25,060 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 for increased travel budget for the Land Use Commission. The Land Use Commission holds meetings in person across the state and travel costs are increasing due to inflation. Due to drastic increases in the cost of travel, rental cars and lodging, the LUC will incur an estimated 30% increase in travel expenses across the board.
- BED144/PL - \$254,275 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 for restoration of funding for Special Plans Project Analyst (Pos. No. 122606) and funds for Other Current Expenses reduced pursuant to Act 88, SLH 2021. Funding for the Special Plans Project Analyst was removed during the COVID-19 economic downturn. OPSD budget has been reduced over the years but has added the Environmental Review Program (former OEQC), which along with inflation, has reduced OPSD's ability for the current budget to support the Office's programs.
- BED144/PL - \$279,354 in General Funds for FY24 and \$418,008 in FY25 to establish the OPSD Statewide Sustainability Branch, adding 1.00 Permanent FTE and funds for a Planner V, 2.00 Temporary FTE and funds for Sustainability and Climate Specialist positions, and 1.00 Temporary FTE and funds for a Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Specialist position, and operating funds. The Statewide Sustainability Branch was enacted in Act 45, SLH 2020, but remains unstaffed and unbudgeted.
- BED144/PZ - \$500,000 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25 to increase services on a fee to provide matching federal funds to support the administration and implementation of the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program pursuant

to HRS Chapter 205A. The State is responsible for meeting a one-to-one matching requirement to remain federally approved and eligible for federal funding. The CZM Program receives \$2.5 million in Federal funds annually. The current general fund budget for the program is \$238,345 in personnel and other current expenses. A federal evaluation expressed concern that the State's continued lack of state funding for the CZM Program endangers the state's ability to implement the federally approved Hawaii CZM Program.

- BED150/KA and KL - The request is to transfer one position's Program ORG Code from BED150/KL to BED150/KA. This is a housekeeping request to align with HCDA's reorganization, which was completed in October 2022. The net impact is \$0 - (\$111,014 in FY24 and \$114,557 in FY25) in General Funds from KL to \$111,014 in FY24 and \$114,557 in FY25 in General Funds to KA.
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- HHFDC's request of \$250,000,000 in General Funds for both fiscal years for Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund infusion, statewide, aligns with Governor Green's 2023 state of the state address to work with the legislature to make significant investments that will deliver affordable homes. DURF funds are to be used for the acquisition of real property, development and construction of residential, commercial, and industrial properties, provide loans to the county and private developers as well as loans or grants to other state agencies for infrastructure improvements that are needed to facilitate housing development. HHFDC projects for infrastructure developments or improvements or loans to developers total approximately \$60,000,000 and the balance of the request will be applied to potential projects identified by the Governor's Chief Housing Officer.

Without the infusion of funds, HHFDC will not be able to support the Governor's initiative on housing.

- HHFDC's request of \$200,000,000 in General Funds for both fiscal years for Rental Housing Revolving Fund infusion for affordable rental housing, statewide, aligns with Governor Green's 2023 state of the state address to support renters across the state by lowering the cost barriers to developing affordable rentals. RHRF funds provide financing for equity-gap low-interest loans for developers to incentivize the construction, acquisition, or preservation of affordable rental housing projects. Funding for Tier I and /or Tier II financing of \$200,000,000 for each year of the fiscal biennium.

The proposed drastic reduction of the RHRF infusion will reduce the much-needed pipeline of housing units for new affordable housing projects and result in

diminished quality of existing projects awards as we estimate \$50,000,000 will be required for existing awards due to rising interest rates and construction costs. Further, without the additional infusion of funds, RHRF will not be able to award Tier II financing for mixed-income projects for renters up to 140% of area median income, the missing middle group that is often bypassed from affordable housing projects.

Without the full infusion of requested RHRF funds, HHFDC will not be able to support the Governor's initiative on housing.

Item number 12 appropriates \$100,000 in general funds for plans and design for the redevelopment of Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School property to pre-kindergarten classrooms and teacher housing, including traffic studies, community outreach, and utilities/sewer assessments. The CIP funding should be reassigned to SFA as they are suitable for this type of project.

- BED170/KB – 1.00 FTE and \$90,000 in General Funds for FY24 and FY25, Full-year funding for Accountant V Established Pursuant to Act 219, SLH 2022. The position is requested to manage the office's financial system. A 2021 financial audit noted the ADC did not have an accountant to create and maintain an accounting system. The position supports the auditor's recommendation.
- BED180/SA – Request to increase the Stadium Development Special Fund (SDSF) ceiling by \$49.5M for FY24. Approval of this request will allow the Stadium Authority to be in the best possible position to financially underwrite the construction of a new multi-sport/entertainment venue. The \$49.5M in general funds was appropriated pursuant to Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 and by proviso 17.3 authorized the deposit of the \$49.5M appropriation into the SDSF. This request for ceiling increase is submitted in conjunction and alignment with HB1018 / SB1316 (companion) to extend the general fund lapse date to 06/30/24 and allow for the proper deposit of funds into the SDSF.

Additional CIP Requests

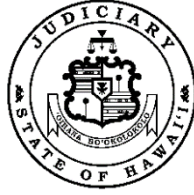
- BED107 - \$2,500,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY24 for design, construction and equipment to upgrade the FTZ's Pier 2 facility electrical system from an ungrounded, "DELTA" system to the modern "WYE" system which will combine three meters into one, better distribute power and allow for better management of the facility's 300kW photovoltaic system.
- BED107 - \$7,500,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY24 for design and construction of a multiuse facility at FTZ's Hilo property. This will become the Tropical Ag-Tech Hub for the Pacific which is a demonstration and innovation center for food production and technologies. FTZ has executive order to the five-acre property.

- BED138 - \$25,000,000 in General Funds for FY24 to provide much needed loan capital to finance community-led, community solar projects; attract private capital to assist with the estimated \$3.75 billion financing gap through credit enhancements; and to decrease the energy burden for underserved ratepayers by providing below market, flexible financing of solar+storage systems.
- BED143 - \$17,500,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY24 to support the planning, design and construction of the First Responders Tech Campus infrastructure. The project will support the needs of Federal, State, and County agencies.
- BED146 - \$17,317,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY24 for construction of three new roads, Island of Hawaii: The total scope of this project includes the construction of three of five new roads and is a pre-requisite for future new land development at the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park (HOST Park) which NELHA administers. Total for the five roads estimated at \$31.7M and approximately 1.1 miles in length. Three of the five roads have already been designed and are “shovel-ready”. When completed these roads will provide access to approximately 100 additional acres of available land in HOST Park. The total construction cost includes design, archaeological monitoring, construction engineering services, HELCO service fees, construction management and contingencies.
- BED146 - \$1,900,000 in Reimbursable General Obligation Bonds for FY24 to undertake improvements and upgrades to the seawater system, Island of Hawaii: Improvement and upgrades to NELHA’s internal electrical grid, pumps, and associated hardware as well as equipment control and monitoring software which provides surface and deep-sea water throughout HOST Park. Upgrades will facilitate the development of additional renewable energy systems including photovoltaic as well as the ability to transfer power among pump stations. In addition, newer equipment is now much more efficient in terms of power consumption per gallon pumped and thereby reduce or stabilize seawater costs to businesses in the park. This item is currently included in HB300 H.D.1.
- BED146 - \$1,500,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY24 to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed offshore research corridor, Island of Hawaii: Completing this EIS as soon as possible could greatly facilitate an underwater offshore OTEC demonstration project. The waters offshore of HOST Park offer an ideal location for testing innovative underwater OTEC, conservation, advanced energy, offshore aquaculture, and ocean monitoring concepts to address climate change. The EIS for the proposed offshore research corridor would describe specific activities that could take place in these waters and provide a path for expedited approval for short-term, small-scale, non-commercial demonstration or research projects for OTEC, offshore aquaculture, energy, ocean monitoring and conservation activities.
- BED150 - \$1,000,000 in General Funds for FY24 for Street Improvements in Central Kakaako. For the planning and design of multiple streets, this request

includes improvements for roadway repairs and patching, drainage and waterline upgrades, and electricity and telecom upgrades. The State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu are collaborating to improve the streets in Kakaako.

- BED150 - \$17,500,000 in General Funds for FY 24 for Central Kakaako Street Improvements. \$9,000,000 was appropriated in HB300 HD1 and the HCDA respectfully requests the difference of \$8,500,000 to be restored. This request is for the design and construction of Ilaniwai Street (subject to change). Upon completion of the project, HCDA plans to dedicate the improvement to the City & County of Honolulu to own, operate, and maintain. The State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu are collaborating to improve the streets in Kakaako.
- BED170 - \$6,700,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY24, state irrigation system reservoir safety improvements, statewide. This project is necessary to qualify for Federal aid financing and/or reimbursement statewide. The funding is required to complete work on reservoirs for dam safety compliance.
- BED170 - \$3,750,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY24, Wahiawa Value-Added Product Development Center, Oahu. The funding is for the purchase of land adjacent to the project property. The land will allow the facility to expand and offer additional equipment to develop Hawaii made products.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the Thirty-Second Legislature, 2023 Regular Session

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.
Conference Room 221 & Via Videoconference

by:
Dr. Erin E. Harbinson
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 300, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget

Purpose: Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Judiciary's Position:

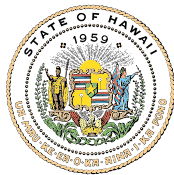
The Criminal Justice Research Institute (CJRI) **supports** the funding requests made by the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC) in HB 300 – Relating to the State Budget. HCSOC was established in the same law as CJRI—Act 179 (2019). Though each organization has separate duties and missions, both are focused on providing information important to improve the criminal justice system. CJRI will establish a pretrial database and reporting system to provide data informing HCSOC's work, and their commission requires resources to make recommendations that will improve the corrections system. CJRI defers to the Oversight Coordinator, Christin Johnson, regarding the funds necessary to staff and operate the HCSOC in order to fulfill its duties under law.

The national landscape on correctional oversight commissions demonstrates a diverse range of organizations tasked with reviewing and reporting out on correctional systems. A review of these oversight bodies by Deitch (2020) found that one of the biggest challenges in

these commissions was acquiring the funds and resources necessary to conduct their work, which includes site visits, investigations, reporting, and many other necessary tasks¹. Without adequate staffing and resources, they are unable to improve the criminal justice system.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

¹ **Michele Y Deitch**, *But Who Oversees the Overseers?: The Status of Prison and Jail Oversight in the United States*, 47 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW 207 (Summer 2020).



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Testimony in Support of the Performing Arts Center at Kaiser High School

Chairperson Dela Cruz, Vice Chairperson Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

At Kamilo'iki Elementary, we are committed to empowering and inspiring our student with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make positive contributions to the world around them. We look to achieve this mission by providing engaging, high quality learning experiences that not only focus on the academic subjects, but also provide various opportunities for students to explore their interest and follow their curiosity. The ultimate goal for my school is to foster caring and well-rounded citizens who are willing to confidently take actions in order to create a better world.

The efforts of my campus are not unique to Kamilo'iki Elementary, rather it is the mission of the entire Kaiser Complex. From preschool to Grade 12, the Kaiser Complex schools are united in our efforts to serve our community and provide our students with a first class public education.

At this time, one thing that is hindering our efforts and progress in meeting the needs of our students and community is access to a large capacity, multi-purpose facility. For this reason, I am respectfully asking for your support of our request for Planning, Design and Construction funds, so that the East Honolulu community may have fair and equal access to a performing arts center that are afforded to other communities throughout our islands.

The proposed Performing Arts Center (PAC) on the Kaiser High School campus would be the heart of the East Honolulu community. It would serve as a gathering place where students, families and local organizations/businesses can come together in order to strengthen their connections with each other, while also participating in a range of memorable experiences. It would also serve as a learning hub, where special guest(s) from outside of our community could come to provide different learning experiences that would attend to the physical, social and emotional needs of our community members.

The PAC would provide a platform for students and other members of our community to be recognized for their accomplishments, showcase their amazing talents and skills, and share their passions while inspiring others. The PAC would also serve as an inspiration for students of all ages and from various schools, since it would provide a stage from which they could proudly share their performing arts productions and visual arts pieces of work.

Now, more than ever, our families and our community need opportunities to build a sense of belonging and strengthen their connections with each other. The proposed Kaiser High Performing Arts Center would provide the vehicle by which current and future generations of students, families and local



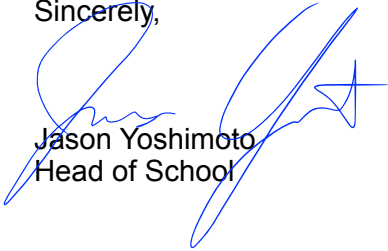
organizations/businesses will be able to celebrate our accomplishments, continue to learn and grow together, cultivate our sense of 'ohana and most importantly provide us with an identity the we can all be proud of.

The benefits of the proposed Performing Arts Center would extend beyond the boundaries of East Honolulu as well as the generations of families that currently reside here. The Kaiser Complex schools are working hard to raise up the next wave of leaders, thinkers and care-takers who will carefully manage this beautiful place that we call home and preserve the local values that make us unique.

I hope that you will join our efforts by providing your support to make our dream of a Performing Arts Center at Kaiser High School a reality for our students and families. You can help us to create a better and brighter tomorrow.

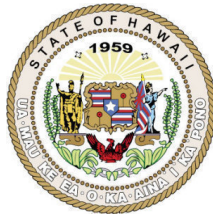
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 300, HD 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 211, Via Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) strongly supports House Bill 300, HD1 and offers the following:

This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

With the passage of Act 278, 2022 and the Legislature established the DLE for the specific purpose of consolidating and administering criminal law enforcement and investigation functions of the Departments of Public Safety and Transportation, certain investigations functions of the Department of the Attorney General, and the Office of Homeland Security with the Department of Defense. While the DLE operational budget is included in the bill, the DLE still needs the full funding for administrative personnel services for the first half of the fiscal year and the requested appropriation for the necessary information technology and the required Statewide Law Enforcement Training Center should be added at an appropriate time during the legislative session.

Critical to the creation of the DLE is the establishment of a state of the art comprehensive, integrated, interoperable, synchronized, real-time network of law enforcement information, data, and communications systems used by the DLE that

includes a computer-aided dispatch system, records management system, officer mobile data systems, body-worn and mobile cameras, geographic information system, vehicle location and mapping systems, analytics, crime analysis and real time crime center applications, and other law enforcement systems and interfaces. The integrated information system must comply with all applicable industry standards including, but not limited to those established by the Law Enforcement Information Technology Standards Council, Law Enforcement Information Sharing Program, Law Enforcement National Data Exchange, Law Enforcement, Regional Data Exchange, American National Standards Institute, Telecommunications Industry Association, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, National Emergency Number Association, Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy, National Fire Protection Association, the Americans with Disabilities Act, state and local codes, standards, and all federal, state, and county laws.

Act 278 also provided for the establishment of a statewide law enforcement training center for the DLE and federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies, upon request, where law enforcement officers will be trained to the highest standards and level of core and continuing education and training to ensure that the individuals trained here have the knowledge and skills to protect and serve the public.

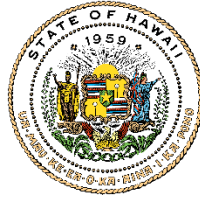
For the DLE to have any meaningful measure of success at addressing the nationwide recruitment and retention challenges also facing Hawai'i with the recruiting and retaining of good officers, the DLE must have additional funding to help address the complex array of issues adversely impacting recruitment and retention.

The DLE would like to request that at an appropriate time, the full funding for administrative personnel services for the first half of the fiscal year and the requested appropriations for the necessary information technology, the required Statewide Law Enforcement Training Center, and efforts by the DLE to address pay parity with the Deputy Sheriffs be added to the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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**Testimony of
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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 300, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Bill 300, House Draft 1 (HB300, HD1) proposes to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement program budgets of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Biennium 2023-2025. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates and generally supports this measure as it includes initiatives supportive of our goals and objectives. The Department offers the following comments for your consideration.**

Operating Budget:

For the Operating budget, the Department has concerns with the budgetary implications certain aspects of this bill may have on the Department's programs and initiatives and respectfully asks for your favorable consideration of the Department's recommendation regarding HB300, HD1 adjustments shown on the attached table:

- HB300, HD1 Impact Statement - Operating

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget:

For the CIP Program budget, the Department respectfully requests that this measure be amended to include all projects indicated in Governor's Message No. 1 dated February 13, 2023, and Governor's Message No. 2 dated March 10, 2023. The following are attached for your reference:

- List of the Department's project requests
- HB300, HD1 Impact Statement - CIP

The Department offers the following comments.

- The Department's mission is to enhance, protect, conserve, and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.
- Projects were selected and prioritized based on public safety, compliance and public trust resource protection, in accordance with statutory mandates that guide the Department's vision, mission, goals and objectives to manage resources for the benefit of the public, and to protect the resources and the public.

The Department is hopeful that its recommendations to HB300, HD1, as noted in the HB300, HD1 Impact Statement – Operating table, along with the Governor's Message adjustments will be taken with favorable consideration.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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LNR101	New Program ID: Transfer-out from LNR101 to LNR102 to properly reflect fund's program structure: Personal Services: \$247,238; Other Operating Expense: \$7,838,024.	EA	B	(2.00)	-	(8,015,618)	(2.00)	-	(8,024,103)	30-001	Transferred amount was less than requested (Grant-in-Aid).	0.00	560,302	560,302	1,120,604	1,120,604	Less funding for Grants-in-Aid for critical land acquisitions that protect resources for public benefit.	
LNR101	Add position and funds for Planner V. FY24, Salary: \$34,278; Fringe: \$21,938; FY25, Salary: \$71,016; Fringe: \$45,450; Equipment(start-up): FY24, \$4,000.	EA	B	1.00		60,216	1.00		116,466	213-001	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided. MOF was changed from B to A.	(1.00)	(60,215)	(116,465)	(176,680)	(176,680)	The rising rate of coastal erosion has led to a significant increase in the workload at OCCL, both with enforcing conservation district rules on the shoreline and in assisting communities with adapting and resiliency planning. Additional staff person is critically needed to help OCCL fulfill basic regulatory duties. There will be delays in bringing enforcement cases to the Board, in processing permit applications, and in assisting communities with resiliency planning and coastal restoration efforts.	If general fund appropriations are not available the position can be funded through the Special Land Fund.
LNR101	Request to add positions and funds to support Climate Justice and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. FY24: Half-year salary: \$323,724; Equipment: \$44,000; FY25: Full year salary: \$671,208.	EA	A	11.00		367,724	11.00		671,208	213-002	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	(11.00)	(367,723)	(671,207)	(1,038,930)	(1,038,930)	These positions are needed to increase the State's capacity to respond to climate change impacts through adaptation and mitigation efforts, apply for and implement federal funding for climate change, and to reach carbon net negative goals by 2045 in a clean equitable and resilient manner. Costs of climate impacts are estimated to	The latest draft of the Hawaii Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report Hawaii is not in line to meet net negative emissions goals by 2045. Establishing these 11 positions would increase the technical capacity of the state to ramp up efforts in a coordinated way to reduce duplication of efforts and better leverage federal opportunities. Having professionals trained in climate science and familiar

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																		be \$15-20M. Available federal funding through IRA and IIJA are in the trillions but Hawaii is lacking capacity to respond to all the opportunities on offer. The financial impact of not granting positions is much higher than the annual cost to fund them.	with climate smart solutions in specific fields such as transportation, environmental justice, indigenous knowledge, climate hazards, agriculture and others will catalyze shifts in overall capacity to address and respond to climate change through mitigation and adaptation efforts.
LNR102	New Program ID: Transfer-in from LNR101 to LNR102 to properly reflect fund's program structure: Personal Services: \$247,238; Other Operating Expense: \$7,838,024.	EB	B	2.00	-	8,015,618	2.00	-	8,024,103	30-001	Transferred amount was less than requested (Grant-in-Aid).	0.00	(560,302)	(560,302)	(1,120,604)	(1,120,604)	Less funding for Grants-in-Aid for critical land acquisitions that protect resources for public benefit.		
LNR172	Restore recurring funds for operating costs for Forestry Resource Management and Development	DA	A			289,000			289,000	213-001	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	0.00	(288,000)	(288,000)	(576,000)	(576,000)	Restore recurring funds for operating costs for Forestry Resource Management and Development projects statewide		
LNR401	Add position and funds for Administrative Specialist IV FY 24: Salary, \$30,456; Fringe \$19,492. FY 25: Salary, \$63,096, Fringe, \$40,381.	CA	N	1.00		49,948	1.00		103,477	213-001	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	(1.00)	(49,947)	(103,476)	(153,423)	(153,423)	Not providing Impact Statement. Okay with the reduction.		
LNR401	Add (2) Aquatic Biologist IV positions and funds. FY 24: Salary: \$60,912; Fringe: \$38,984. FY 25: Salary: \$126,192; Fringe: \$80,763.	CA	P		2.00	99,896		2.00	206,955	213-002	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	(2.00)	(99,895)	(206,954)	(306,849)	(306,849)	Not providing Impact Statement. Okay with the reduction.		

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LNR401	Request operating funds for fence to protect sensitive Waianae aquatic habitat	CA	A			250,000				213-003	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	0.00	(249,999)	1	(249,998)	(249,998)	Not providing Impact Statement. Okay with the reduction.	
LNR404	Establish 4 new positions within the Commission on Water Resource Management's Ground Water Regulation Branch to assist with the increase in workload attributed to the Navy's Red Hill contamination, in support of the governor's initiatives on environmental protection.	GC	A	4.00		117,210	4.00		234,393	213-001	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	(4.00)	(117,209)	(234,392)	(351,601)	(351,601)	The inability to add positions will continue to hamper the Groundwater Regulation Branch's ability to process permit applications in a timely manner, due to the increased workload attributed to: 1) participation in Red Hill Working Groups; 2) increased permitting and analysis of monitor wells to study the fuel spill; 3) increased responsibilities to manage shifting of pumpage to other areas; 4) frequent monitoring of sources to ensure no aquifer degradation; and 5) oversight over remediation efforts.	As an alternative reduction, CWRM proposes adding an Engineer IV, SR24D and a Secretary I, SR12C. While these positions (in lieu of the 4 originally requested) will not adequately address the impacts described, they will fill a vital role in dealing with the resulting increased workload due to the Red Hill Fuel spill.
LNR407	Add funds for Watershed Protection	NA	A			3,100,000			3,100,000	213-001	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	0.00	(3,099,999)	(3,099,999)	(6,199,998)	(6,199,998)	Forested watersheds provide Hawaii with drinking water, and cultural resources, and are home to unique plants and wildlife found nowhere else in the world. Protection is needed to safeguard these resources in the face of threats such as invasive species and climate change. These forests provide a substantial positive cost/benefit in providing fresh water. The HISC Biosecurity Plan calls for effective control and eradication of established harmful pests on private and public lands by increasing funding for	SEQ No. 1000-001 provides \$10,000,000 per year for "Purchase of Services Animal Welfare." Watershed management creates habitat for native animals and is essential for their welfare. Thus, if \$10,000,000 per year is provided for "Animal Welfare" under 1000-001 then that would cover the requested \$3.1m for watershed protection as well as many other essential native ecosystem, species, and watershed projects.

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																		watershed Partnerships from the current \$2 million per year to \$6 million per year. The competitive grant program supports Watershed Partnership weed and ungulate control projects statewide. This measure is needed for the control of detrimental established invasive species in Watershed Partnerships lands and Natural Area Reserves statewide.
LNR802	Full-year funding for 14 new positions at the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) authorized by Act 248, SLH 2022	HP	A			614,280			614,280		Not in HD1 worksheets.	0.00	(614,280)	(614,280)	(1,228,560)	(1,228,560)		These positions are required for the Divisions to meet the volume and workflow of the Review and Compliance, Burial Sites, State and National Register Survey and Inventory, Tax Incentive and Certified Local Governments program as mandated by HRS, Chapter 6E and Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Without the full year funding, the recruitment for these positions will be a challenge.
LNR802	Restore SHPD funds in other current expenses that are critical for day-to-day operations.	HP	A			103,424			103,424		Not in HD1 worksheets.	0.00	(103,424)	(103,424)	(206,848)	(206,848)		The program is experiencing hardship to cope with the day-to-day operations. The funding is necessary for the division to support their operational needs to keep the program running.

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LNR804	Add funds for Statewide Trail Restoration and Maintenance and other forest and outdoor recreation initiatives	DA	A			2,000,000			2,000,000	213-001	House does not concur with the additional funds for trail clean up and restoration. A dollar placeholder was provided.	0.00	(1,999,999)	(1,999,999)	(3,999,998)	(3,999,998)	This addition would increase annual recurring operating funds from \$104,000 for forest recreation and trail maintenance activities statewide. The department relies almost entirely on federal funding for the development, repair, and maintenance of recreational trails and roads.	
LNR804	Add Four (4) Positions and Funds for Forest Outdoor Recreation Statewide	DA	A	4.00		104,964	4.00		208,928	213-002	House does not concur with the additional positions for Forest and Outdoor Recreation Program. A dollar placeholder was provided.	(4.00)	(104,963)	(208,927)	(313,890)	(313,890)	These additional positions will increase the professional and technical staffing for the forest recreation/Na Ala Hele programs on Maui, O'ahu and Kaua'i.	
LNR806	Division of State Parks (DSP): special fund expenditure ceiling increase for repairs and maintenance to facilities and grounds, and special fund assessments for FY 24.	FI	B			4,000,000					Not in HD1 worksheets.	0.00	(4,000,000)	0	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	Not providing Impact Statement. Okay with the reduction.	

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LNR906	Housekeeping - New Program ID: Transfer-out KIRC two (2) positions and funds from LNR906 to new program ID LNR908 (#92391C, #923932C)	AA	A	(2.00)		(72,000)	(2.00)		(72,000)	213-001	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	2.00	72,001	72,001	144,002	144,002	<p>This is a housekeeping request and should have been included as part of LNR906 HD1 SEQ No. 31-001. These two (2) positions were established and half-year funded in Act 248, SLH 2022 for the KIRC. This request is needed to consolidate the position count and the half year funding into a single Program ID.</p> <p>The House concurs with the request for the full year funding for these two (2) positions - LNR908 HD1 SEQ No. 100-001</p>	
LNR906	Full year funding for Position #92343C, IT Band B	AA	A			32,310			32,310	213-002	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	0.00	(32,309)	(32,309)	(64,618)	(64,618)	<p>This IT Services position is dedicated to support the publicly available web service, Water Resource Commission Information Management System (WRIMS) Application in addition to supporting the local area network and telework environments that allow employees to perform the same level of at work duties. Without the full year funding, the recruitment for this position will be a challenge.</p>	

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LNR906	Request to add positions and funds to support Climate Justice and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. FY24: Half-year salary: \$58,944; Equipment: \$8,000; FY25: Full year salary: \$122,772.	AA	A	2.00		66,944	2.00		122,772	213-003	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	(2.00)	(66,943)	(122,771)	(189,714)	(189,714)	The Account Clerk V and Accountant IV positions will provide fiscal support and assistance to the Climate Change Program. These positions will be performing financial reporting, analysis and funds management. A significant amount of federal funds are available to the Department to assist with climate change and other programs and additional manpower is needed to efficiently provide fiscal support and assistance to the programs. Additionally, general funded positions will be used as state match for federal funding, leveraging their impact.	Please refer to the 2nd tab - New FTE Vacancy Trade-Off.
LNR908	Housekeeping - New Program ID: Transfer-in KIRC two (2) positions and funds from LNR906 to new program ID LNR908 (#92391C, #923932C)	AC	A	2.00		72,000	2.00		72,000	213-001	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	(2.00)	(71,999)	(71,999)	(143,998)	(143,998)	This is a housekeeping request and should have been included as part of LNR906 HD1 SEQ No. 31-001. These two (2) positions were established and half-year funded in Act 248, SLH 2022 for the KIRC. This request is needed to consolidate the position count and the half year funding into a single Program ID. The House concurs with the request for the full year funding for these two (2) positions - LNR908 HD1 SEQ No. 100-001	
LNR908	Continuation of Act 248 SLH 2022 Operating funds for KIRC and one new position.	AC	A			400,000			400,000	213-002	House does not concur but a dollar placeholder was provided.	0.00	(399,999)	(399,999)	(799,998)	(799,998)	This request is to continue and make reoccurring the funding provided to the KIRC in Act 248, SLH 2022. The funding is critical to ensure that KIRC is able to	

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LNR909	Incorporate Act 255, SLH 2022 (Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority) into operating budget: Add funds to continue the startup and transition planning costs for the Authority.	AD	A	-	1.00	14,000,000	-	1.00	14,000,000	100-001	HD1 added five (5) permanent positions and funds for personal costs and operating expenses.	4.00	6,000,000	6,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	<p>continue the long term restoration and management of Kaho'olawe and its surrounding waters. Without this permanent funding, the KIRC will have to rely on its diminishing trust fund and will have to stop on-island operations within the next year.</p> <p>While HD1 provided five (5) positions to the Authority, the Executive Assistant position that was appropriated by Act255, SLH2022 was not included in the position count. The Executive Assistant position will also serve as Secretary to the authority pursuant to Act 255, SLH2022, Part IV, Section 14.</p> <p>Requesting a position count for the Executive Assistant/Secretary position (1.0 FTE).</p>	

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LNR909	Add temporary exempt positions and funds for the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority (MKSOA) for transition efforts: Executive Director (\$160,000), Project Director (\$140,000), Administrative Services Officer (\$110,000), and two Program Specialists (\$70,000/each). A tradeoff of funds from other current expenses to pay for salary costs.	AD	A		5.00	407,000		5.00	407,000		Not in HD1 worksheets.							
LNR909	Tradeoff funds from other current expenses for MKSOA startup and transition costs to personal services to pay for position salaries.	AD	A			(407,000)			(407,000)		Not in HD1 worksheets.							

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NOS. 1 & 2 FOR DLNR CIP BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

DEPT PRIORITY #	PRGM ID	PROJECT TITLE	MOF	FY24	FY25
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A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2	LNR141	ROCKFALL AND FLOOD MITIGATION, STATEWIDE	A	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
15	LNR172	KONA STORM KULA FOREST TRAIL REPAIR, MAUI	A	\$ 400,000	\$ -
21	LNR172	MAUNAWILI ACQUISITION, OAHU	C	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -

D. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

3	LNR401	INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER ANNEX (SUBCOMM LOT), OAHU	A	\$ 500,000	\$ 4,000,000
13	LNR401	FACILITY RENOVATION AT THE ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER (AFRC) ON SAND ISLAND, OAHU	A	\$ 350,000	\$ 2,650,000
10	LNR402	DOFAW OAHU BASEYARD IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	C	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -
12	LNR402	KANAHA POND STATE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY FENCE REPLACEMENT, MAUI	A	\$ 700,000	\$ -
14	LNR402	HILO OFFICE ROOF REPLACEMENT, HAWAII	A	\$ 185,000	\$ -
19	LNR402	LEHUA FACILITIES RESTORATION (WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE, DANGEROUS METALS REMOVAL, SOLAR)	A	\$ 100,000	\$ -
5	LNR404	DEEP MONITOR WELLS, STATEWIDE	C	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
7	LNR405	DOCARE MAUI BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING RENOVATION, MAUI	C	\$ 400,000	\$ 4,400,000
1	LNR407	WATERSHED PROTECTION AND INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	C	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
4	LNR407	WEST MAUI TREE SNAIL PREDATOR PROOF FENCE, MAUI	C	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
9	LNR407	PUA LOKE BASEYARD ELECTRICAL, GAS TANK, AND ROOF REPAIRS, KAUAI	A	\$ 200,000	\$ -
11	LNR407	KOOLAU ENDANGERED TREE SNAIL PREDATOR PROOF FENCE, OAHU	C	\$ 150,000	\$ -
18	LNR407	MAUI RARE SPECIES EXTINCTION PREVENTION FENCES, MAUI	C	\$ 750,000	\$ -

H. CULTURE AND RECREATION

8	LNR801	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITIES, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	C	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
8	LNR801	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITIES, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	N	\$ -	\$ 100,000
GM #2	LNR801	POHOIKI BOAT RAMP, HAWAII (FF)	A	\$ 40,000,000	
GM #2	LNR801	POHOIKI BOAT RAMP, HAWAII (FF)	N	\$ 1,000	
16	LNR804	ALAKAI SWAMP BOARDWALK REPAIR, KAUAI	A	\$ 200,000	\$ -
6	LNR806	STATE PARKS HAZARD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, WAIMEA CANYON LOOKOUTS, KAUAI	C	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
17	LNR806	STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	C	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
17	LNR806	STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	N	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

K. GOVERNMENT-WIDE SUPPORT

20	LNR101	DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS, HILO, HAWAII	A	\$ 12,500,000	\$ -
22	LNR101	WAIKIKI MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	C	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -

Subtotals by MOF	A	\$ 57,135,000	\$ 8,650,000
	C	\$ 27,650,000	\$ 16,750,000
	N	\$ 501,000	\$ 600,000

TOTALS - ALL MOF \$ 85,286,000 \$ 26,000,000

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PART A: CURRENT EXECUTIVE BUDGET REQUESTS				Amount	
				FY 24	FY 25
		General Fund	A	10,000,000	10,000,000
		Special Funds	B	-	-
		General Obligation Bonds	C	20,000,000	20,000,000
		Reimbursable GO Bonds	D	-	-
		Revenue Bonds	E	-	-
		Federal Funds	N	-	-
		Other Federal Funds	P	-	-
		Private Contributions	R	-	-
		County Funds	S	-	-
		Trust Funds	T	-	-
		Interdepartmental Transfers	U	-	-
		Federal Stimulus Funds	V	-	-
		Revolving Funds	W	-	-
		Other Funds	X	-	-
TOTAL				30,000,000	30,000,000

PART B: NEW CIP REQUESTS				GREEN ADMINISTRATION - GM#1			Impact Statement Prepared 3/16/23							
Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY 24	FY 25	HB 300 HD1				HB300 HD1 Adjustment to GM#1		
								MOF	FY 24	FY 25	Item #	FY24	FY25	Impact of Adjustment
		LNR141		LUMP SUM MAJOR CIP	C	(20,000,000)	(20,000,000)							GM#1 replaced this lump sum request with individual projects under the respective Program IDs to assist in transparency and accountability.
		LNR141		LUMP SUM MINOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	A	(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)							GM#1 replaced this lump sum request with individual projects under the respective Program IDs to assist in transparency and accountability.
GI	20	LNR101	E01H	DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS, HILO, HAWAII	A	12,500,000	-	A	6,000,000		K-5	(6,500,000)	0	\$6 million is not enough to demolish Uncle Billy's and phasing is not practical and would result in increased overall costs. The existing improvements pose a significant public health and safety hazard and risk in the core of Hilo's resort district. DLNR cannot safely send its DOCARE Officers into the buildings for periodic checks due to the poor condition of the structures. If demolition is not funded in full, DLNR will continue to incur costs for security contracts in the amount of \$100,000 annually and may need to fence the property at a cost of \$225,000 or so to further deter trespassers. The buildings will remain a blight, DLNR will not be able to issue a new lease of the site, and redevelopment of Banyan Drive

PART B: NEW CIP REQUESTS				GREEN ADMINISTRATION - GM#1			HB 300 HD1				HB300 HD1 Adjustment to GM#1			
Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY 24	FY 25	MOF	FY 24	FY 25	Item #	FY24	FY25	Impact of Adjustment
														will be significantly impaired. The Department requests full funding by General funds in FY24. From 2020 to 2021, construction costs rose 12.7% per DBEDT data. 2022 data still pending. Future funding requests will reflect a similar increase – total project cost would become \$14.1M (12.5M x 1.127) Phasing will add approximate 20% due to remobilization and administration of another demolition contractor. Homeless is chronic.
GI	22	LNR101	E00E	WAIKIKI MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	C	6,000,000	-	C	4,000,000		K-8	(2,000,000)	0	Phase I of the public-private project will need to be redesigned and rebudgeted; we will not be able to complete the project with the cut in funding.
		LNR101		HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK, COMMUNITY PARK, HAWAII - P/D FOR NEW COMMUNITY PARK				C	560,000		K-6	560,000	0	The Department is unfamiliar with this project or land, or whether the County has agreed to manage the community park. The Department does not have the expertise in managing community parks.
		LNR101		KAWEHWEHE BEACH (WAIKIKI), OAHU - P/D/C FOR BEACH RESTORATION PILOT PROJECT				A	650,000		K-7	650,000	0	This is a new, private project that overlaps and might conflict with the ongoing Waikiki Master Plan Improvements (Proj. No. E00E); State money would be better spent fully funding the public project.
CR	2	LNR141	J45	ROCKFALL AND FLOOD MITIGATION, STATEWIDE	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	A-11	0	0	No impact.
GI	15	LNR172	D228	KONA STORM KULA FOREST TRAIL REPAIR, MAUI	A	400,000	-	A	400,000		A-3	0	0	Funds necessary to continue repairs to trails severely damaged by the 2021 Kona Low storm on Maui. These popular recreational trails have been closed since the storm, requiring significant structural repair work.
GI	21	LNR172	D217	MAUNAWILI ACQUISITION, OAHU	C	7,000,000						(7,000,000)	0	The requested amount would close the funding gap to purchase the approximately 908-acre property, a project championed by community leaders. Without State CIP funds, the project will not be able to be completed, and these priority lands acquired. DLNR has secured over \$16M of federal funds (DOD REPI and USFS). The revenue stream of the current \$580K per year from the commercial lease would support the operational management of these critical lands and waters.

PART B: NEW CIP REQUESTS				GREEN ADMINISTRATION - GM#1			HB 300 HD1				HB300 HD1 Adjustment to GM#1			
Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY 24	FY 25	MOF	FY 24	FY 25	Item #	FY24	FY25	Impact of Adjustment
GI	3	LNR401	C01F	INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER ANNEX (SUBCOMM LOT), OAHU	A	500,000	4,000,000					(500,000)	(4,000,000)	No Impact
		LNR401		INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER ANNEX (SUBCOMM LOT), OAHU				C	4,500,000		D-3	4,500,000	0	No Impact
GI	13	LNR401	C01G	FACILITY RENOVATION AT THE ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER (AFRC) ON SAND ISLAND, OAHU	A	350,000	2,650,000	A		2,650,000	D-4	(350,000)	0	Reduction in funding will require the phasing of the work and will result in overall higher costs or and incomplete project.
GI	10	LNR402	D05G	DOFAW OAHU BASEYARD IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	C	1,000,000	-	C	1,000,000		D-5	0	0	No Impact
GI	12	LNR402	D05L	KANAHA POND STATE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY FENCE REPLACEMENT, MAUI	A	700,000	-					(700,000)	0	The requested amount would close the funding gap to complete a predator proof fence around the Kanaha Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. Completion is critical to protecting endangered waterbirds, plants and invertebrates. Without project funds, endangered species would have limited protection and a core wetland would have reduced native vegetation and function.
GI	14	LNR402	D112	HILO OFFICE ROOF REPLACEMENT, HAWAII	A	185,000	-	A	185,000		D-6	0	0	The current roofing is 24 years old and has been painted multiple times. It has now developed leaks and requires regular repairs. The roofing needs to be replaced to provide sufficient protection for the DOFAW main office building in Hilo and all its contents.
GI	19	LNR402	D09F	LEHUA FACILITIES RESTORATION (WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE, DANGEROUS METALS REMOVAL, SOLAR	A	100,000	-	A	100,000		D-7	0	0	No Impact
		LNR402		PALAMANUI COMMUNITY FOREST RESERVE, HAWAII - P FOR MASTER PLANNING OF FOREST RESERVE				C	500,000		D-8	500,000	0	The spectacular Palamanui dry forest area contains remnants of native tree stands with cultural and natural heritage significance. The area provides a learning lab for students studying environmental compliance and restoration, a recreational area for the community, and an opportunity to restore a native dryland forest. The funds will be used to initiate the next phase of planning needed to design fencing, trails, and invasive removal in an area that will become a multifaceted asset for the community.
GI	5	LNR404	G75B	DEEP MONITOR WELLS, STATEWIDE	C	2,000,000	2,000,000	C	2,000,000	2,000,000	D-9	0	0	No Impact
CR	7	LNR405	A04	DOCARE MAUI BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING RENOVATION, MAUI	C	400,000	4,400,000					(400,000)	(4,400,000)	May force the Division to use other budgeted funds which could jeopardize natural resource protection.
GI	1	LNR407	D101	WATERSHED PROTECTION AND INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	C	5,000,000	5,000,000	C	5,000,000	5,000,000	D-12	0	0	No impact.

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Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY 24	FY 25	MOF	FY 24	FY 25	Item #	FY24	FY25	Impact of Adjustment
GI	4	LNR407	D102	WEST MAUI TREE SNAIL PREDATOR PROOF FENCE, MAUI	C	350,000	350,000	C	350,000	350,000	D-13	0	0	No impact.
GI	9	LNR407	D227	PUA LOKE BASEYARD ELECTRICAL, GAS TANK, AND ROOF REPAIRS, KAUAI	A	200,000	-	A	200,000		D-11	0	0	No impact.
GI	11	LNR407	D107	KOOLAU ENDANGERED TREE SNAIL PREDATOR PROOF FENCE, OAHU	C	150,000	-	C	150,000		D-10	0	0	No impact.
GI	18	LNR407	D108	MAUI RARE SPECIES EXTINCTION PREVENTION FENCES, MAUI	C	750,000	-					(750,000)	0	This would reduce protection for high priority areas that support multiple endangered species in order to maximize conservation return on investment. This project contributes to that effort by investing in the planning and construction of fences, some of which will be fully predator-proof, that will protect key high value hotspots that support the highest diversity of species at risk. Key hotspots have been identified in the Koolau, Hana, West Maui, and Molokai areas. This project will ensure adequate protection for species at risk in their native ecosystems and contribute significantly to the protection and recovery of these species.
GI	8	LNR801	B99B	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITIES, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	C	2,000,000	2,000,000					(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	No impact.
		LNR801		LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITIES, STATEWIDE (FF)				B	2,000,000	2,000,000	H-9	2,000,000	2,000,000	No impact.
GI	8	LNR801	B99B	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITIES, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	N		100,000	N		100,000	H-9	0	0	No impact.
		LNR801		ALA WAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR, OAHU - D/C FOR RESURFACING AND STRIPING OF EXISTING ACCESS ROADS AND PARKING AREAS				C	4,300,000		H-6	4,300,000	0	This change will improve access and operation of the harbor roadways and parking areas. It will also reduce the level of ongoing maintenance required of personnel to repair potholes and damaged pavement.
		LNR801		KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR, KAUAI - C FOR SAND BYPASSING				A	1,800,000		H-7	1,800,000	0	This change will improve access and navigation into/out of the harbor and mitigate beach erosion on west side of the harbor breakwater.
		LNR801		LAHAINA HARBOR PIER, MAUI - D/C FOR PIER REPAIRS INCL ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND LIGHTING				C	3,100,000		H-8	3,100,000	0	This change will improve access and safety at various piers in the harbor. It will also reduce the level of ongoing maintenance required of personnel to repair damaged piers.

PART B: NEW CIP REQUESTS				GREEN ADMINISTRATION - GM#1			
Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY 24	FY 25
		LNR801		POHOIKI BAY, CHANNEL AND BOAT RAMP RESTORATION, HAWAII - P/D/C FOR DREDGING AND CONSTRUCTION OF JETTIES AND CHANNEL			
		LNR801		POKAI BAY, OAHU - D/C FOR IMPRS TO 3 COASTLINE JETTIES			
		LNR801		WAILOA SMALL BOAT HARBOR, HAWAII - P/D/C FOR IMPRS AND REPAIRS TO WAILOA SBH AND SURROUNDING WATERWAYS			
GI	16	LNR804	D126	ALAKAI SWAMP BOARDWALK REPAIR, KAUAI	A	200,000	-
CR	6	LNR806	H66B	STATE PARKS HAZARD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, WAIMEA CANYON LOOKOUTS, KAUAI	C	1,000,000	1,000,000
CR	17	LNR806	H67B	STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	C	2,000,000	2,000,000
CR	17	LNR806	H67B	STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	N	500,000	500,000
		LNR806		DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT, OAHU - P/D/C FOR TRAIL AND PARKING LOT IMPRS			
		LNR806		SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA, OAHU - P FOR A SAND ISLAND SRA MASTER PLAN			
TOTAL - REQUESTS BY MOF						45,285,000	26,000,000

HB 300 HD1				HB300 HD1 Adjustment to GM#1		
MOF	FY 24	FY 25	Item #	FY24	FY25	Impact of Adjustment
C	5,000,000		H-10	5,000,000	0	This change will help restore ocean ocean access along the Puna District coastline that has been closed since 2018, requiring Puna boaters to drive to Hilo and travel via the ocean back out to the Puna coastline. However, these funds are not sufficient to complete the project.
C	5,750,000		H-11	5,750,000	0	This change will improve public safety and increase water circulation within Pokai Bay.
C	3,200,000		H-12	3,200,000	0	This change will improve access and navigation into/out of the harbor as well as access and operation of the harbor roadways and parking areas. It will also improve runoff drainage within the facility.
A	200,000		H-1	0	0	Requested funds will go toward materials, equipment, supplies and helicopter support for ongoing repairs to the iconic Alaka'i Boardwalk Trail, which is heavily used by recreational hikers as well as management personnel, and vital to protecting adjacent native vegetation, limiting invasive species, and maintaining the health of ecosystems.
C	1,000,000	1,000,000	H-4	0	0	No Impact
C	2,000,000	2,000,000	H-5	0	0	No Impact
N	500,000	500,000	H-5	0	0	No Impact
C	700,000		H-2	700,000	0	Plans for upgrades and improvements to the trail and parking lost for long term plans that will be in progress over the next 3 years for better pedestrian and traffic access management and improvements on the exterior of Diamond Head.
C	5,000,000		H-3	5,000,000	0	No Impact

General Fund	A	7,135,000	(1,350,000)	11,535,000	4,650,000
Special Funds	B	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
General Obligation Bonds	C	7,650,000	(3,250,000)	48,110,000	10,350,000
Reimbursable GO Bonds	D	-	-	-	-
Revenue Bonds	E	-	-	-	-

PART B: NEW CIP REQUESTS				GREEN ADMINISTRATION - GM#1			HB 300 HD1			HB300 HD1 Adjustment to GM#1					
Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY 24	FY 25	MOF	FY 24	FY 25	Item #	FY24	FY25	Impact of Adjustment	
Request Category:				Federal Funds	N	500,000	600,000		500,000	600,000					
GI Governor's Initiatives				Other Federal Funds	P	-	-		-	-					
CR Critical Requirements				Private Contributions	R	-	-		-	-					
				County Funds	S	-	-		-	-					
				Trust Funds	T	-	-		-	-					
				Interdepartmental Transfers	U	-	-		-	-					
				Federal Stimulus Funds	V	-	-		-	-					
				Revolving Funds	W	-	-		-	-					
				Other Funds	X	-	-		-	-					
				NEW ADMIN REQUEST TOTAL		15,285,000	(4,000,000)		62,145,000	17,600,000					

CIP REQUEST GRAND TOTAL				MOF	FY 24	FY 25
General Fund				A	17,135,000	8,650,000
Special Funds				B	-	-
General Obligation Bonds				C	27,650,000	16,750,000
Reimbursable GO Bonds				D	-	-
Revenue Bonds				E	-	-
Federal Funds				N	500,000	600,000
Other Federal Funds				P	-	-
Private Contributions				R	-	-
County Funds				S	-	-
Trust Funds				T	-	-
Interdepartmental Transfers				U	-	-
Federal Stimulus Funds				V	-	-
Revolving Funds				W	-	-
Other Funds				X	-	-
GRAND TOTAL					45,285,000	26,000,000

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**MARCH 23, 2023
CONFERENCE ROOM 211
10:00 A.M.**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 300 H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 300, H.D.1. This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Biennium 23-25. The Department supports this bill.

We appreciate that the House Committee on Finance included much of the Department's steady-state budget requests into H.D.1. We respectfully request that those items as well as items requested in Governor's Message No. 1 and 2 be included in the Senate budget. Important operating requests include funds for Bovine Tuberculosis control operations on Molokai, Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle control, IT equipment replacement and to continue the compost reimbursement program.

Important capital improvement program requests include funds for the New Animal Quarantine Station, Wahiawa Irrigation System, Kohala Ditch, and various repairs and improvements to agricultural infrastructure and departmental facilities.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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March 23, 2023

The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: H.B. 300, H.D. 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **supports H.B. 300, H.D. 1**, relating to the specific budget items noted below. This measure appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

HTH 905- Developmental Disabilities Council
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HTH905	FY2024	FY2025
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HTH	246,563 A	246,563 A
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HTH	527,570 N	527,570 N

This appropriation amount in H.B. 300 provides the Council with current staffing and fiscal resources in order to implement 2022-2026 State Plan activities in the areas of community supports; health and children and youth; public awareness, education and training; transition and employment; and self advocacy/self determination.

Activities include policy development, implementation, and analysis; informing and educating policymakers about Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD); establishing networks and coalitions on specific issues and concerns relating to developmental disabilities; conducting legislative advocacy training; providing leadership training; demonstrating new approaches to services and supports; fostering interagency collaboration and communication; coordinating and sponsoring the annual Day at the Capitol, transition events, and neighbor island of Oahu legislative forums, etc.

The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. 300, H.D. 1
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The council would also like to support the appropriations listed under HTH501, ask for an increase of \$2,800,000 in FY24 and 6,300,000 in FY25. These additional funds are needed to implement the 2020 Rate Study for the waiver, address growth in the population, address mandated minimum wage increase, and begin to implement the workforce development initiatives. We defer to the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Health for further comment.

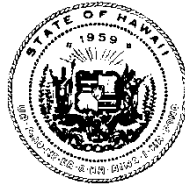
Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support of H.B. 300 H.D. 1.** relating to the specific budget items mentioned above.

Sincerely,

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

Statement of
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

10:00 AM, March 23, 2023
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 211

In consideration of
HB 300, HD 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 300, HD1, Relating to the State Budget.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports with amendments** HB 300, HD1, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. It is our sincere hope that the Senate Draft 1 incorporates the proposed changes in Governor's Messages (GM) 1 and 2 for the HPHA.

The HPHA's mission is to provide Hawaii's residents with adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity, and suitable living environments that are free from discrimination through both its public housing and rental assistance programs. The HPHA serves our state's most disadvantaged populations, including families earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income, the disabled, and the elderly.

HMS 220 – Rental Housing Services (Public Housing)

CIP Appropriation (FY 24 \$16,400,000 and FY 25 \$10,000,000) for Public Housing Development, Improvements, and Renovations Statewide – Included in House Draft 1

The purpose of this request is to protect the assets and residents of the HPHA. Both the federal and state public housing programs are historically underfunded. Many buildings are in need of major repairs and renovation, while some dwelling units have been rendered completely uninhabitable. This appropriation would enable the HPHA to:

1. Improve the health and safety of the housing provided to existing residents;
2. Protect the physical assets of the HPHA’s public housing inventory from further deterioration, thereby reducing future expenditures on rehabilitation or new construction;
3. Ensure compliance with federal property requirements and condition standards; and
4. Beautify the neighborhoods where public housing is located.

The repairs, maintenance, improvements, and renovations this appropriation would allow for vary in nature. Work will include, but not be limited to, installing fire sprinklers and other safety systems; repairing gas lines; HAZMAT abatement; upgrading electrical, plumbing, and sewer systems; and improving accessibility and security at multiple properties. Building exterior work will include, but not be limited to, painting; concrete spall repair; roof repairs; solar water repairs/replacement; weatherproofing; and other physical improvements. Building interior work will include, but not be limited to, general renovation work; major modernization; interior repairs; termite repair and treatment; and painting. Site work will include, but not be limited to, landscaping; tree removal; tree trimming; drainage improvements; termite treatment; sidewalk repair; and foundation repair.

CIP Appropriation (FY 24 \$9,000,000) for Pre-Development of the Ka Lei Momi Project – Not Included in House Draft 1

The Ka Lei Momi Project seeks to improve underutilized public housing properties, reduce the concentration of poverty in local neighborhoods, and develop mixed-use and mixed-income communities aligned with the State’s transit-oriented development plans.

These goals also align with the State’s broader objective of developing more affordable housing to address the ongoing housing crisis. The redeveloped communities will provide a one-for-one replacement of public housing units and create affordable housing options for current low-income residents as well as a range of other housing options for families with higher income levels. Mayor Wright Homes will be the top priority of the Ka Lei Momi project because the Master Planning Process has been completed, State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and

Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental reviews have been completed, and gross massing designs have been completed.

These funds would support various predevelopment activities related to the HPHA’s Ka Lei Momi Project, such as site assessment, design, and engineering work. This funding also allows the HPHA to move the project forward to the next stages of development and ensure it meets the necessary design and planning requirements needed to identify and secure future funding.

Timeline:

Project Ka Lei Momi RFQ Distributed	23-Jan-23	Completed
Pre-Submittal Video Conference	13-Feb-23	Completed
Property Visitation	February 13–17, 23	Completed
Submittal Deadline	7-Mar-23	Completed
Submittal Evaluation	March 13 – 17, 2023	Completed
Conduct Interviews / Best and Final Offer	March 22 – 23, 2023	In Progress
Reference Checks, Due Diligence	March 27 – 30, 2023	
Selection of Highest Ranked Respondent	April -23	
Predevelopment Commencement	June 5, 2023	

HMS 222 – Rental Assistance Services (Section 8)

Add General Funds (FY 24 \$6,000,000 and FY 25 \$6,500,000) to Maintain the Current Rent Supplement Subsidies for the State Rent Supplement Program – Not Included in House Draft 1

The RSP is a State-funded rental assistance program. It was established to assist middle-income families above the poverty threshold, but still struggling to afford the high cost of living in Hawaii. The program was originally designed to assist teachers, policemen, and firemen, but was later amended to include very low-income families. The RSP has a maximum monthly rental subsidy of \$500. As of December 2022, the RSP is helping 198 participating households remain housed. The program is facing a deficit of approximately \$500,000 for the upcoming fiscal year.

The additional funding increase proposed in GM1 shows the Administration’s commitment to assisting families that are at-risk of homelessness to remain housed and financially secure. The HPHA would like to humbly request three (3) additional Public Housing Specialist II positions and one (1) Public Housing Supervisor IV if appropriated with the additional funding. If unable to provide these positions, the HPHA would contract the program administration out to a Non-Profit. This was done in FY 16-17 and provided \$1,000 a month for the first 6 months, and then \$500 a month after that.

HMS 229 – HPHA Administration

Convert 3.00 FTE Positions from Temporary to Permanent and Add Funds for Equipment – Not Included in House Draft 1

For the past several years, it has been difficult to fill temporary Civil Service positions while competing against the permanent Civil Service positions in recruitment from other State departments. For example, in order to continue the Management Unit 8/Kauai operation, the agency has been hiring a former Public Housing Supervisor III who retired on an 89-day appointment. Candidates invariably prefer the permanent positions over temporary positions. It is already extremely difficult competing against private sector recruitments. Converting the temporary positions to permanent positions will at least help to level the playing field against other State departments recruiting for the same position.

Additional revolving funds are also being requested for computers and chairs. The original equipment that came with these positions are old and outdated. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is requiring compliance with computer standards and the current computers run the Windows 7 operating system.

Change the Means of Financing for 2.0 FTE (Permanent) and 3.0 FTE (Temporary) from W to A – Not included in House Draft 1

The positions that the HPHA is requesting for the conversion of MOF from W to A, currently support the capital repair and revitalization of Federal and State public housing projects. The conversion of these positions to general funds will allow the HPHA to ensure compliance with HUD regulations and the continued receipt of future federal funding.

The HPHA is aware of the many competing priorities in need of additional support during these trying times. The HPHA humbly requests that this funding be made available to help provide safe and decent housing to our community's lowest-income families.



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the Thirty-Second State Legislature, 2023 Regular Session

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Via Videoconference

by:
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 300, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget

Purpose: Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

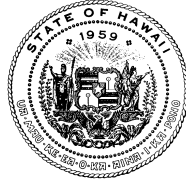
Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports the funding provisions in this measure relating to the Community Outreach Court. The Judiciary's Community Outreach Court has successfully provided services to more than 465 individuals, representing 7,600 cases that have been cleared and 5,600 hours of community service being completed. The Community Outreach Court sessions on O'ahu are being held in Wai'anae, Kaneohe, Kaka'ako and plans are being made to expand to hold sessions in Waikiki. On Maui, a session is held in Kihei.

The Judiciary respectfully requests an amendment to the mechanism for appropriating funds for the Judiciary's administration of the Community Outreach Court program. Currently, in the first year of each fiscal biennium, the Judiciary's share of funding for the program is provided through an appropriation first made to the Office of the Public Defender, a portion of which is then transferred to the Judiciary. For improved fiscal efficiency, we request that the Judiciary's share of this funding be deleted from the General Appropriations Act and replaced by

an amendment to the Judiciary Appropriations Act of 2023 (House Bill No. 382) to add the Judiciary's share of Community Outreach Court funding to the program appropriation for the First Judicial Circuit (program ID JUD310), provided that any appropriation made to the Judiciary under this measure or the Judiciary Appropriations Act to administer and operate the Community Outreach Court program does not supplant the Judiciary's other existing funding and budget requests. To clarify, we do not want the Community Outreach Court funding to come out of the First Circuit's other existing or requested funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB300 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** Sufficient appropriations are required for the Department of Health (DOH)
2 to implement statutory obligations. Insufficient funding will jeopardize public health at large
3 and for vulnerable populations.

4 **Department Testimony:** The DOH supports HB300 HD1 and requests amendments.

5 The DOH wishes to highlight the following priorities, which were not fully funded in HB300
6 HD1. Other priorities are described in the attached Impact Statements, for which budget
7 adjustments are respectfully requested.

- 8 • HTH 460 (GI-1)
 - 9 ○ Seq. #213-001
 - 10 ○ Provide additional funding for mental health services throughout the State.
 - 11 ○ \$6,021,000 in FY24 and \$6,323,100 in FY25 (MOF A)
- 12 • HTH 420 (GI-2)
 - 13 ○ Seq. #213-001
 - 14 ○ Request 1.00 permanent position, General Professional VII to function as the
 - 15 Deputy Adult Mental Health Division Administrator to support outpatient and
 - 16 inpatient administrative activities including supporting both health care provider
 - 17 and payee activities.
 - 18 ○ 1.00 FTE, \$46,920 in FY24 and 1.00 FTE, \$97,212 in FY 25 (MOF A)

- 1 • HTH 596 (GI-8)
 - 2 ○ Seq. #213-001
 - 3 ○ Add 1.00 Food Safety Specialist V and 3.00 Food Safety Specialist III positions
 - 4 and funds to establish a hemp organizational segment for hemp regulatory
 - 5 function in the Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation (OMCCR).
 - 6 ○ 4.00 FTE, \$244,846 in FY24 and 4.00 FTE, \$369,504 in FY 25 (MOF A)
- 7 • HTH 907 (GI-12)
 - 8 ○ Seq. #213-001
 - 9 ○ Add 2.00 FTE Human Resource Office positions: HR Technician VI & HR
 - 10 Specialist IV to support recruitment and examination functions
 - 11 ○ 2.00 FTE, \$53,760 in FY24 and 2.00 FTE, \$107,520 in FY 25 (MOF A)
- 12 • HTH 907 (GI-13)
 - 13 ○ Seq. #213-002
 - 14 ○ Add funds for the Administrative Services Office for IT upgrades including
 - 15 enhancements to the contract development and management system and purchase
 - 16 order web system.
 - 17 ○ \$99,000 in FY24 and \$99,000 in FY 25 (MOF A)
- 18 • HTH 710
 - 19 ○ Environmental Health, State Laboratory Services, Kamauleule, Biosafety Level 3
 - 20 Laboratory, Oahu - Design, Construction, and Equipment for a Biosafety Level 3
 - 21 Laboratory on the Island of Oahu, to provide for Infectious Disease Work for an
 - 22 Immediate Response to a Public Health Crisis. Funds will supplement Federal
 - 23 Funds that have been awarded for this project.
 - 24 ○ \$11,557,000 in FY24 (MOF C)

25 HB300 HD1 also includes trade-off transfer requests which consist of housekeeping adjustments
26 to reduce negative personal services adjustment budget lines and other housekeeping requests to
27 fold in statutorily exempt positions and align the budget to previously acknowledged

1 reorganizations. Federal fund adjustment requests are also being submitted to align the federal
2 budget ceiling with updated actual and anticipated federal fund awards.

3 The DOH continues to address the health of our State through a combination of population
4 health management and strategic partnerships to address the needs of our most vulnerable
5 populations. We look forward to advancing Hawaii's health agenda through the leveraging of
6 resources and capitalizing on health care reform options which support accessible, affordable,
7 and quality health care.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Prog ID	Request Description	Sub-Org	MOF	Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$\$	Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$\$	HD1 Seq. No.	Description of Change in HD1	Positions Impact	\$\$\$\$ Impact	Impact of Change	Alternative Reduction for any Reduction you Oppose
HTH100	Painter 1 - BC09A (#94592H) new position	DG	A	P		\$32,334	P		\$ 67,896.00	213-001	not approved	This position impacts all patients and staff at Kalaupapa. The painter will improve maintenance of buildings, prevent deterioration, and keep residents safe.	The cost of flying in outside contractors to Kalaupapa to do this work will be more than the salary.	Without this position, DOH will have difficulty maintaining structures at Kalaupapa, leading to more costly repairs and deterioration of state owned buildings. Deteriorated buildings may also present a health and safety risk to residents and visitors.	
HTH100	Electrician 1 - BC10A (#94591H;1) New position	DG	A	P		\$33,558	P		\$ 70,476.00	213-001	not approved	This position of an on-site electrician to repair and maintain the electrical system in Kalaupapa including inside the homes of patients and staff and public buildings. Given the age and remoteness of the settlement, Kalaupapa's electrical system is tenuous. A full time electrician is needed on site to attend to repairs, maintain the system and keep	The cost of flying in outside contractors to Kalaupapa to do this work will be more than the salary and far more in emergencies.	Without this position, patients and staff residing at Kalaupapa will not have guaranteed electricity to their homes and public spaces at the settlement. Power outages could last for extended periods of time given difficulty in bringing in outside contractors. This will endanger health and safety of staff and patients.	
HTH100	Janitor II - BC02A (#17702) fund this unfunded position	DG	A	P		\$24,114	P		\$ 50,640.00	213-001	not approved	This position is needed to maintain the cleanliness and upkeep of Kalaupapa grounds, public spaces and facilities.	The cost of flying in outside contractors to Kalaupapa to do this work will be more than the salary.	Without this position, DOH will be unable to maintain grounds and facilities at Kalaupapa potentially leading to liability hazards for residents and visitors.	
HTH 131	Add funds for DOCD - Physician #110691 - (In Gov Green budget message)	DC	N			\$21,652			26,452	213-001	Gov Green request for additional N salary funds reduced to \$1 each year	#110691 Physician	\$21,651 FY 24 and \$26,451 FY 25	Additional budgeted salary funds required to meet current salary levels to recruit and hire pediatrician physician for the Immunization Branch	Possible trade off N federal funds in Other Current Expenses to fund this salary request.
HTH420	Transfer-in Positions and Funds from Behavioral Health Administration (HTH495/HB) to Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HB)	HB	A	17.50	22.50	\$3,697,802	17.50	22.50	\$ 3,697,802	30-001	Corrected amounts to be transferred in for #124304, General Professional III; #91240H, General Professional III; and Personal Services Adjustment.	None	0		
HTH420	Transfer-in Positions and Funds from Behavioral Health Administration (HTH495/HB) to Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HP)	HP	A	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$ -	31-001	The transfer-in of positions and funds for the Adult Mental Health Division's (AMHD) Performance, Information, Evaluation, and Planning (PIER) Branch was not approved.	None	0	The change will leave AMHD's PIER Branch in a separate Program ID from AMHD's administration and other outpatient branches. Having the PIER Branch in a different Program ID will result in the inefficient use of resources and duplication of tasks.	
HTH420	Transfer-in Positions and Funds from Behavioral Health Administration (HTH495/HC) to Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HP)	HP	A		0.00	\$28,054		0.00	\$ 28,054	32-001	The transfer-in of #91246H, Epidemiologist IV was not approved.	Reduction of 1.00 FTE temporary position.	-83,472	The change will leave the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) Performance, Information, Evaluation, and Research Branch, Planning, Epidemiology, and Grants Section without a supervisor and an epidemiologist. A supervisor is needed to oversee the development and maintenance of statewide and county specific plans for adult mental health services. The supervisor will also oversee the review, coordination, and monitoring of all federal and other grants received. An epidemiologist is needed to collect, prepare, and analyze epidemiological and statistical data and information required to carry out the functions of AMHD and the comprehensive adult mental health system.	
HTH420	Transfer-in Positions and Funds from Behavioral Health Administration (HTH495/HC) to Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HB)	HB	A		0.00	\$12,328		0.00	\$ 12,328	33-001	The transfer-in of #92239, Secretary II was not approved.	Reduction of 1.00 FTE temporary position.	-33,720	The position is being proposed to be used as a trade-off/transfer for #94312H, Occupational Therapist IV. #94312H is a new position being requested for HTH 420HM to provide services required for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Center.	
HTH420	Add Positions and funds for Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HB)	HB	A	0.00		\$1	0.00		\$ 1	213-001	The request for a General Professional VII was not approved.	Nonconcurrency for 1.00 FTE new permanent position.	-\$46,919/-997,211	The change will result in less support for outpatient and inpatient administrative activities including support for both health care provider and payee activities. The position will function as the Deputy Administrator for the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD). This position will work directly under the AMHD Administrator and is needed given the breadth and complexity of services both provided and procured within the AMHD. AMHD includes 7 branches located statewide and Hawaii State Hospital.	
HTH420	Add Positions and funds for Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HL)	HL	A		0.00	\$1		0.00	\$ 1	213-002	The request for 2.00 FTE Psychiatrist - Outpatient was not approved.	Nonconcurrency for 2.00 FTE new temporary positions.	-\$220,499/-\$440,999	The change will require the Hawaii County Community Mental Health Center to purchase more costly contracted locum tenens psychiatric services. The contracted services will cost approximately \$748,800 per year. The use of contracted locum tenens psychiatrist will also lead to a decrease in continuity of care for adults with serious mental illness due to the frequent turnover in psychiatrists.	
HTH420	Add Positions and funds for Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HL)	HL	A	0.00		\$1	0.00		\$ 1	213-003	The request for 8.00 FTE positions, other current expenses, equipment, and motor vehicles for the provision of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) services for Hawaii County was not approved.	Nonconcurrency for 8.00 FTE new permanent positions.	-\$426,149/-676,126	The change will result in not being able to help those individuals that have substance use disorders (SUD) and not serious mental illness. We will also not be able to help individuals with mental illness that do not meet the criteria for serious mental illness. This can leave individuals without outpatient care, particularly young adults that have not yet been diagnosed with a serious mental illness (for instance the average age at diagnosis for schizophrenia is 24 years of age) or those with SUD in which we need more treatment options for our population. Also, the CCBHC will also be part of our crisis continuum and that also will not be able to be actualized, leaving less locations for individuals to walk in (or be taken) and get care after usual government work hours. This will likely lead to more use of the emergency department as a behavioral health provider and also lead to more arrests from decompensation as well as more individuals at Hawaii State Hospital, which are all much more expensive to the state than the CCBHC model.	
HTH420	Add Positions and funds for Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HM)	HM	A	0.00		\$1	0.00		\$ 1	213-004	The request for 4 FTE positions, other current expenses, equipment, and current lease payments for the provision of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) services for Maui was not approved.	Nonconcurrency for 4.00 FTE new permanent positions.	-\$319,363/-549,222	The change will result in not being able to help those individuals that have substance use disorders (SUD) and not serious mental illness. We will also not be able to help individuals with mental illness that do not meet the criteria for serious mental illness. This can leave individuals without outpatient care, particularly young adults that have not yet been diagnosed with a serious mental illness (for instance the average age at diagnosis for schizophrenia is 24 years of age) or those with SUD in which we need more treatment options for our population. Also, the CCBHC will also be part of our crisis continuum and that also will not be able to be actualized, leaving less locations for individuals to walk in (or be taken) and get care after usual government work hours. This will likely lead to more use of the emergency department as a behavioral health provider and also lead to more arrests from decompensation as well as more individuals at Hawaii State Hospital, which are all much more expensive to the state than the CCBHC model.	
HTH420	Add Positions and funds for Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HN)	HN	A	0.00		\$1	0.00		\$ 1	213-005	The request for 4.00 FTE positions, other current expenses, equipment, and current lease payments for the provision of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) services for Kauai was not approved.	Nonconcurrency for 4.00 FTE new permanent positions.	-\$337,893/-5452,367	The change will result in not being able to help those individuals that have substance use disorders (SUD) and not serious mental illness. We will also not be able to help individuals with mental illness that do not meet the criteria for serious mental illness. This can leave individuals without outpatient care, particularly young adults that have not yet been diagnosed with a serious mental illness (for instance the average age at diagnosis for schizophrenia is 24 years of age) or those with SUD in which we need more treatment options for our population. Also, the CCBHC will also be part of our crisis continuum and that also will not be able to be actualized, leaving less locations for individuals to walk in (or be taken) and get care after usual government work hours. This will likely lead to more use of the emergency department as a behavioral health provider and also lead to more arrests from decompensation as well as more individuals at Hawaii State Hospital, which are all much more expensive to the state than the CCBHC model.	

HTH430	HSH requests to add 4.00 FTE for Clinical Services, 141.00 FTE for Direct Care, and 3.00 FTE for Security Services. These are staffing requirements necessary to operate the additional patient care units that will come online upon completion of the HSH anti-ligature project.	HQ	A	141.00		\$3,862,836	141.00		\$ 7,725,672.00	213-001	HB300-HD1: HOUSE DOES NOT CONCUR	(141) PERM PSYCHIATRIC TECH (FP) HEG6 (#94854H to #94994H)	FY2024: \$3,862,836 FY2025: \$7,725,672	The daily patient census grew from 192 in June 2021 to 260 in July 2022 and continues to grow at an alarming rate. In March 2023 hospital census reached 290 and shows no sign of slowing down. HSH is experiencing a census crisis point and dangerously close to exceeding the total licensed bed capacity of 297. Also, the pending sale of Kahi Mohala may force HSH to take back patients currently housed there. It would take nearly two units alone to house these patients at Kahi. It's extremely critical to approve these new Psychiatric Tech positions so additional bed capacity may come online. HSH has vacant units available but not enough staff to operate them. A disapproval of this request would adversely affect the hospital's ability to reduce the patient census to reasonable levels, compromising hospital operations, jeopardize licensing and accreditation and negatively impact the health and safety of HSH patients and staff.	
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HTH495	Transfer-out Positions and Funds from Behavioral Health Administration (HTH495/HB) to Adult Mental Health - Outpatient (HTH420/HP)	HB	A	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$ -	31-001	The transfer-out of positions and funds for the Adult Mental Health Division's Performance, Information, Evaluation, and Planning Branch from HTH 495/HB to HTH 420/HP was not approved.	None	0	The change will leave AMHD's PIER Branch in a separate Program ID from AMHD's administration and other outpatient branches. Having the PIER Branch in a different Program ID will result in the inefficient use of resources and duplication of tasks.	
HTH440	Request to retain position 28940, Account Clerk III	HD	A	1.00		\$46,476	1.00		\$ 46,476.00		HTH440 must retain position #28940, Account Clerk III in order to support current and anticipated new grant awards in 2023.	There is a current employee who has already applied for position 28940. This position is sorely needed to support current and additional anticipated new grant awards in 2023.	46476.00	Removal of #28940 will result in loss of valuable opportunity to retain current applicant to support current and anticipated new grant awards in 2023. Also existing staff will incur significant increases in fiscal duties that are time-consuming.	
HTH501	Request to add four (4) Social Worker/Human Services Professional IV positions in the Case Management Branch to address enrollment growth.	JO	A	4.00		\$121,824	4.00		\$ 252,384.00	213-001	N/A	The impact of not filling establishing these case manager (CM) positions will result in DOH's inability to provide adequate case management for the population and meet Medicaid requirements for providing services under the 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD Waiver). Case managers provide	N/A	Position#124427/93550H is responsible for central intake of complaints and concerns received in DDD's Consumer Complaints and Resolution Unit from DDD participants, families, guardians, providers and the public. It investigates all complaints received including allegations of abuse and neglect, and makes recommendations for remediation and corrective action. The position works with complainants and others if resolution is desired, and refers cases to appropriate external jurisdictions if needed. It conducts the hearing process for informal appeals when complainants file for such actions. It is a critical position for the Medicaid 1915(c) waiver in ensuring consumer rights are met and reporting on clients' experiences with issues such as access to services, network adequacy, the quality of services and the care planning process. It also assists in meeting requirements for concrete and timely solutions.	Please refer to the "New FTE Vacancy Trade-Off" tab.

												core functions required in I/DD Waivers that are authorized under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and related regulations set forth in 42 CFR §441.301 and §441.302 including ensuring service plans are designed to meet needs (also required under HRS 333F-6), and services are provided and monitored to protect participant health and welfare. CMs are pivotal in compliance with §1902(a)(23) of the Act and 42 CFR §431.51 which require that Medicaid beneficiaries be allowed free choice of providers, and they are offered the ability to self-direct their services, are able to access services when they have limited English proficiency, and are afforded their rights including to request a Fair Hearing when there are adverse actions. In addition, Case Managers play a role in the demonstration of the Level of Care of each participant served is consistent with the care provided in a hospital, nursing facility, or Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with I/DD. Without these positions, DDD will not be able to adequately address these requirements due to the growing caseloads		Position#112997/92473H impacts the ability of DDD to meet its obligations under the State's HRS333F and the Federal Final Rule for Community Integration requirements to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to lead self-determined lives. Position must be filled with a person with an intellectual or developmental disability; recruitment for this position is challenging as it is difficult to find a candidate with specialized life experience to perform the duties and represent people with I/DD. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services emphasizes the vital role that people who receive services must have in providing input at all levels of the I/DD system in order to assure self-determination and person-centered practices. The position has a primary responsibility for designing and implementing strategies to teach people with I/DD about their rights under HRS 333F and the federal CMS HCBS Final Rule for Community Integration, as well as the Medicaid 1915(c) HCBS Waiver for people with I/DD. Without the position, there is limited capacity to provide training at schools, participate in Self Advocate Advisory Council meetings and work with individual with I/DD in the Waiver.	Please refer to the "New FTE Vacancy Trade-Off" tab.
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												statewide. This would mean risk of losing over \$80 million dollars annually in federal matching funds, and the state would have to address the full cost of services. Federal financial participation (FFP) may not be claimed for waiver services that do not meet these conditions. This would result in catastrophic implications to the well-being of this vulnerable population and to the state budget.	Position#120586 is in the DOH Neurotrauma Program. It is responsible for implementing the Department's administrative responsibilities for developing, leading, administering, coordinating, monitoring, evaluating and setting direction for a comprehensive system to support and provide services for survivors of neurotrauma injuries, including administration of the neurotrauma special fund in accordance with Chapter 321H-4, HRS. The impact of losing this position, means that individuals with neurotrauma injuries and their families will not receive benefit of what the Neurotrauma Program provides in providing information needed for their recovery and well-being, and the public health aspects of conducting prevention, education, and coordination across the system for survivors of head injuries and strokes will be greatly diminished. With the rising awareness of the impact of sports-related head injuries for school-aged children and youth, and the critical role this position provides in the development of concussion guidelines for schools, this would be a particular area of risk for the state.	Please refer to the "New FTE Vacancy Trade-Off" tab.	
HTH590	PMA III	GP	A	1.00	\$54,792	P	\$ 54,792.00	213-001	House does not concur	Mandated services Sec. 321-301, HRS, and meets Civil Rights requirements for language interpreters for health services and education.	109584.00	No perm Tagalog-Ilocano bilingual health aide for Lanakila Health Center to provide interpretation services, to assist patients and walk-ins understand medication & health rules, & referrals to resources.	No alternative reduction offered, PMA III (#30538) was defunded per Act 9, SLH 2020		
HTH590	PMA III	GP	A	1.00	\$27,396	P	\$ 54,792.00	213-001	House does not concur	Mandated services Sec. 321-301, HRS, and meets Civil Rights requirements for language interpreters for health services and education.	82188.00	No perm Tagalog-Ilocano bilingual health aide for Leeward Health Center to provide interpretation services, to assist patients and walk-ins understand medication & health rules, & referrals to resources.	No alternative reductions offered, PMA III was unfunded per Act 9, SLH 2020		
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HTH596	Food Safety Specialist V, SR-24 (#94593H) new position	KM	A	P	\$64,078	P	\$ 98,316.00	213-001	Not approved (FIN did not Concur)	Removes position, salary, and other current expenses necessary for oversight of hemp-derived products. Without oversight, hemp products available to the public could contain unknown chemicals or intoxicants such as delta-9 and delta-8 THC. This means that consumers, including children, as there are no age restrictions on hemp products, could be inadvertently poisoned or intoxicated.	Potential fiscal impacts of unregulated hemp products include having to conduct investigations of adverse reactions and poisonings, complaints regarding intoxication resulting in DUI charges, or complaints regarding drug testing failure resulting in loss of employment.	Consuming or using unregulated hemp products can result in severe illness requiring emergency medical attention and hospitalization, especially in children and the elderly. If a hemp product contains an intoxicant such as delta-9 and delta-8 THC, the user could become impaired and unable to drive safely. In addition, if a product contains delta-9 THC, the user could fail drug screening tests, jeopardizing employment.	None		
HTH596	Food Safety Specialist III, SR20 (#94594) new position	KM	A	P	\$60,256	P	\$ 90,396.00	213-001	Not approved (FIN did not Concur)	Removes position, salary, and other current expenses necessary for oversight of hemp-derived products. Without oversight, hemp products available to the public could contain unknown chemicals or intoxicants such as delta-9 and delta-8 THC. This means that consumers, including children, as there are no age restrictions on hemp products, could be inadvertently poisoned or intoxicated.	Potential fiscal impacts of unregulated hemp products include having to conduct investigations of adverse reactions and poisonings, complaints regarding intoxication resulting in DUI charges, or complaints regarding drug testing failure resulting in loss of employment.	Consuming or using unregulated hemp products can result in severe illness requiring emergency medical attention and hospitalization, especially in children and the elderly. If a hemp product contains an intoxicant such as delta-9 and delta-8 THC, the user could become impaired and unable to drive safely. In addition, if a product contains delta-9 THC, the user could fail drug screening tests, jeopardizing employment.	None		
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HTH596	Transfer-in Hawaii Hemp Processing Special Fund to Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation (HTH596/KM) from Environmental Health Services (HTH610/FP)	KM	B	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	N/A	N/A	\$ 50,000.00	213-002	Not approved (FIN did not Concur)	N/A	The Hawaii Hemp Processing Special Fund receives registration fees from hemp processors pursuant to HRS Chapter 328G. The Fund is intended to support hemp product regulation activities which OMCCR is assuming from the Food & Drug Branch. If the Fund is not transferred to OMCCR, the funds will not be available to support hemp product regulation.	Separates hemp-product regulatory duties from the Special Fund intended to support these activities.	None
HTH610	TRANSFER-OUT FUNDS TO OFFICE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS CONTROL AND REGULATION (HTH590/KM) FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (HTH610/FP). FROM HAWAII HEMP PROCESSING SPECIAL FUND.	FP	B			(\$50,000)			\$ (50,000.00)	213-001 ALSO SEE HTH596 SEQ. 213-002	BREAKOUT AS FOLLOWS: LN1, 7200, MISC CURRENT EXPENSES (1)	None.	\$ (49,999.00)	The Department of Health is planning to transfer the hemp-related functions from the Food and Drug Branch (FDB) to the Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation (OMCCR), HTH 596. This includes registration of hemp processors and regulation of hemp processing and hemp product sales pursuant to HRS Chapter 328G. The funding from the Hawaii Hemp Processing Special Fund is necessary to establish and regulate a system of registering hemp processors and implement the Hawaii hemp processing program.	None.
HTH710	(CIP) KAMAULEULE, BIOSAFETY LEVEL 3 LABORATORY, OAHU	CIP	C	0.00	0.00	\$11,557,000	0.00	0.00	\$ -		HTH 710. Environmental Health, State Laboratory Services, Kamauleule, Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory, Oahu - Design, Construction, and Equipment for a Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory on the Island of Oahu, to provide for Infectious Disease Work for an Immediate Response to a Public Health Crisis. Funds will supplement Federal Funds that have been awarded for this project.	N/A	\$ (11,557,000.00)	The State Laboratory is presently thirty years old and is deficient in the following ways: 1. The ventilation system is susceptible to frequent breakdowns, leading to work stoppages. 2. Room air exhaust from infectious disease laboratories is not filtered, making it unsuitable for working with the most dangerous types of infectious agents. 3. Emergency power in the existing building powers temperature-controlled equipment but not the ventilation, making it impossible to work when the power grid is down as would be expected following a hurricane. The proposed BSL3+ facility would remedy these shortfalls and prepare the State Laboratory to respond to pandemics, outbreaks of diseases, and function in the event of natural disasters. Federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control was allotted for this BSL-3 lab. The project is currently in the design phase. State funds are needed to supplement the \$6 million in federal funds. Without the state funds, this project cannot proceed, making it impossible for the Department of Health to test in the event the building should have to shut down due to natural disaster or equipment failure.O11	No alternate reductions available.
HTH710	(CIP) KAMAULEULE BUILDING, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, OAHU. DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HAWAII STATE LABORATORY INCLUDING FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT, AIR HANDLERS & EXHAUST FANS, ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION, WATERPROOFING, SPALLING CONCRETE REPAIRS, HURRICANE PROTECTIVE MEASURES, PARKING & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS.	CIP	A	0.00	0.00	\$19,010,000	0.00	0.00	\$ 4,240,000.00		HTH 710, Item E-10, Environmental Health, State Laboratory Services, Kamauleule, Repairs and Maintenance, Oahu - Design, Construction, and Equipment for Improvements to the Hawaii State Laboratory, Including Air Handlers, A Back-Up Generator, and Other Improvements	N/A	\$ (4,010,000.00)	Reduction in funds will eliminate the project to provide a new back-up generator that will power the entire building in a power outage. The current generator does not power the entire building, making it unsafe for staff to conduct crucial testing, in an outage, which could impact the public especially when an immediate response is needed during a public health crisis.	No alternate reductions available.
HTH720	Establish new 3.00 FTE permanent civil service positions to perform administrative support services and conduct required surveys to meet the increase in survey and fiscal workload. This request is for position counts; the new positions are funded by current ceilings. No additional ceiling or funds are required. (94319H Account Clerk III, SR11)		B	0.50		\$9,954	0.50		\$ 20,904.00	213-001	House did not concur with Request GI-60,61,62	94319H Account Clerk III, SR11	No cost impact, the program needs only the FTE 0.50 (P)	Delays ability to timely and accurately charge expenditures to appropriate funding sources, i.e., federal Medicare, Medicaid, special funds and general funds.	None
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HTH720	Establish new 3.00 FTE permanent civil service positions to perform administrative support services and conduct required surveys to meet the increase in survey and fiscal workload. This request is for position counts; the new positions are funded by current ceilings. No additional ceiling or funds are required. (94320H Social Worker V, SR24)		A	0.15		\$5,142	0.15		\$ 10,652.00	213-001	House did not concur with Request GI-60,61,62	94320H Social Worker V, SR24	No cost impact, the program needs only the FTE 0.15 (P)	Risks public safety and sub-optimal quality of care at health care facilities. Delays ability to conduct timely inspections of health care facilities to determine compliance with federal and state regulations. OHCA is already delinquent in conducting timely federal inspections on facilities. Delays ability to license new health care facilities and conduct complaint investigations.	None
HTH720	Establish new 3.00 FTE permanent civil service positions to perform administrative support services and conduct required surveys to meet the increase in survey and fiscal workload. This request is for position counts; the new positions are funded by current ceilings. No additional ceiling or funds are required. (94320H Social Worker V, SR24)		P	0.85		\$29,136	0.85		\$ 60,364.00	213-001	House did not concur with Request GI-60,61,62	94320H Social Worker V, SR24	No cost impact, the program needs only the FTE 0.85 (P)	Risks public safety and sub-optimal quality of care at health care facilities. Delays ability to conduct timely inspections of health care facilities to determine compliance with federal and state regulations. OHCA is already delinquent in conducting timely federal inspections on facilities. Delays ability to license new health care facilities and conduct complaint investigations.	None
HTH720	Establish new 3.00 FTE permanent civil service positions to perform administrative support services and conduct required surveys to meet the increase in survey and fiscal workload. This request is for position counts; the new positions are funded by current ceilings. No additional ceiling or funds are required. (94321H Medical Technologist V, SR24)		A	0.90		\$30,850	0.90		\$ 63,914.00	213-001	House did not concur with Request GI-60,61,62	94321H Medical Technologist V, SR24	No cost impact, the program needs only the FTE 0.90 (P)	Risks public safety and sub-optimal quality of care at clinical laboratories. Delays ability to conduct timely inspections of clinical labs and labs at medical clinics and hospitals. Delays ability to license or permit new labs and conduct complaint investigations.	None
HTH720	Establish new 3.00 FTE permanent civil service positions to perform administrative support services and conduct required surveys to meet the increase in survey and fiscal workload. This request is for position counts; the new positions are funded by current ceilings. No additional ceiling or funds are required. (94321H Medical Technologist V, SR24)		P	0.10		\$3,428	0.10		\$ 7,102.00	213-001	House did not concur with Request GI-60,61,62	94321H Medical Technologist V, SR24	No cost impact, the program needs only the FTE 0.10 (P)	Risks public safety and sub-optimal quality of care at clinical laboratories. Delays ability to conduct timely inspections of clinical labs and labs at medical clinics and hospitals. Delays ability to license or permit new labs and conduct complaint investigations.	None

HTH720	Establish new 3.00 FTE permanent civil service positions to perform administrative support services and conduct required surveys to meet the increase in survey and fiscal workload. This request is for position counts; the new positions are funded by current ceilings. No additional ceiling or funds are required. (Fringe Benefits 62.78%)		B			\$6,249		\$	13,124.00	213-001	House did not concur with Request GI-60,61,62	Fringe Benefits 62.78% + 94319H Account Clerk III, SR11, 94320H Social Worker V, SR24, 94321H Medical Technologist V, SR24	No cost impact, the program needs only the FTE 0.10 (P)			None
HTH720	Establish new 3.00 FTE permanent civil service positions to perform administrative support services and conduct required surveys to meet the increase in survey and fiscal workload. This request is for position counts; the new positions are funded by current ceilings. No additional ceiling or funds are required. (Fringe Benefits 62.78%)		P			\$26,693		\$	55,479.00	213-001	House did not concur with Request GI-60,61,62	Fringe Benefits 62.78% + 94319H Account Clerk III, SR11, 94320H Social Worker V, SR24, 94321H Medical Technologist V, SR24	No cost impact, the program needs only the FTE 0.10 (P)			None
HTH 730	100-001 Exec Request Add position and funds for Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention system (HTH 730/MQ)		P		1.00	\$200,000		1.00	\$	200,000	100-001					Not applicable, HTH 730 gained position via HTH 100
HTH 730	Transfer/trade off of Public Health Educator V, #41807		A	(1.00)		(\$62,136)		(1.00)	\$	(62,136)	HTH 501 #106-001, Human Svs Prof III	Loss of this key position within the Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention system would be major loss to program as this position is a Section Supervisor of 8-EMS Staff including the Trauma staff. Re-organization would be necessary to restructure entire section to manage 8 staff without this supervisor. Also this position is required to participate in the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC) as the Injury Prevention System lead, program would not be able to comply with Act 209, SLH. This committee is also subject to conduct business via the State's Sunshine Law. Presently the Branch Chief is covering the vacancy; however, this cannot continue as part of the EMSAC task is not only to improve emergency care but to look at prevention measures to avoid traumatic physical injury; thus reducing EM services.	\$	46,000,000	Lack of leadership in the Injury Prevention System Section of the EMS/PSB and representation at the EMS Advisory Committee (per ACT 209, SLH) in this area will have long-term effects in the State's attempt to improve traumatic and mortality to the populace and visitors that will detrimentally impact the economy of the State.	Department's decision will be based on overall goals to be the final position assignment.
HTH 730	Transfer/trade off of Public Health Educator V, #41807		A	A	(1.00)	(\$32,016)	(1.00)	A	\$	(32,016)	HTH 907 #102-001, Public Health Educator V	Loss of this clerical support to the Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch (EMS/PSB) would be loss of clerical support to mainly professional staff that rely on this position for the preparing, tracking and posting of correspondence to both internal and external stakeholders that deal with EMS/PSB, and the procurement, posting and processing of payments for program operations on a daily basis, and other clerical tasks that professional staff need assistance.	\$	(32,016)	Programs ability to met deadlines on both internal and external daily tasks being asked of program.	Department's decision will be based on overall goals to be the final position assignment.
HTH 760	RESEARCH STATISTICIAN IV 12468	MS	A	P		\$60,912	P	\$	63,096.00	RESTORE FUNDING	IF NOT FUNDED STATISTICAL DATA USED FROM VITAL RECORDS WILL BE COMPROMISED AND DATA INTEGRITY LESSEMED.			CRITICAL POSITION FOR STATE IN PROVIDING DATA NEEDS	NONE, MAY USE FEDERAL OR SPECIAL FUNDS	
HTH 760	RESEARCH STATISTICIAN IV 6744	MS	A	P		\$60,912	P	\$	63,096.00	RESTORE FUNDING	IF NOT FUNDED STATISTICAL DATA USED FROM VITAL RECORDS WILL BE COMPROMISED AND DATA INTEGRITY LESSEMED. CURRENTLY 89 DAY HIRE IN POSITION.			CRITICAL POSITION FOR STATE IN PROVIDING DATA NEEDS, CURRENTLY FILLED BY 89 DAY HIRE	NONE, MAY USE FEDERAL OR SPECIAL FUNDS	
HTH 760	ADMINSTRATIVE SPECIALIST IV 121429	MS	A	P		\$60,912	P	\$	63,096.00	MAINTAIN FUNDING	CRITICAL FOR VITAL RECORDS HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR HEALTH STATUS MONITORING			CRITICAL POSITION FOR OPERATIONAL NEEDS	NONE	
HTH 760	Planner IV 118413	MS	A	P		\$60,912	P	\$	63,096.00	MAINTAIN FUNDING	CRITICAL FOR VITAL RECORDS HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR HEALTH STATUS MONITORING			CRITICAL POSITION FOR OPERATIONAL NEEDS	NONE	
HTH 760	Office Assistant IV 120381	MS	A	P		\$38,328	P	\$	40,248.00	MAINTAIN FUNDING	CRITICAL FOR VITAL RECORDS HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR HEALTH STATUS MONITORING			CRITICAL POSITION FOR OPERATIONAL NEEDS	NONE	
HTH 760	Office Assistant IV 17469	MS	A	P		\$38,328	P	\$	40,248.00	MAINTAIN FUNDING	CRITICAL FOR VITAL RECORDS HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR HEALTH STATUS MONITORING			CRITICAL POSITION FOR OPERATIONAL NEEDS	NONE	
HTH 760	Office Assistant III 37492	MS	A	P		\$36,072	P	\$	37,872.00	MAINTAIN FUNDING	CRITICAL FOR VITAL RECORDS HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR HEALTH STATUS MONITORING			CRITICAL POSITION FOR OPERATIONAL NEEDS	NONE	
HTH 760	Office Assistant III 19353	MS	A	P		\$36,072	P	\$	37,872.00	MAINTAIN FUNDING	CRITICAL FOR VITAL RECORDS HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR HEALTH STATUS MONITORING			CRITICAL POSITION FOR OPERATIONAL NEEDS	NONE	
HTH 760	Office Assistant III 11999	MS	A	P		\$36,072	P	\$	37,872.00	MAINTAIN FUNDING	CRITICAL FOR VITAL RECORDS HANDLING LARGE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND OPERATIONAL NEEDS FOR HEALTH STATUS MONITORING			CRITICAL POSITION FOR OPERATIONAL NEEDS	NONE	
HTH 760	Office Assistant III 10096	MS	A	P		\$36,072	P	\$	37,872.00	MAINTAIN FUNDING	currently interviewing hiring by 3/31/23			CRITICAL POSITION FOR OPERATIONAL NEEDS CURRENTLY IN INTERVIEW HIRE BY 3/31/23	NONE	
HTH 760	Office Assistant III 03714	MS	A	P		\$36,072	P	\$	37,872.00	MAINTAIN FUNDING	currently interviewing hiring by 3/31/23			CRITICAL POSITION FOR OPERATIONAL NEEDS CURRENTLY IN INTERVIEW HIRE BY 3/31/23	NONE	

HTH840	ADD FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (HTH840/FJ). Add Funds to Fully Fund Salary for 1.00 Permanent Environmental Health Specialist IV (#48060) to perform inspections and enforcement for the Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch.	FJ	A		\$60,912			\$ 63,096.00	213-001	BREAKOUT AS FOLLOWS: PERSONAL SERVICES FOR (1) PERM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST IV, SR22 (#48060; 1)	#48060 will continue to have 50 budgeted for salary and program. This position oversees compliance, responds to complaints of regulated facilities throughout the state, and pursues enforcement action if necessary. These facilities include 4 permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facilities, 25 large quantity generators (LQGs) of hazardous waste, 147 small quantity generators (SQGs) of hazardous waste, 1,103 very small quantity generators (VSQGs) of hazardous waste, 99 hazardous waste transporters, and 37 permitted used oil transporters.	\$ (60,911.00)	This position is one of three inspectors in the Hazardous Waste (HW) Section. Continued delay in filling this position, due to lack of funding, will continue to limit our ability to meet performance goals. The ability to conduct inspections and respond in a timely manner helps to prevent non-compliance. The inability to meet our federal grant and performance goals may jeopardize about \$530,000 per year of federal grant funding, for which this position is used to demonstrate state fund match.	None.
HTH 907	Add Funds for General Administration - Other IT Upgrades	AB	A		\$99,000			\$ 99,000.00	213-002	Funding for 99,000 for other IT upgrades being requested	Requesting funding for the ongoing maintenance of the electronic systems used by DOH such as POWeb, eTravel. These systems were developed and implemented in-house to increase efficiencies in PO and Travel processing. DOH processes approximately 12,000 purchase orders per year. Prior to the PO Web system, paper purchase orders were used. Due to the multiple locations both on Oahu and on the neighbor islands, processing of hard copy purchase orders created long processing times due to the delays in getting the hard copy documents signed and processed through DOH. There was no electronic tracking system so identifying where a document was in the workflow process was challenging. With the on-line PO-web, documents were submitted electronically and if there were corrections that needed to be made, this			
HTH907	Public Health Program Manager, EM 05 (#94124H)	AA	A	1.00	\$54,852	P		\$ 109,704.00	213-010	House does not concur	Office of Health Equity exempt position is in special project, COVID-related grant ends 5/31/2024.	\$ 164,556.00	OHE development responds to lessons learned from pandemic for need to have central office tasked with community input & engagement to assure public education, resources, data collection, and policies are equitably determined.	No alternative reduction offered.
HTH907	Program Specialist V, SR24 (#94125H)	AA	A	1.00	\$38,394	P		\$ 76,788.00	213-010	House does not concur	Office of Health Equity exempt position is in special project, COVID-related grant ends 5/31/2024.	\$ 115,182.00	OHE development responds to lessons learned from pandemic for need to have central office tasked with community input & engagement to assure public education, resources, data collection, and policies are equitably determined.	No alternative reduction offered.
HTH907	Accountant III, SR22 (#94126H)	AA	A	1.00	\$31,548	P		\$ 63,096.00	213-010	House does not concur	Office of Health Equity exempt position is in special project, COVID-related grant ends 5/31/2024.	\$ 94,644.00	OHE development responds to lessons learned from pandemic for need to have central office tasked with community input & engagement to assure public education, resources, data collection, and policies are equitably determined.	No alternative reduction offered.
HTH907	Program Specialist IV, SR22 (#94127H)	AA	A	1.00	\$34,140			\$ 68,280.00	213-010	House does not concur	Office of Health Equity exempt position is in special project, COVID-related grant ends 5/31/2024.	\$ 102,420.00	OHE development responds to lessons learned from pandemic for need to have central office tasked with community input & engagement to assure public education, resources, data collection, and policies are equitably determined.	No alternative reduction offered.
HTH907	Program Specialist IV, SR22 (#94128H)	AA	A	1.00	\$34,140			\$ 68,280.00	213-010	House does not concur	Office of Health Equity exempt position is in special project, COVID-related grant ends 5/31/2024.	\$ 102,420.00	OHE development responds to lessons learned from pandemic for need to have central office tasked with community input & engagement to assure public education, resources, data collection, and policies are equitably determined.	No alternative reduction offered.
HTH907	Epidemiologist III, SRNA (#94129)	AA	A	1.00	\$46,722			\$ 93,444.00	213-010	House does not concur	Office of Health Equity exempt position is in special project, COVID-related grant ends 5/31/2024.	\$ 140,166.00	OHE development responds to lessons learned from pandemic for need to have central office tasked with community input & engagement to assure public education, resources, data collection, and policies are equitably determined.	No alternative reduction offered.
HTH907	Epidemiologist I, SRNA (#94130)	AA	A	1.00	\$41,532			\$ 83,064.00	213-010	House does not concur	Office of Health Equity exempt position is in special project, COVID-related grant ends 5/31/2024.	\$ 124,596.00	OHE development responds to lessons learned from pandemic for need to have central office tasked with community input & engagement to assure public education, resources, data collection, and policies are equitably determined.	No alternative reduction offered.
HTH907	Epidemiologist I, SRNA (#94131)	AA	A	1.00	\$41,532			\$ 83,064.00	213-010	House does not concur	Office of Health Equity exempt position is in special project, COVID-related grant ends 5/31/2024.	\$124,596	OHE development responds to lessons learned from pandemic for need to have central office tasked with community input & engagement to assure public education, resources, data collection, and policies are equitably determined.	No alternative reduction offered.
HTH 907	Operating Costs	AM	A		\$706,833			\$ 610,333.00			Add funds for General Administration	\$1,317,166	Maui District Health Office has not received an increase in operating funds for over 10 years despite population increases, environmental and public health needs increases. Without these funds Maui is unable to fully deliver services to Maui residents, and this shortfall is felt especially acutely in the remote areas and underserved populations, as was fully evident during COVID.	No alternative reduction offered.
HTH 907	Add 1 Permanent HR Technician VI	AD	A	1.00	\$23,304	1.00		\$ 46,608.00	231-001		Add positions and funds for general administration	\$69,912	The DOH HR is critically understaffed, by 18.8 FTE's, or roughly 38%, based on the national average for an organization the size of the DOH (1.4 HR staff for each 100 employees) https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/hr-to-employee-ratio . This HR staff shortage has negatively impacted the ability of DOH Programs to effectively hire and retain its most critical resource – employees. With the high volume of current vacancies and DOH's program critical staffing needs, the existing HR staff are not able to process recruitment actions in a timely manner, nor employ more than basic recruitment methods to attract applicants. As a result, the DOH is unable to compete in an extremely tight labor market where a large percentage of the Department's vacancies are highly specialized and qualified individuals are being competed for on a national level. The requested positions will allow the HRO to increase the department's visibility, build needed relationships with community partners and colleges to attract applicants and process recruitment and hiring actions more quickly, to reduce the risk of losing applicants to the competition.	

HTH 2023 HB300 HD1 Impact Statements (CIP)

16-Mar-23

				Executive Request				HB300 HD1		Change between Executive Request and HB300 HD1		
Dept	Prog ID	Sequence	Dept Priority	Description of adjustment	MOF	FY 2023-2024 \$	FY 2024-2025 \$	FY 2023-2024 \$	FY 2024-2025 \$	FY 2023-2024 \$	FY 2024-2025 \$	Impact of adjustment
HTH	710	0	1	Environmental Health, State Laboratory Services, Kamauleule, Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory, Oahu - Design, Construction, and Equipment for a Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory on the Island of Oahu, to provide for Infectious Disease Work for an Immediate Response to a Public Health Crisis. Funds will supplement Federal Funds that have been awarded for this project.	C	11,557,000		0		-11,557,000		The State Laboratory is presently thirty years old and is deficient in the following ways: 1. The ventilation system is susceptible to frequent breakdowns, leading to work stoppages. 2. Room air exhaust from infectious disease laboratories is not filtered, making it unsuitable for working with the most dangerous types of infectious agents. 3. Emergency power in the existing building powers temperature-controlled equipment but not the ventilation, making it impossible to work when the power grid is down as would be expected following a hurricane. The proposed BSL3+ facility would remedy these shortfalls and prepare the State Laboratory to respond to pandemics, outbreaks of diseases, and function in the event of natural disasters. Federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control was allotted for this BSL-3 lab. The project is currently in the design phase. State funds are needed to supplement the \$6 million in federal funds. Without the state funds, this project cannot proceed, making it impossible for the Department of Health to test in the event the building to shut down due to natural disaster or equipment failure.
HTH	430	0	2	Hawaii State Hospital, Guensberg Building, Renovations & Site Improvements, Oahu - Design for Stabilization and Mental Health Crisis Unit in Guensberg Building	C	3,900,000	39,000,000	0	0	-3,900,000	-39,000,000	The building was built in 1956 and later expanded in 1963 as a tuberculosis sanatorium and mental health institution. The former function ceased, and the new State Hospital was intended to be the modernized facility for the latter. However, there is a great need for individuals with behavioral health issues that require specialized residential care or stabilization. This includes individuals that need locked residential care; co-occurring serious mental illness and substance used disorder treatment. In addition, the demand has grown for facilities that can take these more complicated behavioral health-involved patients; however, the availability is limited. Finally, we need to have flexible space to use if HSH census continues to increase. The Guensberg building is currently being used for residential beds for the Hawaii state hospital. We are currently redesigning the Guensberg building for renovation to accommodate the needs noted above in flexible spaces. The impact means less capacity to address severe mental health needs.
HTH	710	0	3	Environmental Health, State Laboratory Services, Kamauleule, Repairs and Maintenance, Oahu - Design, Construction, and Equipment for Improvements to the Hawaii State Laboratory, Including Air Handlers, A Back-Up Generator, and Other Improvements	A	19,010,000	4,240,000	15,000,000	4,240,000	-4,010,000		Reduction in funds will eliminate the project to provide a new back-up generator that will power the entire building in a power outage. The current generator does not power the entire building, making it unsafe for staff to conduct crucial testing, in an outage, which could negatively impact the public especially when an immediate response is needed during a public health crisis.

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Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1
Relating to the State Budget

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which establishes the budget for fiscal years 2023-2025. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) supports this bill, and in particular, an additional appropriation for AGS 105.

OIP assists the **general public and all State and county agencies in every branch** of Hawaii's government in understanding and applying the UIPA and Sunshine Law **with only about half the budget and number of employees that it had 29 years ago in 1994 when OIP administered only the UIPA.** In 1994, OIP had 15 positions and the inflation adjusted equivalent of \$1,591,384. In FY 23, OIP has 8.5 positions and a total budget of \$809,377.

With this lean staff and resources, OIP has managed until now to resolve 97% of all requests for OIP's services in the same year of the request, and 89% are typically resolved the same day through the Attorney of the Day (AOD) service providing informal answers to varied questions from anyone: the public, State and county agencies, board member volunteers and staff, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, media, and even nonresidents. For disputes that cannot be

resolved informally, OIP accepts appeals that take much longer to resolve as they require written opinions that serve as OIP precedent and could be challenged in court. Although OIP has brought down the age of pending appeals from 12 years in FY 2011 to roughly 3 years today, the number of appeals in its backlog has increased nearly 70% since the start of COVID when OIP lost 4 of its 8.5 employees and has had to train 3 new attorneys and an administrative assistant. OIP's workload has also grown, particularly with the doubling of AOD inquiries in FY 22 over the prior year, the need for extensive revisions to Sunshine Law training materials following the adoption of new remote meeting provisions that went into effect on January 1, 2022, and interim legislative work.

OIP essentially operates as a specialized law firm for all of Hawaii that impartially assists anyone who asks for help--including government and private sector attorneys--and it must neutrally resolve disputes that typically arise between government agencies or boards and the general public. Fortunately, OIP has two highly experienced attorneys who have worked at OIP for 20-25 years, but they are very close to their limits in training new personnel and doing their own work. To keep up with its increasing workload, resolve its backlog of appeals, and be prepared for future challenges, OIP can no longer do more with less and it desperately needs additional personnel and funding now.

Last year, SB 3252, CD 1 would have provided OIP with two new positions (attorney and legal assistant) and \$185,000 in additional funding. Unfortunately, that bill was vetoed by Governor Ige due to its other provisions, so OIP did not receive the funding or new positions.

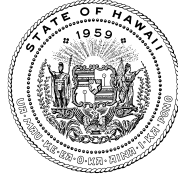
OIP has recently reviewed comparable government salaries and now realizes that \$185,000 would have been inadequate to allow OIP to recruit and retain experienced attorneys, who are being paid more than OIP's current Director

or senior attorneys. OIP did not have this updated salary information in time for our budget requests to the new Administration last year. Although Governor Green has since approved OIP's supplemental request to hire a new legal assistant, OIP also needs another staff attorney position and salary parity funding for existing personnel to attract experienced candidates and retain valuable institutional memory for the only agency that uniformly administers two important open government laws applicable to all State and county agencies and also serves the general public.

In HB 300, HD 1, the House Finance Committee approved two new positions, \$185,000 in general funds, and \$1 each for FY 24 and 25 for salary parity for OIP. OIP is grateful for the support of the House Finance Committee. For the salary parity amounts, OIP is respectfully requesting that WAM specify an additional general fund appropriation in the amount of \$192,696 for each of FY 24 and FY 25 to bring OIP's salaries on par with comparable government positions, so that OIP can retain its experienced employees and valuable institutional memory.

Thank you for considering OIP's testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

HOUSE BILL NO. 300, HOUSE DRAFT 1

MARCH 23, 2023, 10:00 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 211 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill (H.B.) 300, House Draft (H.D.) 1, which adjusts and requests appropriation for fiscal biennium 2023 – 2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of the executive branch agencies and programs.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) respectfully requests the support of the committee in funding our budget requests and Governor's Message items as included in the Executive Budget to provide the requisite resources needed to enable the department to operate at levels needed to provide quality support services that are essential for state operations.

DAGS is appreciative of the concurrence of the House Finance Committee with the majority of our requests and the \$1 placeholder for Governor Message No. 1 items to allow for further discussion and consideration. We offer the following comments, concerns, and impact statements to budget adjustments contained in H.B. 300, HD1 that impact specific programs.

A. Operating Budget

I. Requests that were not fully appropriated from the Steady State budget.

Program ID: AGS-203

1. Sequence #101-001

House did not concur with request to add \$17,000,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for insurance cost increases to cover recurring annual costs. House approved \$17,000,000 in FY 24 only.

Impact:

The risk management fund risks being insolvent in FY25. This will lead to the State of Hawaii being uninsured for property, liability, crime and cyber exposures and impacts the program's ability to address its insurance matters and service all state departments for insurance and claims matters.

2. Sequence #102-001

House did not concur with request to add \$17,000,000 in FY24 and FY 25 for the risk management revolving fund ceiling for insurance cost increases to cover recurring annual costs. House approved \$17,000,000 in revolving fund increase in FY 24 only.

Impact:

A corresponding revolving fund ceiling is needed to expend the general fund appropriation. Should the \$17M general fund request be approved for FY 25, a revolving fund ceiling increase of \$17M will be needed.

II. Requests that were appropriated from Governor Message No.1 for \$1.

DAGS appreciates the placeholder for further discussion and consideration:

Program ID: AGS-879

Sequence #213-001

House did not concur with request to add \$2,518,308 in FY 24 for Office of Election's voting system contract.

Impact:

Funding is needed for the full amount of the voting system contract and is required for the administration and conduct of the elections including ballot production, printing, and mailing; tracking and counting reporting; and auditing the election results.

Program ID: AGS-231/FB
Sequence #213-001

House did not concur with request to add 1.00 FTE and \$24,114 in FY 24 and \$50,640 in FY 25 for new Janitor position for Kona.

Impact:

Currently, there is only one (1) Janitor on the west side of the island and there are five DAGS-managed state facilities. Without custodial services for those state buildings and facilities in the Kona area of Hawaii Island, building occupants and the public seeking services would be exposed to unsafe conditions from the lack of regular cleaning and disinfecting. Additionally, this impacts the ability to perform light groundskeeping/landscaping of the properties. More costly contract services would need to be sought to address cleaning.

Program ID: AGS-232/FF
Sequence #213-001

House did not concur with request to add \$209,500 in FY 24 and \$76,100 in FY 25 for tree maintenance on Hawaii Island.

Impact:

Due to the neglect of not having a dedicated staff to conduct regular grounds maintenance, the grounds have fallen to a state with overgrown vegetation and tree overgrowth and now require contracting an arborist to perform tree analysis for diseased trees. The overgrowth of large and heavy overhanging branches could potentially damage state buildings, parked vehicles and endanger building occupants and the public seeking state services.

Program ID: AGS-807/FP
Sequence #213-001

House did not concur with request to add \$187,563 in FY 24 and \$230,703 in FY 25 for vehicle replacement for the Hawaii District Office.

Impact:

The Hawaii District Office has over 70 vehicles in various conditions of which 30 are over 25-years-old. Two-thirds of the fleet is over 15 years old. Without approval of this request, staff risk vehicle breakdowns and face safety issues operating these aged vehicles. This will result in delayed response to emergency calls for state buildings and facilities including Department of Education schools.

Program ID: AGS-807/FR
Sequence #213-002

House does not concur with request to add 1.00 FTE and interdepartmental transfer fund ceiling of \$107,311 in FY 24 and \$115,581 in FY 25 for Plumber I position and vehicle for the Kauai District Office.

Impact:

Without this plumber position, there will be a deferral of work orders at schools, public libraries, and DAGS-managed buildings due to having just one (1) licensed plumber to cover the entire island of Kauai. Delays in performing timely repairs could lead to minor repairs becoming major repairs.

Program ID: AGS-221

Sequence #213-001

House does not concur with request to add funding for four (4) positions - 322,596 in FY 24 and \$333,540 in FY 25.

Impact:

Failure to restore funding for these positions will compromise the program's ability to provide critical centralized planning, design, and construction services to user agencies like the libraries, Judiciary, and Departments of Health and Defense. To make up the shortfall, the program would have to contract consultant services which can be approximately 2.8 times the cost of state staff services.

Program ID: AGS-111

Sequence #213-001

House does not concur with request to add \$250,000 in FY 24, to purchase the Williams Photography Collection.

Impact:

Should this request be disapproved, this will result in an irreplaceable loss of Hawaii's history as captured during the late 19th and early 20th century of Hawaii. The program had purchased a portion of this same collection in 1927.

Program ID: AGS-131

1. Sequence #213-002

House did not concur with request to add 5.00 FTE and \$760,000 in FY 24 and \$1,020,000 in FY 25 for the State's network.

Impact:

Failure to have this request approved will critically impact the program's ability to support and maintain a resilient and stable State network.

2. Sequence #213-004

House did not concur with request to add 5.00 FTE and \$211,500 in FY 24 and \$411,000 in FY 25 for ERP System Operations.

Impact:

Should this request not be approved, fragmentation of Hawaii Information Portal (HIP) Human Resources, Payroll, and Time and Leave support for services would continue. The persistent issues affecting employees' pay and leave would continue to be impacted from delayed service ticket responses.

3. Sequence #213-001

House did not concur with request to add \$360,000 in FY 24 and \$396,000 in FY 25 for GPC hardware refresh.

Impact:

If this request is not approved, the Government Private Cloud (GPC) leasing program will jeopardize the growth, availability, stability, and security of critical business applications hosted such as for the Department of Budget and Finance, Office of Elections, and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Enterprise Technology Services, Offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

4. Sequence #213-003

House did not concur with request to add \$200,000 in FY 24 and \$200,000 in FY 25 for Frontline M365 F3 licenses for frontline/blue collar workers.

Impact:

Failure to approve this request will affect the state's ability to more efficiently manage blue collar worker access to systems such as Hawaii Pay, DHRD's Employee Training platform and the state's Enterprise Notification System.

Program ID: AGS-105

Sequence #1001-001 House Adjustment

Adds \$1 for salary parity.

Impact:

The Office of Information Practices will have difficulty in recruiting new employees and retaining experienced employees without this adjustment.

III. Governor's Message No. 2

DAGS requested for this additional item in Governor's Message No. 2, dated March 13, 2023, but was not included in H.B. 300, HD1:

Program ID: AGS-101

Requested \$590,000 in FY 24 and FY 25 for support services for the enterprise Payroll and Time and Attendance system for the Accounting System Development and Maintenance program.

Impact:

The lack of support has led to a degradation of services for the users of the Hawaii Information Portal aka Hawaii Pay system (HIP): payroll and time and leave. Without proper and consistent user support, employees have been made to wait for resolutions to their questions to correct pay and time/leave transactions. This funding will help clear the backlog of user requests and ensure timely resolution to issues on a going-forward basis.

B. CIP Budget

DAGS appreciates the support and concurrence of our various requests and would respectfully provide the below comments for consideration of the following items not considered in H.B. 300, HD1:

Program ID: AGS-221

1. Kekauluohi Backup Generator

Requested for \$700,000 in general obligation funds for the necessary backup power for the archival storage area chiller system in FY 24 and the House approved for \$300,000.

Impact:

Should there be a power outage of a lengthy duration, archive documents, materials, and fragile historical items would be compromised by mold and require costly remediation.

2. Kahului Civic Center

Request for \$9.0M for the planning and design of the new Kahului Civic Center.

Impact:

State agencies in the area would remain in more costly private leased space and the community would not have a “one-stop” location to seek government services.

3. DAGS Hilo Baseyard, Renovations and Expansion

Request for \$400,000 for the planning of renovation and expansion of the DAGS Hilo Baseyard.

Impact:

Deletion of funding will delay improvements necessary for the consolidation of the DAGS Hawaii District Office (HDO) staff to the Baseyard and further prevent other state agencies in leased space from relocating to the Hilo State Office Building.

Governor's Message No. 2

DAGS requested for the additional item and provisos in Governor's Message No. 2, dated March 13, 2023, but was not included in H.B. 300, HD1:

Requesting the following amendment be made to provide the Governor with the necessary flexibility in funding critical projects should the situation arise:

1. Add the following authorization for the Governor's Project Adjustment Fund:

"K. GOVERNMENT-WIDE SUPPORT
GOV100 – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

1. PROJECT ADJUSTMENT FUND, STATEWIDE

PLANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTINGENCY FUND FOR
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2. Add the following Section to Part VII. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

"SECTION XX. After the objectives and purposes of appropriations made in this Act from the general obligation bond fund for capital improvement projects have been met, unrequired balances shall be transferred to the project adjustment fund appropriated in part II and described in part IV of this Act, and shall be considered a supplementary appropriation thereto; provided that all other unrequired allotment balances, unrequired appropriation balances, and unrequired encumbrance balances shall lapse as of June 30, 2026, as provided in section 32 of this Act."

3. Add the following Section to Part VII. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

"SECTION XX. In the event that authorized appropriations specified for capital improvement projects listed in this Act or in any other act currently authorized by the legislature are insufficient, and where the source of funding for the project is designated as the general obligation bond fund, the governor may make supplemental allotments from the project adjustment fund appropriated in part II and described in part IV of this Act to supplement any currently authorized capital investment cost elements; provided further that such supplemental allotments from the project adjustment fund shall not be used to increase the scope of the project."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



STATE OF HAWAII
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
KA 'OIHANA PONO LIMAHANA

March 23, 2023

To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 308, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. 300 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jade T. Butay, the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in **strong support** of the DLIR's requests contained in HB300 HD1 as well as those contained in GM 1 Proposed changes to the FB 2023-25 Executive Budget.

The department respectfully requests consideration of the following, high priority items from GM 1 not contained in the HD1:

1. \$5,000,000 in FY24 to reimburse the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for overpayments for the Lost Wages Assistance Program, and
2. \$1,248,772 in FY24 and \$259,064 in FY25 for the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program to enable the Board to begin implementing the program.

A House Adjustment supports the DLIR's highest priority, which is \$36M to augment an existing \$50M for the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Modernization Project to procure and implement a full-scale modernized UI technology platform. The DLIR also supports the same House Adjustment that provides funding for eight (8) vacant, federally funded UI positions to be dedicated to the UI Modernization Project (correct amounts not including the fringe FY24 & FY25 = \$463,464).

Other requests not contained in the HD1 include full-year funding for a new Labor Law Enforcement Specialist (filled) in the Wage Standards Division that was funded for a half year in FY2022-23 and \$25,000 for the Hawaii Labor Relations Board (HLRB) to increase salaries for the Staff Attorney and a Hearings Officer to hire and retain individuals with experience and be competitive with the public sector employers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these vitally important matters.



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Statement of
Craig K. Nakamoto, Executive Director
Hawai'i Community Development Authority

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB 300, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee.

The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports HB 300, HD1 with recommendations** for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch.

The great need for affordable housing and economic development in Hawai'i continues to be a priority, and the need for infrastructure improvements are the first step to building additional homes in many areas. Thus, we are asking for additional funds for infrastructure improvements that would encourage mixed-use residential and commercial development in both Kalaeloa and Kaka'ako.

HCDA has worked with the Kalaeloa community for over twenty years. One of the greatest concerns of the community continues to be the unreliable electrical system.

In HB 300, there was a CIP request to upgrade the electrical and communication system on Saratoga Avenue, that would provide the Kalaeloa downtown area with reliable and resilient underground energy and communications, built to the industry standard in collaboration with the Hawaiian Electric Company.

Upon its completion, this improvement would connect to the Enterprise Energy Corridor and spur residential development in the area.

HCDA respectfully **requests BED150 CIP Saratoga Avenue** Electrical and Communication Infrastructure Improvements for **\$12,125,000 be put back** into this measure.

Recent pedestrian accidents in the news, have brought the poor condition of the roads without sidewalks, in Central Kaka'ako, to light again as public safety issues. HCDA, other state agencies and the City and County of Honolulu are collaborating to improve the roadways in Kaka'ako.

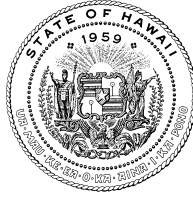
Please also consider restoring full funding for the BED150 items in the governor's message 1 (GM1):

- **BED150 - \$1,000,000** in funds for Street Improvements in Central Kaka'ako. This request is for the **planning** and design of improving multiple streets.
- **BED150 - \$17,500,000** in funds for **Central Kaka'ako** Street Improvements. This request is for the design and **construction** of improvements such as roadway repairs and patching, drainage and waterline upgrades, and electric and communications upgrades. Upon completion, HCDA plans to dedicate the improvements to the City and County of Honolulu.

The two items below are a housekeeping request to align with HCDA's reorganization, that was completed in October 2022. These Kalaeloa Planner positions are now HCDA Planner positions, that can assist with the planning in any or all the HCDA districts, not only Kalaeloa:

- BED150/KL and KA – The request is to transfer one position's Program ORG Code from BED150/KL to BED150/KA.
The net impact is \$0 – (\$111,014 in FY24 and \$114,557 in FY25) in General Funds from KL to \$111,014 in FY24 and \$114,557 in FY25 in General Funds to KA.
- BED150/KL and KA – The request is to transfer one position and OCE Program ORG Code from BED150/KL to BED150/KA.
The net impact is \$0 – (\$320,000) in Special Funds (\$120,000 Personnel Services and \$200,000 Other Current Expenses) from KL to \$320,000 in Special Funds to KA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
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Testimony of **Nani Medeiros**
Chief Housing Officer, Office of the Governor

Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211

In consideration of
House Bill No. 300 House Draft 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee.

I offer testimony in support with amendments to House Bill 300 House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget.

On December 19, 2022, Kia'āina Josh Green submitted the Executive Budget for the 2023-2025 Fiscal Biennium (FB) to the legislature. On February 13, 2023, Kia'āina Green submitted Governor's Message 1, transmitting proposed changes to the FB 2023-2025 Executive Budget.

We request that under program ID BED160, sequence number 213-001 be amended to reflect general fund appropriations of \$200 million in each of FY 24 and FY 25 as a Rental Housing Revolving Fund infusion for affordable housing. We request that under program ID BED160, sequence number 213-002 be amended to reflect general fund appropriations of \$250 million in each of FY 24 and FY 25 as a Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund infusion for affordable housing, infrastructure, pre-development loans, construction financing, and gap financing. We request that under program ID GOV100, sequence number 102-001 be amended to approve the funding of four positions to assist the work of the Chief Housing Officer.

Mahalo for your consideration.



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS

C O R P O R A T I O N

Quality Healthcare For All

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Via Videoconference

Conference Room 211

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support with Requested Amendments to House Bill 300 H.D.1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.

President and Chief Executive Officer

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **support with requested amendments to H.B. 300, H.D.1** that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) plays a vital role in the healthcare delivery system for the State of Hawaii. In fiscal year 2022, HHSC's acute discharges for the four HHSC regions were 12,804, which accounts for approximately 12% of all acute care discharges in the State of Hawaii. In fiscal year 2022, HHSC's emergency department visits for the four HHSC regions were 71,176, representing approximately 17.1% of all emergency department visits statewide.

The impact of HHSC's facilities on the neighbor islands is even more impressive.

- For residents of the County of Hawaii, HHSC's facilities cared for over 70% of all acute care discharges and 79% of all emergency department visits.
- For residents of the County of Kauai, HHSC's facilities cared for approximately 22.6% of all acute care discharges and 37.7% of all emergency department visits.

Historical Challenges

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HHSC's facilities face challenges such as:

- Large percentage of Medicaid/QUEST and uninsured patients.
- Inadequate government and third-party reimbursements for healthcare services.
- Labor costs well above industry norms
- Difficulty in attracting and retaining specialized health sector workforce in rural communities due to cost of living and lack of education and training opportunities.
- Small scale operations which are costly to maintain.
- The need for capital investment in new medical technology.
- Aging facilities, with life and safety code issues and deferred maintenance, well beyond the average for similar facilities across the country.
- The impact of national changes to healthcare policy, federal mandates, and federal budget reductions.

Accomplishments

In spite of its many challenges, HHSC continues to provide high quality healthcare to the island communities it serves and is making progress in key areas. The following are some of the major accomplishments over the past year:

- Despite the challenges of dealing with the Coronavirus, HHSC managed to increase its operating revenues for fiscal year 2022 approximately 15.1% from fiscal year 2021 and 24.0% from fiscal year 2020. In addition to the provision of new critical service lines, these increases have come from intense focus on better negotiations with third party payors, better documentation, improved billing, coding and collection procedures, strategic pricing initiatives, working with the State Med-QUEST Division on improving uncompensated care payments, and other measures.
- Hilo Medical Center, Hale Ho'ola Hamakua, and Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital achieved the highest possible five-star rating from Medicare's Nursing Home Compare website. Leahi Hospital and Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital received a four-star rating.
- Hilo Medical Center achieved the highest possible overall five-star rating from Medicare's Hospital Compare website, one of only four hospitals in the State of Hawaii recognized for the highest level of quality patient care.

Fiscal Years 2024-2025 Budget Request (HTH 212)

This testimony addresses only the amounts that would go to HTH 212, HHSC – Regions, which is comprised of the East Hawaii, West Hawaii, and Kauai Regions of HHSC. We expect Kahuku Medical Center (HTH 211), Maui Health Systems (HTH 214), and Oahu Region (HTH 215) to provide their own testimony in support of the amounts appropriated for those entities in this bill.

A summary of the amounts appropriated for fiscal years 2022 - 2023, the total funding requested by HHSC for fiscal years 2024-2025, and recommended by the Governor for fiscal years 2024-2025 are summarized below.

HTH 212: HHSC REGIONS										
Funding Type	Act 88 SLH 2021 FY 2022	Act 248 SLH 2022 FY 2023	FY 24 Initial Request	FY 25 Initial Request	FY 2024 Gov Ige Rec	FY 2025 Gov Ige Rec	FY 2024 Gov Green Rec	FY 2025 Gov Green Rec	FY 2024 HB300 HD1	FY 2025 HB300 HD1
General Fund Appropriations for Operations (A Funds)	92,970,903	100,868,603	224,331,303	235,222,303	125,286,303	125,286,303	137,963,303	149,644,303	92,970,905	92,970,905
ARPA Funds for Kauai Adolescent Mental Health (V Funds)	1,300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARPA Funds for Operations (V Funds)	32,315,400	41,238,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL STATE SUBSIDY AMOUNTS	126,586,303	142,107,003	224,331,303	235,222,303	125,286,303	125,286,303	137,963,303	149,644,303	92,970,905	92,970,905
CIP APPROPRIATIONS	33,500,000	23,329,000	82,234,000	33,725,000	62,000,000	15,500,000	77,500,000	28,500,000	45,600,000	15,500,000

HHSC’s initial funding requests for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 of \$224,331,303 and \$235,222,303, respectively, were prepared based on HHSC’s budget for fiscal year 2023, as there was only one month of operating results available for fiscal year 2023 at that time. As such, HHSC did not have the benefit of knowing several important factors that would greatly influence its financial results for fiscal year 2023 and would have carry-over impacts into the calculation of its funding needs for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

First, the Administration had advised HHSC to budget for a fringe benefit rate of 63% (which is the largest driver of HHSC’s operating costs) for fiscal year 2023, which was the basis on which HHSC’s funding requests for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 were built. To date, the fringe benefit rate for fiscal year 2023 has remained at approximately 53%, and we have been told by Budget & Finance that a fringe benefit rate increase for the remainder of fiscal year 2023 is unlikely. HHSC had budgeted approximately \$35 million in increased expenses for the anticipated fringe benefit rate increase in fiscal year 2023. Unlike other State agencies, HHSC’s fringe benefit costs are not funded by Budget & Finance, and any increase in fringe benefit costs must be paid for out of HHSC’s own cash collections for patient services. As a result of the fringe benefit rate remaining the same, HHSC has been able to increase its working capital in fiscal year 2023 by that budgeted savings amount, which will have a positive carry-over impact going into fiscal year 2024.

HHSC has also experienced a significant revenue increase above budgeted amounts in fiscal year 2023 as a result of increasing patient volume. This increase in patient volume is due to a combination of patients coming in sicker to our hospitals and staying longer, which is being exacerbated by the lack of availability of post-acute care as those facilities are suffering with staffing shortages just as our hospitals are. HHSC is currently operating its acute care beds at full capacity, and Hilo Medical Center and Kona Community Hospital have established overflow beds just to accommodate the increased demand for services. Through January 2023, HHSC’s acute patient days were 14.9% higher than the same period in fiscal year 2022. HHSC is projecting that operating revenues will exceed budget for fiscal year 2023 by approximately \$35.6 million, or 12.6%, which is in line with the increase in acute patient days.

Further, in August 2022, Governor Ige imposed a general fund restriction of approximately \$9.7 million on HHSC’s general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2023. On February 17, 2023, HHSC requested the release of that general fund restriction, and on March 8, 2023, HHSC received a letter from Budget & Finance noting that the entire general fund restriction

for fiscal year 2023 was being released. As a result, HHSC is anticipating that it will receive in March 2023 approximately \$7.3 million back in general fund appropriations from the first three quarters of fiscal year 2023 that had previously been restricted.

Finally, HHSC, along with all the other private hospitals in the State of Hawaii, has experienced tremendous growth in fiscal year 2023 in amounts being expended for contracted nurses and other clinical personnel. Staff absences due to the coronavirus and the well-documented shortage in the healthcare workforce in the State of Hawaii have forced HHSC to meet the increased demand for its healthcare services by utilizing more contracted clinical personnel. Accordingly, HHSC projects an increase in the costs of contracted nurses and other clinical personnel of approximately \$13.9 million from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023.

As a result of the changes experienced by HHSC during fiscal year 2023 as documented above, HHSC believes that it can reduce its total general fund appropriation request for fiscal year 2024 and 2025 to \$160 million each year. This request is what HHSC believes is necessary to continue to provide the same level of quality healthcare it has been providing to its communities without reducing services, as it did in 2016 when funding was not sufficient to maintain current operations. Fully funding HHSC's revised request will prevent cuts in services and the associated personnel that would lead to a quick downward spiral in the quality of care provided to the communities HHSC serves.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure **in support with requested amendments.**



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Date: 03/23/2023
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: CR 211 & Videoconference
Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education
Person Testifying: Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education
Title of Bill: HB 0300, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.
Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) provides the following comments for HB 300 HD1, which makes appropriations for the operating and capital improvement budgets of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2023-2025 (FY 24 and FY 25).

For the general fund operating budget, the Department is seeking \$2,211,357,395 in the first year and \$2,261,420,207 in the second year, as approved by the Board of Education (BOE).

Fiscal Year (FY)	General Fund Total*
FY 23 (Act 248, SLH 2022)	\$2,268,810,351
FY 24 (BOE Approved)	\$2,211,357,395
FY 25 (BOE Approved)	\$2,261,420,207

* EDN 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500

The Department appreciates the initial level of support HB 300, HD1 provides, yet remains concerned that the level of State support for public education falls short of:

- offsetting the decline in schools' purchasing power due to [inflation](#);
- meeting the additional costs associated with [state and federally mandated programs and services](#); and
- investing in [high leverage strategies](#) to support growth in student achievement.

As such, the Department is seeking additional general fund support of \$129,691,726 in the first year and \$136,257,031 in the second year, which is the difference between the BOE-approved budget and HB300 HD1.

Requesting Predictable, Stable, and Adequate Funding for Public Education

The National Conference of State Legislatures recognizes that a sound state school finance system provides a predictable, stable, and adequate source of funding. The general fund budget allows the school system to move forward its mission to educate the children of our State, initiate efforts to innovate, and respond not only to the continually evolving needs of its students but also the needs of communities statewide.

HB300 HD1 provides \$187,144,682 less in FY 24 and \$143,647,175 less in FY 25 in general funds compared to its FY 23 operating budget of \$2,268,810,351.

Fiscal Year	Source	General Fund Total *	Difference from FY 23
FY 23 (current)	Act 248, SLH 2022	\$2,268,810,351	\$0
FY 24	HB300 HD1	\$2,081,665,669	-\$187,144,682
FY 25	HB300 HD1	\$2,125,163,176	-\$143,647,175

* EDN 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500

An alternative perspective on how the proposed funding level of HB300 HD1 compares to the current fiscal year is to apply a method similar to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Maintenance of Effort (MOE), which takes into consideration the proportion of State support for public schools from one year to the next. For FY 23, the Department’s general fund operating budget represents 23.77% of the State’s March 7, 2023 general fund revenue forecast of \$9,546,025,000. To maintain the same proportionate share of State general fund revenues for FY 24 and FY 25, the Department’s general fund base operating budget would total \$2,359,853,748 for FY 24 and \$2,442,448,556 for FY 25.

HB 300, HD1, provides \$278,188,079 less for FY 24 and \$317,285,380 less for FY 25 compared to its proportionate share of general fund revenues based on FY 23.

Fiscal Year	General Fund (GF) Revenue Forecast	Percent of GF Revenues	DOE GF Budget to Maintain 23.77% of GFs	HB300 HD1 Proposed Funding	Difference between HB300 HD1 and 23.77% of GFs
FY 23	\$9,546,025,000	23.77%	\$2,268,810,351	\$2,268,810,351	\$0
FY 24	\$9,927,866,000	23.77%	\$2,359,853,748	\$2,081,665,669	-\$278,188,079
FY 25	\$10,275,341,000	23.77%	\$2,442,448,556	\$2,125,163,176	-\$317,285,380

Stability in revenues and expenditures is important for all publicly funded services, but in particular it is critical for education where wide fluctuations in funding levels may be disruptive. Dramatic reductions in revenues for a period as short as a year may impair the quality of children’s education and have long-term effects on their academic success.

Principles of a Sound State School Finance System,
National Conference of State Legislatures

Addressing in Impacts of Inflation on School Operations

The Department's BOE-approved budget requests include resources for fixed cost, including increased costs for:

- Schools' operations funded via the Weighted Student Formula;
- Electricity with increases in the /kilo-watt hour charge;
- Student Transportation bus with driver, fuel, and other contract costs;
- Student Breakfast and Lunch service particularly for food cost increases; and
- Skilled Nursing Services contract services.

Supporting Legislative Mandates

The Department's BOE-approved budget requests include resources – positions and funding – needed to help the Department meet the additional responsibilities required by legislation enacted in recent years. Some examples include, but are not limited to:

- Positions and funds to implement Act 107, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2016, and Act 205, SLH 2018, for Applied Behavior Analysis;
- Positions and funds to implement Act 270, SLH 2019, for Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Protocol;
- Position and funds to implement Act 258, SLH 2022, for a School Garden Coordinator; and
- Position and funds to implement Act 259, SLH 2022, for a Summer Learning Coordinator.

If needed, the Department can assist Committee staff with identifying the specific requests in the budget worksheets (e.g., EDN, sequence number) to ensure these types of requests move forward in subsequent versions of the bill.

High-leverage Initiatives Crucial to Supporting Our Students

In addition, the Department is cognizant that not all of its BOE-approved budget requests were included either in the Executive Budget bill or with Governor Green's messages. Nevertheless, some of the excluded requests include several high-leverage initiatives that are key to accelerating and moving the Department forward into the future, and providing the best support for students. These crucial strategies include: supporting vulnerable populations, ensuring students are workforce-ready, strengthening secondary math supports, providing leadership development opportunities, aligning kindergarten to high school curriculum, supporting middle-level education, and bolstering teacher recruitment.

The Department appreciates the \$1 placeholder in the budget worksheets for the Executive budget requests communicated through Governor Green's messages and looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee. For more detail regarding these requests, please reference the comments and explanation of impacts provided to Committee staff as submitted on March 17, 2023.

Along with the comments and explanations of impacts, the Department noted corrections that should be made to certain sequence numbers in the HB300, HD1, budget worksheets. The

Department kindly requests that these corrections be made to prevent any issues when the budget journal details are compiled for the Department of Budget and Finance after the legislative session ends.

The Department remains open to discussion with the Committee on how best to advance education and to ensure the Department's base budget is adequately funded for years to come. The operating budget form, Form B (both for the previous administration and the current administration), provided to Committee staff may help with this endeavor.

Capital Improvement Projects Budget

For the capital improvement projects (CIP) budget, the Department respectfully requests \$105 million in FY 24 and \$40 million in FY 25 as lump sum CIP for project completion, which were part of the Department's BOE-approved budget but not included in the Executive Budget. These funds are for plans, land acquisition, design, construction, and equipment for project completion, including construction management costs, purchase orders, utilities charges, change orders, furniture, and all other costs associated with the completion of a project, ground and site improvements, equipment, and appurtenances.

Conclusion

For budget requests (operating and/or CIP) related to EDN 450 and EDN 700, the Department refers to the School Facilities Authority and Executive Office on Early Learning, respectively.

As our budget makes its way through the legislative process, we look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature to shape the future of quality education for our students in Hawaii's public schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



STATE OF HAWAII
Executive Office on Early Learning
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March 22, 2023

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Yuuko Arikawa-Cross, Director
Executive Office on Early Learning

SUBJECT: **Measure:** H.B. No. 300 H.D. 1 – RELATING TO STATE BUDGET
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Conference Room 211

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: Support

EOEL strongly supports H.B. No. 300 H.D. 1 and provides comments.

Investing in our youngest keiki provides short-term and long-term benefits. Investing in quality early care and education not only provides immediate support to Hawai'i's working families and boosts the economy by providing jobs, high-quality early childhood programs also build "stronger family lives that result in larger gains for their children" and "have substantial second-generation effects on education, employment, crime, school suspensions, and health."¹

We appreciate the Legislature's commitment to ensure EOEL's ability to maintain existing services for young children and their families and for its support of our work to increase access to high-quality early learning. EOEL provides comments on the EDN700 budget and details of our requests, with a table demonstrating total budgetary requests for the biennium. The proposed EDN700 budget in H.B. No 300 H.D. 1 reflects the following:

- **A funding appropriation of \$660,000 for the Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program.** To successfully expand early learning opportunities for young children and families, we must also bolster efforts to support the recruitment and retention of the early learning workforce. This program was established by the Legislature through Act 210, SLH 2021, and provides upfront funding to eligible students pursuing early childhood coursework and credentials. The program requires that recipients provide two consecutive years of early care and education services in one of the early learning systems as described in Section 302L-2, for children birth to five years of age.
- **A \$3 million appropriation ceiling request for the Early Learning Special Fund** (no appropriation). With Hawai'i being awarded the Federal Preschool Development Birth through Five Grant, we anticipate opportunities to leverage other sources of funding and the appropriation ceiling would allow the Office to draw down on those funds.

- **Expanding EOEL’s systems and office capacity.** EOEL is requesting the addition of 2 FTE position counts only (no funding needed) for a Business Manager and Contracts Specialist. These positions would be responsible for overseeing fiscal management and operations of the Office and contracts; and overseeing the execution and implementation of contracts, MOAs, and MOUs.

Also included in H.B. No. 300 H.D. 1, from the GM 1, are placeholders for the following requests:

- **Expanding EOEL Public Pre-K to open 55 total classrooms by School Year 2024.** EOEL currently offers 37 EOEL Public Prekindergarten programs across 34 DOE campuses. The intention of the request is to open 11 classrooms in SY 2023 and the remaining classrooms in SY 2024. The additional classrooms will be located on all counties and will allow EOEL to service up to an additional 1,100 children.
- **Expanding EOEL’s systems and office capacity.** In addition to the 2 FTE position counts with no appropriation request referenced above, EOEL is requesting an additional 2 FTE position counts and a total of \$177,257 for an Institutional Analyst, and Program Specialist V. These positions would be responsible for conducting research and the development of policy matters including drafting administrative rules; and overseeing the facilitation and renewal of the Early Childhood State Plan and convening stakeholders in subsequent implementation.

HB 300 H.D. 1 Requests	FY 2024		FY 2025	
Priority 1	FTE (P)	Total \$	FTE (P)	Total \$
Expansion of 55 New EOEL Classrooms	36	\$3,949,425	126	\$7,641,383
Priority 2	FTE (P)	Total \$	FTE (P)	Total \$
Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program	0	\$660,000	0	\$660,000
Priority 3	FTE (P)	Total \$	FTE (P)	Total \$
Enhance EOEL Office Capacity	4	\$177,257	4	\$177,257
Priority 4	FTE (P)	Total \$	FTE (P)	Total \$
Appropriation Ceiling only for Early Learning Special Fund	0	\$3,000,000	0	\$3,000,000

Should the requests above be funded, EDN 700 totals will reflect:

FY 2024	FTE	\$
A Funds	134.0	\$11,859,719.00
B funds		\$3,000,000.00
N funds	1.0	\$125,628.00

FY 2025	FTE	\$
A funds	224.0	\$15,551,677.00
B funds		\$3,000,000.00
N funds	1.0	\$125,628.00

¹Heckman, James, and Ganesh Karapukula, (2019).

These budget requests will allow EOEL to continue our work to increase and improve access to early learning opportunities for all young children by providing necessary funding to increase early learning services, bolster the workforce, and enhance EOEL's office capacity. We respectfully request the legislature adopt the requests for EDN700 as reflected in the FY 2023-2025 Biennium Budget. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support on this bill.

¹Heckman, James, and Ganesh Karapukula, (2019).



Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023; 10:00 AM

by
Patrick Guillen
Athletic Director, UH Hilo

HB 300 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 300 HD1 that relates to the budget for the University of Hawaii system. Within HB 300 HD1, the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Athletics Department (UHM Athletics) and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Athletics Department (UHH Athletics) are seeking to have \$3.6M (\$3.2M for UHM; \$0.4M for UHH) in nonrecurring operational funds from the Hawai'i Legislature to be made recurring.

During the prior session, the Legislature provided support for the student-athletes at the Manoa and Hilo athletics programs. The funds provided were deeply appreciated by both athletics programs and was directed to key areas that benefit the student-athletes such as: health and wellness; team travel; travel subsidies and guarantees to allow student-athletes to compete before friends and family in Hawaii; and other initiatives that help student-athletes to be competitive.

Of the funding provided by the Legislature, a portion was recurring and a portion was nonrecurring. In HB 300 HD1, UHM Athletics and UHH Athletics are requesting that the Legislature transition the \$3.6M nonrecurring portion of the funding to be recurring. By doing so, the Legislature will allow the initiatives that support the student-athletes health and wellness and competitiveness to continue.

I respectfully request passage of HB 300 HD1 and the continuing of support for our student-athletes by making the previous nonrecurring operating funds, recurring. Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.



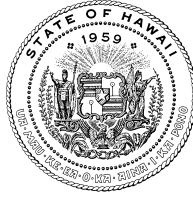
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GOVERNOR
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

In Support

H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The Office of the Governor supports H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget. We respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of our Executive Budget requests.

On December 19, 2022, Governor Josh Green submitted the Executive Budget for the 2023-2025 Fiscal Biennium (FB) to the Legislature. The Administration's total requests included \$9.8 billion in general funds and \$2.1 billion in Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, and \$9.6 billion in general funds and \$1.4 billion in CIP for FY 2025. These requests include funding for priority areas to address the significant needs in healthcare, homelessness, and education in our State, such as:

- \$15 million in each year of FB 2023-2025 for the 'Ohana Zones Pilot Program, which serves individuals who are homeless and places them into permanent housing;
- \$10.8 million in each year of FB 2023-2025 for homeless service and outreach programs;
- Over 60 positions and \$4.4 million for nursing and medical-related programs across University of Hawaii campuses and community colleges; and
- \$5 million for FY 2024 and \$10 million for FY 2025 for Medicaid Provider Payments that will increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for providers, thereby expanding access to high-quality healthcare and improving health outcomes for low-income families and individuals.

Governor Green also requested additional funds to address needs in the areas of affordable housing and infrastructure, homelessness, natural resources and climate, education, healthcare, government efficiency, and the cost of living in our State. These requests include:

- \$900 million for Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation programs to support affordable housing and infrastructure across the State;
- \$20 million for Hawaii Public Housing Authority statewide public housing development, improvements, and renovations statewide;
- \$25 million in FY 2024 and \$20 million in FY 2025 to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates up to 100 percent of Medicare;
- \$12.3 million to provide additional funding to the Department of Health for additional resources for mental health services throughout the State;
- 13 positions and \$434,668 in FY 2024 and \$793,980 in FY 2025 to support capacity for climate justice and climate change mitigation and adaptation activities statewide;
- \$25 million for the Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Revolving Fund to provide financing for clean energy technology and infrastructure projects statewide;
- \$38.8 million in each year of FB 2023-2025 for the Preschool Open Doors Expansion to support preschool access for keiki; and
- \$36 million to modernize the State's unemployment insurance system.

We recognize that the late submission of our additional budget requests did not allow the House Finance Committee sufficient time for consideration of the requests. As such, the House Draft 1 does not incorporate many of our Administration requests. The Office of the Governor understands that the House is open to consideration of, and further discussion on, our budget requests as we head into the conference committee. We respectfully request favorable consideration of these requests as you continue to deliberate over the State Budget Bill.

To support the responsibilities under the Office of the Governor, we respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of the following ten full-time equivalent (10.0 FTE) staff position requests:

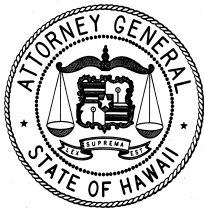
- One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Housing Special Advisor position;
- Three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) Senior Special Assistant positions for the Statewide Housing Policy Advisor for Housing policy team and support staff for coordination, policy, and execution;

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- Two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) Special Assistant staff positions: one position for constituent services on Molokai and one position for constituent services on Lanai;
- One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Federal Funds Advisor position and two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) Senior Special Assistant positions to serve as federal fund liaisons and state-federal affairs representatives and work with departments to pursue competitive federal funding; and
- One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Policy Advisor position to work on mental health policy coordination statewide.

We also respectfully request your support for a one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Chief Negotiator position. It is our hope that the Chief Negotiator position be reestablished within the Office of the Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 300, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

TESTIFIER(S): Anne E. Lopez, Attorney General, or
Brenden B. Kinoshita, Administrative Services Manager

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General (Department) supports this bill, specifically, those appropriations within the budget that provide funding for the continued operations of the Department for the fiscal biennium 2023-2025. We also support the Governor's additional budget requests for the Department transmitted to the Legislature via Governor's Message (G.M.) No. 1 (letter dated February 13, 2023, transmitting proposed changes to the Fiscal Biennium 2023-2025 Executive Budget Request).

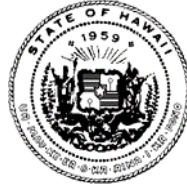
Among the Department's "Steady-State" budget requests are housekeeping adjustments to provide the necessary appropriation to fully fund salaries for new positions that were budgeted and authorized with a six-month budget delay in hire pursuant to Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022; adjustments to enfold specific appropriations into the Department's base operating budget; and other adjustments to optimize delivery of high-quality legal services in accordance with the Department's mission.

The Department notes that the budget worksheets for House Draft 1 include dollar placeholders for all requests transmitted via G.M. No. 1. We respectfully ask for this Committee's favorable consideration to fund our G.M. items as originally requested. Among the Department's G.M. highlights are requests to: convert our Special Investigation and Prosecution Division Investigators to Special Agents, add funds to

implement e-Discovery software to modernize the Department's discovery process, add funds for the Career Criminal Prosecution and Victim Witness programs, and add federally funded Investigator positions to the Department's base budget for the Sex Offender Registration Unit.

We thank the Committee for allowing the Department to provide testimony and respectfully ask the Committee to pass this measure with the requested appropriations.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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March 22, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 300 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

Hearing: March 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Via Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure, agrees with the HD1 consistent with HB 300 and House additions, and requests consideration of departmental requests in HB300 and Governor's Messages 1 and 2.

PURPOSE: This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. (HD1)

DHS appreciates the Legislature's continued attention and commitment to supporting the department's staff, programs, and initiatives that serve nearly one-third of Hawaii's residents with one or more programs or services. However, the continued effects of the pandemic, inflation, and increasing global economic uncertainties require DHS to be sufficiently resourced to continue to serve Hawaii's low-income residents with access to health care coverage, financial and supplemental nutrition benefits, child care subsidies and regulated child care, vocational rehabilitation services, homeless services, and abuse prevention and intervention services for the most vulnerable, including youth and young adults at risk. The following narrative describes departmental budget requests to improve our processes and infrastructure, expand programs to serve more residents and increase benefits and contract amounts to better support Hawaii's residents so that individuals and families can thrive and meet their full human potential.

The Hawai'i Public Housing Authority will provide testimony separately.

DHS Supports the following HB 300 HD1 decisions.

The following describes items included in HB300 HD1.

CIP Budget Requests

Office of Youth Services (OYS) – Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF)

Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY24	FY25
C	2	HMS 503	FY24.7	KYFWC Sewer System Improvements	C	1,550,000	
C	3	HMS 503	FY24.8	KYFWC Water System Improvements	C	4,900,000	
CR	2	HMS 503	FY24.9	KYFWC Campus Improvements, O'ahu	C	1,200,000	
CR	3	HMS 503	FY24.2	KYFWC AC Systems Replacement and Related Improvements, O'ahu	C	650,000	
CR	4	HMS 503	FY24.4	KYFWC Generator Replacements and Improvements, O'ahu	C	1,550,000	

FY24.7 - KYFWC Sewer System Improvements

Funds are needed to decommission two cesspools and address other sewer-related improvements of the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center's (KYFWC) sewer system. A recent inquiry by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, sought information on the subsurface wastewater infrastructure at KYFWC. Based on the requirements, the KYFWC's operational staff discovered two (2) cesspools still operating and serving two (2) occupied structures. These cesspools violate the Safe Drinking Water Act and need to be removed from service under the first phase of this project. The Phase 2 scope will address other sewer-related improvements, such as replacing cracked or blocked sewer lines and pipe re-sloping. A general fund appropriation may be appropriate as this project is expected to be completed within the next 12-18 months.

FY24.8 – KYFWC Water System Improvements

Funds are needed for the entire design and construction cost to assess, repair, and improve KYFWC's water system. Unfortunately, the bids received in June 2022 were higher than expected, requiring this additional request.

An assessment of the campus water system is required to determine the scope and implementation of the repairs, which should not cause lengthy water service outages to the

campus. Repairs to the water system are necessary to make it more reliable so that staff can shut off branch lines when a water outage may be necessary.

The anticipated work includes replacing an aging secondary pump, improvements to the pump house structure and flow monitoring equipment, and inspection and repair of the existing water storage tanks and valves that control the water flow.

FY24.9 KYFWC Campus Improvements

Additional funds are needed to continue the redevelopment planning of the KYFWC, including modernization of existing facilities, construction of new facilities, demolition of unneeded facilities, and site and infrastructure improvements. This is a long-term project greater than 24 months.

FY24.2 KYFWC AC System Replacement and Related Improvement

Funds are needed to plan, design, and for construction to replace air conditioning systems serving the Secured Custody Facility, Observation and Assessment Cottage, and Maluhia Cottage. This project may include repairs, renovations, refurbishments, new construction, ground, site improvements, and other related work. These air conditioning units cool the modules that wards or service providers use for living, education and treatment purposes, in addition to administrative offices, medical units, and other related areas. A general fund appropriation would be appropriate as this project is expected to be completed within 24 months.

FY24.4 KYFWC Generator Replacements and Improvements

Funds are needed to plan, design, and for construction to replace existing emergency generators that service the Secured Custody Facility, Observation and Assessment Cottage, and the Maluhia Cottage. The work involves demolition, installation of new emergency generators, a generator building, and other improvements. A general funds appropriation would be appropriate as this project is expected to be completed within 24 months.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY24	FY25
CR	1	HMS 802	FY24.1	Ho'opono Buildings A & B Improvements, O'ahu	A	495,000	

The Ho`opono building complex, which serves individuals who are blind and visually impaired, has an outdoor mechanical (air conditioning equipment) area on its grounds. It is currently uncovered and exposed to the elements, homeless encampments, and vandalism; it has also

begun to rust. An improved enclosure is necessary for the health and safety of the staff and consumers of the building. The buildings were erected in 1964, and retro-commissioning fixtures and systems are needed to save energy and lessen utility and repair costs. In addition, the repair and painting of the exteriors of both buildings are required to maintain operations, health and safety and to prolong the life of the buildings. Currently, the buildings are leaking during heavy rains.

Operating Budget Request

Office of Youth Services (OYS)

HMS 501 – In-Community Youth Programs

BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25				
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
501YA-03	19	Safe Spaces Program	A	-	1.00	868,556	1.00	-	871,016
501YA-02	20	Contract Expenses at the Office of Youth Services	A			832,500			832,500

501YA-03: Safe Spaces Program

In 2021-2022, DOE reported 3,252 homeless students in Hawaii's public schools, including 103 unaccompanied, 236 unsheltered, 591 in shelters, transitional housing, or awaiting foster care placement, 55 in hotels or motels, and 2,269 doubling up or in shared housing. Hawaii's only designated youth homeless shelter, located at the KYFWC, sheltered 145 youths in 2021, providing 7,454 nights of safe sleep. Sixty-five percent of these youth transitioned out of unsheltered homelessness into stable housing. Of all youth served, 35% reported having no parental involvement, and 46% reported experiencing domestic violence.

DHS directed the appropriation from Act 130, Session Law of Hawaii (SLH) 2022, to HMS 501 (In-community Youth Programs) to establish an inter-agency Youth Safe Spaces Pilot Program to provide emergency shelter, hot meals and hot showers, medical and behavioral health services, education, and vocational support to homeless youth in crisis. Act 130, SLH 2022, authorized funds for only one state fiscal year and limited funds to carry out the intent of this Act 130, SLH 2022.

This request outlines the minimum needs to provide additional support for homeless youth in one county and support to OYS to carry out the requirements of Act 130. OYS has also prepared an administration measure to amend Act 130 to include a broad definition of homelessness similar to the definition used by the DOE. Amongst other things, the

administration proposal clarifies who may be served by the pilot program and requests additional funds.

This appropriation will significantly impact our most vulnerable youth, providing them with critical support services.

501YA-02: Contract Expenses at the Office of Youth Services

The \$832,500 in funding for the purchase of services contracts from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will end at the end of fiscal year 2023. Act 88, SLH 2021 (501YA-PRA 1 2021 Legislature; HMS 501 seq# 60-001) deleted general funds for these services. These services provide risk reduction and protective factor development programs and services to youth at risk of entering the juvenile justice system. These primary prevention programs include cultural programs, truancy, school attendance, outreach and advocacy, and safehouse contracts across the state.

HMS 503 – Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility

Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	BUDGET REQUEST Description	MOF	FY 24			FY25		
				FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
503YB-02	18	Utility Expenses at Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility	A			520,000			520,000
503YB-03	21	Sex Trafficking Victims Support	A			400,000			400,000

503YB-02: Utility Expenses at Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility

General funds are needed for utilities that are fixed costs and increasing due to inflation. This request is for repair and maintenance, safehouses, and transition programs. Current ARPA funds will end at the end of fiscal year 2023. Act 88, SLH 2021 (503YB-PRA 2021 Legislature; HMS 503 seq#60-001) deleted \$520,000 in general funds that previously covered these utility expenses.

Currently, the campus of the KYFWC supports five residential programs that total 70 beds for high-risk youth and young adults. KYFWC also has an additional monthly average of 150 participants in day programs on campus. The individual programs and their population encompass incarcerated individuals, homeless minors and young adults, commercially sexually exploited children, vocational training, education, farming, and ranching. The requested funds will cover the costs of electricity, water, and sewer. The current operational budget is insufficient to cover the current costs.

503YB-03: Sex Trafficking Victims Support

Provides short-term (30 days or less) shelter services for youth 12-17 years old who are suspected or determined to be victims of commercial sexual exploitation and labor or sex trafficking. This program accepts referrals from Child Protective Services, the Family Court, police departments, parents or guardians, other youth-serving agencies, and self-referrals.

Under section 352D-7.5, HRS, access to services will be made available by OYS at the KYFWC to all youth at risk of being sexually exploited and youth victims of sex trafficking. This program results from data, research, and policy decisions around Hawaii's ongoing efforts to transform the juvenile justice system. Research has shown the pathway of sexually exploited youth, especially girls, into and through the juvenile justice system, including the HYCF. These emergency shelter services for exploited girls have contributed significantly to the reduction of girls committed to the HYCF. In recent months, HYCF reached a significant milestone of zero girls for 80 days. However, a lack of ongoing funding may result in the shelter closing, sex trafficked victims not receiving assistance, and an increase in girls committed to HYCF.

Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions

HMS 777: Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (SOHHS) - HMS 777 is a new program ID for the SOHHS established by Act 252, SLH 2022. Previously, the appropriations for the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness (GCH), the staff, and support of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH) were a part of HMS 904, the administration program ID. HMS 777 will become operational on July 1, 2023, and has no funds.

Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
777HH-01	25	Add Positions and Funds for Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (Companion to 904AA-01)	A	5.00		500,000	5.00		460,000
777HH-01	25	House Adjustment	A	3.00		\$500,000	3.00		460,000
777HH-BF	NA	Add Recurring Funding for the 'Ohana Zones Pilot Program	A			15,000,000			

777HH-01: Add Positions and Funds for the Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (OHHS) (Companion to 904AA-01)

Act 252, SLH 2022 established the OHHS. OHHS is responsible for developing and maintaining multi-year strategic and tactical plans and road maps to address homelessness; fostering innovative projects and programs in furtherance of those plans; coordinating matters relating

to affordable housing and homelessness between state and county agencies and private entities; providing administrative support to the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH); and establishing and maintaining a state-wide homelessness and housing data clearinghouse.

The request will ensure OHHS has the necessary staffing and infrastructure to fulfill its statutory mandates and pursue innovative solutions to one of Hawaii's most persistent challenges. Requested funds will also support contracting qualified consultants or facilitators to assist with research, evaluation, and implementation of plans and programs to address homelessness. Additionally, OHHS requests funding for anticipated inter-island travel needed to coordinate with counties and out-of-state travel to learn from national best practices and cutting-edge solutions. Finally, OHHS requests funds for furniture, equipment, repair, and maintenance as the office will move from its previous location.

The work of OHHS is critical due to the persistence of homelessness state-wide and the potential impact of the recent COVID-19 pandemic on mental and physical health, service providers, the housing market, and the local and national economies. Key metrics of homeless services are 1) the number of homeless individuals counted in the annual state-wide PIT count, 2) the number of beds in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), 3) the percentage of persons exiting from homelessness into permanent housing, and 4) the percentage of people who sustain their housing after exiting homelessness.

A House adjustment added 3.0 FTE positions to OHHS. This was in recognition that a new focus of the OHHS and administration is to test innovative shelter and housing solutions, including *kauhale*, for those experiencing homelessness. In the past, the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness had two budgeted staff members – the GCH and one assistant, three additional staff were added through a Governor approved special project. Currently, the GCH, and now OHHS, was not staffed to procure or develop shelter or housing. In the HD1, the House added two positions: 1.0 FTE for a Planning and Development Specialist and 1.0 FTE for a Procurement Specialist. In addition, mental and behavioral health needs have surged post-pandemic among people experiencing homelessness. Therefore, the House also added 1.0 FTE for a Mental Health Specialist in OHHS.

Going forward, the work of the GCH and OHHS staff will focus on reductions in the state-wide PIT count, increases in the Housing Inventory Count of beds for homeless persons (including space for those with mental and behavioral health needs), and increases in the percentage of persons exiting from homeless programs to permanent housing. To sustain this work, there is no 6-month delay in hiring as the positions should continue as previously budgeted under HMS 904.

777HH-BF: Add Recurring Funding for the 'Ohana Zones Pilot Program

The Ohana Zones pilot program supports innovative responses to homelessness, such as new approaches to shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, outreach and services. The OHHS will administer the Ohana Zones pilot program.

The Legislature created the Ohana Zones pilot program in 2018 because it found that: “[W]hile significant strides have been made, current attempts to address homelessness in Hawaii remain insufficient.” At that time, the legislature noted that Hawaii had “seen the number of unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness rise...and the number of people in shelters decline...despite increased investment in shelters and enforcement.” The legislature concluded: “addressing homelessness requires the courage to try something new.” (Act 209, SLH 2018)

Those conditions persist today, with unsheltered homelessness still rising and the need for new solutions clearly still pressing. Ohana Zones pilot program funding was intended to fund innovation, with several exemptions that provide flexibility and an ability to be deployed in a timely manner.

In 2018 and 2019, the Legislature appropriated \$32,000,000 for the Ohana Zones pilot program through Act 209, SLH 2018 (\$30,000,000 for FY2019), and Act 128, SLH 2019 (\$2,000,000 for FY 2020). GCH encumbered the funds through contracts with nonprofit organizations and the four counties. OHHS is currently administering contracts with the four counties procured by the 2018 and 2019 appropriations; these contracts run through June 2023, the previous repeal date of the Ohana Zones pilot program. The contracts support a wide variety of emergency shelter and supportive housing programs, including the HONU program (Oahu), Kumuwai supportive housing for seniors (Oahu), Hale Maluhia supportive housing for DV survivors (Oahu), Huliau supportive housing for families (Maui), Kealaula at Pua Loke supportive housing for families (Kauai), and Keauhou Emergency Shelter (Hawaii island).

In 2022, Act 235, SLH 2022, extended the sunset date for the Ohana Zones pilot program to June 2026 and added \$15 million for FY2024. DHS requested the distribution of funds from GOV 100 to HMS 904. Accordingly, SOHHS is currently executing contracts for the \$15 million as follows: \$9 million for Oahu to support the continuation of innovative outreach and transition services and supportive housing projects; \$2 million for Maui to support the continuation of Huliau supportive housing; \$2 million for Kauai to support Kealaula at Pua Loke and add new supportive housing in Eleele; and \$2 million for a multi-service project to end homelessness in Hawaii County.

If the Legislature renews the Ohana Zones Pilot Program, uses will be refocused on:

- Funding for services that help people secure and sustain a housing placement.
- New models of supportive and transitional housing, including but not limited to kauhale.

- Filling gaps in services and housing for those that may not meet current criteria for prioritization. For instance, homeless individuals are disqualified as “chronically homeless” if they enter a hospital, incarceration, or a treatment program for 90 days, even if they are discharged back to the street.

As we advance, Ohana Zone pilot programs will be evaluated based on their ability to contribute to sustained housing placements -- a core measure of progress toward ending homelessness. Ohana Zones pilot programs will help to build a sense of ohana with and among people being served, consistent with the original intent of authorizing legislation.

The original departmental request was for Ohana Zones pilot program funding in both FY24 and FY25. The HD1 version of the bill only includes Ohana Zones pilot program funding for FY24. As noted above, there is continuing need for innovative approaches to homelessness, and the intent of the Ohana Zones pilot program was to fund such innovations. Funding beyond one year is required to create and test innovative programs and produce and evaluate results. We, therefore, request that funds be appropriated for both FY24 and FY25. In addition, we note that legislation is required to make the Ohana Zones pilot program permanent or extend it further than June 30, 2026.

Benefits, Employment & Support Services Division (BESSD)

HMS 224 - Homeless Services

HPO budget requests are non-recurring except for the \$345k database request. \$95k out of \$345k is non-recurring.

DHS requests that the Legislature include the \$10.8M in our base budget.

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
224HS-01	12	Funds for Family Assessment Centers	A			1,550,000			1,550,000
224HS-05	13	Funds for Housing First Program	A			3,750,000			3,750,000
224HS-03	14	Funds for Rapid Re-Housing Program	A			3,750,000			3,750,000
224HS-02	15	Funds for Outreach and Civil Legal Services	A			1,750,000			1,750,000
224HS-04	44	Funds to Establish and Maintain Homeless Services Database	A			345,000			345,000

Based on our experience during the last recession, we expect the demand for homeless services to increase due to the continuing economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, increased rents, lack of low-income inventory, inflation, and possible recession. The Homeless Programs Office (HPO) and the array of services it procures to assist individuals and families in remaining housed and minimizing the time spent homeless will be especially critical.

Following the 2009 economic recession, homelessness rose for several years, peaking in 2016. The state-wide Point in Time count of homeless individuals increased from 5,782 to a high of 7,921 in 2016 – an increase of 37% or 2,139 people. In addition, a review of the data regarding students experiencing homelessness in the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) showed a similar increase in homeless students – from 1,739 in the 2008-2009 school year to 3,790 in the 2015-2016 school year, or a 118% increase.

With the continuing inflation, the end of federal rental and utility assistance funds, and a potential recession, DHS expects an increase in homelessness of single adults and families with minor children and that the increase will occur over some time. These budget requests described below highlight critical programs necessary to address potential future increases in homelessness. Additionally, we are including a 5% increase for these contract services to address rising costs and inflation.

224HS-01: Funds for Family Assessment Centers

The requested funds will support two Family Assessment Centers.

Section 346-378, HRS, requires DHS to "implement housing first programs and services, as the department deems appropriate for clientele who would most likely benefit from and succeed with the implementation of housing first programs and services, and subject to the availability of existing funds." Consequently, the state framework to address homelessness includes a focus on a "housing first" approach state-wide. The Family Assessment Center is a low barrier shelter utilizing the "housing first" philosophy to quickly move families with minor children off the streets and into transitional shelters or permanent housing.

The Kakaako Family Assessment Center opened in September 2016 and accommodated 12-15 families (up to 50 people) at any time. The total annual budget for the Kakaako Family Assessment Center is \$750,000. In its first five years of operation under the management of Catholic Charities Hawaii, the center served 250 households, placed 57.4% into permanent housing, and increased the income of 57% of families served. DHS is currently discussing with the City & County of Honolulu to transition the Kakaako Family Assessment Center to another location on Oahu.

In 2019, the Legislature passed Act 62, which appropriated \$800,000 for a second Family Assessment Center. As a result, DHS procured the services of the Neighborhood Place of Puna

to operate the second Family Assessment Center. This center can accommodate up to 9 families (up to 27 people) at any time. In its first three years of operation, the center served 117 households, placed 41% into permanent housing, and increased the income of 52% of families served.

In addition to focusing on stable housing outcomes, Family Assessment Centers address the social determinants of health and provide case management services emphasizing building social capital. Research shows that individuals with higher levels of social capital are happier and healthier, find better jobs, and live longer. In addition, communities with higher levels of social capital have higher educational achievement, faster economic growth, and less crime.

The requested level of funding will support the continued operation of both the Kakaako Family Assessment Center and the Family Assessment Center in Puna, Hawaii.

224HS-05: Funds for Housing First Program

The state Housing First program focuses on the most visible, chronically homeless population, as described in section 346-378(e), HRS. These individuals may have a mental illness, addiction, or physical disability, frequently use emergency health care services, and cycle in and out of the justice system. Housing First provides various case management services that are key to moving chronically homeless individuals into stable housing, ensuring they remain successfully housed, and reducing the utilization of high-cost emergency room services. The Housing First program provides housing, ongoing rental subsidy, and supportive case management services, emphasizing building social capital for unsheltered, chronically homeless persons.

The state Housing First program has operated on Oahu for over eight years and on the neighbor islands for over five years. The Housing First program currently serves 255 chronically homeless individuals, with a housing retention rate of 94%, far above the national average of 80%.

Though active for eight years and highly successful, the State Housing First program funds remain on a year-to-year funding cycle and are not a part of the base budget, despite the department's requests to include homeless services funding in the DHS base budget. Without sustained funding, the individuals currently housed in the program will be at immediate risk of and will likely return to homelessness. A recurring appropriation would also support more innovation and lead to improved strategies and services to assist this vulnerable population.

Investment in Housing First keeps people housed, resulting in significant public cost savings over time. For example, a preliminary analysis by the University of Hawaii, Center on the Family, of a subset of State Housing First clients found that estimated healthcare costs for clients dropped an average of 43% in just six months following housing placement – from an average of \$10,570 per client per month to \$5,980 per client per month.

While the State Housing First program targets the chronically homeless, it is one piece of a larger strategy, which includes other interventions (e.g., street outreach, rapid re-housing, etc.) that address the broader population of homeless persons, including homeless youth and families.

224HS-03: Funds for Rapid Re-Housing Program

Rapid Re-housing (RRH) is nationally recognized to be a best practice. Its core components are housing identification and location services, time-limited move-in and rental assistance, and short-term case management and services. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban (HUD) has long endorsed RRH as an effective way to end homelessness among families with minor children. RRH also maximizes efficiency throughout the homeless shelter system by rapidly assisting households moving out of shelters and into permanent housing.

The State's Rapid Re-Housing program has served an average of 1,401 individuals in 502 households yearly since FY18. RRH performance and outcome measures target 15% or less for recidivism which Rapid Re-Housing services have exceeded expectations with 15.08% in FY18, 8.44% in FY19, and 3.50% in FY20.

It is costly to construct and fund additional homeless shelters. The construction of new shelters conflicts with the national best practice approaches to addressing homelessness endorsed by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). In addition, by targeting individuals and families currently in shelters, the RRH program allows the State to maximize existing shelter inventory better. Currently, many shelters are at maximum capacity.¹ They are experiencing a "backlog" because households cannot move quickly from homelessness to stable housing due to several factors, such as a lack of available housing or the need to obtain government-issued identification.

The RRH program, for example, assists when a household in a shelter has a dedicated source of income but lacks funds to pay for the first month's rent, deposit, and move-in costs. The RRH program could assess the family's sustainability and provide financial support immediately to have the household either avoid entering or at least limit the amount of time spent in a shelter. This approach is especially important for rural and neighbor island communities with limited shelter space.

RRH also provides supportive services to assist a family in maintaining their housing after move-in. For example, if a family encounters difficulties paying rent shortly after moving to permanent housing, RRH will connect the family with appropriate resources to stabilize and

¹ Note, overall shelter beds in the system have declined over time. The decrease is partly due to a change in HUD prioritization of funding away from transitional shelter beds, closure of emergency shelters like Next Step as leases expire, or emergency shelter facilities converted to permanent housing.

maintain their permanent housing. In this way, RRH effectively ends homelessness and is a homeless prevention strategy.

224HS-04: Funds to Establish and Maintain Homeless Services Database

This request will support data aggregation from external systems into one centralized system maintained by HPO. Accurate and timely data regarding homeless services and utilization is critical to solving homelessness in Hawaii. In addition, there is an ongoing discussion with Hawaii's two Continua of Care (CoCs) regarding the potential of enhancing the CoCs' Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) databases to support more accurate data collection and expand what types of data they collect through the HMIS. HUD requires communities that receive its funds to maintain an HMIS.

For background, HPO maintains a centralized database that receives and compiles data from the two external HMIS databases each CoC maintains. After HPO migrates the external data to the HPO database, HPO builds reports to manage and monitor its contracts. However, the migrated HMIS data is limited to data elements that HUD requires, which limits HPO's ability to collect data elements it requires to monitor contracts and evaluate state-funded programs. As an example, HPO requires data elements related to state-funded civil legal services for homeless individuals; HUD does not require these elements requiring HPO to collect another set of data from providers.²

There is an ongoing discussion with the CoCs to explore the possibility of making enhancements directly to the external CoC HMIS systems. The intent of data improvements is to decide whether HPO's current system or the two external HMIS – is to (1) collect required HUD data, (2) ensure the State's CoCs are compliant with HUD to continue receiving federal funding, and (3) collect required State data elements needed to manage and monitor State-funded contracted services. With these improvements, HPO can automate reporting, including HUD data, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) data, shelter vacancy reports, etc. In addition, given the limited HPO staff resources, automation will reduce labor-intensive tasks, improve overall system oversight and understanding, and lead to better decision-making.

By prioritizing the State's data entry requirements and enhanced data collection, Hawaii will align with other states that use similar methods to collect additional local data while accommodating federal HUD reporting requirements. One example is New York City's Department of Homeless Services which has a database (not an HMIS product) that exports data in an HMIS-compliant file that is uploaded into HUD's SAGE HMIS for federal reporting.

² Before 2019, homeless service providers across Hawaii's two Continuum of Care (CoC) used one HMIS database to manage all information, including HMIS data fields required by HUD. Until 2019, while the CoCs owned the database, HPO often provided resources and training to support the database. However, in 2019, the CoCs split the data into two HMIS databases, one for Oahu and one for the neighbor islands, which made reporting and oversight by HPO challenging.

The SAGE HMIS Reporting Repository is a web-based reporting portal that accepts data submissions from HMIS or other databases via a Comma Separated Value (CSV) file import to eliminate manual data entry.

224HS-02: Funds for Outreach and Civil Legal Services

Homeless outreach services, including civil legal services, are intended to reach unsheltered homeless individuals and families and engage them in housing services to end their homelessness. Homeless outreach services include assistance in obtaining identification documents and other vital records (e.g., birth and marriage certificates); identifying and locating suitable housing options and providing support through the housing location and move-in process; and assistance with job search and applications for public benefits. In particular, civil legal services are necessary to obtain vital records to secure government-issued identification for employment and housing applications and often entail requests to other state and local jurisdictions. Note that most vital record agencies require third-party requests for certified copies to be done by legal representatives.

Homeless outreach services have been provided to an average of 3,166 individuals each year since FY18, with 347 individuals on average placed into permanent housing from the streets. On average, another 1,612 individuals were placed into other appropriate settings, such as homeless shelters. Outreach performance and outcome measures target 15% or less for recidivism, and outreach services have exceeded expectations with 12.74% in FY18, 12.22% in FY19, and 6.46% in FY20. This improvement each year aligns with the goals of 'Ohana Nui with a focus on building social capital or connections.

To be successful, outreach staff needs to build a strong rapport with unsheltered homeless persons to begin to engage homeless persons who may have declined shelter or services in the past. Due to life experiences, many unsheltered homeless persons have difficulty trusting strangers, so outreach programs need time to make repeated contact and develop trusted relationships. Rapport building is critical to the effective delivery of homeless services. Without trust and a positive relationship with an outreach worker, efforts to connect an unsheltered individual or family to housing or other supports will likely be unsuccessful.

Homeless outreach services also effectively address highly visible homeless encampments on public lands. In addition, homeless outreach providers work with State land management or law enforcement agencies to ensure that homeless persons are not simply displaced from one area to another due to enforcement efforts.

Civil legal services assisted an average of 709 individuals each year since FY18, with an 87.7% success rate in obtaining vital documents and identification cards.

State-funded civil legal services emerged as a recommendation of the Act 243, SLH 2015, workgroup. In 2015, Act 243, SLH 2015, provided a statutory process for homeless individuals

to establish a principal address and request a fee waiver from the examiner of drivers to obtain an original or renewal ID card. Recall that the REAL ID Act of 2005, passed in response to the events of 9/11, dramatically changed how states issued government IDs requiring name verifications and a principal address, amongst other things.

On December 5, 2022, the US Department of Homeland Security extended the REAL ID full enforcement date by 24 months, from May 3, 2023, to May 7, 2025. States now have additional time to ensure residents have driver's licenses and identification cards that meet the security standards established by the REAL ID Act. Following the enforcement deadline, federal agencies, including the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), will be prohibited from accepting driver's licenses and identification cards that do not meet these federal standards. Valid government-issued ID is essential to residents experiencing homelessness for employment and housing. A government-issued ID is required to access certain government facilities, including our state Capitol and the Social Security Administration. Additionally, REAL ID Act-compliant ID will be required to access federal facilities and to fly on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulated flites. Homeless individuals who wish to return to live with out-of-state relatives require a valid government ID to fly.

HPO needs additional funds for homeless outreach and civil legal services to address the expected increase in unsheltered homeless persons on Oahu and the neighbor islands. However, like other homeless programs, the Legislature appropriates funds annually for homeless outreach and civil legal services. Funding for homeless outreach should be recurring and a part of the base budget. In addition, sustained and predictable funding for homeless outreach and civil legal services supports efforts to increase the reach and quality of these services contracted by HPO.

HMS 302 - General Support for Child Care

DHS Child Care Programs include licensing as required by the Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014 (CCDBG) and Chapter 346, Part VIII, HRS. Child care licensing covers health and safety requirements, including facility requirements, qualifications, and background checks.

For parents and caregivers, DHS provides child care subsidies through two programs: Child Care Connection Hawaii (CCCH), with federal CCDBG funds, and Preschool Open Doors, funded by 100% state general funds and implemented per section 346-181, HRS. The Preschool Open Doors program is subject to several amendments by Act 46, SLH 2020, and Act 210, SLH 2021.

As described above, the pandemic underscored that safe and regulated child care is essential for working parents and guardians to remain employed and those seeking employment or pursuing education. On the supply side, early in the pandemic, child care delivery dramatically changed as COVID-19 guidance on mitigation measures required smaller class sizes and more daily hygiene. Also, attendance and enrollment fluctuated depending on staff availability or parents' loss of employment. In addition, child care facilities required stabilization grant funds

to remain open. More families needed subsidies as their incomes fluctuated, and with pandemic program waivers and additional funds, more families accessed subsidies to pay for their child's care.

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
302DA-01	54	Adjust Funding for the 25 new positions from Act 248, SLH 2022	A			(468,894)			(435,816)
302DA-01	54	Adjust Funding for the 25 new positions from Act 248, SLH 2022	N			(834,854)			(785,526)

302DA-01: Adjust funding of the 25 new positions from Act 248, SLH 2022

This request is submitted to correct the salary and fringe benefit amounts for 25 new positions authorized by Act 248, SLH 2022, for FY23. The general and federal fund amounts appropriated for FY23 were twice the originally requested in Form A 302DA-51 (2022 Legislature, HMS 302 Seq # 100-001) and are currently part of the base budget for FB 23-25. This form A is submitted to correct the over-budgeted amounts, starting from FY24 and from now on.

These 25 positions will be statewide and process applications for child care subsidies.

HMS 903 – General Support for Self-Sufficiency Services

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
903FA-06	3	Trade-off Funding for the defunded OA III for the TANFPO (Other Current Expenses)	A			(18,036)			(18,936)
903FA-06	3	Trade-off Funding for the defunded OA III for the TANFPO (Personal Services)	A			18,036			18,936
903FA-06	3	Trade-off Funding for the defunded OA III for the TANFPO (Other Current Expenses)	N			(4,782)			(6,258)
903FA-06	3	Trade-off Funding for the defunded OA III for the TANFPO (Personal Services)	N			4,782			6,258

903FA-06: Trade-off funding for the defunded OA III for TANFPO other current expenses (OCE)

The Office Assistant III position is essential in the day-to-day operations of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program Office. The position is responsible for clerical support for the TANF program office, which includes processing vendor and contract invoices for payments and resolving payment issues; processing and distributing internal correspondence (e.g., internal communications, memoranda, formal letters, etc.) and external correspondence to vendors, contractors, other departments, etc.; providing assistance with procurements such as preparing Request for Proposal (RFP) packets and posting on the State Procurement Office website; maintaining government records which include contract files, Hawaii Administrative Rules, program operational procedures manuals, etc.; providing reception coverage when required which duties include greeting visitors, answering incoming calls, and distribution of incoming DHS internal and US postal mail; and other duties as assigned.

Currently, the incumbent of the Secretary I position is providing clerical support for the entire TANF Program Office. However, in 2021, the DHS/BESSD reorganization established the new TANF Program Office and assumed both the eligibility and work program components of the TANF Program, increasing the clerical work. Note: Before the reorganization, the Secretary I and Office Assistant III positions were assigned to the DHS/BESSD/Employment and Training Program Office, which oversaw only the work program component of TANF. The Employment and Training Program Office became obsolete with the implementation of the TANF Program Office.

The TANF Program Office has taken on several projects extending beyond the fiscal biennium. For example, the office recently closed an RFP that will award approximately 24 contracts, increasing the current number from 15 to 40. The office will also issue another RFP in early 2023 to procure afterschool and summer youth program services state-wide, further increasing its total contracts. The Office Assistant III will be integral to maintaining the contracts by regularly processing the monthly invoices for payments and processing, scanning, and filing contract documents.

Since assuming both the eligibility and work program components of the TANF Program, the Office Assistant III position will be responsible for putting together new Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) and Program Operational Procedures manuals and maintaining historical and current rules and procedures.

The Office Assistant III position will alleviate the workload of the Secretary I position and allow the incumbent to concentrate on administrative support duties for the TANF Program Office. Adjustment for the federal fund portion of the salary was also made to match the current salary schedule. Trade-off funding is coming from TANF Contract, line items 336 and 337.

Med-QUEST Division (MQD)

HMS 401 – Health Care Payments

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
401PE-04	2	Increase Payments to Nursing Facilities	A			5,636,953			5,636,953
401PE-04	2	Increase Payments to Nursing Facilities	N			7,191,798			7,191,798
401PE-03*	3	Request General Funding for Child Wellness Incentive Pilot Program	A			4,516,000			4,516,000
401PE-BF	NA	Increase Payments for Healthcare Providers for Professional Services	A			5,000,000			10,000,000

*401PE-03 is non-recurring.

401PE-04: Increase Payments to Nursing Facilities

This request of \$12.8M (\$5.6M MOF A funds/\$7.2M MOF N funds) is to rebase, revise and increase payments to nursing facilities so that they will be paid at cost. Act 254, SLH 2022, provided a one-time payment to nursing facilities and other community-based residential providers to help address losses during the pandemic. However, many nursing facilities across the state continue to struggle financially.

401PE-03: Request General Funding for Child Wellness Incentive Pilot Program

This request appropriates funds for the Child Wellness Incentive Pilot Program established by Act 127, SLH 2022. This pilot program is for five years and requires a \$50 payment to each state Medicaid benefits recipient for each completed well-child examination of that recipient-parent's child, limited to one payment per child each year. This program sunsets on June 30, 2027; however, the 2022 Legislature only appropriated one year of funding for FY23. Thus, additional state general funds are needed to be included in the MQD budget for the program to continue to make these incentive payments through June 20, 2027.

401PE-BF: BF Increase Payments for Healthcare Providers' Professional Services

This request is to increase reimbursement rates for most professional services (e.g., doctor's visits) to at least 75% of Medicare, up from its current approximately 60% of the Medicare fee schedule for many professional services. Given the significant number of Hawaii residents

covered by Medicaid, healthcare providers who care for Hawaii's residents covered by Medicaid are receiving less reimbursement than they would have if the person's health care coverage were private coverage. This increase may help more providers to provide care to Medicaid recipients, and increased rates will assist providers in meeting the cost of care. The increase will occur halfway through the fiscal year, so only \$5,000,000 for FY24 and \$10,000,000 going forward. This request is related to 401PE-BFGA, Governor's Message 1, which added \$25,000,000 and \$20,000,000 A funds for FY 24 and FY 25, respectively, along with the federal funds that would be sufficient for both this request and the GM request. Added together, the requests equal \$30M A funds.

Social Services Division (SSD)

HMS 301 – Child Protective Services

Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	BUDGET REQUEST Description	MOF	FY 24			FY25		
				FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
301SA-06	56	Position count adjustments	A	86.75			86.75		
301SA-06	56	Position count adjustments	N	(86.75)			(86.75)		
301SA-BF	NA	Adjust Funding of the 2 New FFPSA Positions from Act 248, SLH 2022	B			(43,406)			(39,372)
301SA-BF	NA	Adjust Funding of the 2 New FFPSA Positions from Act 248, SLH 2022	N			(43,406)			(39,372)

301SA-06: Position Count Adjustments

This request is a housekeeping matter to align the CWS position count with the adjusted personal services budget. Child Welfare Services (CWS) has 389.50 permanent authorized positions. Most of these positions are split-funded; they are state and federally funded. In FY 2022, the legislature adjusted the CWS personal services budget based on the program's Federal reimbursements, but the position count remained the same.

301SA-BF: Adjust Funding of the 2 New FFPSA Positions from Act 248, SLH 2022

Act 248, SLH 2022, provided excess salaries for FFPSA 92379K and 92378K; therefore, this request is to remove the excess salary. Refer to 301SA-51, 2022 Leg Worksheet for HMS 301 Seq #100-001. Act 248, SLH 2022, funded more than the regular salaries of the two Social Worker V positions. However, as these are FTE positions that are not exempt from civil services

provisions, this request is necessary to align the salaries of the two positions with the current salary schedule for the Fiscal Biennium 23-25 to adhere to the collective bargaining agreement.

Act 248, SLH 2022 added two new Social Worker V positions for CWSB and the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).

		2022		2023				2022		2023			
SEQ #	Perm	Temp	Amt	Perm	Temp	Amt		Perm	Temp	Amt	Perm	Temp	Amt
100-001				1.00		155,838 B					0.50		25,286 B
				1.00		155,838 N					0.50		25,286 N
SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST: ADD POSITION AND FUNDS FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (HMS301/SA). ***** LEGISLATURE DOES NOT CONCUR. FROM SPOUSE AND CHILD ABUSE SPECIAL FUND BREAKOUT AS FOLLOWS: (1) PERM SOCIAL WORKER V SR24E (#92379K; 0.50N/0.50B; 54,694B/54,694N) (1) PERM SOCIAL WORKER V SR24E (#92378K; 0.50N/0.50B; 62,136B/62,136N) FRINGE BENEFITS (39,008B/39,008N)							SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST: ADD POSITION AND FUNDS FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (HMS301/SA). ***** FROM SPOUSE AND CHILD ABUSE SPECIAL FUND DETAIL OF GOVERNOR'S REQUEST: (1) PERM SOCIAL WORKER V SR24E (#92379K; 0.5N/0.5B; 25,286N/25,286B) 6-MONTH DELAY IN HIRE						

Nationally, with FFPSA, child welfare services focus on strengthening families instead of removing a child from the family by providing families with child abuse and neglect prevention or other support services. These two positions are necessary to oversee the FFH program's contracted providers, manage the policies and procedures, and input, collect, and retrieve data for this program. This paradigm shift from intervention to prevention in child welfare practice will direct how CWSB serves families. These two positions are vital to Hawaii's transition to providing prevention services to strengthen families and avoid removing children from the family home.

DHS Administration

HMS 904 - General Administration

904AA-08 – Family Resource Centers is included in HB300 HD1 as nonrecurring.

Prog ID	Dept Priority	BUDGET REQUEST Description	MOF	FY 24			FY25		
				FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
904AA-08	24	Add Funds for Family Resource Center	A			605,000			605,000
904AA-06	41	Add Support for Commission on Fatherhood	A			4,000			4,000

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24		FY25	
904AA-04	52	Reverse Delay in Hiring Adjustment for 92343K HRS IV	A		33,312		35,496
904AA-01	55	Delete Positions and Funds for Office of Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness (Companion to 777HA-01)	A	(4.00)	(329,136)	(4.00)	(329,136)

904AA-08: Add Funds for Family Resource Center

This budget request for \$605,000 for FY24 and FY25 will continue the Family Resource Center Coordinator position and the Family Resource Centers (FRC) pilot program established by Act 129, SLH 2022. Act 129, SLH 2022, includes a five-year pilot program within DHS to fund one full-time equivalent (1.0) family resource center coordinator position. In addition, Act 129 requires DHS to 1) further develop and implement a state-wide network of school- and community-based FRCs; 2) establish definitions, standards, and best practices; 3) identify and align available services, goals, and outcomes; 4) develop referral and data tracking protocols; and Act 129 makes an appropriation for the family resource center coordinator position.

FRCs are community services hubs and offer opportunities to support and strengthen families. Linking residents to concrete supports such as financial assistance or health care coverage, activities, and programs reflect and are responsive to the community members' specific needs, cultures, and interests. Well-resourced FRCs have a critical role in preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening families so children can thrive and excel in school.

The FRC coordinator works with existing school- and community-based FRCs and other stakeholders to develop FRC standards. The Act 129 FRC coordinator also works with the Department of Public Safety, family and community members, and stakeholders involved in the FRC and Visitation Center at the Waiawa Community Correctional facility established by Act 125, SLH 2022.

904AA-06: Add Support for Commission on Fatherhood.

Act 156, SLH 2003, codified in Chapter 577E, HRS, established the State Commission on Fatherhood to provide a statewide program to promote healthy family relationships between parents and children. The legislature recognizes the vital role of fathers in raising children and in the health and well-being of families and communities.

Unfortunately, since its establishment, appropriations for the Commission have been limited and does not include paid staff position. Due to the lack of resources and changing membership, the Commission has struggled to meet its full potential as an advising body.

The Commission needs increased funding and a paid administrative assistant to move forward. The Commission requests that its annual funding be restored to pre-COVID-19 levels to fund community outreach activities and to cover administrative costs, including travel.

904AA-04: Reverse Delay in Hiring Adjustment for 92343K HRS IV

The DHS Human Resources Office is required to conduct comprehensive employment background checks for nearly 650 positions. This request reverses the six-month delay-in-hiring adjustment applied against one new full-time Human Resources Specialist IV position 92343K, SR22C, BU73, authorized under Act 248, SLH 2022. This position is responsible for conducting comprehensive employment background checks, including Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprint background checks, as required by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 1075 and Chapter 346, HRS, for all individuals selected to fill any of the department's approximately 650 positions which, by virtue of their job duties, have access to federal tax information (FTI).

DHS also proposed legislation allowing FBI fingerprinting checks for approximately 480 Social Services Division employees and new hires involved in providing direct client services for vulnerable adults and children. The remaining vehicle is HB 777.

Concerning IRS Publication 1075, the Human Resources Office must also recertify, every ten (10) years, the eligibility of current and existing employees to remain in the subject positions. DHS estimates that approximately 600 positions are subject to background check requirements, of which approximately 150 individual background checks are required for pre-employment and recertification per year. The legislative proposal to include Social Services Division positions will add approximately 75-100 checks per year, for up to 250 checks per year.

With the number of positions and employees impacted by the FTI background check requirement, existing staff cannot absorb the work required to manage this function for 650+ positions. In addition, DHS is mandated to conduct comprehensive background investigations for HYCF and the Serve America Act.

For many, the background investigation requires more than the fingerprint-based FBI and state criminal history record checks. Some require vouchering former employers, conducting national sex abuse registry checks, child and adult protective registry checks, and driving records. When an initial check reveals any negative information, staff must gather additional information from former employers or the individual before we can recommend a final decision on the individual's suitability for employment.

Staff also manage recruitment and examination activities, attend career and outreach efforts, and defend recruitment and examination challenges.

On average, DHS fills over 360 positions department-wide each year, which is a considerable volume and represents more than the entire staff of several small departments.

904AA-01: Delete Positions and Funds for Office of Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness (Companion to 777HA-01)

Before Act 242, SLH 2022, the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness (GCH) and staff led and coordinated statewide homeless policy efforts as a temporary Governor approved special project within program ID HMS 904 (DHS Administration) with five (5.00) temporary FTEs. In addition to personal services costs, \$15,000 in other current expenses were budgeted in HMS 904 to support the ongoing work of the GCH and staff.

With Act 252, SLH 2022, GCH will lead the SOHHS with five (5.00) permanent staff members to coordinate the statewide effort to end homelessness. However, Act 252, SLH 2022, did not provide appropriations for personnel costs, as the salaries for the GCH and staff were budgeted as temporary FTEs in HMS 904. Act 252, SLH 2022, only appropriated \$50,000 for the operation of the office. As an attached agency, SOHHS will have its program ID HMS 777, which becomes operational on July 1, 2023. This request is necessary so OHHS, HMS 777, may use appropriated resources.

DHS Overall

Federal Fund Adjustment Requests

Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
		Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
220RH-FF	1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			7,345,985			7,345,985
222RA-FF	1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			8,786,498			8,786,498
224HS-FF	1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			20,000			20,000
237NA-FF	1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			94,214			94,214
401PE-FF	1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			184,188,651			184,188,651
401PE-FF	1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	P			2,323,769			2,323,769
802GA-FF	1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			2,767,346			2,767,346

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
902IA-FF	1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	P			300,000			300,000

Form FF Reconciliation

Additional federal fund ceiling is requested based on a comparison of federal fund appropriations under Act 248, SLH 2022, and anticipated federal fund requirements for FY24 and FY25.

DHS requests consideration of these requests that were not included in HB300 HD1.

Operating Budget Request

Office of Youth Services (OYS)

HB300 HD1 includes a \$1.00 placeholder for 501YA-04GA and 501YA-01GA.

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
501YA-04GA	20	Additional Contract Expenses for the Offices of Youth Services	A			467,500			467,500
501YA-01GA	24	Additional positions at the Office of Youth Services	A	1.00		30,456	1.00		63,096

DHS General Administration – Director's Office

HB300 HD1 includes \$1.00 placeholder for 904AA-12GA, 904AA-10GA, and 904AA-14GA

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
904AA-12GA	9	Convert 1.00 Temp OA III 117103 in the Office of the Director to Perm	A	1.00	(1.00)		1.00	(1.00)	
904AA-10GA	37	904AA-10 adds funds for LGBTQ+ Commission Operational Expenses	A			20,000			20,000

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
904AA-14GA	39	Add Perm 1.00 FTE Sec II 94232K for OCE funds for Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood	A			2,400			2,400

904AA-12GA: Convert 1.00 FTE Temp OA III to permanent

The Director's office needs the Office Assistant III position to become permanent to attract and retain candidates. The Director's office only has two permanent staff, the Public Information Office and the Administrative Assistant. Especially in executive transition years, having permanent staff who understands administrative processes is crucial for operations. In addition, the Office Assistant greets the public and supports the Director's office by answering the phones, processing the mail, and receiving and distributing internal and external documents. As a temporary position, the last two long-term candidates found permanent positions as the end of the appointment period approached.

904AA-10GA: adds funds for LGBTQ+ Commission Operational Expenses

The LGBTQ+ Commission was established in 2022; it has no operating budget, and members have not yet been appointed. Funds are needed to facilitate Commissioners' travel and commission activities for the Commission to meet its mission.

904AA-14GA: Add Perm 1.00 FTE Sec II 94232K for OCE funds for Hawaii State Commission on Fatherhood

The Commission on Fatherhood requests the restoration of funds to pre-pandemic levels and a full-time secretary II position to support the Commission's administrative needs. This position may also support the LGBTQ+ Commission's administrative needs.

Benefits, Employment & Support Services Division (BESSD)

HB300 HD1 includes a \$1.00 placeholder for the following GM1 budget requests.

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
302DA-03GA	6	Operational expenses for Preschool Open Doors (POD) Expansion	A			500,000			0
305PK-01GA	6	Expansion of the Preschool Open Doors (POD) Program	A			38,800,000			38,800,000
224HS-07GA	8	Additional funding to increase all HPO contract amounts by 5%	A			1,320,000			1,320,000
236LC-03GA	13	Additional General Funding for Pohulani Lease	A			410,000			420,000

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25		
903FA-01GA	17	Continuous funding of rental assistance subsidies for First-to-Work program participants	A			1,552,000			1,552,000
903FA-01GA	17	Continuous funding of rental assistance subsidies for First-to-Work program participants	N			9,532,000			9,532,000
903FA-04GA	35	Add 3.00 Perm FTEs and Funds for SORS Office	A	1.59		42,440	1.59		88,213
903FA-04GA	35	Add 3.00 Perm FTEs and Funds for SORS Office	N	1.41		61,723	1.41		128,292
903FA-07GA	40	Add 2.00 Perm OA III positions and funds for Investigation Office	A	1.06		22,616	1.06		41,840
903FA-07GA	40	Add 2.00 Perm OA III positions and funds for Investigation Office	N	0.94		30,902	0.94		59,898
236LC-01GA	43	Additional funds for operating costs - security guards and move and renovation costs (Companion to 302DA-02GA)	A			543,253			543,253
236LC-01GA	43	Additional funds for operating costs - security guards and move and renovation costs (Companion to 302DA-02GA)	N			409,823			409,823

302DA-03GA: Operational expenses for Preschool Open Doors (POD) Expansion.

This request allows for the system modifications needed for Lieutenant Governor Luke’s Ready Keiki initiative to expand POD services to three-year-olds. DHS estimates that of the projected 35,273 three- and four-year-olds statewide, there may be 9,297 keiki that will not have access to limited classroom seats, and families lack resources to pay for preschool. In addition, DHS estimates that half of the 9,297 keiki are three-year-olds.

305PK-01GA: Expansion of the Preschool Open Doors (POD) Program.

DHS needs the appropriation increase to the POD program to achieve Lieutenant Governor Luke’s Ready Keiki initiative to expand POD services to three-year-olds and increase the subsidy amounts to make child care more affordable for low-income households.

224HS-07GA: Additional funding to increase all HPO contract amounts by 5%.

The Homeless Programs Office (HPO) requests additional funding for contracted homeless services. Providers need additional resources to hire and confidently maintain staffing levels. Based on the experience during the prior recession, DHS anticipates an increase in homelessness due to continuing high costs, low housing inventory, uneven economic recovery impacting low-income individuals and families, and the end of the federal rental and utility subsidies.

236LC-03GA: Additional General Funds for Pohulani Lease.

BESSD does not have sufficient general funds to cover the state-funded cost of the lease and requires additional funds to pay the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) for the continuous use of the Pohulani Processing Center. The Pohulani Processing Center services residents of East Honolulu on Oahu and serves 12,132 financial and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cases. It also includes a First to Work unit (154 clients) and Child Care Licensing Units (serving 315 providers). Therefore, interruption of services would impact a significant number of residents and program operations.

903FA-01GA: Continuous funding of rental assistance subsidies for First-to-Work program participants.

This funding is to sustain rental assistance subsidies to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families (TAONF) established by Act 237, SLH 2022. With this funding, TANF recipients with housing obligations will have more resources to make ends meet while they engage in the First-To-Work Program and participate in various work activities to become employable, obtain meaningful employment, and ultimately achieve financial independence. The general fund request will allow the Department to expend more federal funds from the "TANF reserve."

903FA-04GA: Add 3.00 Perm FTEs, and Funds for SORS Office.

The Systems Operations and Requirements Staff (SORS) office is the liaison between BESSD and the larger DHS Office of Information Technology (OIT). Without these positions, DHS will not be equipped to address the anticipated implementation of BESSD's replacement eligibility system, the Benefits Eligibility System (BES), the advancement of technology, and the need to support system modernization. This request reflects the real need to support the crucial areas of a modern eligibility system by establishing additional positions to address Data Stewardship, Case Management modules, common functions, Financial Management modules and system interfaces, and office support for the entire SORS operation.

903FA-07GA: Add 2.0 Perm OA III positions and funds for Investigation Office.

Investigative staffing on Kauai is needed to increase the ability to investigate complaints; capacity is limited due to needing staff in-office to provide office coverage. In addition, processing of investigations on Oahu will be more effective with additional clerical support to process investigations.

236LC-01GA: Additional funds for operating costs – security guards and move and renovation costs (Companion to 302DA-02GA).

Additional funding for security guards is necessary at all Processing Centers during business hours to ensure the safety of participants and staff and to maintain order in Processing Center lobbies.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

HB300 HD1 includes a \$1.00 placeholder for the following GM1 budget request.

Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	BUDGET REQUEST Description	MOF	FY 24			FY25		
				FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
802GA-02GA	22	Ceiling increase for Randolph-Sheppard Revolving Account	W			669,800			669,800

802GA-02GA: Ceiling increase for Randolph-Sheppard Revolving Account

This ceiling increase is necessary for Blind Vendors to meet the increasing costs of running vending facilities across the State, including equipment upgrades and renovations.

Social Services Division (SSD)

Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	BUDGET REQUEST Description	MOF	FY 24			FY25		
				FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
301SA-07GA	7	Additional funds for contract services for Child Protective Services	A			2,450,000			2,450,000
301SA-03GA	15	Additional Funds for Other Current Expenses for Child Protective Services	A			1,809,461			1,809,461
303WP-01GA	14	Supplemental funding for Foster Care Board Payments	A			500,000			500,000
601TA-02GA	32	Add 2.00 Permanent RN IVs for Oahu (1.00) and West Hawaii (1.00)	A	2.00		114,324	2.00		236,424
901MA-02GA	26	Change means of financing and redescribe position #s 118589 and 46378, Social Service Aid IIIs	A	1.20		73,094	1.20		75,170
901MA-02GA	26	Change means of financing and redescribe position #s 118589 and 46378, Social Service Aid IIIs	N	(1.20)		(16,849)	(1.20)		(13,986)
901MA-01GA	42	Maintenance and enhancement of the DHS/SSD, Local Area Network	A			1,072,453			102,170
601TA-03GA	46	Additional Funds for Other Current Expenses for Adult Protective and Community Services	A			91,623			91,623

DHS requests consideration of these budget requests that were not included in HB300 HD1.

Social Services Division (SSD)

Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	BUDGET REQUEST Description	MOF	FY 24			FY25		
				FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
301SA-01	8	Increase Special Fund Appropriation Ceiling for the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Fund	B			5,000,000			5,000,000
HMS301/SA	NA	Transfer Out Funds & Change MOF for 2.25 FTE counts	A			(172,695)			(172,695)
HMS901/MA	NA	Transfer In Funds & Change MOF for 2.25 FTE counts	A			172,695			172,695
HMS901/MA	NA	Transfer In Funds & Change MOF for 2.25 FTE counts	A	2.25			2.25		
HMS901/MA	NA	Transfer In Funds & Change MOF for 2.25 FTE counts	N	(2.25)			(2.25)		

301SA-01: Increase Special Fund Appropriation Ceiling for the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Fund

The Child Welfare Services Branch (CWSB) requests that the Spouse & Child Abuse Special Fund (SCASF) budget appropriation ceiling be increased to \$5,000,000.00 to align with Act 250, SLH 2022, which amended SCASF's ceiling amount in the statute. As noted above, CWSB needs a ready source of non-federal funds to implement Hawaii's Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (FFPSA) plan, Family First Hawaii. In addition to vital records fees, SCASF may receive federal reimbursements from Title IV-E of the Social Security Act when the state receives the reimbursements in the following fiscal year from which the Title IV-E funds were expended.

Previous requests to increase the SCASF ceiling have yet to be adjusted by the Legislature, despite the amendments to the statute. As a result, the budget ceiling limit is stuck at \$1,163,425. As a result, CWSB can only retain this \$1.1M amount in the SCASF, while in the last two fiscal years, CWSB has 4th quarter reimbursements exceeding \$5,000,000 that end up lapsing to the general fund. The table below reflects the 4th quarter federal reimbursements:

	QTE 6/30/21	QTE 6/30/22
Foster Care	\$3,473,757	\$2,468,490
Adoption Assistance	\$4,011,933	\$4,001,716
Guardianship Assistance	\$1,065,325	\$1,076,414
Total:	\$8,551,015	\$7,546,620

FFPSA requires upfront state or non-federal funds to access 50% federal reimbursement for approved prevention services. FFPSA also removed linkages to income eligibility, allowing states to expand the population that FFH may serve and claim reimbursement.

Therefore, with sufficient SCASF funds, CWSB could properly implement the FFH plan and receive additional federal reimbursements for abuse and neglect prevention and intervention services. The alternative would be to request \$5M in recurring general funds.

For background, FFPSA is a part of the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act. FFPSA reforms the federal child welfare financing streams, Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, to provide services to families and children at risk of entering the child welfare system. FFPSA aims to prevent children from entering foster care by allowing federal reimbursement for mental health services, substance use treatment, in-home parenting skills training, and other approved services. It also seeks to improve the well-being of children already in foster care by requiring states to reduce the placement of children in congregate care settings. On August 11, 2021, the Federal Hawaii Administration of Children and Families (ACF) approved the Family First Hawaii Title IV-E Prevention Plan, effective January 1, 2021. Hawaii was the first state in Federal Region IX to have its plan approved. CWS implemented the first phase of the Family First Hawaii plan on October 1, 2021.

Hawaii received a federal FFPSA transition grant to assist with developing and implementing its FFPSA Prevention Plan, Family First Hawaii (FFH). The FFPSA transition grant was a one-time payment of \$1,955,441. CWS expended the funds on systems modifications necessary to capture required FFPSA data and to procure contracted services. Since the transition grant was a federal fund, Hawaii could not claim federal reimbursements.

301SA-GM/901MA-GM: GM2 request to transfer out funds and change MOF for 2.25 FTE counts.

This request is to transfer funds from HMS 301 to HMS 901 and to change the means of financing for 2.25 FTE position counts to avoid a payroll shortfall in fiscal biennium 2023-2025 (FB 23-25) and to meet the department's fiscal responsibilities.

The 2022 Legislature approved two supplemental budget requests for the state fiscal year 2023 (SFY 23) submitted by the DHS, Social Services Division. Unfortunately, the division relied on inaccurate data for the requests and, during a normal fiscal review, determined that adjustments were needed in the budget to address an unanticipated shortfall for SFY 23 and FB 23-25.

One approved request was to transfer nine permanent FTE positions and funding from HMS 301 to HMS 901 to provide program and planning support by consolidating the program development functions. Most Child Welfare Services (CWS) positions are split-funded, with 60% general and 40% federal funds. The program relied on the reimbursement rate for the nine split-funded positions, which was 60% general and 40% federal funds, for the request. Based on the current three-year reimbursement average, however, the actual reimbursement that the program receives from the federal government is only 15%, significantly less than the budgeted allocation of 40%.

The second request was for additional funds for personal services costs in HMS 301, which aligned the program's base budget to the actual funds required to cover payroll obligations for all employees within the program, including the nine positions that were requested for the transfer. However, unlike the request above, this request based its calculations on the actual reimbursement received from the federal government, which equated to 15%. Thus, all CWS split-funded positions were adjusted from 60% general and 40% federal funds to 85% general and 15% federal funds. However, because the transfer of the nine positions from HMS 301 to HMS 901 was in a separate request from the salary adjustments to all CWS positions, the split-funding of the transferred positions remained at the 60A/40N split in HMS 901.

The Department requests consideration of these additional requests by the Green Administration.

HMS 224 BESSD Additional General Funding for Homeless Shelters Electricity

This request aligns with Governor Green's priority in addressing homelessness. The Homeless Programs Office (HPO) requests general funds to pay for electricity costs at all four homeless shelters in Kalaeloa.

The State owns four homeless shelters in Kalaeloa:

- Hale Ulu Pono is a transitional homeless shelter with 66 units that can serve up to 66 individuals.
- Kumuhonua is a transitional homeless shelter with 65 units serving up to 130 individuals and couples.
- Onelau'ena is an emergency homeless shelter with 63 units that can serve up to 200 individuals in families.
- Onemalu is a transitional homeless shelter with 40 units that can serve up to 175 individuals in families.

HPO pays for the electricity to the shelters supplied by the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC). The cost of electricity has significantly increased over the last few years. In FY21, HPO paid \$194,435; in FY22, HPO faced an increase of 23.7% and paid \$240,573. In FY23, electricity costs continue to increase as HPO has paid \$188,296 for the first six months and is estimating the final cost for FY23 to be \$376,592. This increase is supported by the "Consumer Price Index - June 2022," which reports that electricity prices rose 13.7%, the largest 12-month increase since April 2006.

HMS 224 BESSD - Request for additional general funds to increase all State HPO contracts by 5%.

This request aligns with Governor Green's priority to address homelessness. This request is for additional general funds to increase all State HPO contract amounts by 5% to cover increased costs to deliver necessary homeless services without delay.

HPO contract providers are losing staff due to low salaries as contract amounts have not increased to match inflation. With staff capacity issues, providers are challenged to meet the demands of homeless individuals and families. In addition to personnel costs, providers need help to cover the increased costs of office supplies, equipment, office leases, utilities, and fuel.

Providers need additional resources to hire and confidently maintain staffing levels. Following the 2009 recession, we saw more individuals and families experiencing housing instability and becoming homeless over several years. Without a significant increase in the inventory of affordable low-income housing, we anticipate a similar increase in homelessness due to continuing high costs, low housing inventory, uneven economic recovery impacting low-income individuals and families, and the end of the federal pandemic rental and utility subsidies.

HMS 236 BESSD - Additional funds for operating costs - security guards, and move and renovation costs.

This departmental request is for operating costs that support Processing Centers that serve residents applying for financial assistance and SNAP. These appropriations for security guards and moving and renovation costs maintain a safe and secure business environment for residents and staff. The request includes funds to purchase new furniture for the consolidated offices and improve the working environment for both residents and staff.

1. Additional funding for security guards is necessary at all processing centers during business hours to ensure the safety of participants and staff and to maintain order in Processing Center (PC) lobbies. Over the years, the cost of security guards has increased to \$28.12 per hour per guard. BESSD utilizes twenty-four (24) full-time security guard positions to fulfill this need. The chart below shows how we determined the appropriation request.

No. of Security Guards needed	Hourly wage per guard	No. of hours per week	Total wages per week	Total wages per month (wage per week x 4.333)	Total annual wage for 24 security guards	Current BESSD Budget for Security Guards	Total Amount needed to cover cost
24	28.12	40	\$26,995.20	\$ 116,970.20	\$ 1,403,642.40	\$450,566.00	\$ 953,076.40

2. Koolau PC renovation costs - Koolau PC is currently in two locations. DHS plans to consolidate the thirty-eight (38) staff into one location. These funds will allow all Koolau PC staff to work in one location, reconfigure the space to accommodate workstations, allow for

confidential workspaces, and modernize the workspace to complement the workflow of the PC's business process. Koolau PC currently has an active caseload of 5,671 cases. Re-configuring this workspace and bringing all staff together will improve the processing center's functionality, effectiveness, and efficiency to ensure that payments for windward families with current active cases and applications for assistance are determined and processed timely.

HMS 236 - Additional General Funds for Pohulani Processing Center Lease

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) Leasing Services Branch provides centralized office leasing services to all Executive Branch departments. The statewide program of the Leasing Branch is to lease commercial office space from private sector property owners when there is no available or appropriate space in state office buildings controlled by the DAGS.

The previous lease (32-10-0353) for BESSD/Pohulani office with the Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation (HHFDC) ended on August 31, 2022. DHS subleases the fourth floor in the Pohulani Building from HHFDC, not the private owner. DAGS informed DHS on 12/29/2022 that DAGS Leasing Branch will no longer pay for DHS' rent from September 1, 2022, onward and that DHS needs to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) directly with HHFDC since this will be an agreement between two state agencies.

HHFDC and DHS finalized the new lease (MOA) on 12/09/2022. With the new MOA provisions, BESSD will receive the entire Bill for Collection directly from HHFDC, including federal and state-funded amounts. Before the 12/09/2022 MOA, DAGS paid the state-funded amount, and DHS paid the federally-funded amount. BESSD needs a general fund appropriation to cover the state-funded cost to pay HHFDC for the continuous use of the Pohulani Processing Center.

The Pohulani Processing Center services residents of East Honolulu and serves 12,132 financial and SNAP cases. It also includes a First to Work (FTW) (154 clients) and Child Care Licensing units (315 providers). Therefore, interruption of services would impact a significant number of residents and program operations.

HMS 302 BESSD - Additional funds for establishing a new child care subsidy unit.

Though planning for this request was ongoing before the Green Administration, this request is aligned with Lt. Governor Luke's priority to invest in early childhood and expand access to child care for Hawaii's families.

The request is to fund child care subsidy operating cost funds to establish a central Child Care Subsidy Unit (CCSU) in the Waipahu Civic Center. The Waipahu CCSU will determine eligibility, promptly process child care subsidy applications, and effectively administer the federal child care funds appropriated through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

Administration of Children and Families. Having the CCSU in a central location will allow more timely and efficient eligibility determinations and processing of child care subsidies to eligible families and minimize and eliminate the pending case backlog. In addition, this effort will allow families to enroll their children in child care while they look for employment or continue their education.

In FY22, DHS, using contracted vendors, received more than 6,400 applications for child care subsidies serving 6,000+ families and over 8,900 children in the State. In FY22, DHS expended over \$67M in childcare payments and anticipated expenditures of up to \$84M to process over 8,000 applications for FY23. Historically, the contracted vendors carried a backlog of 1,400 or more child care applications per month and could not meet the timeliness of processing applications. As a result, families experienced significant delays, several months on average, thus leaving many families to delay the start of child care.

In 2022, Act 248 authorized DHS's request to bring the child care subsidy program CCCH and POD in-house to improve application processing and reduce wait times. Act 248 established twenty-five (25) new BESSD positions for this transition to meet DHS' goal to improve efficiency, timeliness, and communication with families regarding child care assistance.

HMS 302 BESSD - Operational expenses for Preschool Open Doors (POD) Expansion

This budget request is a priority of Lt. Governor Luke to invest in early childhood and expand the Preschool Open Doors (POD) program to eligible three-year-olds. This request seeks additional funding to procure the service delivery system to process the additional applications, eligibility determinations, and payment issuance of the child care subsidy to eligible families. This budget request is for the Hawaii Automated Network for Assistance (HANA) system modifications to process the additional POD applications and issue the monthly payments. POD subsidies are prioritized and ranked to allow seamless enrollment of returning three-year-olds as four-year-olds in POD, issue three-year-olds' payments, and capture and produce necessary reports.

The POD services provided to eligible four-year-olds are through the contract at \$536,000 annually. To meet the applications for three-year-olds, DHS requests an additional \$536,000 in general funds to provide POD subsidies to families of three-year-olds.

DHS' long-term plans are to eventually bring this capability in-house to expedite the expanded three-year-old population. Procuring the services will allow parents and caregivers to access POD subsidies as soon as possible and entails contracting for these POD services.

As discussed previously, Act 46, SLH 2020, established the goal to provide all keiki ages 3 and 4 with preschool enrollment by 2032. Act 210, SLH 2021, delayed the implementation of POD for three-year-olds and made other changes to Act 46. There are legislative proposals (HB961/SB1023) to make further amendments to the POD program for the proposed expansion.

With current services, DHS estimates that of the projected 35,272 three- and four-year-olds statewide, there may be 9,297 keiki that will not have access to limited classroom seats, and families lack resources to pay for a preschool. Also, DHS estimates that half of the 9,297 keiki are three-year-olds.

This request is related to a different budget request (below) for an additional \$38,800,000 annually to permanently increase subsidy rates paid during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to support families' ability to pay and access POD programs.

HMS 305 BESSD - Expansion of the Preschool Open Doors (POD) Program

This request is a part of Lt. Governor Luke's initiative to invest in early childhood and increase access to child care for Hawaii's three- and four- year old children.

As indicated above, DHS estimates there will be about 9,297 keiki that may not have access to child care due to the lack of available classroom seats, and their families do not have enough resources to pay for a preschool experience.

Currently, POD has an annual general fund appropriation of \$11,600,000 and provides subsidies to eligible four-year-olds. With the current appropriation, POD serves approximately 1,400 children, with an average payment of \$680/month per child. Most preschools have monthly tuition costs that exceed \$680/month, requiring most families to pay the co-pay out of pocket. For some, even with the POD subsidy, the co-pay may be cost-prohibitive for low-income families. Child care costs often influence whether one parent or caretaker decides to forego employment or more education to care for their children. The decision to forego employment or pursue education has long-lasting economic impacts on the family as wage loss, work experience, and missing employment opportunities are difficult to make up over time.

This request for POD subsidy increases will be 100% general funds. This appropriation will allow DHS to issue an increase of up to \$1,500 for accredited child care and maintain the current approximate amount of children that the POD currently covers. With this additional appropriation, the total cost of the POD subsidy to service four-year-olds will be \$25,200,000 annually (\$1,500 x 12 months x 1,400 children), and the cost of serving both three and four-year-olds will be \$50,400,000 annually.

HMS 802 DVR - Five additional positions to support WIOA

DVR requests five additional positions state-wide the support Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Performance Measures federally required under Hawaii's Unified State Plan. The positions will also support the documentation requirements and monitoring for federal reporting on outcomes and compliance.

One Social Service Assistant IV position will be in the Maui Branch and one in Oahu's Services for the Blind Branch (SBB). These positions will provide vocational services that address unemployed or underemployed individuals with identified disabilities and document services provided for job placements.

One Employment Service Specialist IV position will be in Maui Branch and one in the Hawaii Branch in Hilo. These will serve rural VR participants accessing remote work and self-employment opportunities in communities with limited access to resources, transportation, and employers.

DVR's Human Services Professional III position will support the SSB New Visions program state-wide to reinforce independent living skills in residents' homes or the community to strengthen job retention and self-sufficiency skills. DVR is proposing to use federal fund amounts of \$141,601 for FY24 and \$283,202 for FY25 from other current expenses for the federal fund portion of the salaries of the five new positions.

Additionally, the WIOA performance measures required by the federal Rehabilitation Services Administration related to employment post-exit outcomes. They represented the need to engage DVR participants in Hawaii's workforce early in their VR program services. Early engagement reinforces participants' ability to retain or advance in employment related to their career goals.

The Employment Specialists in Maui and Hawaii Counties will reinforce transitional employment services, self-employment planning and implementation, and job development. These activities require documentation for Hawaii's VR participants who gain and retain employment post-exit from VR services.

DVR's Employment rates for the 2nd and 4th quarters after exit in PY21 were 34.7% and 34%, respectively. These rates indicate the need to strengthen job retention skills before exiting DVR services. DVR's Employment Specialists will support VR participants in Maui and Hawaii counties once the two proposed Employment Specialist positions are approved and filled.

HMS 802 DVR - Blind Vendors – Increasing the spending ceiling of the Randolph-Sheppard Revolving Funds

The Randolph Sheppard Act of 1936 authorized the Vending Facility program authorized by those who are blind with employment and self-support through the operation of vending facilities on federal and other properties. Hawaii replicated the federal program for Blind Vendors to operate vending machines and businesses in government buildings. The program was intended to enhance employment opportunities for trained, licensed blind persons to operate facilities. With vending machines and sites in federal and State facilities, DVR's Blind Vendors' business state-wide suffered significantly during the pandemic. Blind Vendors lost

revenue during Emergency Proclamation lockdowns as the government workforce transitioned to hybrid work schedules and public foot traffic in government buildings dwindled. Blind Vendors continue to struggle due to inflation. Needed renovations to blind vending facilities were also delayed. Inflation has increased expenditures, including blind vending stand renovations, equipment, inventory, health care coverage, and retirement costs to blind vendors. Therefore, the spending ceiling of the Randolph-Sheppard Revolving Funds account must be increased to cover planned expenditures. The current ceiling of \$1,330,200.00 is too low. Adding \$669,800 to the current ceiling will address projected expenditures of \$2,000,000 per annum.

As an example of the increasing expenditures incurred during the pandemic, the program's budget for repair and maintenance costs in FY 2021 (\$20,102) increased in FY 2022 (\$27,832) by 38%; equipment replacement costs increased by nearly 53% from \$11,055 in FY21 to \$17,011 in FY22; refurbishment of facilities costs increased by more than 77% (FY21 expenditures were budgeted for \$72,125, and FY22 expenditures totaled \$128,229). In addition, the increased refurbishment costs are projected to increase by 67% in FY23 per the approved budget of the Committee of blind vendors.

HMS 802 - CIP Ho`opono building complex

DVR's Ho`opono building complex requires capital improvement funds to maintain and repair the complex's air conditioning equipment and fencing. The air conditioning equipment is in an uncovered outdoor mechanical area and exposed to the elements and vandals. The area's wooden fence is also surrounded by a wooden fence in disrepair, allowing individuals to access the area after hours, which could damage this equipment. DVR requests CIP funds to protect the recently installed and replaced mechanical equipment from the elements and potential vandalism.

In addition to enclosing the mechanical area and improving fencing, the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) recommended retro-commissioning fixtures and systems and exterior painting of both Ho`opono Building A and B. These buildings, erected in 1964, need maintenance to maintain operations and services, health and safety, and to prolong the life of the buildings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Robert G. Peters, Chair
Early Learning Board

SUBJECT: **Measure:** H.B. No. 300 H.D. 1 – RELATING TO STATE BUDGET
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Conference Room 211

EARLY LEARNING BOARD POSITION: SUPPORT

The Early Learning Board (ELB) is the Governing Board for the Executive Office on Early Learning. It strongly supports H.B. No. 300 H.D. 1.

The ELB appreciates the Legislature's on-going support of EOEL's current Public Pre-K Program and its efforts to expand opportunities to increase access to quality early care and learning experiences to children across our State. The Board supports EOEL's identified priorities (see below) as it seeks to better meet its early childhood systems building charge and defers to EOEL's comments and details included in its EDN 700 Budget proposal requests.

EOEL's priorities supported by the Early Learning Board include,

- **A funding appropriation of \$660,000 for the Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program** (program was established by the Legislature through Act 210, SLH 2021, and provides upfront funding to eligible students pursuing early childhood coursework and credentials).
- **Expanding EOEL's systems and office capacity** (2 position counts only (no funding needed) for a Business Manager and Contracts Specialist).
- **A \$3 million appropriation ceiling request for the Early Learning Special Fund** (no appropriation).

Included in H.B. No. 300 H.D. 1 from the GM 1 are placeholders for the following requests, which the ELB also supports:

- **Expanding EOEL Public Pre-K to open 55 additional classrooms by School Year 2024** (The additional classrooms are located in all counties across the State and will allow EOEL to service up to an additional 1,100).
- **Expanding EOEL's systems and office capacity** (2 FTE position counts and a total of \$177,257 for an Institutional Analyst, and Program Specialist).

These budget requests will allow EOEL to continue its work to increase and improve access to early learning opportunities for all young children by providing necessary funding to increase early learning services, bolster the workforce, and enhance EOEL's office capacity. We respectfully request the legislature adopt the requests for EDN700 as reflected in the FY 2023-2025 Biennium Budget and GM 1 and consider supporting ELB's needed resources to enhance its system building capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support on this bill.

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TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. No. 300, H.D.1, Relating to the State Budget

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Taxation ("Department") supports H.B. 300, H.D.1, which provides appropriations for the fiscal biennium 2023-2025 to fund the operations of the Department that will enable the Department to administer the tax laws of the State of Hawaii'i in a consistent, uniform, and fair manner. The Department offers the following comments to support and clarify the Department's significant budget requests contained in H.B. 300, H.D.1.

1. Funding for Tax System Modernization (TSM) Maintenance and Monitoring

This request adds \$11,359,926 to the budget for FY24 and \$7,198,030 to the budget for FY25. The maintenance of the Department's modernized integrated tax system, known as TSM or GenTax, is essential to the Department's collection of tax revenues. TSM has automated many of the Department's operations, including the processing of returns and payments, the sending of notices and correspondence, billing, fraud detection, revenue accounting, and the capture of data for various compliance, audit, and other purposes. Proper maintenance and monitoring of TSM is needed to prevent the system from failing, which could jeopardize the timely and accurate collection of tax revenues. Funding is also needed to enable the Department to implement tax law changes, continue

verification services to assist in fraud detection, and to upgrade the application code, which is no longer being supported by Microsoft.

2. Fund Unfunded Deputy Director of Taxation Position

This request adds \$161,028 to the budget for FY24 and \$165,048 to the budget for FY25. This request is to restore funding for the Deputy Director of Taxation, which was previously unfunded due to the position being left vacant under the former administration. The Deputy Director of Taxation is vital to the operations of the Department and was thus filled by the current administration.

3. Establish Two New Positions in Oahu Field Audit Branch

This request adds \$160,368 to the budget for FY24 and \$166,128 to the budget for FY25. This request is needed to fund two new field auditor positions on Oahu, established pursuant to Act 217, SLH 2022 to audit claims for the motion picture, digital media, and film production income tax credit.

4. Fund Half-Year Funded and Unfunded Positions

This request is to fund the following positions that are currently only half-funded:

- Delinquent Tax Collection Assistant III, Hilo
- Delinquent Tax Collection Assistant III, Kaua'i

This request is to also fund the following positions that are currently not funded:

- Tax Return Examiner II, Oahu
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- Tax Return Examiner II, Oahu

The foregoing positions were established pursuant to Act 248, SLH 2022, but they were not fully funded. This request adds \$307,884 to the budget for FY24 and \$323,268 to the budget for FY 25.

5. Fund Positions for Taxation Board of Review

This request adds \$533,859 to the budget for FY24 and \$546,579 to the budget for FY25. This request is needed to fund the new unified statewide Taxation Board of Review established pursuant to Act 218, SLH 2022 and Act 118, SLH 2021. The Taxation Board of Review is important because it offers taxpayers an alternative, less formal, avenue for appeal.

6. Establish and Fund Two Management Analyst II Positions in the Criminal Investigations Section

This request adds \$56,280 to the budget for FY24 and \$116,592 to the budget for FY25. This request is to add two Management Analyst II positions in the Criminal Investigations Section to assist with tax fraud detection. Fraud detection and enforcement are essential to improving voluntary compliance with tax laws and to hold tax evaders accountable.

Furthermore, as a point of clarification in Governor's Message No. 1 (2023), the Department is seeking to modify our budget request for the following items as follows:

1. Increase Spending in ITSO (OCE)

Additionally, we are adjusting our budget request to \$450,000 to the budget for FY24 and \$250,000 to the budget for FY25. This request will modernize the Department's phone system, upgrade computer software and hardware, improve call center capacity, improve IT security, and enable remote working capabilities. Modernizing and upgrading the Department's technology will enable more efficient and secure operations and better service to taxpayers. The requested funding will also allow the Department to comply with IRS audit and security requirements.

2. Establish and Fund Positions and Increase Spending for Neighbor Island Offices

Finally, we are adjusting our budget request to \$211,770 to the budget for FY24 and \$309,548 to the budget for FY25. This request is to establish new positions, as well as reestablish positions that were abolished in 2021 during the financial crisis caused by Covid-19. The following positions are being requested for our Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island offices:

- Delinquent Tax Collection Assistant II, Kaua'i
- Tax Return Examiner III, Kaua'i
- Office Assistant III, Kaua'i
- Tax Clerk, Kona
- Tax Return Examiner III, Hilo

This request also includes funding for a modernized phone system, training expenses, and necessary office upgrades for neighbor island operations. This request will enable the provision of better services to our growing neighbor island

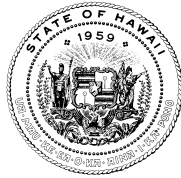
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communities and increase compliance efforts to detect and address tax fraud and non-compliance on the neighbor islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and ask the Committee to pass this measure with the recommended amendments.

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**TESTIMONY OF IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HEARING ON MARCH 23, 2023 AT 10:00AM IN CR 211**

HB 300, HD 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

March 23, 2023

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB300, HD1 which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 and includes funding for our two (2) programs, HHL 602 – Planning and Development for Hawaiian Homesteads and HHL 625 – Administration and Operating Support. House Bill 300 includes \$16,428,191 in general funds for FY 2024 and \$16,796,100 for FY 2025 to cover the department's existing personnel, administrative and operating costs in HHL 625.

The budget bill also includes requests for \$10 million in general funds, \$4,824,709 in special funds, \$3,740,534 in trust funds, \$7 million in revolving funds, \$23,318,527 in authorization to receive federal funds from the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), and \$20 million in CIP funding for each fiscal year.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission approved the "Sufficient Sums" budget request, which DHHL submitted to the Governor and the Legislature as detailed in our budget testimony that can be reviewed at: [Info Testimony WAM-HWN 01-10-23 HHL.pdf \(hawaii.gov\)](#). DHHL's obligation to make this request is clear.

We are most appreciative of the support given by the Legislature to the Hawaiian homes program. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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March 22, 2023

TO: The Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Leanne Gillespie, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **HB 300 HD 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**
Hearing: March 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Office of Youth Services (OYS) supports the executive budget and the testimony of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and provides additional history and comments on the operational budget for Safe Spaces.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this measure is to adjust and request appropriations for fiscal biennium 2024-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of the Executive Branch agencies and programs.

The OYS appreciates the Legislature’s support over the past year. The OYS appreciates the opportunity to present and discuss Act 130 Safe Spaces for Youth Pilot Program and related Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 352D-7, Youth Service Centers and HRS 352D-7.5, Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center.

BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25				
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
501YA-03	19	Safe Spaces Program	A	-	1.00	868,556	1.00	-	871,016

The Department of Corrections originally managed the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF). Act 375 (SLH 1989) created the Office of Youth Services to take over the

management of HYCF, and further authorized the OYS to study youth services in Hawaii to identify the target group and service needs and plan a system of delivery of youth services. One of the resulting recommendations of this report to the 1991 Legislature, was for the children and youth service system to focus around a series of youth service centers (YSC). The purpose of these centers was to meet youth where they were at to provide a one-stop-shop of services to meet their needs and prevent delinquency that would result in them moving into the juvenile justice system. This initial vision had youth service centers in every Department of Education School District and provide comprehensive community outreach, programs for community-oriented family support, group and residential care, shelters, mental health counseling, comprehensive intake and assessment services, long-term case management, and a continuum of support and treatment services. Hawaii Revised Statutes 352-7, the objective of youth service centers shall be to:

- (1) Develop and implement programs in delinquency prevention;
- (2) provide a wider range of informal dispositions, particularly alternatives to the juvenile justice system;
- (3) Develop an improved system of intake, assessment and follow-up for youth; and
- (4) Provide better coordination of services to reduce overlaps and gaps in services.

While the specific historical knowledge of why these multi-service centers were not created during this time, it is believed that lack of funding and resources did not provide for their creation. Instead, over the past several decades, OYS has contracted for separately for different components of these service centers. OYS manages over 70 community-based contracts for diversion intake and assessment, positive youth development and cultural delinquency prevention programs, truancy and in-school prevention, outreach and advocacy, family and parent support services, emergency shelter and residential programs and more. The vision of multi-service youth centers is still an effective, evidence-based model to provide youth with the services they need in order to prevent delinquency and the goal of OYS to establish across the State.

Following the completion of a 2015 Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness (KYFWC) feasibility study and 2018 KYFWC Programmatic Plan, the Legislature authorized the OYS to create its first youth service center, the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center (KYFWC) (Act 208, SLH 2018). With the primary objective to prevent delinquency, the KYFWC was also to provides, but is not limited to mental health services and programs, substance abuse treatment, crisis shelters for homeless youth, crisis shelters for victims of human and sex trafficking, vocational training, group homes, day treatment programs, aftercare, family counseling services, education services, vocational training, and other services to meet the needs of youth and young adults. Remaining unfunded, the OYS developed public-private partnerships with community-based agencies to provide youth services within its existing structures.

Moving ahead to 2022, Act 130, SLH 2022 authorized the Department of Human Services to establish an inter-agency Youth Safe Spaces Pilot Program to provide shelter to homeless youth; including:

- (1) Overnight lodging and supervision,
- (2) Hot meals and hot showers,
- (3) Access to medical and behavioral health services, and
- (4) Education, and vocational support to homeless youth.

DHS directed the appropriation to HMS 501 (In-community youth programs) with the Office of Youth Services.

The objectives of the Safe Spaces Pilot Program are similar to that of OYS' statutory responsibility to establish youth service centers, but with a singular focus on providing homeless youth services. OYS has spent the last year assessing the needs of both homeless youth and other at-risk youth in crisis, stakeholder engagement, community and OYS capacity, and developing a plan for Safe Spaces. Due to the overlap of youth service centers and Safe Spaces, the OYS envision establishing a combined youth safe spaces service centers. This will reduce duplication of services, reduce costs, increase service access for youth and their

families, and implement an evidence-based delinquency prevention program across the State. The minimum cost to operate one emergency shelter is estimated at \$800,000 annually. This may increase or decrease depending on the location, facility costs, staffing and services offered. An inventory of short-term shelter beds reveals there are 96 beds for minors across all counties and 20 young adult beds on Oahu. The establishment of either Safe Spaces as stand-alone emergency shelters for homeless youth or combined youth safe space service centers for all youth in crisis, will require additional funding and resources.

This appropriation will provide additional resources to our homeless youth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 300
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

PRESENTATION TO:
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS and MEANS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
ADJUTANT GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY

March 22, 2023

Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, and Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, and Director of Homeland Security.

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides written testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 300 HD1 with comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Department of Defense. Highlights in DODs request include:

1. \$5M for the post-disaster Major Disaster Fund
2. An additional \$2.5M in General funds to be able to access an already approved federal match of \$4.5M. (\$24.7M of Hazard Mitigation federal funds with a \$6.9M state match was approved in FY23 supplemental budget. Total grant funds are now estimated at \$29.2M with a \$9.4M State Match)Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy (\$6.7M annually) CFDA 12.404 (model is \$25K)
3. \$700K salary increases for all eligible program positions for the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program. 2012 was the last salary increase approved for YCA. [13 years ago].

4. \$21.4M in various Capital Improvement Projects, of which \$12.2M are in Bond funds and the remaining requests of \$9.2M is in federal funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB300HD1. If you have any questions or need additional information to our response, please contact our Administrative Services Officer COL (retired) Rusty Spray at (808) 369-3458 or at rusty.spray@hawaii.gov.



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Statement of
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Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL NO. 300 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer these comments on HB300 HD1, which allocates \$35 million to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority in each year of the biennium. While we appreciate the consideration of funding, that level is significantly lower than our request of \$60 million for each year of the biennium, and a one-time incremental \$15 million in FY24 only.

The cuts proposed in HB300 HD1 will drastically reduce HTA's capacity to execute visitor education and destination management initiatives. There would be cuts to Hawaiian culture initiatives, community enrichment programs, signature events, the implementation of the Destination Management Action Plans, workforce development, capacity building and technical assistance for community non-profits, and sporting events.

HTA is committed to destination management and has efforts ongoing statewide in close partnership with the counties and community organizations. These deep cuts would delay or derail those efforts, including an active procurement of support services for destination stewardship.

A fragile recovery of Hawai'i's visitor industry is still ongoing – especially in our international markets – and the Council on Revenues and the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization agree that larger economic uncertainty looms on the horizon.

While we acknowledge the challenges we have experienced in the past and continue to work to strengthen our processes, we encourage a reconsideration of budget cuts this drastic to the agency responsible for managing Hawai'i's visitor industry.

Over the past two and a half years, Hawai'i experienced and survived a massive economic collapse thanks to a coordinated effort between the private and public sectors. In concert with our partners and stakeholders, and led by our board of directors, HTA has been guiding and

supporting the recovery of our tourism industry which has helped resuscitate Hawai'i's overall economy ahead of projections.

Tourism is the largest sector of Hawai'i's economy, and therefore a major contributor of tax revenues to fund important state priorities. In 2022, preliminary numbers show that Hawai'i tourism topped the previous high water mark 2019 in visitor spending (\$19.3 billion, +8.9%) and state tax revenue (\$2.21 billion, +6.2%) with fewer visitor arrivals (9.25 million, -11%).

It is important to note that this strong recovery was primarily powered by the U.S. market, where HTA has maintained continuity in our visitor education, brand management, and support services even through the contested process to procure the next contract for that market. Two major HTA procurements are under way at this time, requests for proposals in U.S. brand management and marketing, and support services for destination stewardship. The budget requests before you will fund the work being procured in those two RFPs.

Our original request for an incremental \$15 million in FY24, on top of the \$60 million in requested base funding, will return us to an operational cadence that allows us to focus on the important work of balancing tourism's economic benefits with its impacts through destination management and visitor education.

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority is also responsible for the management of the Hawai'i Convention Center on behalf of the state. We are requesting the restoration of an expenditure ceiling of \$28.5 million for the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund. That fund has historically been sourced from Transient Accommodations Tax revenues and reinvested in the operation and maintenance of the Hawai'i Convention Center, a state asset that serves kama'āina and visitors alike.

In the 2021 legislative session, the Convention Center was provided ARPA funds and the expenditure ceiling for the special fund was removed. \$34.9 million is in the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund, \$29 million of it unencumbered and unaccessible until an expenditure ceiling is restored.

Conversations are also ongoing with the tourism committees in both chambers of the Legislature to seek a path forward for critical repairs to the Convention Center roof.

HTA's message to prospective visitors around the world is **Mālama Hawai'i**: an invitation for them to join kama'āina in caring for our beloved home. Setting that intention and expectation, combined with robust visitor education through all stages of the journey, is our strategy to target and welcome visitors who prioritize the environment and being mindful guests – all key to achieving our goal of a regenerative model of tourism.

After a year of record-breaking state tax collections attributable to the unexpected rebound of tourism's success, coupled with a record budget surplus, HTA's work implementing strong destination management and long-term visitor education programs is more than worth the investment.

We look forward to working with this committee to continue our work on behalf of the people of Hawai'i. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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FOR: HB 300 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
DATE: March 23, 2023
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
COMMITTEE: Committee on Ways & Means
ROOM: Conference Room 308 & Videoconference
FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT with comments for HB 300 HD1** which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 203-2024 and 2024-2025.

The Commission appreciates the support to the public charter school system shown in the adjusted general fund appropriations for EDN 600 which provides the operating funds to charter schools. The Commission would like to note that the current draft of the budget provides for a requested transfer of **\$2,000,000 in teacher differential funds for each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium** out of EDN 612, which covers the Commission and the charter school Early Learning program. However, the current draft does not show the transfer of these funds into EDN 600, which funds charter schools. The Commission is hopeful that the upcoming Senate draft will address this inadvertent omission.

For EDN 612, which primarily consists of two distinct components- the operating funds for the Commission and the operating funds for the Early Education Learning program in charter schools, the Commission has requested **\$1,358,075 in general funds for the Early Learning program for both years of the upcoming biennium** in its budget requests. It appears that the current draft of the budget provides a portion of restored Early Learning program funding for both years of the biennium.

This funding would have restored the Early Learning program to the funding level provided pre-pandemic. The Commission is requesting this funding to sustain its current Early Learning program which would allow the program to continue meet the State's high expectations and commitment to early childhood education.

Additionally, the Commission, on behalf of the charter schools, is requesting **\$1,510,610 in general funds for fiscal year 2024-2025** to sustain the Hawaii Keiki Program. This program will provide both in-person as well as tele-health services to eleven charter schools; the program will begin in fiscal year 2023-2024 with funding provided by the Department of Health. Charter schools across the state, including schools in rural and remote areas, will benefit from and receive these services

The Commission is available to provide any information to move this budget forward through this legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023; 10:00 AM

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HB 300 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 300 HD1 that relates to the budget for the University of Hawaii system. Within HB 300 HD1, the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Athletics Department (UHM Athletics) and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Athletics Department (UHH Athletics) are seeking to have \$3.6M (\$3.2M for UHM; \$0.4M for UHH) in nonrecurring operational funds from the Hawai'i Legislature to be made recurring.

During the prior session, the Legislature provided support for the student-athletes at the Manoa and Hilo athletics programs. The funds provided were deeply appreciated by both athletics programs and was directed to key areas that benefit the student-athletes such as: health and wellness; team travel; travel subsidies and guarantees to allow student-athletes to compete before friends and family in Hawaii; and other initiatives that help student-athletes to be competitive.

Of the funding provided by the Legislature, a portion was recurring and a portion was nonrecurring. In HB 300 HD1, UHM Athletics and UHH Athletics are requesting that the Legislature transition the \$3.6M nonrecurring portion of the funding to be recurring. By doing so, the Legislature will allow the initiatives that support the student-athletes health and wellness and competitiveness to continue.

We respectfully request passage of HB 300 HD1 and the continuing of support for our student-athletes by making the previous nonrecurring operating funds, recurring. Thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.



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Before the
Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Thursday March 23, 2023
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of
HB 300 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz; Vice Chair Keith-Agaran; and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The LUC supports the Governor's budget as the minimum necessary to continue LUC functions. However, we would note that the proposed budget does not contain sufficient funds to cover personnel costs with expected bargaining unit increases in FY 24 and 25.

While some of the Administration Budget does comport to the LUC's needs with regard to increased travel costs, we must point out one significant discrepancy. Under BED144/DA the line item "Personnel Services Adjustment" the Administration Budget currently has a request to increase the LUC budget by an additional \$17,665. This sum is actually short of what our current actual personnel budget should be. The actual number should be \$27,901 in FY 24 and \$49,922 in FY 25. These additional sums are necessary to meet collective bargaining increases.

We have been able to continue to operate this FY due to resignations and transfers. This allowed us to maintain staff without a shortfall. However, we are in active recruitment to fill our one vacant position. Once that position is filled we expect to have a resulting shortfall in personnel costs in the next FY and beyond.

We would therefore request that our needed increase in personnel costs be reflected in the budget as \$27,901 in FY 24 and \$49,922 in FY 25.

Additional Requests

As mentioned in the WAM informational briefings held earlier this year, the LUC originally requested an additional exempt position under BED 144/DA (Add (1) position (exempt) professional to handle housing stimulation and enforcement. Method of funding is “A”. FY 24 amount is \$47,500 and FY 25 amount is \$93,230”). The LUC believes that this position can have an immediate and substantive impact on the current housing short fall.

This would be an exempt/temporary position to develop a complete inventory of what projects have been stalled, find out who the current owner is, discuss with them the reasons they have not moved forward and attempt to resolve barriers (conditions or requirements from government agencies) by approaching the LUC and the respective agencies to amend those conditions and either encourage the project owners to move forward and partner with someone who will or sell the project outright.

Recognizing that the LUC cannot “force” a project owner to move or to sell, the role of this position would be that of an expediter or negotiator. The LUC believes that this is the cheapest and quickest way to stimulate housing development. Since the projects are already approved there will be little or no State level permitting or hurdles to development and, hopefully, the position will be able to eliminate or minimize county issues along the way. The LUC sees this as a “common sense” approach to expediting housing development.

If the position can’t get anything accomplished in 2 or 3 years we will be happy to give it up.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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10:00 A.M.
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H.B. 300 H.D.1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) provides **comments** on H.B. 300 H.D.1, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The department requests your consideration of the attached impact statements, which detail negative impacts to our programs. We ask that your committee restore the reductions in the H.D. 1 and to include the budget requests for the department as included in Governor's Messages 1 and 2.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Prog ID	Request Description	Sub-Org	MOF	FY24			FY25			HD1 Seq. No.	Description of Change in HD1	Positions Impact	\$\$\$ Impact	Impact of Change	Alternative Reduction for any Reduction you Oppose
				Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$	Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$						
TRN102	Transfer out VIPA I position & funds to TRN141.		B	-1.00		\$ (49,594.00)	-1.00		\$ (49,594.00)	30-001	Transfer out VIPA I position & funds to TRN141.		House concurs.	Upon further review, DOT decision to rescind/retract request.	
TRN102	Transfer in SMS positions & funds from TRN195.		B	2.00		\$ 192,431.00	2.00		\$ 192,431.00	31-001	Transfer in SMS positions & funds from TRN195.		House concurs.	Upon further review, DOT requests to transfer only SMS IV SR22 (#122176; 1.00; 55,200) and fringe benefits (35,328).	
TRN102	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)		B	-15.00	15.00	\$ -	-15.00	15.00	\$ -	213-001	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)	\$1 (for placeholder purposes?)	House does not concur with the conversion of positions from permanent to temporary. Until DHRD creates the new class series, DOT is seeking to implement the positions temporarily.	None.	
TRN111	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)		B	-2.00	2.00	\$ -	-2.00	2.00	\$ -	213-001	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)	\$1 (for placeholder purposes?)	House does not concur with the conversion of positions from permanent to temporary. Until DHRD creates the new class series, DOT is seeking to implement the positions temporarily.	None.	
TRN114	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)		B	-3.00	3.00	\$ -	-3.00	3.00	\$ -	213-002	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)	\$1 (for placeholder purposes?)	House does not concur with the conversion of positions from permanent to temporary. Until DHRD creates the new class series, DOT is seeking to implement the positions temporarily.	None.	
TRN131	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)		B	-4.00	4.00	\$ -	-4.00	4.00	\$ -	213-003	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)	\$1 (for placeholder purposes?)	House does not concur with the conversion of positions from permanent to temporary. Until DHRD creates the new class series, DOT is seeking to implement the positions temporarily.	None.	
TRN141	Transfer in VIPA I position & funds from TRN102.		B	1.00		\$ 49,594.00	1.00		\$ 49,594.00	30-001	Transfer in VIPA I position & funds from TRN102.		House concurs.	Upon further review, DOT decision to rescind/retract request.	
TRN161	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)		B	-3.00	3.00	\$ -	-3.00	3.00	\$ -	213-001	Convert and redescribe positions from permanent to temporary for security (Pass & ID)	\$1 (for placeholder purposes?)	House does not concur with the conversion of positions from permanent to temporary. Until DHRD creates the new class series, DOT is seeking to implement the positions temporarily.	None.	
TRN195	Reduce funds for Airports Administration. (Non-recurring debt service - revenue bonds)		B			\$ (178,320,874.00)			\$ (178,320,874.00)	60-001	Reduce funds for Airports Administration. (Non-recurring debt service - revenue bonds)		House does not concur. This should have been an Executive budget prep: B&F had determined funds as non-recurring costs in establishing our base budget.	None. Reduce funds from our base budget. Revenues would not be able to sustain this amount. If left in our budget, funds would be a duplication and lapse. See TRN195 Seq. No. 100-001.	
TRN195	Reduce funds for Airports Administration. (Non-recurring debt service - CFC revenue bonds)		B			\$ (24,481,846.00)			\$ (24,481,846.00)	61-001	Reduce funds for Airports Administration. (Non-recurring debt service - CFC revenue bonds)		House does not concur. This should have been an Executive budget prep: B&F had determined funds as non-recurring costs in establishing our base budget.	None. Reduce funds from our base budget. Revenues would not be able to sustain this amount. If left in our budget, funds would be a duplication and lapse. See TRN195 Seq. No. 100-001.	
TRN195	Reduce position & funds (temp AIP Coordinator, #122062).		B		-1.00	\$ (99,468.00)		-1.00	\$ (99,468.00)	62-001	Reduce position & funds (temp AIP Coordinator, #122062).		House concurs.	DOT has identified this position as one of the new FTE vacant trade-off positions.	
TRN195	Additional Wildlife funds		B			\$ 349,042.00			\$ 350,266.00	213-001	Additional Wildlife funds	\$1 (for placeholder purposes?)	House does not concur with the request for funding to conduct Wildlife Hazard Assessments at various airports in accordance with FAA guidelines.	None.	
TRN195	Restore administrative positions		B	3.00		\$ 92,454.00	3.00		\$ 92,454.00	213-002	Restore administrative positions	\$1 (for placeholder purposes?)	House does not concur with restoring the position counts and funding for the three top managerial positions.	DOT has identified new FTE vacant trade-off positions.	
TRN995	Reduce position & funds (perm Planner IV, #100670).		B	-1.00		\$ (90,528.00)	-1.00		\$ (90,528.00)		Reduce position & funds (perm Planner IV, #100670).		House concurs.	DOT has identified this position as one of the new FTE vacant trade-off positions.	

TRN102	Combine part-time VIP positions.		B	0.00		\$ -	0.00		\$ -	None.	This request was not included in the budget worksheets.	This request fulfills the DOT's attempt to cut down on vacant positions and to maximize the use of current positions without jeopardizing service to the travelling public.		Program would combine position #41952 (.75 FTE) with position #41953 (.75FTE) and #49764 (.50 FTE) to create two full-time positions, enabling the program to bring about greater efficiency within existing resources.
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Department	ProgID	Title	Description	ISLAND	MOF	HB300		GM1		TOTAL EXEC REQUEST		HB300, HD1		DEPT COMMENTS
						FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	
TRN	TRN102	DANIEL K. INOUE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	E	95,250	12,760	80,000	28,500	175,250	41,260	175,250	41,260	
TRN	TRN102	DANIEL K. INOUE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	N	1		-	1	1	1	1	1	
TRN	TRN104	KALAELOA AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	E	12,000	12,000	-	-	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	
TRN	TRN104	KALAELOA AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	N	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	
TRN	TRN111	HILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	E	-	-	2,400	-	2,400	-	2,400	-	
TRN	TRN111	HILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	N	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	
TRN	TRN114	ELLISON ONIZUKA KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT KEAHOLE, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	E	-	-	4,804	-	4,804	-	4,084	-	The Department supports the addition of this appropriation to the budget, however, we recommend restoring the full funding for FY24 as shown in the DRAFT HB300HD1 2023 CIP Spreadsheet instead of the reduced amount in HB300HD1 so as not to delay the improvements planned for Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport at Keahole.
TRN	TRN114	ELLISON ONIZUKA KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT KEAHOLE, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	N	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	
TRN	TRN131	KAHULUI AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, MAUI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	MAUI	E	34,700	-	3,000	-	37,700	-	37,700	-	The Department supports to addition of \$3,000,000 to the Airport Revenue Bond Fund appropriation in FY24 and requests to revise the description by adding "Design and" to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.
TRN	TRN131	KAHULUI AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, MAUI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, AND FACILITIES AT THE AIRPORT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	MAUI	N	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Design and" to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.
TRN	TRN161	LIHUE AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	LAND ACQUISITION, <u>PLANS, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, AND LAND ACQUISITION AT THE AIRPORT. <u>THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT</u> (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES).	KAUAI	B	4,687	-	-	-	4,687	-	4,687	-	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans, Design" and the federal language to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.
TRN	TRN161	LIHUE AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	LAND ACQUISITION, <u>PLANS, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, AND LAND ACQUISITION AT THE AIRPORT. <u>THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT</u> (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES).	KAUAI	E	3,690	10,000	4,000	33,000	7,690	43,000	7,690	43,000	The Department supports the addition of \$4,000,000 to the Airport Revenue Bond Fund appropriation in FY24 and \$33,000,000 in FY25. The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans, Design" and the federal language to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.
TRN	TRN161	LIHUE AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	LAND ACQUISITION, <u>PLANS, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, AND LAND ACQUISITION AT THE AIRPORT. <u>THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT</u> (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES).	KAUAI	X	1,074	-	-	-	1,074	-	1,074	-	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans, Design" and the federal language to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.
TRN	TRN161	LIHUE AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	LAND ACQUISITION, <u>PLANS, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, AND LAND ACQUISITION AT THE AIRPORT. <u>THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT</u> (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES).	KAUAI	N	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	The Department requests to add \$1,000 in Federal Fund appropriation in FY25 as requested in the Governor's Message. This will provide the federal placeholder for the project that is programmed for competitive federal grant funding from the Federal Aviation Administration. The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans, Design" and the federal language to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.

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						FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	
TRN	TRN195	AIRPORTS DIVISION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT STAFF COSTS, STATEWIDE	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COSTS RELATED TO WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR PERMANENT PROJECT FUNDED STAFF POSITIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S AIRPORTS DIVISION. PROJECT MAY ALSO INCLUDE FUNDS FOR NON- PERMANENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RELATED POSITIONS (OTHER FUNDS FROM PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES).	STATEWIDE	B	4,428	4,428	-	-	4,428	4,428	4,428	4,428	
TRN	TRN195	AIRPORTS DIVISION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT STAFF COSTS, STATEWIDE	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COSTS RELATED TO WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR PERMANENT PROJECT FUNDED STAFF POSITIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S AIRPORTS DIVISION. PROJECT MAY ALSO INCLUDE FUNDS FOR NON- PERMANENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RELATED POSITIONS (OTHER FUNDS FROM PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES).	STATEWIDE	X	157	157	-	-	157	157	157	157	
TRN	TRN195	AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS AT STATEWIDE AIRPORTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	452,600	66,000	-	-	452,600	66,000	452,600	66,000	
TRN	TRN195	AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS AT STATEWIDE AIRPORTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	
TRN	TRN195	FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS FACILITIES AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	58,946	-	4,900	24,000	63,846	24,000	63,846	24,000	
TRN	TRN195	FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS FACILITIES AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	
TRN	TRN195	AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, STATEWIDE	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR STATEWIDE IMPROVEMENTS. IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE PLANNING STUDIES, SAFETY, COMPLIANCE, OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, DEVELOPMENT, AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	13,000	13,000	5,000	-	18,000	13,000	18,000	13,000	
TRN	TRN195	AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, STATEWIDE	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR STATEWIDE IMPROVEMENTS. IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE PLANNING STUDIES, SAFETY, COMPLIANCE, OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, DEVELOPMENT, AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	
TRN	TRN195	RENTAL CAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE CONSOLIDATED CAR RENTAL FACILITIES FOR THE RENTAL CAR AGENCIES AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES).	STATEWIDE	X	44,000	-	20,000	-	64,000	-	64,000	-	

Prog ID	Request Description	Sub-Org	MOF	FY24			FY25			HD1 Seq. No.	Description of Change in HD1	Positions Impact	\$\$\$\$ Impact	Impact of Change	Alternative Reduction for any Reduction you Oppose
				Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$\$	Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$\$						
TRN395	Reduce funds for Harbors Administration (Debt Service)	Harbors Administration	B			39,758,636.00			39,758,636.00	61-001				This item appears to be duplicative of Sequence 100-001; the original request was reduced by B&F and later restored; this appears to add funds above what is required to cover debt service for the biennium.	
TRN395	Reduce funds for Harbors Administration (Special Maintenance)	Harbors Administration	B			\$ 20,000,000.00			\$ 20,000,000.00	62-001				This item appears to be duplicative of items included in Sequence 102-001; the original request was reduced by B&F and later restored; this appears to add funds above what can reasonably be expended on special maintenance in the biennium.	

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TRN	TRN301	HONOLULU HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	B	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN301	HONOLULU HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	E	49,988,000	34,988,000	49,988,000	34,988,000	49,988,000	34,988,000	24,994,000	17,494,000	HD1 proposes to reduce Harbors' CIP requests by half in each program ID. This reduction delays project delivery and limits funds available for state match funds for federal discretionary grants. Delayed projects and limited opportunities for federal grants mean port infrastructure cannot be improved thereby creating risks to commerce and efficient movement of cargo into and between our islands.
TRN	TRN301	HONOLULU HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	N	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN301	HONOLULU HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	R	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN303	KALAELOA BARBERS POINT HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KALAELOA BARBERS POINT HARBOR, OAHU. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	B	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN303	KALAELOA BARBERS POINT HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KALAELOA BARBERS POINT HARBOR, OAHU. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	E	0	4,988,000	0	4,988,000	0	4,988,000	0	2,494,000	HD1 proposes to reduce Harbors' CIP requests by half in each program ID. This reduction delays project delivery and limits funds available for state match funds for federal discretionary grants. Delayed projects and limited opportunities for federal grants mean port infrastructure cannot be improved thereby creating risks to commerce and efficient movement of cargo into and between our islands.
TRN	TRN303	KALAELOA BARBERS POINT HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KALAELOA BARBERS POINT HARBOR, OAHU. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	N	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN303	KALAELOA BARBERS POINT HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KALAELOA BARBERS POINT HARBOR, OAHU. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	OAHU	R	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	No comment.

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TRN	TRN311	HILO HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT HILO HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	B	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN311	HILO HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT HILO HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	E	14,988,000	4,988,000	14,988,000	4,988,000	14,988,000	4,988,000	7,494,000	2,494,000	HD1 proposes to reduce Harbors' CIP requests by half in each program ID. This reduction delays project delivery and limits funds available for state match funds for federal discretionary grants. Delayed projects and limited opportunities for federal grants mean port infrastructure cannot be improved thereby creating risks to commerce and efficient movement of cargo into and between our islands.
TRN	TRN311	HILO HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT HILO HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	N	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN311	HILO HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT HILO HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	R	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN313	KAWAIHAE HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KAWAIHAE HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	B	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN313	KAWAIHAE HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KAWAIHAE HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	E	14,988,000	4,988,000	14,988,000	4,988,000	14,988,000	4,988,000	7,494,000	2,494,000	HD1 proposes to reduce Harbors' CIP requests by half in each program ID. This reduction delays project delivery and limits funds available for state match funds for federal discretionary grants. Delayed projects and limited opportunities for federal grants mean port infrastructure cannot be improved thereby creating risks to commerce and efficient movement of cargo into and between our islands.
TRN	TRN313	KAWAIHAE HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KAWAIHAE HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	N	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN313	KAWAIHAE HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KAWAIHAE HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	HAWAII	R	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.

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TRN	TRN331	KAHULUI HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, MAUI	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KAHULUI HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	MAUI	B	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN331	KAHULUI HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, MAUI	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KAHULUI HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	MAUI	E	9,988,000	24,988,000	9,988,000	24,988,000	9,988,000	24,988,000	4,994,000	12,494,000	HD1 proposes to reduce Harbors' CIP requests by half in each program ID. This reduction delays project delivery and limits funds available for state match funds for federal discretionary grants. Delayed projects and limited opportunities for federal grants mean port infrastructure cannot be improved thereby creating risks to commerce and efficient movement of cargo into and between our islands.
TRN	TRN331	KAHULUI HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, MAUI	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KAHULUI HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	MAUI	N	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN331	KAHULUI HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, MAUI	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT KAHULUI HARBOR, HAWAII. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	MAUI	R	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN361	NAWILIWILI HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT NAWILIWILI HARBOR, KAUAI. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	KAUAI	B	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN361	NAWILIWILI HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT NAWILIWILI HARBOR, KAUAI. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	KAUAI	E	0	4,988,000	0	4,988,000	0	4,988,000	0	2,494,000	HD1 proposes to reduce Harbors' CIP requests by half in each program ID. This reduction delays project delivery and limits funds available for state match funds for federal discretionary grants. Delayed projects and limited opportunities for federal grants mean port infrastructure cannot be improved thereby creating risks to commerce and efficient movement of cargo into and between our islands.
TRN	TRN361	NAWILIWILI HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR SAFER, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF EXISTING AND/OR ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL AREAS THROUGHOUT NAWILIWILI HARBOR, KAUAI. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	KAUAI	N	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	No comment.
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						FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	
TRN	TRN395	MODERNIZATION PROGRAM - HARBORS DIVISION CIP PROJECT STAFF COSTS, STATEWIDE	PLANS FOR COSTS RELATED TO WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR PERMANENT HARBOR MODERNIZATION PLAN PROJECT FUNDED STAFF POSITIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM PROJECTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S HARBORS DIVISION, STATEWIDE. PROJECTS MAY ALSO INCLUDE FUNDS FOR NON-PERMANENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RELATED POSITIONS.	STATEWIDE	B	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	HD1 proposes to reduce Harbors' CIP requests by half in each program ID. This reduction delays project delivery and limits funds available for state match funds for federal discretionary grants. Delayed projects and limited opportunities for federal grants mean port infrastructure cannot be improved thereby creating risks to commerce and efficient movement of cargo into and between our islands.
TRN	TRN395	COMMERCIAL HARBORS ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COSTS RELATED TO STATEWIDE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S HARBORS DIVISION, STATEWIDE; THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	B	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.
TRN	TRN395	COMMERCIAL HARBORS ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COSTS RELATED TO STATEWIDE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S HARBORS DIVISION, STATEWIDE; THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	9,992,000	4,988,000	9,992,000	4,988,000	9,992,000	4,988,000	4,996,000	2,494,000	HD1 proposes to reduce Harbors' CIP requests by half in each program ID. This reduction delays project delivery and limits funds available for state match funds for federal discretionary grants. Delayed projects and limited opportunities for federal grants mean port infrastructure cannot be improved thereby creating risks to commerce and efficient movement of cargo into and between our islands.
TRN	TRN395	COMMERCIAL HARBORS ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COSTS RELATED TO STATEWIDE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S HARBORS DIVISION, STATEWIDE; THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	35,000,000	4,000	17,500,000	4,000	HD1 proposes to reduce Harbors' CIP requests by half in each program ID. This reduction delays project delivery and limits funds available for state match funds for federal discretionary grants. Delayed projects and limited opportunities for federal grants mean port infrastructure cannot be improved thereby creating risks to commerce and efficient movement of cargo into and between our islands.
TRN	TRN395	COMMERCIAL HARBORS ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COSTS RELATED TO STATEWIDE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S HARBORS DIVISION, STATEWIDE; THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	R	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	No comment.

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TRN 501	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Charging Station Services	DC	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 78,000	0.00	0.00	\$ 78,000	213-001	FY 24 funding reduced from \$78,000 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$78,000 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$78,000 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$78,000 (B) to \$1 (B).	The program is converting its internal combustion engine vehicle fleet to battery electric vehicles. An energy system, comprised of charging stations, photovoltaic panels, battery storage and power management will be installed at the base yard to efficiently charge the electric vehicles, which include sedans, sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks. There will be operation and maintenance costs associated with the energy system to ensure it is upkept and functioning properly. The energy system needs to be always operational as it will provide charging for the vehicles being used by maintenance staff which provide the daily maintenance of our roadways and respond to emergencies.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 501	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Services	DC	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 797,266	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,147,805	213-002	FY 24 funding reduced from \$797,266 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$1,147,805 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$797,266 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$1,147,805 (B) to \$1 (B).	Request to provide additional funding for EV (electric vehicle) services due to insufficient base budget. The objectives of the electric vehicle services is to align with Hawaii's clean energy goals including: emission reduction goals to align with the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement; a 100% renewable portfolio standard by 2045; a carbon neutral and zero emissions clean economy by 2045; and a planning goal to increase energy security and self-sufficiency through the ultimate elimination of Hawaii's dependence on imported fuels for electrical generation and ground transportation. The service contract allows the division to convert the sedan and light duty fleet in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. As technology advances and battery electric heavy-duty vehicles become available those fleets will also be able to be converted to clean energy. The request for additional funds is due insufficient budget authority to support the rapid increase in attaining the electric vehicles and at the same time the replacement of non-EV vehicles and equipment. The DOTHWY has taken an aggressive approach in replacing its internal combustion engine sedans and light duty fleet with electric vehicles to comply with state's clean energy goals.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 511	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Charging Station Services	DD	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 100,200	0.00	0.00	\$ 100,200	213-001	FY 24 funding reduced from \$100,200 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$100,200 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$100,200 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$100,200 (B) to \$1 (B).	The program is converting its internal combustion engine vehicle fleet to battery electric vehicles. An energy system, comprised of charging stations, photovoltaic panels, battery storage and power management will be installed at the base yard to efficiently charge the electric vehicles, which include sedans, sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks. There will be operation and maintenance costs associated with the energy system to ensure it is upkept and functioning properly. The energy system needs to be always operational as it will provide charging for the vehicles being used by maintenance staff which provide the daily maintenance of our roadways and respond to emergencies.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 511	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Services	DD	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 330,717	0.00	0.00	\$ 330,717	213-002	FY 24 funding reduced from \$330,717 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$330,717 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$330,717 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$330,717 (B) to \$1 (B).	Request to provide additional funding for EV (electric vehicle) services due to insufficient base budget. The objectives of the electric vehicle services is to align with Hawaii's clean energy goals including: emission reduction goals to align with the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement; a 100% renewable portfolio standard by 2045; a carbon neutral and zero emissions clean economy by 2045; and a planning goal to increase energy security and self-sufficiency through the ultimate elimination of Hawaii's dependence on imported fuels for electrical generation and ground transportation. The service contract allows the division to convert the sedan and light duty fleet in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. As technology advances and battery electric heavy-duty vehicles become available those fleets will also be able to be converted to clean energy. The request for additional funds is due insufficient budget authority to support the rapid increase in attaining the electric vehicles and at the same time the replacement of non-EV vehicles and equipment. The DOTHWY has taken an aggressive approach in replacing its internal combustion engine sedans and light duty fleet with electric vehicles to comply with state's clean energy goals.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.

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TRN 531	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Charging Station Services	DF	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 36,000	0.00	0.00	\$ 36,000	213-001	FY 24 funding reduced from \$36,000 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$36,000 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$36,000 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$36,000 (B) to \$1 (B).	The program is converting its internal combustion engine vehicle fleet to battery electric vehicles. An energy system, comprised of charging stations, photovoltaic panels, battery storage and power management will be installed at the base yard to efficiently charge the electric vehicles, which include sedans, sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks. There will be operation and maintenance costs associated with the energy system to ensure it is upkept and functioning properly. The energy system needs to be always operational as it will provide charging for the vehicles being used by maintenance staff which provide the daily maintenance of our roadways and respond to emergencies.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 531	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Services	DF	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 281,430	0.00	0.00	\$ 281,430	213-002	FY 24 funding reduced from \$281,430 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$281,430 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$281,430 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$281,430 (B) to \$1 (B).	Request to provide additional funding for EV (electric vehicle) services due to insufficient base budget. The objectives of the electric vehicle services is to align with Hawaii's clean energy goals including: emission reduction goals to align with the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement; a 100% renewable portfolio standard by 2045; a carbon neutral and zero emissions clean economy by 2045; and a planning goal to increase energy security and self-sufficiency through the ultimate elimination of Hawaii's dependence on imported fuels for electrical generation and ground transportation. The service contract allows the division to convert the sedan and light duty fleet in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. As technology advances and battery electric heavy-duty vehicles become available those fleets will also be able to be converted to clean energy. The request for additional funds is due insufficient budget authority to support the rapid increase in attaining the electric vehicles and at the same time the replacement of non-EV vehicles and equipment. The DOTHWY has taken an aggressive approach in replacing its internal combustion engine sedans and light duty fleet with electric vehicles to comply with state's clean energy goals.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 531	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Charging Station Services	DL	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 14,400	0.00	0.00	\$ 14,400	213-003	FY 24 funding reduced from \$14,000 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$14,000 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$14,000 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$14,000 (B) to \$1 (B).	The program is converting its internal combustion engine vehicle fleet to battery electric vehicles. An energy system, comprised of charging stations, photovoltaic panels, battery storage and power management will be installed at the base yard to efficiently charge the electric vehicles, which include sedans, sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks. There will be operation and maintenance costs associated with the energy system to ensure it is upkept and functioning properly. The energy system needs to be always operational as it will provide charging for the vehicles being used by maintenance staff which provide the daily maintenance of our roadways and respond to emergencies.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 531	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Services	DL	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 43,817	0.00	0.00	\$ 43,817	213-004	FY 24 funding reduced from \$43,817 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$43,817 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$43,817 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$43,817 (B) to \$1 (B).	Request to provide additional funding for EV (electric vehicle) services due to insufficient base budget. The objectives of the electric vehicle services is to align with Hawaii's clean energy goals including: emission reduction goals to align with the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement; a 100% renewable portfolio standard by 2045; a carbon neutral and zero emissions clean economy by 2045; and a planning goal to increase energy security and self-sufficiency through the ultimate elimination of Hawaii's dependence on imported fuels for electrical generation and ground transportation. The service contract allows the division to convert the sedan and light duty fleet in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. As technology advances and battery electric heavy-duty vehicles become available those fleets will also be able to be converted to clean energy. The request for additional funds is due insufficient budget authority to support the rapid increase in attaining the electric vehicles and at the same time the replacement of non-EV vehicles and equipment. The DOTHWY has taken an aggressive approach in replacing its internal combustion engine sedans and light duty fleet with electric vehicles to comply with state's clean energy goals.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.

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TRN 531	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Charging Station Services	DM	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 14,400	0.00	0.00	\$ 14,400	213-005	FY 24 funding reduced from \$14,400 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$14,400 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$14,400 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$14,400 (B) to \$1 (B).	The program is converting its internal combustion engine vehicle fleet to battery electric vehicles. An energy system, comprised of charging stations, photovoltaic panels, battery storage and power management will be installed at the base yard to efficiently charge the electric vehicles, which include sedans, sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks. There will be operation and maintenance costs associated with the energy system to ensure it is upkept and functioning properly. The energy system needs to be always operational as it will provide charging for the vehicles being used by maintenance staff which provide the daily maintenance of our roadways and respond to emergencies.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 531	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Services	DM	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 29,212	0.00	0.00	\$ 29,212	213-006	FY 24 funding reduced from \$29,212 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$29,212 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$29,212 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$29,212 (B) to \$1 (B).	Request to provide additional funding for EV (electric vehicle) services due to insufficient base budget. The objectives of the electric vehicle services is to align with Hawaii's clean energy goals including: emission reduction goals to align with the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement; a 100% renewable portfolio standard by 2045; a carbon neutral and zero emissions clean economy by 2045; and a planning goal to increase energy security and self-sufficiency through the ultimate elimination of Hawaii's dependence on imported fuels for electrical generation and ground transportation. The service contract allows the division to convert the sedan and light duty fleet in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. As technology advances and battery electric heavy-duty vehicles become available those fleets will also be able to be converted to clean energy. The request for additional funds is due insufficient budget authority to support the rapid increase in attaining the electric vehicles and at the same time the replacement of non-EV vehicles and equipment. The DOTHWY has taken an aggressive approach in replacing its internal combustion engine sedans and light duty fleet with electric vehicles to comply with state's clean energy goals.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 561	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Charging Station Services	DG	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 22,800	0.00	0.00	\$ 22,800	213-001	FY 24 funding reduced from \$22,800 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$22,800 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$22,800 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$22,800 (B) to \$1 (B).	The program is converting its internal combustion engine vehicle fleet to battery electric vehicles. An energy system, comprised of charging stations, photovoltaic panels, battery storage and power management will be installed at the base yard to efficiently charge the electric vehicles, which include sedans, sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks. There will be operation and maintenance costs associated with the energy system to ensure it is upkept and functioning properly. The energy system needs to be always operational as it will provide charging for the vehicles being used by maintenance staff which provide the daily maintenance of our roadways and respond to emergencies.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 561	Governors Message (02/13/2023): EV Services	DG	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 104,417	0.00	0.00	\$ 104,417	213-002	FY 24 funding reduced from \$104,417 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$104,417 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$104,417 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$104,417 (B) to \$1 (B).	Request to provide additional funding for EV (electric vehicle) services due to insufficient base budget. The objectives of the electric vehicle services is to align with Hawaii's clean energy goals including: emission reduction goals to align with the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement; a 100% renewable portfolio standard by 2045; a carbon neutral and zero emissions clean economy by 2045; and a planning goal to increase energy security and self-sufficiency through the ultimate elimination of Hawaii's dependence on imported fuels for electrical generation and ground transportation. The service contract allows the division to convert the sedan and light duty fleet in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. As technology advances and battery electric heavy-duty vehicles become available those fleets will also be able to be converted to clean energy. The request for additional funds is due insufficient budget authority to support the rapid increase in attaining the electric vehicles and at the same time the replacement of non-EV vehicles and equipment. The DOTHWY has taken an aggressive approach in replacing its internal combustion engine sedans and light duty fleet with electric vehicles to comply with state's clean energy goals.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.

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TRN 561	Governors Message (02/23/2023): Additional Equipment for the island of Kauai: Mini Excavator/Unloader	DG	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 137,664	0.00	0.00	\$ -	213-003	FY 24 funding reduced from \$137,664 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$137,664 (B) to \$1 (B).	<p>Mini Excavator To maintain proper drainage and visibility, a mini excavator is needed for the cleaning and grubbing of vegetation and soil build-up in tight areas behind guardrails, behind utility poles and narrow shoulders. Much of this required maintenance is work is impossible with full sized equipment due to narrow access points where guardrails, utility poles and bridge abutments are present. Renting a mini excavator has been considered, but rental equipment is usually not equipped with the safety lighting needed to work out of harms way along the highways. Renting will also place a great burden on our operating budget due to the high cost of daily, weekly or monthly rentals. The mini excavator would be paired with the uni-loader skid steer also being requested for FY24 for maximum efficiency of maintenance operations in remote and limited access areas.</p> <p>Uni-Loader (Skid Steer) To maintain proper drainage and visibility, a skid steer is needed for the cleaning and grubbing of vegetation and soil build-up in tight areas behind guardrails, behind utility poles and narrow shoulders. Much of this required maintenance is work is impossible with full sized equipment due to narrow access points where guardrails, utility poles and bridge abutments are present. Renting a skid steer has been considered, but rental equipment is usually not equipped with the safety lighting needed to work safely along the highways. Renting will also place a great burden on our operating budget due to the high cost of daily, weekly or monthly rentals. The uni-loader skid steer would be paired with the mini excavator also being requested for FY24 for maximum efficiency of maintenance operations in remote and limited access areas.</p>	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 595	Trade-off Funds from Highways Administration (TRN 595/DB) to Highways Administration (TRN 595/DA)	DB	N	0.00	0.00	\$ (413,500)	0.00	0.00	\$ (783,100)	20-001	Detail of Governor's Request: Fringe Benefits (FY 24: -413,500; FY25 -783,100)	none	Under funding of "personal services" and over funding of "other current expenses" in each fiscal year. FY 24 funding incorrectly decreases "personal services" by \$413,500 (B). FY 25 funding incorrectly decreases "personal services" by \$783,100 (B).	The Detail of Governor's Request is incorrectly inputted as "Fringe Benefits". The correct description is "Other Current Expense". The error will cause the personal services cost element to be reduced rather than other current expense cost element. This will cause a problem in executing the budget due to the under funding of the "personal services"; and over funding of "other current expenses" in TRN 595/DB.	The Department of Transportation-Highways requests the budget adjustment detail to be corrected in HB 300 HD1 SD1. The correct detail language is Other Current Expenses (FY 24: -413,500; FY 25: -783,100).
TRN 595	Transfer-out funds from Highways Administration (TRN 595/DB) to Highways Safety (TRN 597/AB)	DB	N	0.00	0.00	\$ (35,662)	0.00	0.00	\$ (59,144)	30-001	Detail of Governor's Request: Fringe Benefits (FY 24: -35,662; FY25 -59,144)	none	Under funding of "personal services" and over funding of "other current expenses" in each fiscal year. FY 24 funding incorrectly decreases "personal services" by \$35,662 (B). FY 25 funding incorrectly decreases "personal services" by \$59,144 (B).	The Detail of Governor's Request is incorrectly inputted as "Fringe Benefits". The correct description is "Other Current Expense". The error will cause the personal services cost element to be reduced rather than other current expense cost element. This will cause a problem in executing the budget due to the under funding of the "personal services"; and over funding of "other current expenses" in TRN 595/DB.	The Department of Transportation-Highways requests the budget adjustment detail to be corrected in HB 300 HD1 SD1. The correct detail language is Other Current Expenses (FY 24: -35,662; FY25 -59,144).
TRN 595	Transfer-out funds from Highways Administration (TRN 595/DB) to Oahu Highways (TRN 501/DC)	DB	B	0.00	0.00	\$ (7,375)	0.00	0.00	\$ (14,969)	31-001	Detail of Governor's Request: JCI Service Maintenance (FY 24: -7,375; FY25 -14,969)	none	FY 24 funding incorrectly decreases JCI Service Maintenance by \$7,375 (B). The program's base budget does not include JCI Service Maintenance. FY 25 funding incorrectly decreases JCI Service Maintenance by \$14,969 (B). The program's base budget does not include JCI Service Maintenance.	The Detail of Governor's Request is incorrectly inputted as "JCI Service Maintenance". The correct description is "Other Current Expense". TRN 595/DB does not include a base budget for JCI Service Maintenance, thus the adjustment incorrectly reduces the program's budget authority.	The Department of Transportation-Highways requests the budget adjustment detail to be corrected in HB 300 HD1 SD1. The correct detail language is Other Current Expenses (FY 24: -7,375; FY25 -14,969).
TRN 595	Reduce Funds for Highways Administration: Special Maintenance	DB	B	0.00	0.00	\$ (99,500,000)	0.00	0.00	\$ (99,500,000)	60-001	FY 24 funding is not reduced from \$99,500,000(B) to \$0 (B). FY 25 funding is not reduced from \$99,500,000 (B) to \$0 (B).	none	FY 24 funding is not reduced from \$99,500,000(B) to \$0 (B). FY 25 funding is not reduced from \$99,500,000 (B) to \$0 (B).	HD1 does not concur with the special maintenance program (SMP) base budget reduction of \$99,500,000 in FY 24 and \$99,500,000 in FY 25. B&F has designated the special maintenance program a non-recurring expense, thus had adjusted the base budget via reduction. Without this adjustment, the program will be overfunded by \$99,500,000 in FY 24 and FY 25. The Highways Special Fund is unable to fund the \$99,500,000 in FY 24 and FY 25, thus will be forced to lapse the amounts in FB 23-25.	The Department of Transportation-Highways requests the budget adjustment reduction to be included HB 300 HD1 SD1.

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TRN 595	Reduce Funds for Highways Administration: Debt Service	DB	B	0.00	0.00	\$ (58,407,911)	0.00	0.00	\$ (58,407,911)	61-001	FY 24 funding is not reduced from \$58,407,911 (B) to \$0 (B). FY 25 funding is not reduced from \$58,407,911 (B) to \$0 (B).	none	FY 24 funding is not reduced from \$58,407,911 (B) to \$0 (B). FY 25 funding is not reduced from \$58,407,911 (B) to \$0 (B).	HD1 does not concur with the debt service base budget reduction of \$58,407,911 in FY 24 and \$58,407,911 in FY 25. B&F has designated debt service as a non-recurring expense, thus B&F had adjusted the base budget via reduction. Without this adjustment, the program will be overfunded by \$58,407,911 in FY 24 and FY 25. The Highways Special Fund is unable to fund the \$58,407,911 in FY 24 and FY 25, thus will be forced to lapse the amounts in FB 23-25.	The Department of Transportation-Highways requests the budget adjustment reduction to be included HB 300 HD1 SD1.
TRN 595	Governors Message (02/23/2023): Additional Debt Service	DB	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 1,110,908	0.00	0.00	\$ 389,875	213-001	FY 24 funding reduced from \$1,110,908 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$389,875 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$1,110,908 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$389,875 (B) to \$1 (B).	Request to amend the executive budget by providing additional state highway funds for debt service. Additional budget authority is requested due to an increase in interest rates and restructuring the annual principal payments for the proposed sale of revenue bonds. The original executive budget request assumed the proposed sale of revenue bonds with an interest rate of 3.59%; and interest only payments in the first year. In the time period since, it has been determined revisions to the executive budget were necessary. Interest rates have increased due to the federal reserve's aim at curbing inflation. The federal reserve's action has impacted the municipal bond market causing the cost of borrowing to increase. Thus, the future sale of Highways revenue bond's interest rate has been revised to 5.00%. In the past due to the timing of the bond issue during the year, the Highways division had assumed the aggregate first year payments (year 1) were to be interest only. However, the DOTHWY is now intending to issue its revenue bonds between April - May. Therefore, the year 1 interest only assumption no longer applies. The year 1 annual payments will include principal and interest. The proforma revenue bond issues are assumed to be level over a 20-year amortization; thus, the revised annual principal and interest has been restructured to meet this criterion. In general, annual principal payments has been accelerated to minimize the impact of the interest rate increase.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.
TRN 595	Governors Message #2, trade-off/transfer one (1.00) FTE special funded position #122654 and funding from TRN 595/DB to TRN 597/AB. Redescribe the position from an Engineer (Electrical) IV to a Highway Safety Specialist.	DB	B	-1.00	0.00	\$ (112,432)	-1.00	0.00	\$ (116,466)	n/a	not included HD1	Trade-off/transfer one (1.00) FTE special funded position #122654 and funding from TRN 595/DB to TRN 597/AB. Redescribe the position from an Engineer (Electrical) IV to a Highway Safety Specialist.	Transfer funding from TRN 595/DB to TRN 597/AB.	The position and funds transfer; and description is necessary for the State's Driver Education program. PN 122654 will be redescribed to a Highway Safety Specialist, and reassigned to Motorcycle Safety, Driver Licensing, Education, Vehicle Registration, and Vehicle Equipment Staff (HWY-VM) under Motor Vehicle Safety Office (HWY-V). The proposed Highway Safety Specialist, PN 122654 will be responsible for the State's Driver Education program, which are certifying new Driver Education instructors, maintaining current instructors with documents update and training, monitoring of instructors to ensure they are in compliance with state regulations, investigating complaints from parents, distributing supplies to instructors, coordinating statewide training, and assisting the public with driver education information. On average, Hawaii has approximately 300 driver education instructors.	n/a - trade-off/transfer
TRN 597	Governors Message (02/23/2023): Additional Funds for Civil Identification Program	AB	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 598,268	0.00	0.00	\$ 656,364	213-001	FY 24 funding reduced from \$598,268 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$656,364 (B) to \$1 (B).	none	FY 24 funding reduced from \$598,268 (B) to \$1 (B). FY 25 funding reduced from \$656,364 (B) to \$1 (B).	Act 310/SLH 2012 transferred the State of Hawaii Civil Identification Program from the Department of Attorney General (ATG 231/BB) to the Department of Transportation (TRN 597/AB). The purpose and intent of Act 310/SLH 2012 is to implement the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act more efficiently. Combining the driver's license and civil identification programs allows county examiners to issue civil identification cards and ensuring compliance with the REAL ID Act. The program is permanently transferred to the Department of Transportation, thus Act 310/SLH 2012 established the Civil Identification Card Fee special fund to be used for the purpose of the identification card program. Additional funding is required to fund the Civil Identification Program union contract salary and benefits increases of county employs providing services for the Motor Vehicle and Safety Office Program.	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or civil identification special fund. The DOTHWY's FB 23-25 operating budget submittal has already taken into consideration projected revenue constraints. Further reductions are unnecessary and will not provide any foreseeable benefit to the DOTHWY.

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TRN	501	INTERSTATE ROUTE H-1, KUNIA EAST BOUND ON-RAMP, OAHU	PLANS FOR A KUNIA EAST BOUND ON-RAMP; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.	OAHU	E	1,500	0	0	0	1,500	0	750	0	DOT Supports HB300, HD1 with comment to reinstate amounts in accordance with HB300 + GM1. HB300, HD1 provides all requested executive budget appropriations included in HB300 and GM1; however, the funding levels in HB300, HD1 are exactly half the required amounts. This reduction would provide for delivery of half the planned biennium's program; less than half if allocation to projects would not provide full funding for planned implementations. We recommend restoration of full funding levels so as not to delay the facilities and improvements planned in order to align with the HWY mission to maximize available resources to provide a safe, efficient, accessible and sustainable State Highway System that ensures the mobility of people and goods, and supports economic vitality and livability.
TRN	511	WAIMEA REGIONAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN WAIMEA, INCLUDING MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS IN WAIMEA TOWN, OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AT KAWAIHAE ROAD AND LINDSEY ROAD, AND A BYPASS BETWEEN KAWAIHAE ROAD AND MAMALAHOA HIGHWAY.	HAWAII	E	9,600	0	0	0	9,600	0	4,800	0	"
TRN	531	PUUNENE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, KAMEHAMEHA AVENUE TO KUIHELANI HIGHWAY, MAUI	CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WIDENING OF PUUNENE AVENUE FROM KAMEHAMEHA AVENUE TO KUIHELANI HIGHWAY FROM TWO TO FOUR LANES, AND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	MAUI	E	1,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	500	0	"
TRN	531	PUUNENE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, KAMEHAMEHA AVENUE TO KUIHELANI HIGHWAY, MAUI	CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WIDENING OF PUUNENE AVENUE FROM KAMEHAMEHA AVENUE TO KUIHELANI HIGHWAY FROM TWO TO FOUR LANES, AND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	MAUI	N	4,000	0	0	0	4,000	0	2,000	0	"
TRN	561	WAIMEA CANYON DRIVE/KOKEE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION FOR PAVED SHOULDERS, INSTALLING GUARDRAILS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGNS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF MILE POST 0 TO MILE POST 14. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	KAUAI	E	3,200	0	0	0	3,200	0	1,600	0	"
TRN	561	WAIMEA CANYON DRIVE/KOKEE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION FOR PAVED SHOULDERS, INSTALLING GUARDRAILS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND SIGNS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF MILE POST 0 TO MILE POST 14. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	KAUAI	N	12,800	0	0	0	12,800	0	6,400	0	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAY FACILITIES NECESSARY FOR HIGHWAY SYSTEM SAFETY. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	6,050	0	0	2,550	6,050	2,550	3,025	1,275	DOT Supports HB300, HD1 with comment to reinstate amounts in accordance with HB300 + GM1. HB300, HD1 provides all requested executive budget appropriations included in HB300 and GM1; however, the funding levels in HB300, HD1 are exactly half the required amounts. This reduction would provide for delivery of half the planned biennium's program; less than half if allocation to projects would not provide full funding for planned implementations. It may also impact current and future receipts of federal funds if federal program requirements are not met or we are unable to pursue qualifying projects. We recommend restoration of full funding levels so as not to delay facilities and improvements planned in order to align with the HWY mission to maximize available resources to provide a safe, efficient, accessible and sustainable State Highway System that ensures the mobility of people and goods, and supports economic vitality and livability.
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TRN	595	HIGHWAY SYSTEM PRESERVATION IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND ITS FACILITIES, INCLUDING PAVEMENT, AND SIGNAGE, AND THE ADDRESS OF SHORELINE AND BRIDGE SCOUR ISSUES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	B	0	0	6,600	5,500	6,600	5,500	3,300	2,750	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY SYSTEM PRESERVATION IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND ITS FACILITIES, INCLUDING PAVEMENT, AND SIGNAGE, AND THE ADDRESS OF SHORELINE AND BRIDGE SCOUR ISSUES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	17,600	21,000	200	250	17,800	21,250	8,900	10,625	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY SYSTEM PRESERVATION IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND ITS FACILITIES, INCLUDING PAVEMENT, AND SIGNAGE, AND THE ADDRESS OF SHORELINE AND BRIDGE SCOUR ISSUES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	70,400	66,000	800	3,400	71,200	69,400	35,600	34,700	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT, UPGRADE, REHABILITATION, AND/OR MAJOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING BRIDGES, TUNNELS, METAL CULVERTS, AND DESTINATION SIGN STRUCTURES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	B	1,900	0	0	0	1,900	0	950	0	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT, UPGRADE, REHABILITATION, AND/OR MAJOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING BRIDGES, TUNNELS, METAL CULVERTS, AND DESTINATION SIGN STRUCTURES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	23,250	18,150	200	1,950	23,450	20,100	11,725	10,050	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT, UPGRADE, REHABILITATION, AND/OR MAJOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING BRIDGES, TUNNELS, METAL CULVERTS, AND DESTINATION SIGN STRUCTURES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	93,400	72,600	0	7,800	93,400	80,400	46,700	40,200	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAY FACILITIES INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES, CATCH BASINS, GRATED DROP INLETS, LINED SWALES, HEADWALLS, AND CULVERTS, DRYWELLS, DITCHES, AND BASINS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	1,000	3,600	0	3,600	1,000	7,200	500	3,600	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHWAY FACILITIES INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES, CATCH BASINS, GRATED DROP INLETS, LINED SWALES, HEADWALLS, AND CULVERTS, DRYWELLS, DITCHES, AND BASINS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	4,000	0	0	0	4,000	0	2,000	0	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY PLANNING, STATEWIDE	PLANS FOR FEDERAL AID AND NON-FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION, DATA COLLECTION, LONG AND MID-RANGE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION NEEDS STUDIES, HRS 343/NEPA STUDIES, CORRIDOR STUDIES, SCOPING, AND BRIDGE EVALUATIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	2,500	0	9,200	6,000	11,700	6,000	5,850	3,000	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY PLANNING, STATEWIDE	PLANS FOR FEDERAL AID AND NON-FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION, DATA COLLECTION, LONG AND MID-RANGE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION NEEDS STUDIES, HRS 343/NEPA STUDIES, CORRIDOR STUDIES, SCOPING, AND BRIDGE EVALUATIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	6,000	0	28,800	24,000	34,800	24,000	17,400	12,000	"

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TRN	595	HIGHWAY RESEARCH, STATEWIDE	PLANS FOR FEDERAL AID AND NON-FEDERAL AID RESEARCH AND PROJECTS, INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	900	0	500	500	1,400	500	700	250	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY RESEARCH, STATEWIDE	PLANS FOR FEDERAL AID AND NON-FEDERAL AID RESEARCH AND PROJECTS, INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	3,600	0	2,000	2,000	5,600	2,000	2,800	1,000	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION MODERNIZATION, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR THE INVESTIGATION, TESTING, AND POSSIBLE INCORPORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TECHNIQUES, TECHNOLOGIES, PROGRAMS, AND SYSTEMS FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE HIGHWAYS DIVISION. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	B	0	0	200	1,000	200	1,000	100	500	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION MODERNIZATION, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR THE INVESTIGATION, TESTING, AND POSSIBLE INCORPORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TECHNIQUES, TECHNOLOGIES, PROGRAMS, AND SYSTEMS FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE HIGHWAYS DIVISION. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	100	0	0	0	100	0	50	0	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION MODERNIZATION, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR THE INVESTIGATION, TESTING, AND POSSIBLE INCORPORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TECHNIQUES, TECHNOLOGIES, PROGRAMS, AND SYSTEMS FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE HIGHWAYS DIVISION. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	400	0	0	4,000	400	4,000	200	2,000	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY TRAFFIC OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING HIGHWAY FACILITIES FOR MORE EFFICIENT TRAFFIC FLOW. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	11,300	7,300	2,600	3,550	13,900	10,850	6,950	5,425	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY TRAFFIC OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING HIGHWAY FACILITIES FOR MORE EFFICIENT TRAFFIC FLOW. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	24,800	20,000	0	0	24,800	20,000	12,400	10,000	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR MAJOR REPAIRS, REHABILITATION, UPGRADES, MODERNIZATION, AND/OR INSTALLATION OF HIGHWAY FACILITIES SUPPORTING STAFF FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	4,300	0	0	0	4,300	0	2,150	0	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR MAJOR REPAIRS, REHABILITATION, UPGRADES, MODERNIZATION, AND/OR INSTALLATION OF HIGHWAY FACILITIES SUPPORTING STAFF FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	13,600	0	0	0	13,600	0	6,800	0	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND REMEDIATION, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION AND DESIGN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND REMEDIATION MEASURES, INCLUDING EROSION CONTROL INSTALLATIONS AND PERMANENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, STATEWIDE.	STATEWIDE	E	0	0	900	700	900	700	450	350	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION FEDERAL HIGHWAY DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR HIGHWAYS DIVISION PROJECTS RECEIVING FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY GRANT AWARDS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	5,000	0	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION FEDERAL HIGHWAY DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR HIGHWAYS DIVISION PROJECTS RECEIVING FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY GRANT AWARDS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	0	0	40,000	0	40,000	0	20,000	0	"

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TRN	595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION SUPPORT SERVICES, STATEWIDE	PLANS AND DESIGN FOR CONSULTANT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIGHWAYS DIVISION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, STATEWIDE.	STATEWIDE	E	0	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT, STATEWIDE	DESIGN TO PROVIDE FOR AND IMPROVE HIGHWAY SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS, INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FACILITIES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	E	0	0	0	450	0	450	0	225	"
TRN	595	HIGHWAY SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT, STATEWIDE	DESIGN TO PROVIDE FOR AND IMPROVE HIGHWAY SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS, INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FACILITIES. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	STATEWIDE	N	0	0	0	600	0	600	0	300	"

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TRN995	Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DOT and AG regarding yearly lease payment of new offices.	AA	B	0.00	0.00	\$ 250,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 250,000.00	213-001	This request was not included in HB300, but part of GM#1. It was added to HB300 HD1 with \$1 instead of \$250,000.	None.	\$ (249,999.00)	The request of 250,000 each for FY24 and FY25 is intended to cover the costs defined in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DOT and AG dated Nov. 16, 2022. According to this MOA, DOT needs to provide funding for the office lease costs to house the deputy attorney general and legal support staff assigned to provide legal services to DOT.	N/A

HB300	HB300, HD1	DEPT COMMENTS
<p>SECTION 32. Any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations made for capital improvement projects authorized under this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided that all appropriations made to be expended in fiscal biennium 2023-2025 which are unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date; provided further that this lapsing date shall not apply to non-general fund appropriations for projects described in section 19 of this Act where such appropriations have been deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and reimbursement and are unencumbered as of June 30, 2030, shall lapse as of that date.</p>	<p>SECTION 40. Any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the appropriations made for capital improvement projects authorized under this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided that all appropriations made to be expended in fiscal biennium 2023 2025 which are unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date; provided further that this lapsing date shall not apply to non general fund appropriations for projects described in section 19 22 of this Act where such appropriations have been deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and reimbursement and are unencumbered as of June 30, 2030, shall lapse as of that date.</p>	<p>We believe the intent was to cite section 22 of HD1, "...CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AUTHORIZED...", instead of section 19 of HD1, "Provided that of the general fund appropriations for retirement benefits payments (BUF741-BUF748) for fiscal biennium 2023-2025, balances that are unrequired may be transferred only to debt service payments (BUF721-BUF728) and health premium payments (BUF761-BUF768); provided further that the funds shall not be expended for any other purpose; and provided further that any unexpended funds shall lapse to the general fund at the end of the respective fiscal year for which the appropriation was made."</p>

HB300	HB300, HD1	DEPT COMMENTS
<p>SECTION 44. The governor may approve the expenditure of all federal funds which are in excess of levels authorized by the legislature; provided further that the governor may allow for an increase in the appropriate federal fund authorization ceiling for the program to accommodate the expenditure of such funds.</p>	<p>SECTION 52. Any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, where federal funding becomes available after the legislature adjourns sine die, the governor may approve the expenditure of federal funds that are in excess of levels authorized by the legislature; provided that the approval of excess funding shall not extend beyond July 1 of the immediately succeeding fiscal year; provided further that the governor may only approve the expenditure of previously unbudgeted federal funds on a prorated basis; provided further that for the purposes of this section, "prorated basis" is defined by dividing the amount of the unanticipated federal award by the number of months in the period of performance, and multiplying that amount by the remaining months in the fiscal year in which the authority is utilized; provided further that t[he governor may allow for an increase in the appropriate federal fund authorization ceiling for the program to accommodate the expenditure of the such funds; and provided further that the governor shall notify the legislature within five days of each use of this authority and submit a report to the legislature of all uses of this authority for the previous fiscal year no later than September 1 of each year.</p>	<p>The Department supports the intent of this Provision, however, the HD1 version includes language which may prevent the Department from having the ability to encumber an entire grant into construction contracts and may prohibit the Department from meeting federal expenditure deadlines, resulting in future ineligibility to receive competitive grants. There does seem to be allowance for authorization increases in order to take advantage of available federal funding levels; however, we prefer the language of Section 44 of HB300 to that of Section 52 of HB300, HD1 as it more clearly provides the flexibility needed to maximize all federal funding opportunities.</p>

HB300	HB300, HD1	DEPT COMMENTS
<p>SECTION 45. Any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the governor may approve the extension of the lapse dates for federal fund or other federal fund appropriations and appropriations of other means of financing, except general funds, deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement, provided in this Act or authorized by the governor pursuant to section 44 of this Act as necessary to meet the intent of the federal grant awards.</p>	<p>SECTION 53. Any provision of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the governor may approve the extension of the lapse dates for appropriated federal funds and appropriations of other means of financing, except general funds, deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or federal reimbursement that are appropriated in this Act and deemed necessary to meet the intent of the federal grant awards; provided that all federal fund appropriations and appropriations of other means of financing, made to be expended in fiscal year 2023-2024 which are unencumbered as of June 30, 2024, shall lapse as of that date; provided further that all federal fund appropriations and appropriations of other means of financing, made to be expended in fiscal year 2024-2025 which are unencumbered as of June 30, 2025, shall lapse as of that date; and provided further that the governor shall notify the legislature within five days of each use of this authority and submit a report to the legislature of all uses of this authority for the previous fiscal year no later than September 1 of each year.</p>	<p>The Department supports the intent of this provision, however, we prefer the language of Section 45 of HB300 to that of Section 53 of HB300, HD1. Lapse dates in Section 53 of HB300, HD1 conflict with those in Section 40 of the same bill version.</p>
<p>SECTION 33....</p>	<p>SECTION 33....</p>	<p>The Department requests to replace the "HARBOR REVENUE BONDS" with "HARBOR SPECIAL FUND" in Section 33 as indicated below: "HARBOR REVENUE BONDS. The department of transportation may issue harbor revenue bonds for harbor capital improvement projects ... The expenses of the issuance of the harbor revenue bonds, to the extent not paid from the proceeds of the bonds, shall be paid from the harbor special fund. The governor, in the governor's discretion, may use the harbor revenue fund <u>harbor special fund</u> to finance those projects ..."</p>



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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
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RE: HB 300 HD 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Council under the Individual's with Disabilities Act (IDEA) supports HB 300 HD 1 relating to the specific budget items noted below:

EDN 150 - Special Education and Student Support Services
Page 30, Item # G.2

FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
5,349.50 *	5,349.50 *
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10,130,273 W	10,194,809 W

Ms. Roxanne Rokero, liaison to
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community

These funds are needed to maintain the base budget as well as to provide funds for contracted skilled nursing services and applied behavior analysis (ABA) services as required by students' individualized education programs (IEPs). The budget also includes additional ABA positions to build on the Department's internal capacity to serve students with behavioral needs.

Amanda Kaahanui, Staff

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of the EDN 150 budget.

Respectfully,

 Martha Guinan
 Chair

Mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
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Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

Subject: House Bill 300, HD1: Relating to the State Budget

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Bill (HB) 300, House Draft (HD) 1, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

This measure proposes to appropriate general obligation bond funds to the City and County of Honolulu - BWS for the planning, design, and construction of seven monitoring wells and an exploratory well in response to the Red Hill fuel contamination crisis.

The monitoring wells will provide important information that will help characterize the nature and extent of the fuel contamination in the underground aquifer and impact on our existing well stations. The purpose of the exploratory well is to find new water supplies to replace the capacity loss from the shutdown of three BWS well stations due to the fuel contamination crisis.

The funding is critically needed to address the most unprecedented contamination of Oahu's irreplaceable drinking water resources from Red Hill facility fuel and other hazardous materials such as aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) concentrate releases that pose an imminent threat to public health and the environment.

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 300, HD 1.

Very truly yours,



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March 23 2023

RE: H.B. 300, H.D. 1; RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu (“Department”) submits the following comments regarding H.B. 300, H.D. 1, with suggested amendments.

The Department takes no position on most sections of the bill, but respectfully requests that additional funding and/or a specific line item be added to ATG 100, to maintain the Department’s (and other county prosecutors that are requesting funds for their) Career Criminal Prosecution (“CCP”) Unit and Victim Witness Kokua Services (“VWKS”) Unit. We sincerely thank the Committee for its past support of these programs, and hope that sufficient funding can be provided to continue these valuable programs at their current level of service.

As noted in S.B. 221 and S.B. 222 (i.e. the Department’s legislative bills on these matters), the Department is requesting \$708,806 to maintain current staffing within the CCP Unit, and \$736,785 to maintain the current level of service for our VWKS Unit. This is the remaining balance between actual costs, and costs covered by funding from the City and County of Honolulu, funding from the Department of the Attorney General, and (for VWKS only) federal funds.

Pursuant to legislation passed in 1979, and codified as Sections 845-1, 845-2, and 845-3, of the Hawai`i Revised Statutes, the CCP program was created because a disproportionate amount of serious crimes are committed by a relatively small number of multiple- and repeat-felony offenders, commonly known as "career criminals." To address this ongoing problem, the State created the Career Criminal Prosecution program, which it originally funded annually. In the past, the Department’s CCP Unit has periodically been scaled back, when there was insufficient funding to maintain full staffing. Money spent on the CCP Unit is an efficient use of resources, as it provides

citizens with swift and effective justice, reducing heavy caseloads and long court delays. With your support, the Department will continue to have the tools necessary to protect our public from career criminals.

Similarly, VWKS advocates are specially qualified and trained to assist in guiding victims, witnesses and/or surviving family members through the criminal justice system—throughout prosecution of a case—at a level that our deputies are unable to do. Historically, the Legislature has supported the Victim Witness Assistance Program (“VWA” a.k.a. VWKS in Honolulu) since 1983. In 1986, the Legislature enacted HRS §28-111, which established the VWA program on a statewide basis. While the statute established this program within the Department of the Attorney General, all direct services are provided by each county’s prosecuting attorney, in order to provide the most up-to-date information, assistance, funding, and support services to the crime victims and witnesses in their respective counties. Adequate funding is necessary for our Department to be able to continue these vital services.

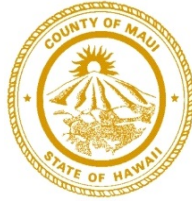
For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu **respectfully requests that the Committee add supplemental funding for the Department’s Career Criminal Prosecution Unit and Victim Witness Kokua Services** (and other counties’ CCP and VWA as needed). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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ON
H.B. 300 HD1 RELATING TO
THE STATE BUDGET

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair
The Honorable Brandon Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui respectfully submits the following comments **in support of amending H.B. 300 HD1, Relating to The State Budget, to include sufficient funding for the Career Criminal Prosecution and Victim Witness Assistance programs in each county.** Specifically, we are requesting that funding for Program ID ATG 100, Sequence No. 213-009 (which appears to have been removed by the House JHA committee) be reinstated.

The first reason we are asking this funding to be reinstated involves our Career Criminal Prosecution program. Pursuant to legislation passed in 1979, and codified as Sections 845-1, 845-2, and 845-3, of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, the Career Criminal Prosecution program was created because a disproportionate amount of serious crimes are committed by a relatively small number of multiple- and repeat-felony offenders, commonly known as "career criminals." Money spent on this program is an efficient use of resources, as it provides citizens with swift and effective justice, reducing heavy caseloads and long court delays.

Although State funding for our Department's CCP position was restored after it was temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, the existing amount has become insufficient to fully fund the dedicated DPA position necessary to meet the CCP program requirements. For this reason, we are asking that the Legislature allocate the supplemental

funding for Program ID ATG 100, Sequence No. 213-009 that was removed in the current version of this measure.

The second reason we are asking for this funding to be reinstated involves our Victim Witness Assistance Division. The Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) established the Crime Victims Fund in the United States Department of Treasury to collect the fines assessed against Federal criminals and serve as the funding source for carrying out all of the activities authorized by VOCA, including the VOCA Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA Grant). The primary purpose of the VOCA Grant is to support the provision of direct services to victims of crime. Our Department's Victim Witness Assistance Division uses VOCA Grant funds to provide no-cost services to victims and witnesses of crimes, including notification of court dates, case communication, victim impact statement assistance and other vital support services.

In FY 2024, the amount of VOCA Grant funding available across the nation will be reduced. As a result, we anticipate that our Victim Witness Assistance Division budget in Maui County will be reduced by almost \$250,000.00. The loss of this funding would be an enormous blow to our ability to provide experienced counselors for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other serious crimes. With your support in reinstating the Program ID ATG 100, Sequence No. 213-009 funding, we can continue to provide victims and witnesses with the support they need.

For these reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui **supports amending H.B. 300 HD1 to include supplemental funding for the Career Criminal Prosecution and Victim Witness Assistance programs in each county**. Please feel free to contact our office at (808) 270-7777 if you have any questions or inquiries.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



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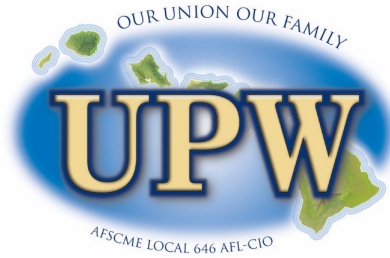
**The State Legislature
The Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023
Conference Room 211, 10:00 a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
FROM: Keali'i S. López, State Director
RE: Strong Support for H.B. 300, HD1 Relating to the State Budget with Amendment Request

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My name is Keali'i Lopez and I am the State Director for AARP Hawai'i. AARP is a nonpartisan, social impact organization that advocates for individuals age 50 and older. We have a membership of nearly 38 million nationwide and nearly 140,000 in Hawaii. We advocate at the state and federal level for the issues that matter most to older adults and their families. **AARP is in strong support of the Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations' (DLIR) request to include \$1.25M for the Hawaii retirement savings program in GM 1 proposed changes to the FB 2023-25 Executive Budget. This amount was not included in HD1, and respectfully urge that the Senate amend the budget to include this request.**

The additional \$1.25M provides full-year funding for positions and statutorily required responsibilities for the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program (Act 296, SLH, 2022). Act 296 established the program to be administered by a newly created Hawaii Retirement Savings Board. The Hawaii Retirement Savings Program would provide a state-facilitated payroll deduction retirement savings plan with mandatory employer participation to private sector employees who do not have access to employer-sponsored retirement savings plans. The program's operational funding initially appropriated in the Act is non-recurring. Therefore, the requested funding in GM 1 is needed for the operations in the upcoming biennium as the program's implementation rolls out. We greatly appreciate your and the Senate's consistent and strong support of this program as AARP sought to pass this critical legislation these past several years. AARP is a strong proponent of Act 296 and appreciates this opportunity to support the inclusion of DLIR's budget request for the Hawaii retirement savings program.



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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
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Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00 AM
Conference Room 211 & via Videoconference

Re: Testimony on HB300, HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO (“UPW”) is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which includes blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health, and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents 1,500 members in the private sector.

UPW provides **supports** HB300, HD1, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

We humbly request your **support** for the following budget requests:

1. The Department of Health Adult Mental Health Division’s (HTH430) request for 721.0 permanent full-time equivalent positions at Hawaii State Hospital, which includes 141.0 psychiatric technicians (FP).
2. The Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission’s request for \$995,395 and 7.0 FTE in FY24 and \$880,395 and 7.0 FTE in FY25.
3. The appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for bargaining units (1) and (10) should the State and UPW negotiate an agreement that is ratified by our members prior to the end of the legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Sincerely,

Kalani Werner
State Director



TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
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FROM: Sumeet Sharma, Director
Correctional Association of New York

SUBJECT: House Bill 300, Relating to the State Budget,
Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00AM
State Capitol, Room 211

March 7, 2023

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to request that you consider supporting the budget request from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission). The Commission is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25 which includes seven total positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment. Given that this office is so new, opened in July 2022), it is important to ensure they are properly funded to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

Correctional Oversight in New York

Established in 1844, the Correctional Association of New York (CANY), under New York's Correction Law, is charged with providing independent oversight of the state's prisons by visiting and examining the state's correctional facilities to identify and report on prison conditions, the treatment of incarcerated individuals, and the administration of policy in New York.

Since its inception, CANY's monitoring and reporting has been integral in movements to end corporal punishment in state prisons, suspend the use of mandatory sentencing laws in New York, and abolish the death penalty in the state, among other reforms. Furthermore, the organization's advocacy has helped support improved access to medical and mental health care in prisons, improved quality of care for people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis-C and other infectious diseases, and most recently, the limitation of the use of solitary confinement in New York.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, CANY has conducted 23 comprehensive prison monitoring visits, interviewed more than 3,000 incarcerated individuals, carried out three systemwide surveys, distributed vaccine education materials to approximately 20,000 incarcerated individuals, published 19 reports, responded to hundreds of requests for information and assistance, and held dozens of briefings with legislators, advocates, and other stakeholders – providing value and insight to policymakers, the department of corrections and community supervision, advocates and stakeholders in the public.

The Importance of Independent Oversight for Correctional Institutions

In an article for the NYU Brennan Center for Justice, Michele Deitch, senior lecturer and director of Prison and Jail Innovation Lab (PJIL) at the University of Texas, notes independent oversight 'as essential for a safe and healthy prison system' with it being crucial for promoting accountability and transparency and building public trust in the criminal justice system.

Similarly, the American Bar Association has encouraged every jurisdiction to statutorily establish an independent government body to routinely monitor prisons, jails, and other detention facilities, and construct public reports about conditions inside these facilities. The ABA Resolution created a checklist of the elements necessary to make these oversight bodies effective, including that the entity be independent of the corrections agency, have unlimited access to every part of the facility, and be able to monitor conditions without prior notice.

The State of Hawai'i has already recognized the value of independent oversight for correctional facilities and must ensure that the office now has funding to provide value to the state's policymakers.

Should you have additional questions, I can be reached at ssharma@correctionalassociation.org. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00AM
State Capitol, Room 211

Support House Bill 300 House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget

Women's Prison Project strongly supports HB300, which would fund the budget request from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission). The Commission is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25. This includes seven total positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment. This appropriation is needed to ensure that HCSOC is properly funded in at a level that allows it to fulfill the mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

The conditions in many Hawaii's corrections facilities have been shown to be dangerous, unhealthy, and in violation of the basic human rights of incarcerated individuals. It is critically important that the requested HCSOC staff are funded. Trained HCSOC staff can support corrections officials to better understand and meet federal requirements and ensure the safety and wellbeing of the inmates for whom the State of Hawaii is responsible. Recently disclosed conditions in some facilities make Hawaii at great risk a federal consent decree that would become costly and would effectively take the corrections system out of the State's control. Lawsuits in other states have shown the potential for huge settlements against states for poor prison conditions and practices. A full funded, active HCSOC, provides protection to the State of Hawaii and also helps provide a humane rehabilitative environment for those who are incarcerated.

Women's Prison Project urges you to pass HB300 and fund HCSOC so that it is assured the capacity to fulfill its mandated mission. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB300.

Linda Rich
On Behalf of Women's Prison Project



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RE: **HB300 HD1** THAT APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO CONTINUE SBIR PROGRAM

Dear Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support of **HB300 HD1** that appropriates funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) to continue the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR) program.

I developed the World's first SPF shrimp broodstock company, High Health Aquaculture (HHA) based at NELHA in Kona. HHA was the beginning of what became a new industry in Hawaii – SPF Shrimp Broodstock, which exports more than \$30 M of product per year.

During my tenure at HHA, we received 9 SBIR grants from various federal agencies (NSF, USDA, DOC). For each of these we also received Hawaii SBIR matching grants. All of these greatly contributed to our IP development, which increased our company's value and success. This is a very valuable initiative that I strongly support.

After 20 years in business, we sold HHA to an Asian multinational (SIS), which expanded the business and continues today.

I strongly support the Hawaii SBIR program and urge you to fund it.

Thanks,

Jim Wyban PhD
President

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:30:31 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

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Comments:

Please support funding the continuation of these programs that benefit our community.



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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Les Estrella, President & CEO
Going Home Hawai'i

SUBJECT: House Bill 300 House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00AM
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Les Estrella from Going Home Hawai'i, and I am writing to request that you consider supporting the budget request from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission). The Commission is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25 which includes seven total positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment. Given that this office is so new (*office opened in July 2022*), it is important to ensure they are properly funded to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

Independent correctional oversight is essential for a safe and healthy correctional system. Oversight is critical to fixing the inhumane treatment that persons in custody suffer and provides the ability to identify and investigate unconstitutional practices, unacceptable conditions, and violations of federal, state, and local law. This applies not only to those in custody, but also to the correctional officers and staff who work inside the prisons. Importantly, oversight can recommend improvements and safeguards needed to be put in place to *prevent* recurrences of problems.

Adequate funding is needed to support and continue the goals of the HCSOC. Successful oversight translates directly to savings in taxpayer money and leads to a significant reduction in reoffending and recidivism.

Should you have additional questions, I can be reached at 808-491-2437 or at goinghomehawaii@gmail.com

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Les Estrella
President & CEO
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Statement of
Rex Jakobovits, PhD
President,
Experiad Solutions
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 AM
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB300 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

Experiad supports HB300, HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The amendments in the House draft of the budget provides funding to continue and build upon HTDC's core programs: the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP), Hawai'i Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR), and Accelerator programs. HTDC core programs develop infrastructure, capital, and talent to facilitate the development of technology and manufacturing jobs in Hawai'i. Following their mission, HTDC programs aim to provide technical and financial support for innovative small businesses from the startup stage through growth and export. As a small business owner, I have experienced firsthand the impact that SBIR matching grants can have on the local economy. By providing state funds to match Small Business Innovative Research grants, we are investing in the growth and development of small businesses in our state. This not only benefits the business owners, but also the employees and local community.

As you know, small businesses are the backbone of our local economy, providing jobs and driving innovation. By providing these businesses with access to additional funding, we are supporting their ability to grow and expand, leading to increased economic activity and job creation. Furthermore, SBIR grants provide valuable opportunities for small businesses to bring their innovative ideas to market, which can have a positive impact on the local economy by attracting new businesses and industries to our state.

Our story is direct proof that the HTDC SBIR program is critical to attracting high tech startups to Hawaii, and it has brought millions of additional federal dollars to



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our local economy. My software startup Experiad has received matching funds for our Phase I and Phase II SBIRs, funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop software for behavioral therapists who **treat kids with autism**. The funds distributed by HTDC have been critical to our success, allowing us to conduct an extensive field test of our prototype product in the homes of kids with autism. The data we gathered allowed us to win a new fast-track NIH grant proposal last year. We could not have done it without the research funded by the Hawaii matching grant. Thus, **the Hawaii SBIR matching grant was directly responsible for us being awarded \$3.6M in additional federal dollars**. That money is feeding the local high tech economy, and acting as critical seed capital that will generate dozens of high tech jobs in Hawaii if we succeed.

Furthermore, HTDC has served as a critical conduit for bringing Hawaii tech entrepreneurs together, leading to collaboration and team-building that propelled our success. We met our VP of Clinical Product, Emaley McCulloch, when she was building a business within HTDC's manoa site in 2015, and without her, we would not be where we are today. HTDC is a vital hub for Hawaii's technology entrepreneurship, and we are an example of that.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Senate Committee to consider appropriating state funds to match Small Business Innovative Research grants. This investment in our small businesses will pay dividends for our local economy, creating jobs and driving economic growth. HTDC is exactly the type of investment that our economy needs right now.

Mahalo for listening!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rex Jakobovits". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rex Jakobovits, PhD
President, Experiad Solutions

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 4:49:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chenoa Farnsworth	Testifying for Blue Startups	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Blue Startups supports HB300, HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

March 23, 2023

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

We would like to **support HB 300 HD1**.

With respect to the Department of Education (DOE) budget, we advocate that priority should be given to sufficient funding of resources to the schools, in particular, EDN 100 (school-based budgeting) and EDN 150 (special education).

Students have suffered academically, socially and emotionally from disruptions resulting from the pandemic, with the greatest impact on our high-needs students. The table below shows the percent of students proficient in English Language Arts, math and science and the difference between non-high needs and high-needs students. The gap between student groups is alarmingly large.

State Assessment Percent Proficiency 2021-2022	English Language Arts	Math	Science
Non-High-Needs	71%	54%	55%
High-Needs	37%	25%	26%
Achievement Gap	34	29	29

[Board of Education, Special Meeting, October 20, 2022](#)

We advocate allocating sufficient funding to schools so that they can provide appropriate supports for all students, but particularly for our high-needs students. We believe that curriculum instruction assessment, differentiated instruction, and social-emotional learning (SEL) supports must be prioritized. This translates to maintaining **quality instruction in the classroom**. We also ask for **more granular financial transparency, particularly for school-based budgeting**. Stakeholders should know specifically how our school budgets are impacting our student outcomes.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Cheri Nakamura
HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Coalition Members and Participants

Academy 21
Alliance for Place Based Learning
American Civil Liberties Union
Atherton YMCA
Castle Complex Community Council
Education Institute of Hawai'i
*Faith Action for Community Equity
Fresh Leadership LLC
Girl Scouts Hawai'i
Harold K.L. Castle Foundation
*HawaiiKidsCAN
*Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance
*Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
*Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists
Hawai'i Athletic League of Scholars
*Hawai'i Children's Action Network
Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition
* Hawai'i State PTSA
Hawai'i State Student Council
Hawai'i State Teachers Association
Hawai'i P-20
Hawai'i 3Rs
Head Start Collaboration Office
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Kanu Hawai'i
Kaua'i Ho'okele Council
Keiki to Career Kaua'i
Kupu A'e

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*Parents and Children Together
*Parents for Public Schools Hawai'i
Punahou School PUEO Program
Special Education Provider Alliance
*Teach for America
The Learning Coalition
US PACOM
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Terry Schuster
Corrections Ombudsman

March 21, 2023

Re: House Bill 300 HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Terry Schuster. I'm the Ombudsman for New Jersey's prison system. I'm writing to urge adequate staffing and funding of the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission, and to share my thoughts on the value of such an entity for the public, lawmakers, and the Department of Corrections.

My office's annual budget is \$2.1 million, which is about 0.2% of the Department of Corrections budget in my state. What that investment buys is sufficient staffing (21 FTE) to have people on-site in nine prisons, inspecting facilities, surveying incarcerated people, answering hotline calls, gathering data, and holding community meetings.

A corrections oversight office like mine is not a prosecutor office looking to hold individuals accountable for wrongdoing. The office is not gathering evidence for lawsuits against the Department of Corrections. There's no axe to grind. The goal is to spot problems and trends before they metastasize—to help the Department assess whether its policies are being followed and whether its policies might need to change in order to better carry out its mission. Success for a corrections oversight office doesn't look like corrections staff being fired or headlines slamming the Department of Corrections for abuse and neglect. Success looks like incarcerated people in the state feeling hopeful about their futures, staff feeling proud of the impact they had on the lives of those in their custody, and the public feeling confident that people coming back home from prison are better prepared to be good neighbors.

My Ombudsman office includes several staff members who come from the Department of Corrections. They believe in the value of Corrections to turn people's lives around. They've seen the system's shortcomings from the inside and came to the Ombudsman office hoping to make the Department of Corrections better. The Ombudsman office is a thought-partner for solving difficult system-wide problems. Incarcerated people are much more forthcoming with the Ombudsman office than they are with correctional officers and administration. Our access to the people held in custody allows us to give quick and thorough feedback to facility and agency leaders. We are a key player helping the DOC enforce its own policies with staff, because we have eyes and ears on the prisons, and prison staff act differently when they're being monitored. Because we are an independent office, we can also authoritatively give credit to the Department for things they are doing right, correct the record when misinformation is spread

about prison conditions, and defend decisions of the Department that may be unpopular or misunderstood by skeptical members of the public.

Lawmakers expanded the reach and mandate of my office in New Jersey in response to physical and sexual assaults at the state's only women's prison. The message to the public was: This won't happen again, not on our watch. Even absent a scandal, though, lawmakers benefit from oversight in a variety of ways. When they pass laws impacting prison services or programming, they have a set of independent eyes in the Ombudsman to determine whether those laws have been implemented. When constituents call with concerns about conditions in a prison facility, lawmakers can dispatch the Ombudsman to look into the issue and follow up. The creation of an Ombudsman office helps ensure that the performance metrics for a Department of Corrections are not limited to the number of people confined, released, and returned for new crimes, but include big questions of public interest: Are people in our state prisons safe? Are their health needs being addressed? Do they have meaningful access to their loved ones? And are they engaged in purposeful activity to ensure they come out better than they went in?

My office regularly meets with the correctional officer and civilian staff unions to hear their priorities, to share trends that we're seeing, and to get input on policy recommendations. Our on-site Assistant Ombudsmen also routinely hear from staff in the prisons about institutional concerns that we may be able to help with like barriers to implementing certain policies and miscommunications between custody staff and nursing staff.

Members of the public most often contact my office when they're not getting a response from the Department of Corrections and they feel concerned, helpless, and upset. This past month, we've gotten calls and emails saying: My son arrived at this prison two weeks ago and hasn't gotten toilet paper or a change of underwear. My brother keeps asking to be seen by a doctor and getting denied. I traveled a long way to visit my family member in prison and they wouldn't let me in. It's February, the heat isn't working, and my loved one still hasn't gotten a coat. These are mundane everyday needs that in the free world people can handle on their own, but that can become pain points in a setting where some people exercise control over others.

Sometimes when something is going wrong in prison, it was merely overlooked in the hustle and bustle of running a secure facility. Sometimes it comes about because of systemic problems like under-staffing or lack of communication between siloed offices. Importantly, there are also times when the issue reflects an abuse of power. An independent and properly staffed corrections oversight office can help the Department catch small things that fall through the cracks, draw attention to systemic issues that impact everyone behind bars, and also access people held in even the most isolated parts of state prisons to ensure they are not being harmed or treated unfairly.

Oversight allows for access and understanding among people who might otherwise feel suspicious, angry, and in the dark about what's happening in our state prisons. By creating transparency, it builds credibility and public trust for this large and powerful arena of state government. I encourage you to appropriate adequate funding to staff the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission. Please feel free to contact me if I can help in any way.

Best,

Terry Schuster
New Jersey Corrections Ombudsperson

PENNSYLVANIA PRISON SOCIETY

TO: The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Claire Shubik-Richards, Executive Director
Pennsylvania Prison Society

SUBJECT: House Bill 300 House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00AM
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Claire Shubik-Richards from the Pennsylvania Prison Society, I am writing in support of the budget request from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC). The HCSOC is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 for FY25 to include seven FTE salaries, travel costs, consultation for special projects, office equipment, and other necessary expenses. Proper funding is essential to ensure the HCSOC can fulfill their mandated requirements as set forth by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

Since 1787, the Pennsylvania Prison Society has served as Pennsylvania's independent prison monitor for all 85 of our county and state correctional facilities. Authorized by Pennsylvania statute, Prison Society staff and volunteer Prison Monitors may enter any correctional facility in the Commonwealth and meet privately with incarcerated people and assist them in resolving concerns. In 2022 we completed over 1800 such visits. We also publish data and good practices to assist government actors and corrections administrators across our state.

We were heartened by the announcement of the HCSOC as we have seen time and again the value of independent oversight of corrections in states around the country. Corrections by its very nature is a closed world. The very real security concerns of running a correctional system have the unfortunate impact of obscuring a large, potentially dangerous state institution from the purview of the public and government officials.

Oversight saves helps reduce recidivism. People subjected to abuse, danger, trauma, or denied healthcare while in prison are less likely to succeed in the community when they come home (see Katherine M. Auty & Alison Liebling, [Exploring the Relationship between Prison Social Climate and Reoffending](#), Justice Quarterly, 37:2, 358-381 (2020)).

Oversight saves money. Oversight agencies can identify issues for officials before the result in litigation. Reductions in reoffending produce community savings.

The Prison Society's work may best be captured by a Pennsylvania State Prison Superintendent who responded to a 2017 Department of Corrections (DOC) survey, saying: "The Prison Society helps us do our job." As non-adversarial, independent monitors, the Prison Society helps shape and drive good policy and outcomes. We are not unique; in states as diverse as Washington, New York, and Illinois, we have seen similar working relationships and success. We are confident that with appropriate funding, Hawai'i will see the same.

If I can be of further service, I can be reached at (215) 910-4573 or cshubik@prisonsociety.org. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:45:28 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Collin Kobayashi	Testifying for 3D Innovations	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Statement of

Collin Kobayashi

President

3D Innovations

before the

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:00 AM

Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of

HB300 HD1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

3D Innovations **supports** HB300, HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The amendments in the House draft of the budget provides funding to continue and build upon HTDC’s core programs: the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP), Hawai’i Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR), and Accelerator programs. HTDC core programs develop infrastructure, capital, and talent to facilitate the development of technology and manufacturing

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3D Innovations supports companies developing new technology and products. With the support of HTDC, our technology and manufacturing sectors have greatly benefited from these programs. The additional funding and support helps with further development and prototyping that leads to commercialization. Without the support of these programs that HTDC creates, the commercialization process would take years longer to achieve and in some cases, not be possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Sen. Donovan Delacruz, Chair

Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Thursday March 23, 2023

Room 211 & Videoconference

10:00 AM

STRONG SUPPORT FOR HI CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION BUDGET IN HB 300 HD1

Aloha Chair Delacruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee!

My name is Kat Brady and I am the Coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons, a community initiative promoting smart justice policies in Hawai'i for more than two decades. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 4,009 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars¹ and under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety/Corrections and Rehabilitation on any given day. We are always mindful that 916 - 26.4% of the male imprisoned population² - of Hawai'i's imprisoned people are serving their sentences abroad -- thousands of miles away from their loved ones, their homes and, for the disproportionate number of incarcerated Kanaka Maoli, far, far from their ancestral lands.

Community Alliance on Prisons appreciates the opportunity to testify in strong support for the entire budget request of the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission so that they can meet the requirements set forth by the legislature in Act 179 (2019). After meeting monthly for almost 3 years, the Commission finally has an Oversight Coordinator - a true professional with real experience working to oversee corrections in Michigan and New York (Rikers).

The Commission is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25 which includes seven total positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment. Given that this office is so new (office opened in July 2022), it is important to ensure they are properly funded to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

¹ Department of Public Safety, Weekly Population Report, March 13, 2023.

https://dps.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Pop-Reports-Weekly-2023-03-14_George-King.pdf

² Why are 26.4% of Hawai'i's male prison population sent thousands of miles from home when the following prisons in Hawai'i have room here: Halawa is at 77%; Halawa Special Needs Facility is at 59%; Kulani is at 44%; Waiawa is at 52% of operational capacity.

This appropriation is crucial to the state's plan to transition our punitive correctional system to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model.

The Commission has taken on the tasks of both the Correctional Population Commission and the Reentry Commission along with its mandate to oversee the implementation of Hawai`i's Reentry Law (353H, HRS).

It is amazing that so much is being done by the under-staffed and under-funded Commission.

A robust and adequately staffed and funded Correctional Oversight Commission can ensure that Hawai`i will be providing the services needed to make the transition to a model system and ensure community well-being.

Please fund the Hawai`i Correctional System Oversight Commission with the budget needed to meet the Legislature's mandate.

Mahalo nui...

No one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens but its lowest ones.

Nelson Mandela



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 300 HD1: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i
Hearing: Thursday, 3/23/23; 10:00 AM; CR 211 and via videoconference

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members, Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB 300 HD1, for Kupuna Care, rental assistance, homeless services and affordable rental housing**. I am Rob Van Tassell, with Catholic Charities Hawai'i. We are also a member of Partners In Care (PIC).

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 75 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, families, homeless, and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai'i. Catholic Charities Hawai'i has a long history of working in the areas of elderly services, affordable housing and homelessness.

We support the following sections of this bill:

Kupuna Care: Executive Office on Aging (HTH 904) - Please add additional funding for Kupuna Care, which provides community-based and in-home services for frail older adults. The base budget funding for Kupuna Care services was reduced by \$1.8M during the pandemic and the needs of a growing aging population makes it urgent to add more funding. We urge you to at least return funding to the previous \$9 M base budget amount, and ask that consideration be given to INCREASE the funding further to \$10 - \$12 M in order to provide adequate services for our growing elderly population.

Remaining in the community and avoiding institutionalization is the desire of most older adults. At the monthly cost of \$12,501 to \$14,113 for nursing home care in Hawaii*, institutional care is unaffordable – for families to pay privately, or for taxpayers to subsidize.

* <https://www.genworth.com/aging-and-you/finances/cost-of-care.html>

Increased funding for rental assistance (HMS 222): **We strongly support increased funding to the Rent Supplement Program** at HPHA. This Program requires about \$2 million to continue to provide monthly rent help to the CURRENT recipients. *The majority of recipients are kupuna who may face homelessness if their subsidy is withdrawn.* While we must continue to create new rental housing, rental assistance is the solution for the immediate housing needs of our residents. With this subsidy, rents that are out of reach become possible for many working families and kupuna. Rental assistance can prevent homelessness and help struggling families to remain in Hawaii by lowering their overall cost of living. **We support the request by the Governor for \$6 million in FY24 and \$6.5 million in FY25, in order to provide relief to our working families, kupuna, and our residents swamped by inflation and high rents.**

Steady funding for homeless services (HMS 224): These funds will enable a range of proven, successful homeless services to remain stable. We appreciate the legislature's support for these

critical core services, Housing First, Outreach, Family Assessment Centers, Rapid Rehousing and Civil Legal Services. **We urge that it is now time to put these vital services into the base budget going forward.**

These core services and other ongoing programs addressing homelessness have been stuck at the same funding level for many years, resulting in difficulty hiring staff and maintaining continuity of services. Reliable ongoing and sufficient funding is needed to continue to move people experiencing homelessness off our streets and into permanent housing.

We support an increase in funding to cover the true costs of services. We support the governor's request of a 5% increase for overall homeless services within the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of Human Services.

BED 160: We support \$300 million to HHFDC for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) statewide. If Hawai'i is to end homelessness, it must create more affordable rental units to prevent homelessness and enable our local families to remain in Hawai'i. New affordable rentals are needed in each county to help struggling households that are being priced out of market rentals. The Rental Housing Revolving Fund has a proven track record to work with its partner developers to create this housing. We also support other bills now being considered by the legislature that would increase funding to the RHRF. We urge your support to add funding in the budget for the RHRF to serve the most vulnerable in our State, with a priority to households with incomes of 60% AMI or below.

HMS 777: Funding the Statewide Office on Homelessness & Housing Solutions (SOHHS) and continuing funding for Ohana Zones: For this statewide office to work effectively, it needs staff and operations funding. We support the proposed 5 permanent positions and the operating budget. The extensive coordination performed by this office requires efficient and effective permanent staffing. We also support the funding for Ohana Zones to continue these pilot programs. These projects allow the counties and service providers to work together creatively to try new alternatives to test them before scaling up the most effective programs.

We urge your continued support for addressing the service needs of the growing elderly population and creating more affordable rental housing and housing related services.

Please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson at (808) 527-4813 if you have any questions.



TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Jennifer Vollen-Katz
John Howard Association of Illinois

SUBJECT: House Bill 300 House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget
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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jennifer Vollen-Katz, I am the Executive Director of the John Howard Association of Illinois (JHA). JHA is an independent, nonpartisan, not for profit prison oversight organization that has been monitoring all of the adult and juvenile state prisons in Illinois for over 120 years.

I write to respectfully request that you support the budget request from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission). The Commission is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25 which includes funding for seven total positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment. Given that this office is new (*office opened in July 2022*), it is important to ensure that it is properly funded to fulfill the mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

The importance of the work of the HCSOC cannot be overstated, nor can the impact this office can have on improving outcomes for people who are detained and incarcerated, the corrections system, public safety and in responding to issues and offering changes in order to avert litigation against the State. Authorized oversight of the carceral system is critical to the democratic goals of system transparency and government accountability. The work of the HCSOC is fundamental to good government; monitoring the closed system of corrections where sight lines to behavior, conditions and treatment are unavailable to the public is an important guardrail in a just, fair and equitable system. If properly resourced and supported, the HCSOC stands to become a national model for correctional oversight.

Should you have additional questions, I can be reached at jvollen@thejha.org or (331)264-4081.
I appreciate your consideration of this testimony and funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Vollen-Katz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jennifer Vollen-Katz
Executive Director
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Statement of
Isar Mostafanezhad
Founder & CEO, Nalu Scientific, LLC
before the
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Nalu Scientific, LLC **supports** HB300, HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

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I founded Nalu Scientific in 2016. Nalu Scientific has participated in, and benefitted from, several SBIR funding opportunities that has allowed us to grow over the years and increase the variety of products and services we have been offering.

Our company employs many UH graduates and former Hawaii residents who were able to return home to the islands and apply their specialized skills as we design and build high-end sensors and systems. The HTDC matching grant program has been a key reason why we have been able to provide these opportunities and to support Hawaii's innovation community.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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RE: HB 300 HD1 – Relating to the State Budget – Comment, Request Amendment

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony offering comments on HB 300 HD1, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

We respectfully request reinsertion of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Item No. 13 for BED 150 for \$12,125,000 for the capital improvement of Saratoga Avenue to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

In connection with its 535-acre portion of HCDA's 3,700-acre Kalaeloa Master Plan, Hunt Companies is working with Gentry Homes to bring the first 389 new for-sale homes for local families to Kalaeloa. Also, construction is underway on the 98,000 square foot state-of-the-art VA ALOHA medical clinic, which is expected to be completed in January 2024.

These were made possible, in part, by Hunt Companies taking on the long-needed upgrades to the infrastructure and operations of the water utility in Kalaeloa, followed by launching more than \$35 million of roadway and utility infrastructure that provide benefit to the entire region.

There is much more to be done in terms of roadways, regional connections, utilities, and additional water and power infrastructure to make Kalaeloa the vibrant new addition for West Oahu families that is envisioned by HCDA's Master Plan, and this capital improvement appropriation to bring electrical down Saratoga Avenue is a vital initial step to that dream becoming reality.

We appreciate your efforts to help spur much needed infrastructure to support community development in Kalaeloa.

Paul J. Kay
Executive Vice President & COO
Hunt Development Group, LLC

Committee on Ways and Means
March 23, 2023

Testimony In Support of including the Performing Arts Center at Kaiser High School
In HB 300, HD 1

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee, for the past 30 years, the Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Kaiser High School has been on the priority list for DOE projects. Now, the PAC has risen to the top.

There are inadequate classrooms in any school in East Honolulu in which drama, dance and music are taught and there are no auditoriums. These include Kaiser, Niu Valley, Kamilo'iki, Koko Head, Hahaione, Aina Haina and Kalani.

Drama, music and dance each provide learning opportunities for language, writing, movement, technical skills and feelings of achievement, often reaching students with special needs and second language learners.

Kaiser has the land and the preliminary plans to make this Center a reality for all students as well as the community. Our committee has visited and studied the recently completed and beautiful Performing Arts Center at Moanalua High School. We learned they are struggling a bit to find income to support the operations of the PAC.

We believe this will not be an issue for our PAC. We will have a great deal of community participation and financial support in the PAC at Kaiser with preliminary plans for community theater, film, dance and music festivals. Various film studios are already making use of the Kaiser campus in off hours with financial contributions.

Our request for Planning, Design and Construction funds is a unanimous request from each school in our complex. We ask that \$4.6 million be included for the Performing Arts Center in the Senate draft of HB 300.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Judy Sobin
Member, Kaiser High School Community Council
Chair, Kamilo'iki School Community Council
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March 21, 2023

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members:

Re: Opposition to HB 300 HD 1

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My name is Herb Lee, Jr. and I am the President & CEO of the Pacific American Foundation (PAF), a non-profit 501C3 organization founded in 1993. Our mission is to “improve the lives of Pacific Americans through service with dignity, courage, humility, and competence.”

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I **OPPOSE** HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i.

We have had a longstanding relationship with KIRC and continue to take students to learn, steward and be inspired by the “ike” that the island has to offer.

I hope that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 can be included back in as a Senate amendment.

‘O wai‘iho nō,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Lee, Jr.", written over a blue horizontal line.

Herb Lee, Jr.
President & CEO



Written Statement of
KEN CHEUNG
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DIRECTOR OCEANIT

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

Offers Comments to
HB300 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair,
and Members of the Committee

From: Dr. Ken Cheung

Re: Support and Comments relating to HB300

Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

To diversify Hawaii's economy and the help Hawaii's economic recovery, the State
needs to support Hawaii technology companies.

The State's support of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program has
helped Hawaii advance from being nearly 48/50 to 30/50 US States. For each dollar the
comes to Hawaii, there are between \$2 to \$7 dollars circulated in Hawaii's economy.
Hawaii's investment into supporting successful Hawaii SBIR applicants has a
significantly positive ROI for Hawaii's economy and major social benefit to Hawaii's
community, creating high paying jobs that help manage Hawaii's high cost of living
costs. The continuation of the SBIR matching grants program is both helps local
companies compete, mature technology and eventually commercialize technology.

Therefore, we support this program and request that the matching grant fund be
increased to \$5M.



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**Testimony of
PAULA AKANA
Executive Director**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAM**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 AM
Conference Room 211 and via Videoconference**

**In Consideration of
HOUSE BILL 300 HD1**

RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 300 HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

I am Paula Akana, Executive Director of The Friends of 'Iolani Palace, the Hawai'i State Museum of Monarchy History.

I write in support of providing operating funds for 'Iolani Palace in the Executive Branch budget for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

'Iolani Palace is a 141-year-old building. It is critical that we are able to continue with all of the recurring costs it takes to maintain the four buildings on this site. That includes, but is not limited to the electricity and HVAC services, which costs continue to increase each year; The security system is necessary to protect the Palace and the nearly 5,000 cultural resources that are housed there. Equally important are the people it takes to run the operation: to secure, maintain, care for the items and the buildings, and the people who make sure the story of the Palace and Hawai'i's unique story are shared with Hawai'i and the world. Those are all essential parts of our lease with DLNR: restoring and protecting this state owned wahi pana and sharing its history through tours available for all ages from all across the world. This story is critical for so many who come to the islands only knowing we are the 50th state. As we recover from the pandemic, we see a different visitor. We see so many more from the continental U.S., who now make up most of our visitors. They come out amazed to have learned about this tiny Pacific Kingdom and its relationship with the world. We have seen many in tears as they leave the room where Lili'uokalani was imprisoned.

'Iolani Palace is relevant and important.

We mahalo you for your kōkua and ask that your support continues with providing operating funds in HB300. Together we can ensure 'Iolani Palace, the only royal residence in the United States will be here for generations to come, and that her story, the bittersweet story of the Hawaiian Kingdom continues to be shared.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Akana". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Aloha,".

Paula Akana



ALOHA SHOYU COMPANY

Statement of
David Y. Morikawa
Vice President - Operations

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol & Videoconference**

In consideration of
**HOUSE BILL 300, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

The Aloha Shoyu Company, Ltd. **supports** HB 300, HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The amendments in the House draft of the budget provides funding to continue and build upon the core programs of HTDC: the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP), Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR), and Accelerator programs. HTDC core programs develop infrastructure, capital and talent to facilitate the development of technology and manufacturing jobs in Hawaii.

. According to the National Association of Manufacturers, Hawaii has an average of 11,000 manufacturing employees working at 750 manufacturing firms with an output of \$1.66 billion. The MAP grant limits reimbursement to 20% of qualified expenses capped at \$100,000. This program shows the State's support for local manufacturers who are trying to scale their businesses in Hawaii and helps to grow the industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE APPROPRIATION OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE SARATOGA AVENUE ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the current electrical infrastructure in Kalaeloa community development district (KCDD) is owned and managed by the US Navy; and

WHEREAS, the KCDD has struggled with unreliable utilities for years that is an impediment to further community development in the KCDD; and

WHEREAS, the state budget includes an appropriation for an electrical and communications infrastructure corridor to be constructed, with a 12kV underground electrical distribution line built to HECO standards, on Saratoga Avenue from Enterprise Avenue to Hornet Avenue, at a cost of \$12,125,000 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS the Project will provide reliable power to residents, businesses, and landowners in that downtown area of KCDD; and

WHEREAS, the Project will also support economic growth, including additional housing and commercial development resulting in additional jobs and opportunities; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 supports the appropriation of sufficient funds for the Saratoga Avenue Electrical and Communication Infrastructure Improvements; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER RESOLVED that Neighborhood Board No. 34 supports the intent of S.B. 2176 (2022) and H.B. 1600 (2022), and requests that the Hawaii State Legislature appropriate CIP funds in the amount of at least \$12,125,000 for the Saratoga Avenue Electrical and Communication Infrastructure Improvements to the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism - Hawaii Community Development Authority (BED150) for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Honolulu Council Members, Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, and all Neighborhood Boards.

Adopted by Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 at its February 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, 7-0-0.



HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 10:24:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anuheha St. Laurent	Testifying for Anuheha St.Laurent- Marriage & Family Therapy LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Anuheha St. Laurent and I am a recently licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice the past year, in Hilo, Hawai'i and via telehealth for the entire State of Hawai'i. I am submitting testimony in support of funding from the state for the UH Hilo Master's in Counseling Program Master's program. The State of Hawai'i, especially the island of Hawai'i is in dire need of more qualified mental health professionals to serve the growing demand of mental health needs in our communities. As it is, individuals are not getting the help they need while waiting on long wait lists because there simply aren't enough therapists, counselors, case workers, social workers, etc. Fund UH Hilo so they can staff the appropriate number of employees to run the Master's program there and teach the next generations of mental health care workers! This is essential, especially with the increased rates of burnout, addictions, depression, anxiety, trauma, domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, suicide and self-harm rates!

Thank you for your consideration, Anuheha St. Laurent, LMFT

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 5:38:14 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amber Davis	Testifying for Code.org	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee:

My name is Amber Davis and I am the Director of State Government Affairs at Code.org, a national education non-profit focused on expanding access to computer science for all students.

I am writing to advocate for funding professional development for computer science teachers in Hawaii in the amount of \$600,000.

At Code.org we believe that every student is capable of learning computer science. We believe that it is a foundational subject that every student would benefit from learning and it has become increasingly clear that we cannot leave those opportunities to chance.

Hawai'i has made great strides in access to computer science education. All high schools are required to offer computer science, however, there are still 23% of schools that do not offer computer science.

While this gap is closing every year, unfortunately who enrolls in computer science is not equitable amongst all students. When you look at the gender breakdown, of the 3.7% of students that are enrolled in a computer science course, only 23.8% of those students are female.

The largest barrier to closing these gaps and ensuring that every student can learn computer science, is ensuring that every school has a trained computer science teacher. It is common for existing math or science teachers to enroll in professional development courses to either add on a section of their day to teach computer science, or switch subject areas completely. This funding will allow existing teachers to fill these gaps for our students.

Thank you for your consideration, and I am hopeful that Hawaii will take the next step forward in ensuring every student has access to a 21st century education.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 6:33:16 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Simms Israel	Testifying for Pivot Energy	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Pivot Energy requests the Senate Committee find ways and means to restore the \$12,125,000 for Saratoga Ave Electrical and Communications Infrastructure Improvements to the state budget. The improvement project that was a part of HB300, HD1 for Kalaeloa, including the Saratoga Avenue Electrical Upgrade, would provide reliable infrastructure for the Kalaeloa community for years to come, supporting Kalaeloa with electric & communications utilities that are in line with industry standard and improving electric access within the community.



Legislative Testimony of Sunrun Inc.
Before the WAM Committee
March 23, 2023

**IN SUPPORT of the \$300 million appropriation for the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority in
HB 300 HD1 – Relating to the State Budget**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and distinguished Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Sunrun is the nation's leading home solar, battery storage and energy services company, and has a long and proud history in Hawai'i with office and warehouse locations on O'ahu, Maui, and Hawai'i Island. We employ more than 350 professionals across the islands, including sales/marketers, customer experience professionals, and installation team members including electrical inspectors, technicians, forepersons and warehouse personnel.

Sunrun strongly supports the \$300 million appropriation for the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA, or "Green Bank") in HB 300 HD1 (item 20, BED138, under Economic Development).

As of 2022, 44 percent of Hawai'i households were below the asset limited, income constrained, employed (ALICE) threshold – a new statewide high.¹ For the almost half of the households in the state struggling to make ends meet, upgrading home energy systems is likely not possible without additional funding or external assistance. According to the Federal Reserve Bank's unbanked/banked metric, there is an estimated \$3.75 billion financing gap due to the ~75,000 rooftops which do not qualify for traditional financing.² The Green Bank appropriation included in HB300 would reduce the energy burden for ALICE and other low- and moderate-income families, resulting in cost savings which may be used towards other critical living expenses. This appropriation presents a timely opportunity to build on the efforts of Solarize808 and the tax incentives for low- and moderate-income households in the Inflation Reduction Act to expand clean energy access to frontline communities, benefiting those which have historically and disproportionately suffered the negative effects of a fossil fuel driven economy.

In addition to the equity benefits, the Green Bank appropriation is an important innovative financing tool to reach Hawai'i's 100% renewable portfolio standard (RPS) by 2045.³ In 2020, solar power generated nearly 17% of the state's total electricity, largely due to the rapid uptake of small-scale, customer-sites solar systems.⁴ In 2021, Hawaiian Electric (HECO) achieved 38% renewable generation, attributed to "a full year of geothermal production and an increase in private rooftop solar."⁵ Furthermore, rooftop solar is the leading contributor to Hawai'i's clean energy portfolio making up 44.6% of all renewable energy in

¹ <https://www.boh.com/siteassets/files/community/alice-report-2022.pdf>

² https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2023/Testimony/HB949_HD2_TESTIMONY_FIN_02-27-23_.PDF

³ <https://energy.hawaii.gov/what-we-do/clean-energy-vision/>

⁴ <https://www.eia.gov/state/?sid=HI#tabs-1>

⁵ <https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/hawaiian-electric-hits-38-renewable-energy-in-2021>

the state.⁶ Continued implementation of rooftop solar has proven to be a strong component of the state's renewable energy generation and contributes to a more resilient energy system, and must be done so in a way that includes frontline communities. This bill is a powerful tool to remove barriers for low- and moderate income households to access clean energy, resulting in cost savings benefits and community resilience.

Sunrun strongly supports the \$300 million Green Bank allocation in HB300 and respectfully urges the committee to advance this measure. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this critical legislation. As a national solar, storage and energy services company, Sunrun has a broad view of states' clean energy policies and stands ready to assist Hawai'i with its policy goals.

Sincerely,



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⁶ <https://www.hawaiielectric.com/about-us/performance-scorecards-and-metrics/renewable-energy>



**Testimony of Elemental Excelerator to the
WAM Committee
in consideration of HB 300 HD1, March 23, 2023**

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and distinguished Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Elemental Excelerator respectfully submits our **strong support for the \$300 million appropriation for the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA, or "Green Bank") in HB 300 HD1** (item 20, BED138, under Economic Development).

Elemental Excelerator is a Honolulu-based non-profit organization that supports climate positive startup companies that help solve Hawai'i's most urgent environmental problems. Each year we select 15-20 companies that advance climate technology and social equity, then fund each company with up to \$1 million in investment and support. To date, we have awarded over \$50 million to 150+ companies, and additionally supported more than 100 new tech demonstration projects right here in Hawai'i & the Asia Pacific.

Hawai'i's Green Bank is a proven solution which has already delivered a wide range of tangible benefits and cost savings to Hawai'i residents. By the end of 2022, the Green Bank contributed to over 940 million kWh of electricity saved, over 280,000 metric tons of carbon emissions averted, and over 1,300 clean energy jobs created – while 84% of households served were from underserved markets.¹ The \$300 million appropriated to Hawai'i's Green Bank in HB 300 will be a critical tool to advance equitable climate solutions in Hawai'i and leverage federal funding to further help our residents.

The federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) have the potential to offer hundreds of millions in federal funding to help Hawai'i residents - particularly those with low- and moderate-income - benefit from the clean energy transition in the short and medium term. Additional benefits from these federal climate funds include less pollution in communities, reduced energy and transportation costs, an increase in good jobs, investment in the local economy rather than spending on imported oil, and reducing dangerous greenhouse gas emissions.

Enabling state and local policies are necessary, however, to ensure that these federal funds (especially competitive funds) can be secured and expeditiously deployed in Hawai'i versus flowing to other jurisdictions. Most federal funds under the IIJA and IRA will be distributed over the next five years. We are now in the formative period of this deployment, and it is essential to ensure conditions are set for successful competition and implementation here in Hawai'i. The timing is therefore essential - during this legislative session - to address barriers and to prepare

¹ <https://gems.hawaii.gov/>

for future rounds of funding. The \$300 million HGIA appropriation is an important enabling policy to support successful IJJA and IRA deployment in Hawai'i by ensuring that local matching and leveraging funds are available to attract federal programs.

In 2022, 44 percent of Hawai'i households fell below the asset limited, income constrained, employed (ALICE) threshold, a new statewide high of families struggling to make ends meet.² With assistance such as the \$300 million appropriation in HB 300, ALICE families and other low- and moderate-income households will be provided the financial tools to install renewable distributed energy systems – lowering utility bills and the cost of living for these households and providing multiple other community benefits. The Green Bank appropriation in HB 300 will unlock additional federal funding from the IJJA and IRA, help make the clean energy transition accessible to low- and moderate-income communities, and equitably accelerate progress towards Hawai'i's 100% renewable portfolio standard (RPS) by 2045.³ Rooftop solar is a critical aspect of the state's clean energy portfolio, making up 44.6% of all renewable energy in the state.⁴ Hawai'i can fully leverage residential decarbonization technology and minimize the number of large, utility-scale energy projects needed to be built if we:

1. Support innovative financing mechanisms such as the Green Bank appropriation in HB 300 and coordinate closely to compete for additional federal funding available to make these decentralized improvements happen more quickly and at lower cost;
2. Update our permitting process to lower barriers to small-scale residential renewable energy, efficiency, and storage projects through sensible measures such as SB 781 and HB 217; and,
3. Support the development of new, efficient climate and energy technologies and the accelerators and entrepreneurs that are innovating towards an efficient and clean energy economy.

Elemental Excelerator has supported dozens of climate tech companies that create solid jobs, transition our economy to 100% clean energy, and accelerate equitable access to zero emission solutions for all residents. By passing this bill, Hawai'i will take full advantage of the availability of current federal resources, empower entrepreneurs and workers, and dramatically lower the barrier for low- and moderate-income residents to benefit from the clean energy transition.

The \$300 million appropriation to HGIA is a key piece of climate and community legislation, and we believe it is critical to pass to ensure we equitably meet the climate and clean economy goals the State has established. **Elemental Excelerator strongly supports the \$300 million appropriation to Hawai'i's Green Bank.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

² <https://www.boh.com/siteassets/files/community/alice-report-2022.pdf>

³ <https://energy.hawaii.gov/what-we-do/clean-energy-vision/>

⁴ <https://www.hawaiianelectric.com/about-us/performance-scorecards-and-metrics/renewable-energy>



Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Testimony in Support of HB300 HD1: Relating to the State Budget

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support and provide comments on House Bill 300 HD1.

Hawai'i Energy works to empower island families and businesses on behalf of the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to make smart energy choices to reduce energy consumption, save money, and pursue a 100% clean energy future. Energy efficiency – the energy we do not use – is the cheapest option to help us achieve our 100% clean energy goal by eliminating waste and being more efficient.

Hawai'i Energy applauds the legislature's efforts to support energy efficiency's continued impact on Hawai'i's residents and businesses as an integral component of the State's Clean Energy Initiative, which calls for Hawai'i to achieve 100% clean energy by 2045.

To that end, Hawai'i Energy supports the line item on page 42 of this measure that would preserve the established operating budget and position counts for the PUC Special Fund, while also increasing the PUC's ceiling in order to expend funds from the Electric Vehicle Charging System Subaccount and the Hydrogen Fueling System Subaccount. As the program administrator for the Electric Vehicle Charger Rebate Program, we support the ceiling increase of \$1.5 million contemplated on page 42 of this measure that would allow the PUC to expend \$750,000 to support the rebate program, which continues to generate significant interest from stakeholders throughout our islands.

Hawai'i Energy also supports the line item on page 9 of this measure that would appropriate \$300 million to the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA, or "Green Bank"). The Green Bank has proven to be a crucial mechanism in Hawai'i to reach and deliver results to our ALICE (asset limited, income constrained, employed) communities. Additionally, Hawai'i's Green Bank hopes to leverage this \$300 million appropriation on a one-to-one basis, bringing an additional \$300 million to Hawai'i in federal funding to help our families successfully access clean energy and, in turn, reduce their own energy bills.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 300 HD1.

Sincerely,
Caroline Carl
Executive Director
Hawai'i Energy



Working together for Kapolei

March 21, 2023

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

March 22, 2023; 10:00 AM
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

RE: HB 300– Relating to the State Budget – COMMENT and AMENDMENT REQUEST

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

My name is Kiran Polk, and I am the Executive Director of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce. The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for businesses in the Kapolei region. The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for businesses in the Kapolei region including Waipahu, Kapolei, Ewa Beach, **Kalaeloa**, Nanakuli, Waianae and Makaha. The Chamber works on behalf of its members and the entire business community to improve the regional and State economic climate and help Kapolei businesses thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for HB 300, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

We respectfully request reinsertion of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Item No. 13 for BED 150 for \$12,125,000 for the capital improvement of Saratoga Avenue to the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

West O’ahu’s growing population of almost 200,000 includes the Waianae Coast, Ewa, and Waipahu and Kalaeloa. **Decades ago, the City and County of Honolulu adopted a goal of creating a “Second City” and moving residential and economic growth toward West O’ahu including areas like Kalaeloa.**

The State adopted a similar long-standing policy to redirect growth away from Honolulu and toward Kapolei. To match this dynamic growth the emergence of new job centers in West O’ahu is essential to keep pace with the population growth. The planned development in HCDA’s 3,700-acre Kalaeloa Master Plan will play a key role in providing these job centers in Kalaeloa. **Upgrades to aged infrastructure including bringing electricity down Saratoga Avenue is essential for the development of these job centers and economic development in Kalaeloa.**

The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce also has an Economic Revitalization Task Force established with priorities including priorities focused on economic development and revitalization efforts, and the economic development grants will provide an opportunity to materialize these vital efforts for West O’ahu. **Even though we are a burgeoning community – we lack the most critical infrastructure, connectivity, and business resources.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

Kiran Polk
Executive Director

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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Darryl P. Wong, President

SUBJECT: HB 300, HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE
HEARING: THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023, 10:00 AM
STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 211 7 VIDEOCONFERENCE

Dear Chair Delz Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Darryl Wong and as President of Paradise Park I am a member of the Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership. I am writing to request that you strongly consider supporting House Bill 300, specifically, those appropriations within the budget that provide increase in funding for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife programs. These appropriations are essential in continuing the vital operations for animal welfare for the natural area reserves and watershed management program (LNR 407), as well as forestry resource management and development (LNR 172), Hawaii Invasive Species Council (LNR 402), Native resources and fire protection program (LNR 402), and the Legacy Land Conservation Program – land acquisitions (LNR 101).

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (808) 943-3106 or at dwong@99imperial.net.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my support of HB300 HD1.



Darryl P. Wong
President

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 9:12:42 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Kimo Falconer	Testifying for MauiGrown Coffee, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

Please find a way to support this landmark funding vehicle for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife programs. There are so many critical items within the sphere of our important forested areas this bill will seriously make amends to. Invasive species, watershed and water resource management, wildlife preservation and fire protection are a few of the many underfunded issues in need of fiscal aid.

Mahalo for considering this matter and giving me the opportunity to testify.

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy
In Support of HB 300 HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.
Committee on Ways and Means
March 23, 2023, 10:00 AM
Conference Room 211 and via Teleconference**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) supports funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawai'i's natural resources in HB 300 HD1, Relating to the State Budget.

TNC supports the investment in LNR 101, 172, 402, and 407 for our forests and watershed protection. These funds provide critical funding that provides long-term conservation of watershed forests statewide. These investments help reduce erosion, prevent extinction of endangered species, remove invasive species, increase carbon storage in native forests, and protect Hawai'i's fresh water. Forested watersheds provide Hawai'i with drinking water, cultural resources, and are home to unique plants and wildlife found nowhere else in the world. Protection is needed to safeguard these invaluable resources in the face of threats such as invasive species and climate change. Continuing investment in these vital resources will have immense long-term impacts for our forests and far beyond.

TNC supports and appreciates proposed investments in aquatic resources under line LNR 153, 401, and 805. These investments in programs to support our marine and coastal resources will ensure that the reefs that line our coasts, which are environmental, economic, recreational, and cultural treasures, will continue to support our island lifestyle and livelihoods. Each year, our reefs provide flood protection to people, property, and jobs valued at more than \$836 million, support nearshore fisheries worth \$13.4 million, and contribute more than \$1.2 billion through reef-related tourism to the state's economy. We must continue to make the vital investments to protect and sustainably manage our aquatic resources.

Additionally, TNC supports requests to increase positions within DLNR. DLNR play a key role in the health of our environment, which faces many impacts from climate change and human use, and this responsibility requires capacity to manage our State's terrestrial and marine resources.

These budget items contribute to the resilience, sustainability and continued health of our islands' environment, economy, and quality of life. TNC understands that difficult fiscal decisions must be made and we thank you for appreciating the critical importance of protecting our limited and exhaustible natural resources so that they will continue to support us with fresh water, productive fisheries and farmlands, cultural treasures, and a healthy lifestyle. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 300 HD1.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i and Palmyra is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and Palmyra Atoll. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 nature preserves and work in over 50 coastal communities to help protect and restore the nearshore reefs and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties, and communities to protect forests and coral reefs for their ecological values and for the many benefits they provide to people.

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Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

RE: Senate Ways and Means Committee Hearing
Hearing date: Thursday, March 23, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony regarding our budget appropriation requests for the 2024 fiscal year. As you are aware, Act 103, SLH 2015, codified as HRS Chapter 323F, Part IV ("Act 103") provides for operating and capital subsidies for Maui Health System ("MHS") in connection with its operation of the hospitals. Under HRS §323F-58 and the terms of the Transfer Agreement signed January 14, 2016 between MHS and Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, the State of Hawai'i, and the Maui Region of Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (the "Transfer Agreement"), MHS may request operating support payments annually based upon the amounts needed to cover any operating losses of the Hospitals plus a 2% margin, but the amount requested in any year may not exceed the amount appropriated to subsidize the operating costs of the Maui Regional System for the 2014 fiscal year, which was \$38 million. Under HRS §323F-59 MHS may also request support payments for its capital expenditures during the first ten (10) years of MHS' operations of the hospitals in an amount not less than \$6 million.

MHS is truly a community hospital and the only acute care hospital serving all of Maui and Lanai. We are proud to have reduced the State subsidy by a significant amount over the last several years and are committed to continuing to do so and eliminating the subsidy altogether. However, MHS and many acute care hospitals across the State are experiencing financial struggles like never before due to the shortage of locally based medical staff.

The hospital has been at peak census for several months. The waitlist continues to increase, and the patients are frequently staying longer. The increase in wait list patients is largely driven by the nursing homes and other post hospital providers' own challenges in finding and maintaining sufficient staff. Maui Health has only been able to continue providing the care that the people of Maui need by using expensive outsourced personnel (travelers). In 2022 Maui Health spent \$28M on outsourced personnel. In 2023 Maui Health budgeted \$21.5M for outsourced personnel. Unfortunately, there are no signs that the labor shortage, especially for clinicians will improve soon.

As you also may know, MHS is currently in active negotiations with UPW. The break-even budget did not anticipate strike costs and increased expenses will result. Our budget is assertive considering continued inflation and market conditions and adding additional strike related expense will likely result in a financial loss despite the increased subsidy.

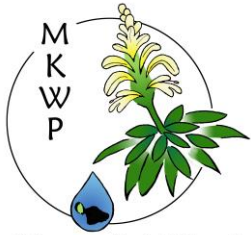
We continue work to lower costs but given the financial challenges our expenses will rise significantly. More than 50% of Maui Health's revenue is from government sources (Medicare and Medicaid) and the reimbursement is often less than the cost of providing the care. Historically hospitals have relied on commercial payers to make up the short fall related to government payers. Maui Health is asking commercial insurance plans to help but it is likely there will still be a substantial loss.

Given the information noted above, Maui Health respectfully requests the state's assistance in continuing to provide care to the people of Maui by providing an operating subsidy of \$22m for fiscal year 2024.

We thank you for your service and hard work on behalf of the State of Hawaii and hope that you can support our subsidy request and the funding source from which it may be derived.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Kerry Watson
Chief Executive Officer



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March 21st, 2023

Committee on Ways and Means Comments on HD300 HD1 Relating to Watershed Protection

Aloha Honorable Chair Dela Cruz & Committee Members,

The Mauna Kahalawai Watershed Partnership strongly supports proposed budget allocations under HD 300 HD1 that would accelerate the advancement of ongoing watershed protection priorities.

Measures we strongly support include:

- LNR 407 \$10M annually for animal welfare for the natural area reserves & watershed management program
- LNR 402 \$3.11M annually for the native resources & fire protection program
- LNR 402 \$1.5M annually for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council
- LNR 101 \$1.5M annually for Legacy Land Conservation Program (land acquisitions)
- LNR 172 \$82.9M (FY24) and \$35.3M (FY25) for forestry resource management & development

This funding would further ensure watershed protection and sustainability of the native Hawaiian forest that functions to provide Hawaii's life giving water, climate resilience, and act as a storehouse of cultural heritage. Without a healthy forest our community's water source can degrade. Increased prudent investments today will help us reduce long term costs and ensure that more land is protected before there is further decline and financial demands. Many shovel ready projects await further funding.

As one example of the statewide need, the MKWP project area continues to suffer from the impacts of ungulates, fire and invasive weed species. In the past year 2,001 acres of watershed burned in Lahaina Maui alone. Forest cover was lost and watershed function has been greatly diminished in this water limited region. Coastal areas have been hammered by sediment as a result. Here the restoration potential is huge but the means is limited. Feral ungulates such as deer and pigs continue to damage the land watershed wide and accelerate erosion. Management has improved with more fences and control efforts but the population pressure continues to mount and vast portions of the watershed remain without sufficient protective fencing. MKWP has also broadened the

ability to control invasive weeds with aerial control programs and ground based efforts. While making technological gains which demonstrate successful control we are currently resource limited in our ability to amplify management and address the worst weeds at a sufficient scale. Funds for land acquisitions may also help ensure that watershed lands continue to be protected in the best interests of the public and further commonly needed ecological services.

Overall the funding suggested would further bolster an integrated conservation system of public and private partnerships including watershed partnerships, invasive species committees, and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife programs with the public's interests at the center. The ultimate goal is to restore the functionality of forests, and help perpetuate our natural capital on which our way of life is built for generations to come. We continue to make progress and this measure will provide a catalyst that will help take us to the next level.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Program Manager, Chris Brosius, at (808) 661-6600 or brosius@maunakahalawai.org.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Written Statement of
Brittany Heyd
Cofounder
Mana Up
before the
House Committee On Finance
Thursday, March 2, 2023
10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
SB1297 SD1
RELATING TO HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee.

Mana Up **supports** HB300, HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The amendments in the House draft of the budget provides funding to continue and build upon HTDC's core programs: the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP), Hawai'i Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR), and Accelerator programs. HTDC core programs develop infrastructure, capital, and talent to facilitate the development of technology and manufacturing jobs in Hawai'i. Following their mission, HTDC programs aim to provide technical and financial support for innovative small businesses from the startup stage through growth and export.

Mana Up's mission is to create a thriving local product ecosystem in Hawaii that will help solve challenges our island economy faces, including lack of affordability for many residents and an outmigration trend of Hawaii-born residents. By creating this ecosystem, we hope to (1) create meaningful job opportunities for the next generation as Hawaii is one of the only states to have a declining local population, with more Native Hawaiians leaving than ever before, (2) foster sustainable tourism by integrating local people and companies, (3) diversify the economy through exports based on our unique niche in the international market, bringing in new dollars to the state and expanding our economic growth, (4) through value added agricultural products, generate use of agricultural land.

Mana Up has operated an accelerator for the past five years, with seven cohorts and 74 graduates. 100% of companies are headquartered in Hawaii. In 2021, this portfolio accounted for \$61 million in annual revenue (with 67% of revenue coming from markets outside Hawaii, bringing new dollars into the State), 498 jobs, and a 33% median growth rate. In analyzing

revenues of graduates before and after the program, Mana Up has helped add \$35 million in annual revenue in 2021 – and revenues continue to grow.

We believe that this bill is important to support the economic development work that is being undertaken by the accelerators and others. Accelerator grants in the past have made it possible for Mana Up to be in existence. We hope this momentum continues as we leverage these early successes and continue to strengthen the diversification of the economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Sincerely,

Brittany Heyd

Statement of
MELI JAMES
President
HVCA
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 AM
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB300 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

HVCA **supports** HB300 HD1 that establishes a public policy framework that addresses state goals in the area of economic diversification, appropriates funds to HTDC to implement specific projects that address those goals, and requires HTDC to submit annual reports to the legislature.

The Hawaii Venture Capital Association (HVCA) is a local nonprofit that stands as a nexus for entrepreneurs, capital foundation, and networking opportunities in Hawaii. The mission of HVCA is to help to foster entrepreneurship through education and exposure to key members in our business community in order to support our islands' emerging entrepreneurs, all while sustaining a vibrant and successful business community.

HVCA strives to create a thriving local product ecosystem in Hawaii that will help solve challenges our island economy faces. By creating this ecosystem, we hope to (1) create meaningful job opportunities for the next generation as Hawaii is one of the only states to have a declining local population, with more Native Hawaiians leaving than ever before, (2) foster sustainable tourism by integrating local people and companies, (3) diversify the economy through exports based on our unique niche in the international market, bringing in new dollars to the state and expanding our economic growth, (4) through value added agricultural products, generate use of agricultural land.

We believe that this bill is important to support the economic development work that is being undertaken by the accelerators and others. Grants in the past have made it possible for HVCA

to be in existence. We hope this momentum continues as we leverage these early successes and continue to strengthen the diversification of the economy.

HB300 HD1 accelerates economic diversification by building upon HTDC core programs: Accelerator, Hawai'i Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR) and Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP). Many local companies involved in HVCA have participated in the MAP grant. These grants help companies to enhance their manufacturing capacity. The companies report that each piece of manufacturing machinery helps to grow their revenue and add employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Sincerely,



Meli James
President
Hawaii Venture Capital Association (HVCA)

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HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 10:00:13 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

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Todd Robertson	Testifying for Hyperspective Studios, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Statement of

Todd J. Robertson

President/CEO

Hyperspective

before the

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:00 AM

Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of

HB300 HD1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

Hyperspective supports HB300, HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The amendments in the House draft of the budget provides funding to continue and build upon HTDC's core programs: the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP), Hawai'i Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR), and Accelerator programs. HTDC core programs develop infrastructure, capital, and talent to facilitate the development of technology and manufacturing jobs in Hawai'i. Following their mission, HTDC programs aim to provide technical and financial support for innovative small businesses from the startup stage through growth and export.

Hyperspective is a digital creative agency, focused on creating cutting edge creative media and products for use in the arts, entertainment, and communications both within the State of Hawai'i and for global export. We support many local tech and manufacturing businesses within this sector.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



Hawai'i

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Committee: Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Place: Room 211 & Videoconference
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i with comments on H.B. 300 H.D. 1 Relating to the State Budget (Support for Oversight Commission)

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i ("ACLU of Hawai'i") offers comments on H.B. 300, H.D. 1 which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

The ACLU of Hawai'i supports the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission's budget request for \$999,395 for FY 2024 and \$880,395 for FY 25 to fulfill its statutory mandate "to ensure transparency, support safe conditions for employees, inmates, and detainees, and provide positive reform towards a rehabilitative and therapeutic correctional system."

For decades, Hawaii's jails and prisons have been severely overcrowded, resulting in inhumane and unconstitutional conditions of confinement. Recognizing these challenges and the risk of federal intervention within our correctional system, this legislative body created a strong independent oversight body to review, investigate, audit and make systemic policy recommendations relating to our correctional system.

The additional funding requested by this independent oversight body, created by our State Legislature through Act 179, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2019, is necessary to continue their robust work to date, and to expand oversight duties consistent with the HCSOC's Strategic Plan for 2023-2024.

For the above reasons, the ACLU of Hawai'i respectfully requests the full appropriation requested by the Oversight Commission to fulfill their statutory mandates. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Carrie Ann Shirota

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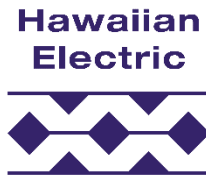
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The mission of the ACLU of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawai'i fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawai'i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawai'i has been serving Hawai'i for over 50 years.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 23, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Room 211 & Videoconference

Testimony in strong support of the \$300 million appropriation for the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority ("Green Bank") in HB 300, HD1

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

As members of the Hawai'i Executive Collaborative (HEC) Climate Coalition, we strongly support the \$300 million appropriation for the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA, or "Green Bank") in HB 300 HD1 (item 20, BED138, under Economic Development). This funding will be a gamechanger for thousands of Hawai'i's low- to moderate-income families who are currently unable to participate in energy savings from clean energy. Moreover, the appropriation will unlock new federal funding for Hawaii, create living-wage jobs in the solar and storage industry, reduce energy bills for families, and help build more resilient, healthier communities.

We urge the Committee on Ways and Means to retain the full \$300 million appropriation as a commitment to our equitable transition to a climate-safe future.

The HEC Climate Coalition was formed in 2022 to address the systemic barriers that impede meaningful climate action in Hawai'i. Our strategy is two-fold: helping organizations work internally on climate initiatives (Climate In) while providing a platform to work collectively with others to drive systemic climate progress (Climate Out). To date, 32 organizations have signed our Climate Pledge, including businesses, nonprofits, educational institutions, all four of Hawaii's counties and the Governor. Our Coalition plays a critical role in uniting Hawaii's business and environmental communities under one mission: building a sustainable, resilient, and safe climate future for ourselves and our children.

Climate Coalition members have selected funding for Hawai'i's Green Bank as a priority for our policy engagement this session. No other pending climate or energy measures this session will have such a durable impact across multiple societal objectives. The \$300 million appropriation to the Green Bank proposed in HB 300 HD1 will bring clean energy benefits to about 10,000 low- to moderate-income families across the state, substantially reducing their cost of living while cutting their carbon pollution. What's more, the timing of this funding is particularly important, as the funds can be used to leverage additional funding made available through the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act. Hawai'i's Green Bank hopes to leverage this \$300 million appropriation on a one-to-one basis, bringing an additional \$300 million in federal funding to help local families access clean energy, cut their bills, and fight climate change.

Hawai'i's Green Bank has been incredibly successful at delivering results to households across the islands—particularly those characterized as “asset limited, income constrained, employed,” or ALICE, households. Through the end of 2022, the Green Bank has served over 1000 Hawai'i households, 83% of which are considered “underserved” (some with FICO credit scores below 650). Overall, the program has helped save over 938 million kilowatt-hours of electricity and avoided the generation of over 280 thousand metric tons of carbon emissions—all while creating or retaining over 1300 local jobs in the clean energy sector.

Achieving Hawai'i's 100% renewable energy goal will require that we maximize the amount of solar energy on rooftops statewide. This will likely require estimated \$15.0 billion in solar plus storage investments over the next two decades. Critically, some 44% of Hawaii's families are classified as ALICE households. These families face disproportionate financial burdens with high inflation and record electricity costs, straining their already tight household budgets. Based on the Federal Reserve Bank's unbanked/underbanked metric, an estimated 75,000 rooftops may not qualify for traditional financing, representing a \$3.75 billion financing gap. The loan capital made available with this budget appropriation will allow the Green Bank to help close this gap, allowing underserved utility customers to participate in the benefits of clean energy and reducing their energy burden.

As Climate Coalition members, we strongly support the \$300 million appropriation for Hawai'i's Green Bank in HB 300 HD1 to meaningfully drive the transition to our low-carbon future in an inclusive, equitable manner.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

About Hawai'i Executive Collaborative

The Hawai'i Executive Collaborative (HEC) is a nonprofit organization that serves as a convener and provides backbone support to leaders from different sectors who want to help build a more resilient economy and state. HEC members believe in the power of acting collectively and focus their energies and resources on areas where immediate and systemic changes will benefit Hawai'i and the world. For more information on the HEC Climate Coalition's real-world, high-impact solutions, visit hec.org/climate.

Hawai'i Executive Collaboration Climate Coalition participants supporting this testimony:

- Alexander & Baldwin
- Zippy's
- Young Brothers
- School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- ahl
- Hawai'i Energy
- Hawaiian Electric
- Ulupono Initiative
- Hawai'i Solar Energy Association
- aio
- Elemental Excelerator
- Blue Planet Foundation
- Bowers + Kubota
- Progression Energy
- Merriman's
- Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund
- Zephyr Insurance Company, Inc.

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The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, and Members
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

RE: H.B. 300, H.D. 1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2023; 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

My name is Debbie Luning, testifying on behalf of Gentry Homes, Ltd. regarding H.B. 300, H.D. 1. **We would like to request that the appropriation of \$12.125 million in CIP funds for the Saratoga Avenue Electrical and Communication Infrastructure Improvements be reinstated into H.B. 300, as amended.**

Gentry Kalaeloa LLC, a subsidiary of Gentry Homes, is pioneering the development of the first new residential community in the Kalaeloa Community Development District (KCDD) named "Ka'ulu by Gentry." And while the new Ka'ulu community will not be dependent on the electrical and communications upgrades, we believe the infrastructure upgrades are absolutely necessary for not only current residents and businesses, but also for future growth of the area.

This appropriation is sorely needed in order that currently substandard electrical and communications systems in Kalaeloa can be brought up to industry standards. Existing residents and businesses continue to suffer from blackouts far too often and in many parts of Kalaeloa, new users are apparently unable to hook up to the electrical system due to limited capacity.

The CIP funds would enable connection to the Enterprise Energy Corridor along Saratoga Avenue to Hornet Street, thus providing more reliable and resilient underground power and connections that would be unaffected by inclement weather. The improvements are also essential for the continued growth of the KCDD – an area that has heretofore been largely untapped due to inadequate infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support of funding for the Saratoga Avenue infrastructure improvements. Please reinstate funding for it in the budget.

Sincerely,

GENTRY HOMES, LTD.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debra M. A. Luning'.

Debra M. A. Luning
Director of Governmental Affairs and Community Relations

March 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211

Committee

To: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

From: Hilton Raethel
President and CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Support**
HB 300 HD1, Relating to the State Budget

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the healthcare continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, and assisted living facilities. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high-quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 30,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** of this measure with a suggested amendment to HMS 401PE-BF. Currently, this line item would increase the reimbursement for Medicaid professional services to be equal to at least 75% of the rates paid by Medicare. We respectfully request that this item be funded at an amount equal to 100% of Medicare rates, which would require an estimated appropriation of \$30 million. In the budget worksheets, the numbers at 100% of Medicare would be \$15M for FY 2024 (January-June 2024) and \$30M for FY 2025 (July 2024-June 2025). The annual \$30 million would draw down approximately \$34M in federal funds.

Currently, Hawaii's Medicaid providers are paid at approximately 60% of the rates paid by Medicare for most services that they provide, which is relatively low compared to the national average. Although we are supportive of cost efficient and high-value care, low reimbursement rates affect the ability of healthcare professionals in the community to take Medicaid patients. An investment in improving the Medicaid rates would help address healthcare access challenges for Medicaid enrollees and strengthen our healthcare workforce by paying providers at more sustainable rates.

Having access to quality, timely healthcare services and a robust healthcare workforce is critical to reaching our goals of reducing health disparities. We are confident that this funding is a necessary and meaningful step towards addressing long-standing health inequities that exist in this state. This initiative is a broad-based, systemic approach to improving access to healthcare

for the most underserved and needy members of our community. By creating more opportunities for people to see the providers they feel most comfortable with, in their own communities, and in a way that they feel is best for their preferences and health, will be a long overdue change in how we treat those who need this type of quality, patient-centered care the most.

Primary care, specialty care, and behavioral health professionals have an overwhelming desire to treat patients of all backgrounds, regardless of insurance coverage. The current low reimbursement rate has a negative impact on the ability of medical professionals to treat an increased number of Medicaid patients, especially during these high inflationary times. The current Medicaid professional fee schedule also increases the challenge of recruiting and retaining providers in the state since Hawaii is competing against the rest of the nation for an adequate workforce. In 2022, there was a reported deficit of at least 750 full-time physicians in the state, and a documented shortage of almost 4,000 non-physician, patient-facing healthcare workers such as nurses, technicians, and patient service representatives.

This increase will benefit physicians, psychiatrists, behavioral health therapists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other providers who bill using the Medicaid fee schedule.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide strong support of this measure.



**Hawaiian
Electric**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB 300, HD 1
Relating to the State Budget**

Thursday, March 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Dave Okamura
Director, Engineering Division
Hawaiian Electric

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dave Okamura and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric **in support of HB 300, HD1 and requesting an amendment** to restore funding for BED 150 Saratoga Avenue Electrical and communication infrastructure improvements for the Kalaeloa Community Development District in the amount of \$12,125,000. This funding is important for the Kalaeloa District and for potential improvements to this area.

Hawaiian Electric supports this funding appropriation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority for replacement of the Navy's antiquated electrical facilities on Saratoga Avenue to enable tenants to receive service directly from Hawaiian Electric. We note that current estimates for Kalaeloa and Saratoga Avenue improvements are for overhead lines. If it is decided to underground the lines, the cost estimate will be much more expensive.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 300, HD1 with our requested amendment.

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
House Bill 300, HD 1, Relating to the State Budget**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Date: March 23, 2023; Time: 10:00 a.m.; Where: Conference Room 211

State Capitol; 415 South Beretania Street

SUBMITTED BY: Toni Bissen, Executive Director - Pū‘ā Foundation

Aloha e Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair, Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair, and Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to express **SUPPORT for HB 300** as it relates to the budget request from the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC), requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25 to fund staff positions and other related program and operational expenses to fulfill the mandate requirements of HRS 353L.

By way of background, I am writing in the capacity of a former commissioner, and co-chair of the Reentry Commission (RC) that was established by SLH 2009 – Act 24 in 2009, the predecessor of HCSOC. The RC completed a strategic plan spanning the years 2017 to 2020 working with the Department of Public Safety, coordinating with its Reentry Office. Now with the mandate set forth in HRS 353L that includes reentry matters, as well as investigative oversight responsibilities, it is imperative that this newly established office of the HCSOC have the necessary resources to do the job it was created to do. Most of what was in RE’s strategic plan can be accomplished by the HCSOC with the right personnel to do it. If HCSOC is successful at reentry efforts, especially to reduce recidivism, the investment by the legislature will have saved incarceration funding in the long term. It is not only about cost savings, it is about saving lives and second chances as well.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this budget request.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, my contact information is listed below.

Very truly yours,

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COMMENTS ON HB 300: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TO: Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members
FROM: Brandee Menino, CEO, Hope Services Hawaii, Inc.
Hearing: 3/23/23; 10:00

Aloha,

My name is Brandee Menino and I am the CEO of Hope Services Hawai'i, which is Hawai'i Island's largest nonprofit homeless services provider. We use evidence-based practices to help our neighbors avoid and overcome homelessness, and achieve above-average results in helping people get housed and stay housed. We work hard to serve our community, but we need your collaboration if we hope to end homelessness.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 300, to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. We appreciate the legislature's commitment to maintaining core services, and expanding where possible.

We are concerned about adequate funding for staffing and resources for the Department of Health and Department of Human Services, which provide critical safety net services for the most vulnerable populations in our community. For the duration of the pandemic and the following period of recovery, DHS and DOH will be called upon to support a wide variety of services, including public benefits, mental health supports, and contracted services. However, DOH and DHS need to be properly resourced to remain responsive to residents' needs and compliant with multiple program requirements. With the true cost of services rising, it's vital to ensure agencies have the ability to support their workforce, sustain current caseloads, and maintain the level of services delivered by community providers. If the capacity of DOH and DHS to deliver services is reduced, it will adversely impact the residents and the communities we all serve.

Additionally, we'd like to draw your attention to the following:

- **HMS224: Steady funding for homeless services:** We appreciate the legislature's commitment to preserving social services, including core homeless services. These funds will enable a range of proven, successful homeless services to remain stable. We appreciate the legislature's support for these critical Core Services. We also urge that it is now time to put these vital services into the base budget going forward. These programs have been stuck at the same funding level for many years, resulting in difficulty hiring staff and continuity of services. Reliable ongoing and sufficient funding is needed to continue to move the homeless off our streets and into permanent housing. We support an increase in funding to cover the true costs of services.

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- **BED 160: We support \$300 million to HHFDC for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) statewide.** We also appreciate the allocation to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund, and respectfully request that the committee consider increasing that amount. Investing in this fund will mean fewer of our neighbors struggling to pay the rent, and will provide the relief needed for us to begin rebuilding our economy. We urge your support to add funding in the budget for the RHRF to serve the most vulnerable in our State, with incomes of 60% AMI or below.
- **HMS 777: Funding the Statewide Office on Homelessness & Housing Solutions (SOHHS) and continuing funding for ‘Ohana Zones:** For this statewide office to work effectively, it needs staff and operations funding. We support the proposed 5 permanent positions and the operating budget. The extensive coordination performed by this office requires efficient and effective permanent staffing. We also support the funding for ‘Ohana Zones to continue these pilot programs. These projects allow the counties and service providers to work together creatively to try new alternatives to test them before scaling up the most effective options.
- **HMS 222: Increased funding for rental assistance:** We support the request in the Governor’s budget for \$6 million in FY24 and \$6.5 million in FY25, in order to provide relief to our working families, kūpuna, and our residents swamped by inflation and high rents.
- **HTH 904: Kupuna Care: Executive Office on Aging:** Please add additional funding for Kupuna Care, which provides community-based and in-home services for frail older adults. The base budget funding for Kupuna Care services was reduced by \$1.8M during the pandemic and the needs of a growing aging population makes it urgent to add more funding. We urge you to at least return funding to the previous \$9 M base budget amount, and ask that consideration be given to INCREASE the funding further to \$10 - \$12 M in order to provide adequate services for our growing elderly population.

We appreciate that you recognize the necessity of maintaining and increasing social services that serve as a lifeline to our neighbors in need. We trust that you will work to invest more in these effective services today, so that we will be better equipped to weather the storms of tomorrow.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brandee Menino,
Chief Executive Officer



LATE

TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Jamee Miller, EdD., LSW
President & Co-Founder
'Ekolu Mea Nui

SUBJECT: House Bill 300 House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00AM
State Capitol, Room 211

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of 'Ekolu Mea Nui, I am writing to urge your support of the budget request from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission). The Commission is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25 which includes seven total positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment. Given that this office is so new (*office opened in July 2022*), it is important to ensure they are properly funded to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

'Ekolu Mea Nui is a non-profit organization committed to supporting the state of Hawai'i to transform from a punitive and archaic criminal justice system to one that is transformative, restorative and pono. We have been a staunch supporter of the establishment of the HCSOC office. In order for our state to become one that truly reflects our aspirations of "the aloha state," we need to provide the resources across all systems to become more accountable, transparent and fiscally responsible. Although the amount of the request may seem exhorbiant, it will pay off in the long run. This office is vital and needs to operate optimally in order to meet the demands of bringing this system into the 21st century.

Should you have additional questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

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HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
A S S O C I A T I O N

Testimony of
Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Senate Committee on Ways & Means
House Bill 300, HD1
March 23, 2023

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committees, mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's oldest and largest private sector visitor industry organization—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers.

While we understand that developing and setting the State's budget is a herculean task and thank all the legislators who have a hand in crafting it, we feel it is imperative that we make clear our position regarding funding levels for the State's tourism objectives and priorities in collaborating with private industry.

As the legislature continues to deliberate the course of its future relationship with HTA, it is critical that our State tourism priorities have adequate funding to both market our state to prospective travelers who fit the ideal profile and perform tourism management at a quality standard. There is a fine balance that must be struck between these two responsibilities, and we cannot afford to let either be neglected due to lack of funding.

Moreover, it is important that sufficient funding be appropriated to ensure that the priorities for tourism at the state level be maintained. HTA has identified them as natural resources, Hawaiian culture, community, and brand marketing, with each pillar having specific goals that affect more than just our industry and its management. The pillars set tourism's direction and—by extension—also support important initiatives like the Community Enrichment Program which provides necessary funding to community projects and events that improve our statewide community that trickle down to the four counties.

These things considered, opting to deny the state's tourism goals and priorities sufficient funding will clearly hamstring the tourism industry and will also negatively impact myriad community organizations, programs, and initiatives that are currently supported by the state in various ways.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer these comments.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 1:43:20 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Kawailani Ozawa	Testifying for Smart Yields	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

There are many, many important initiatives and programs provided for in this bill, HB300. However, I am writing in support to advocate specifically for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC).

This bill includes funding to continue and build upon its core programs including the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR) Program Phase II/III matching grant program, the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP) grant, accelerator programs, and more. Frankly, HTDC should request and receive far more funding than it does, but it does much with what it has.

I have been active within and an advocate for Hawaii's innovation economy for more than three decades as a startup cofounder (Smart Yields, Kahanu), entrepreneur (Hawaii Hui LLC), journalist (Hawaii Bulletin), business advocate (COCH, NHCC, CNHA), and community nonprofit leader (Kilinahe Foundation). I have seen firsthand how HTDC's many programs have created significant opportunities for many sectors of the Hawaii economy.

HTDC is a dynamic state agency responsible for diversifying Hawaii's economy by developing a flourishing technology industry with capital, building infrastructure, and developing talent to foster innovation and diversify Hawaii's economy.

Hawaii's tech industry provides quality, high-paying jobs for Hawaii residents, and advances economic diversification and local sustainability in an increasingly globalized economy. From the island grassroots to far-reaching national initiatives, no agency does more to develop a flourishing technology industry in Hawaii.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 1:44:49 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Lampton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am humbly asking that you ask that the full request be appropriated so that the Commission can fulfill its mission. Our Oversight Coordinator has done an amazing job in less than 9 months and she needs staff to fulfill the legislative mandate to transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model in the wake of sex assaults, suicides, murders, etc.

Mahalo

Hearing Date: March 23


RE: HB 300

Submitted by Dolores Foley

TESTIMONY ON HB 300

- Dolores Foley supports HB300, Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program
- I am in strong support of the Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations' (DLIR) request to include \$1.25M for the Hawaii retirement savings program in GM 1 proposed changes to the FB 2023-25 Executive Budget. This amount was not included in HD1, and respectfully urge that the budget be amended to include this request.
- Additional \$1.25M is needed for staff positions and operating expenses for the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program (Act 296, SLH, 2022).
- Act 296 was established by the 2022 Legislature to create Hawaii's retirement savings program, a state-facilitated payroll deduction retirement savings program that will help Hawaii's workers save for their retirement.
- This new program will help private sector employees who do not have access to an employer-sponsored retirement savings plans
- The State Legislature has strongly supported this program

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dolores Foley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dolores Foley

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:06:25 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gladys C Baisa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand in full support of the testimony of Kat Brady of the Community Alliance on Prisons. Please provide the fully funded request. We need a fully functioning commission to stop the problems we are experiencing. Thank you for your consideration.
Gladys Baisa

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 2:14:33 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
George Yarbrough	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, this is written testimony for BILL HB300 HD1 on behalf of myself, George Yarbrough. Continuous support of HTDC's budget for supporting entrepreneurship and innovation is a huge value to the state because they are a leader in hi tech startup networking, community building and connecting companies to early stage funding. If Hawaii wants to be at all forward thinking with technology and how it can support our continued growth, having a quasi-state agency such as HTDC is critical. This is usually one place where new residents go to in order to understand the lay of the land for tech and entrepreneurs when they move to Hawaii.

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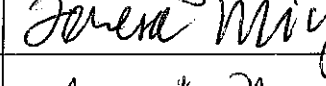
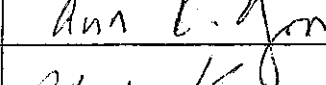
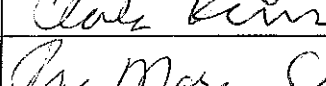
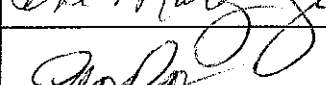
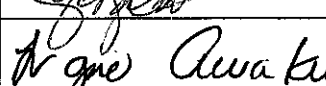
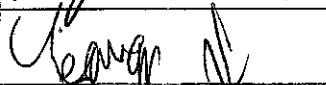
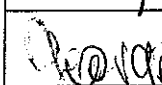
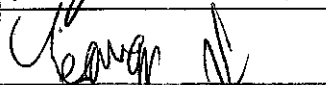
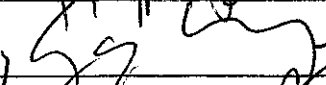
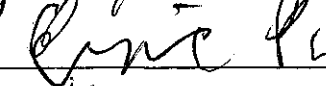
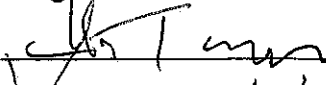
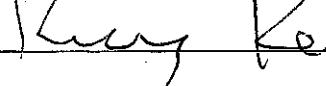
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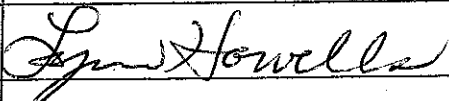
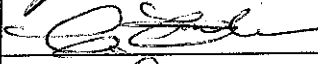
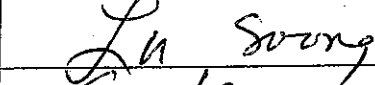

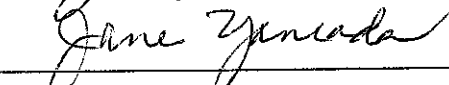
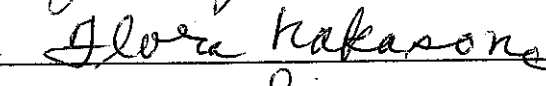
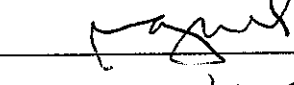

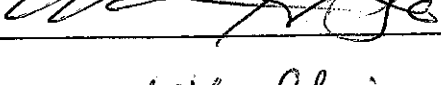
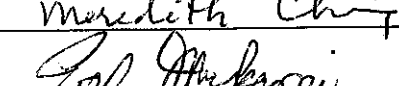
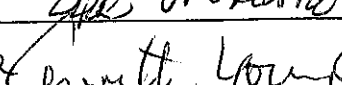
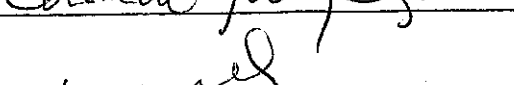
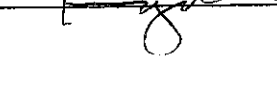
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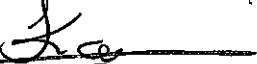
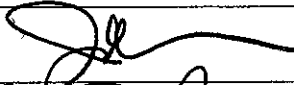

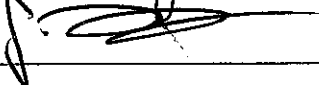


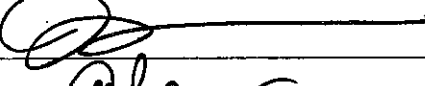
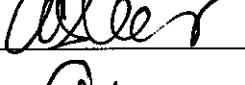
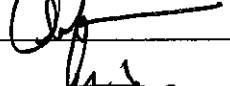


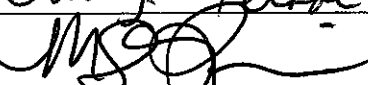
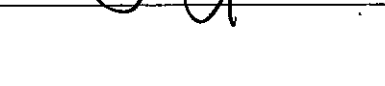
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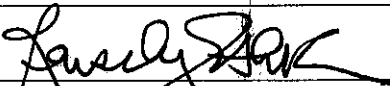
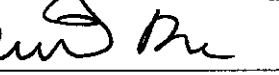
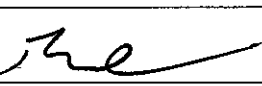
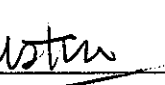









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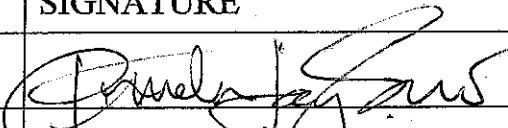
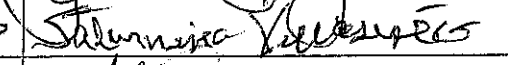
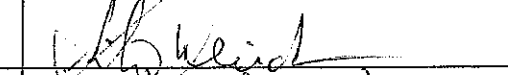
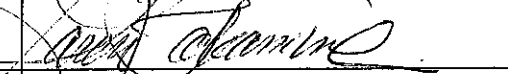
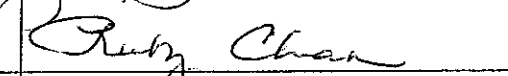


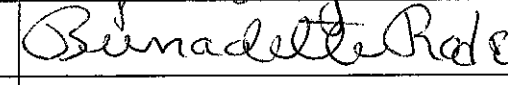

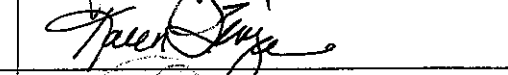
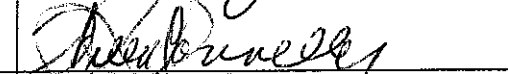
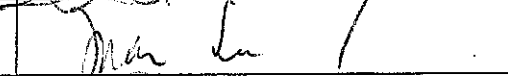

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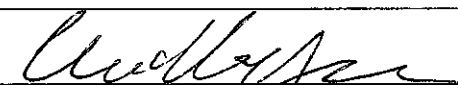
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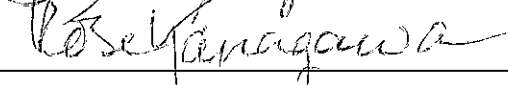

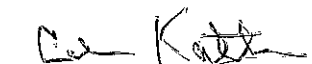
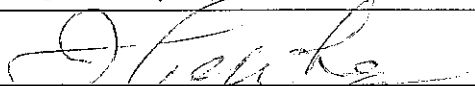

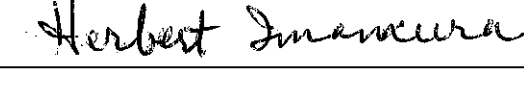
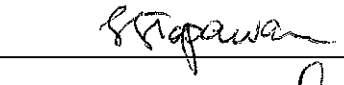

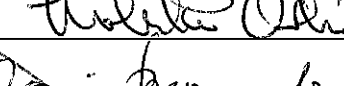
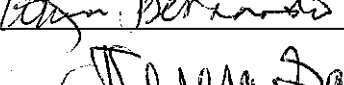
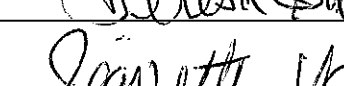
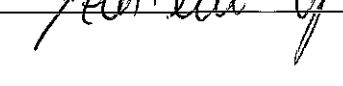
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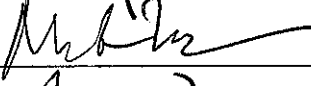
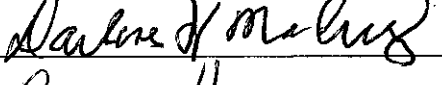
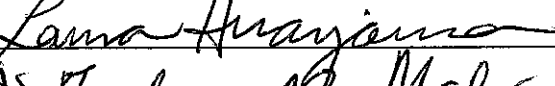

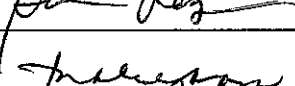
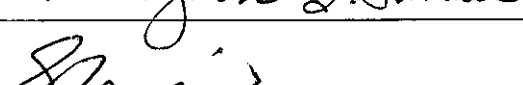


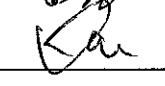

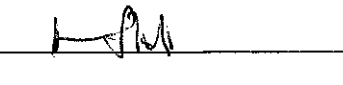

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Beth Miguel		96819
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Ang Young	Ang Young	96817
Jane Tada	Jane Tada	96789
Emilia Collins	Emilia Collins	96816
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Karen Matsuzaki	Karen Matsuzaki	96817
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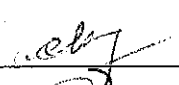
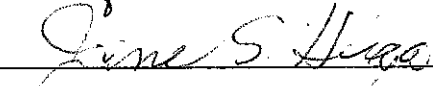
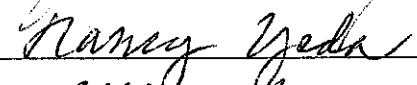

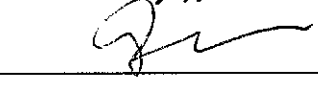


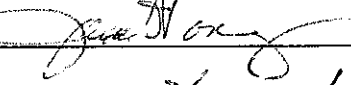
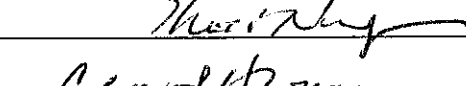
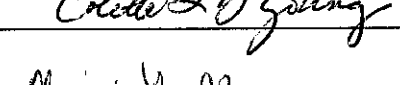
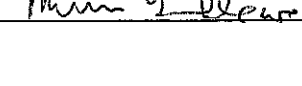
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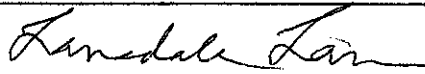
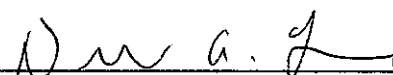
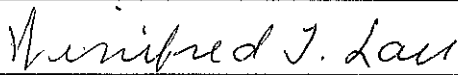
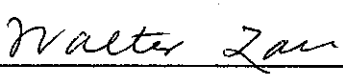
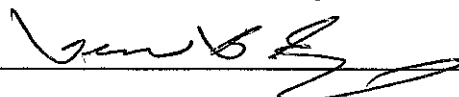
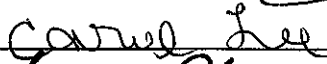
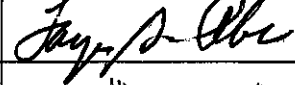
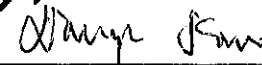
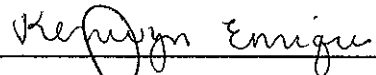

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Submitted on: 3/20/2023 3:20:00 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Esther Geil	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is crucially important to ensure the Hawai`i Correctional System Oversight Commission is adequately funded to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai`i Revised Statute 353L.

I beg you to appropriate the necessary requested funds so that the Commission can fulfill its mission. Our Oversight Coordinator has done an amazing job in less than 9 months and absolutely needs the funding for the staff to fulfill the legislative mandate.

Thank you for making an improvement possible that will benefit our whole state. Both in human terms and in fiscal terms it will make an enormous benefit possible.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 3:33:42 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret Pulver	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

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Thank you,

Margaret Pulver

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Submitted on: 3/20/2023 3:48:24 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
bruce watson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Thank you,

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Submitted on: 3/20/2023 3:53:51 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Grant Thompson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/20/2023 4:07:13 PM

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Stephen K. Craven	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Unlike some of might comment on KIRC's work, I have actually been to Kahoolawe and have helped with the replanting efforts. Indeed, I was among the first group in modern times to arrive on the island via outrigger canoe which, if anything, increased the mana we felt at this historic site.

Mahalo,

Stephen K. Craven

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 4:14:49 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Davianna McGregor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Davianna Pōmaika‘i McGregor and I am testifyig in Opposition to HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

mahalo and aloha,

davianna mcgregor

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 4:22:19 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jim Cooper	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I respectfully request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Mahalo,

Jim Cooper

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 4:35:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn Eaton	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha, Chair DelaCruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

My name is Carolyn Eaton and I am a registered voter in the State, living in Honolulu. I am strongly in favor of your appropriating the full amounts for the next two fiscal years requested by the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission. The Commission has a mandate from the Legislature to guide the State's transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic correctional system, away from a punitive one.

The Commission has a salaried Coordinator now, to supplement its volunteer Commissioners, yet it is still a fledgling operation. Its needs include office equipment, funding for full staffing, for travel to visit each facility in the State, and for outside professional consultation on special projects.

The tasks the HCSOC and Coordinator are prepared to address are both Correctional Population Commission matters and matters for implementing Hawaii's Reentry Law (353H, HRS). Please fully fund the HCSOC's requested amounts for FY24 and FY25, as you consider the Executive Branch budget.

Mahalo for your consideration. The work of a fully operational HCSOC will bring changes to make all Hawaii's people proud.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 5:20:54 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kalani fukumoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Restore the funding for KIRC as stated in the Governors Feb 2023 message so Kahoolawe can be restored. Stop messing around with KIRC's budget!!

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 5:22:11 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael McCoy	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Thank you,

Michael McCoy

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 5:44:43 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
JC Watson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB300. **I strongly support this bill**, and am very impressed at the amounts proposed that would be going to the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife. As the main entity responsible for managing the State's critical watersheds and native forests, DOFAW is in dire need of this increase in funds. This increase will allow for the division to build the capacity and capability to effectively manage the natural resources that provide us with the foundation of our economy and all of our fresh water.

Mahalo nui,

JC Watson

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 5:49:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lillian Harwood-AhSing	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I humbly ask that the full request for funding be appropriated so that the Commission can fulfill its mission.

Sincerely,

Lillian Harwood-Ah Sing

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 6:06:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melinda Caroll	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Thank you,

Melinda Caroll

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Submitted on: 3/20/2023 6:59:05 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jan Becket	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Jan Becket, strongly oppose HB300 because it does not contain operating funds for KIRC.

Please provide financial support for the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come.

As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting this mission by providing adequate operating funds for KIRC.

As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system.

Without the KIRC's ongoing protection, the island's coastal ecosystem - including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items - species such as the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will all be put at risk. It is imperative that this work continue.

Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The

KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please oppose HB300 HD1 until it contains adequate operating funds for KIRC.

Jan Becket

Former Hawai'i Resident

Roosevelt '67

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 8:54:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Claire Santos, MS, RN	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Sen Dela Cruz and Committee Members,

OOPS! We worked so hard to establish Act 296 in order to enable private sector employees to develop a retirement savings plan where they don't have an employer sponsored plan, but adequate funding that is needed to implement the program somehow got left off the budget.

I am in strong support of the Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations' (DLIR) request to include \$1.25M for the Hawaii retirement savings program in GM 1 proposed changes to the FB 2023-25 Executive Budget. This amount was not included in HD1, and I respectfully urge that the Senate amend the budget to include this request.

Sincerely,

Claire P. Santos, MS, RN

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/20/2023 9:16:52 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anya Nebl	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Thank you, Anya Nebl

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 3:35:07 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
johann winkler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Thank you,

Johann Winkler

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 6:15:57 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlie Field	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because it funds core programs including the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR) Program Phase II/III matching grant program, the Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP) grant, accelerator programs, and more.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 7:16:18 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hokulani Holt-Padilla	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB300 HD1 in its current form. It does not include much-needed additional funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds included in the bill's original language are vital to the operation and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is critical for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving, and managing the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023, be included in a senate amendment.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 7:36:26 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM


Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Virginia E Hench	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form, because it does not include additional (and much needed) funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is essential for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Sincerely, Virginia E Hench



HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 7:38:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill HB300 HD1. Funding supported by this bill is much needed for DOFAW programs to operate on behalf of the natural resources in Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

Julia Lee

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 7:40:25 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapua Kawelo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of the following pieces of the proposed state budget

- LNR 172 \$82.9M (FY24) and \$35.3M (FY25) for forestry resource management and development
- LNR 402 \$1.5M each fiscal year for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council
- LNR 402 \$3.11M each fiscal year for the native resources and fire protection program
- LNR 407 \$10M each fiscal year for animal welfare for the natural area reserves and watershed management program
- LNR 101 \$1.5M each fiscal year for Legacy Land Conservation Program (land acquisitions)

Hawaii's natural resources are what draw millions of visitors to our state which supports our local economy. We need to fund natural resource protection programs commensurate with their value to our economy. These funds will help to address the climate crisis our state is facing through native resource management and wildfire mitigation projects. Funds will aid in addressing our biosecurity problems and minimize their effects on agriculture and native species. Please fully fund these items in the state budget.

Mahalo, Kapua Kawelo

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 7:52:14 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cathy Tilley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear ways and menas committee

I strong support funding the Correctional Systems Oversight Commission. There needs to be acountibility for what is going on inside our prisons. The world of corrections is moving forward and Hawaii seems to be lagging behind. It is critically important tht we find the problems in our system and fix them. We all know our prisons are in bad shape and the only way to get things on track is to have a committee to investigate all our facilities and see when changes need to be made

Thank you,

Cathy Tilley 621 Pauku St Kailua HI

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:04:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christina Wine	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I **OPPOSE** HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Mahalo,

Christina

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Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:38:14 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lyman Abbott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do support this bill because it does not financially support the functions on Kaho`olawe. Lyman Abbott

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Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:47:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janeece Beauchamp	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate and Means Committee,

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Thank you,

Janeece Beauchamp

TJ Leonard

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Testimony on HB300

Relating to THE State Budget and the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation

I strongly support this bill.

In my consulting practice, I specialize in Economic Development, primarily in the areas of support for growing companies in the technology sector. I have first hand experience of the value of the programs offered by HTDC. Innovation is the life blood of growth, particularly in the technology sectors. I have seen a number of companies benefit from both the HSBIR funding program and MAP grants to bring new and innovative ideas successfully to the market. If anything, I would like to see HTDC's programs expanded.

Sincerely,

Tom Leonard

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:58:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Esther Ueda	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Honorable Senate WAM Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Members

I am writing in support of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations request to include \$1.25 M for the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program in GM1 proposed changes to the 2023-25 Executive Budget.

The money is needed for staff positions and operating expenses for the Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Esther Ueda

TO: The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: *Nashla Rivas Salas, Civilian Oversight Professional
New York*

SUBJECT: House Bill 300, HD1 Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: Wednesday March 23rd 10:00am
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Nashla Rivas Salas, I am a civilian oversight professional working in New York. I have been doing civilian oversight of jails for the last seven years and currently work on oversight of the New York State Prisons. During this time, I have learned firsthand how important adequate funding is to the success of an oversight entity. Without the necessary funding, oversight entities face staffing constraints that present barriers to the agency's ability to perform the critical work it has been tasked to do. The National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement's report list adequate funding and operational resources as one of the thirteen principles for effective civilian oversight of law enforcement. "Allocating sufficient resources to civilian oversight is crucial determinant to effectiveness."¹ Entities that have received adequate funding can ensure the work is thorough, timely and of a high-level quality. Having adequate funding also signals to law enforcement executives and other possible funders the legislature's commitment to reform.

This legislature has already made the commitment of creating the first oversight commitment for Hawai'i. Given that this office is so new (*office opened in July 2022*), it is important to ensure they are properly funded to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

I am writing to request that you consider supporting the budget request from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission). The Commission is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25 which includes seven total positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment.

Should you have additional questions, I can be reached at mrs.rivassalas@gmail.com. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support.

Best Regards,

Nashla Rivas Salas

¹ Thirteen Principles for Effective Oversight, National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement
<https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/Publications/cops-w0951-pub.pdf>

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:08:57 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan	Testifying for Haleakala Ranch	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Haleakala Ranch Strongly supports HB300. Protection of our watersheds, native forests and the development of sustainable commercial Forestry enterprises are critically important to our environment and economic well-being.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:14:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Bruch	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve.

Thank you

James Bruch

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Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:15:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thorne Abbott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please increase funding for the Legacy Land Conservation Program and expenditures of the land conservation fund. This very effective program has a proven track record of working collaboratively with willing landowners to protect unique, culturally and ecologically important lands. It could gain greater success if the proposed budget was increased to accommodate rising real estate costs and to pay for worthy, well-vetted projects of which it regularly has more project requests than funding. We owe our keiki and the aina to spend more than ~\$7 million a year on its preservation for the future, which is the funding balance after paying for debt service on Turtle Bay, Oahu. Mahalo!

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:23:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sam ?Ohu Gon III	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am greatly heartened to see increased support for the DLNR. Increased funding for our native ecosystems and species is essential to our long-term quality of life. Please make sure to keep the DLNR support in this budget! In particular:

- LNR 172 \$82.9M (FY24) and \$35.3M (FY25) for forestry resource management and development
- LNR 402 \$1.5M each fiscal year for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council
- LNR 402 \$3.11M each fiscal year for the native resources and fire protection program
- LNR 407 \$10M each fiscal year for animal welfare for the natural area reserves and watershed management program
- LNR 101 \$1.5M each fiscal year for Legacy Land Conservation Program (land acquisitions)

Mahalo!

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:27:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryn Webber	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I absolutely support the HB300 HDI bill to increase the funding for the Forestry and Wildlife programs. Our forests, natural areas, wildlife, and way of life are under attack like never before from human impacts such as climate change, invasive species, and habitat loss. It is our duty as stewards of our unique islands, to mitigate the our human impacts so that we can preserve our ecosystems for generations to come. I believe our most current pressing issue is the imminent extinction of 4 forest bird species across Kaua'i and Maui due to invasive Culex mosquitoes that spread avian malaria, a disease that was never present in Hawaii before this mosquito species arrived in the mid 1800s. We finally have the technology to save these species but it will take significant funding. We must act to control mosquitoes before it is too late and we lose the 'akikiki, 'ake'kee, kiwikiu, and akohekohe forever.

I recently spent time in New Zealand and was astounded by dedication of their government and people to preserving their natural resources. Almost every trailhead had educational signs and a fancy boot-spraying turn gate to make sure that harmful diseases were not spread to native forests. Stoat trapping is so widely accepted that traps are set up along trails without concern that anyone will interfere with them. Citizen science programs have engaged thousands of community members who learn to care for their wild spaces. Drive-through predator proof fences welcomed campers into their conservation reserve areas to behold the beautiful bird species that they are bringing back from extinction using captive breeding and other conservation actions. Island reserves have flourishing ecotourism programs where visitors can tour the predator-proof islands for the day and see hundreds of native bird species in their natural habitats. As I walked through this country I couldn't help but notice the differences and similarities. We are both polynesian. We are both island nations. We both have incredible biodiversity and challenging history (see: invasive species) that makes protecting our natural areas very difficult. The main difference between Hawaii and New Zealand is the fact that they have a well-funded government program and a culture of stewardship. It can be done!!!! I hope that someday I can walk through a native Hawaiian ohia forest and watch our beautiful forest birds flitting through the trees that we have brought back with conservation programs. What pride we would have for our aina and our community.

Thank you for reading!!

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:50:11 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
donn viviani	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Donn Viviani and I live in Kailua. I support completely funding the Hawai`i Correctional System Oversight Commission's budget request. The commission has responsibility for Hawaii's reentry law. Studies have shown that reentry programs can reduce recidivism from percentage rates in the forties to single digit percents.

Where else can Hawaii get that kind of fiscal and more important human welfare return on their expenditures? I believe this is an excellent way to spend my tax dollars. Please fund the Commission
Mahalo

Donn

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:52:18 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I **OPPOSE** HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional much needed funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language will allow the organization to continue their long-term restoration efforts of Kaho`olawe, which ultimately serves all the people of Hawai'i. This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique logistical challenges of safely restoring, protecting, and managing the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i for generations to come. Funding will enable the continuation of land and ocean restoration programs for Kaho`olawe, while also providing the opportunity to support and foster the next generation of cultural and natural resource managers through an immersive volunteer program. The dynamic safe and meaningful, hands-on experience that KIRC facilitates within the Reserve will greatly benefit from additional funding and staff support. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Respectfully,

Cassandra L. Smith

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Submitted on: 3/21/2023 11:03:45 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jayne Grzebik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is with fervent support that I write testimony for HB300. It is crucial that the HISC is supported as the current situation of invasive species needs our States full attention. Watershed management is also crucial to the health of our State. Both of which my organization is fully supportive and working to restore 246 acres of the former Ko'olau Golf Course, a vital part of the Ko'olau Watershed. Thank you for your time on these vital programs that need funding and support.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 11:23:23 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lopaka White	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please ammend House Bill 300 HD1 and support the Govenor's message requesting additional funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission in LNR908/AC Ser213-002.

Kukulu Ke Ea A Kanaloa!

Mahalo,

Lopaka White

3/21/2023

Subject: HB 300 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 300. I support HB 300 with amendments, and strongly recommend the House Finance Committee adopt and include the University of Hawai'i's budget request which in part supports the UH Hilo MA Program in Counseling Psychology. The Masters' Program in Counseling Psychology at UH Hilo will allow ***the only program in the UH System that trains Mental Health Counselors to expand and continue to provide high-quality training.***

About one in five adults and one in six children live with a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10–14-year-old children and 25-34-year-old adults. Mental health counselors work with clients of all ages to help them live healthier, happier lives. They typically provide talk therapy where they supportively listen to their clients and provide specific evidence-based interventions for a variety of issues such as anxiety and depression, navigating transitions in life, career counseling, grief counseling, and relationship problems to more severe challenges such as post-traumatic stress, suicidality, substance abuse problems and severe mental illness. Mental health counselors work in a variety of settings including community mental health clinics, public and private elementary and secondary schools, correctional facilities, vocational rehabilitation centers, residential care facilities, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, child welfare, and military and veteran counseling settings.

The need for highly-trained mental health professionals was a known problem prior to the pandemic, and the situation has only gotten worse over the last three years. Since the UH Hilo MA Program is a hybrid distance education program, approximately 20 highly-trained graduates enter the workforce throughout the state of Hawaii each year. About half of these graduates are located on the island of Oahu and the other half are dispersed throughout the neighbor islands.

I am a graduate student in the Counseling Psychology Masters program at the University of Hawaii- Hilo. I have worked with Hope Services for 1.5 years, where I offer my support and services to the homeless population on the island. The work that I have done with displaced Hawaiians as well as people who struggle from homelessness and mental illness has given me a valuable perspective on how essential mental health services are for the wellbeing of the Ohana of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Shannon Thornburg

12-7064 Hokuimoimo St. Pahoa, HI 96778

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 11:49:45 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline Wah	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I **oppose** HB300 HD1 as proposed because it does not include funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

The work that KIRC does in overseeing the facilities and the infrastructure is crucial for the restoration and preservation of the island, important work that should continue. So much work has been done already so funding is needed to continue to build on what has already been accomplished.

As this funding was included in the original bill, and was also addressed in the Governor's message of 2/13/23, I ask that these additional funds be included in a senate amendment.

Aloha,

Jacqueline Wah

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Chair: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Vice Chair: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Aragan
Date: March 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Bill: H.B. 300, HD 1

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Keith-Aragan and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Carol Wakayama. This written testimony is in **STRONG SUPPORT** of H.B. 300, HD 1.

During the previous Legislative session, I strongly supported the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program (Act 296, SLH, 2022). As a taxpayer, I strongly believe that Act 296 will save the State taxpayer monies. If the method used to save for retirement is easy and less cumbersome, future retirees may have more options in how they are able to plan their lives. It would be devastating if more people or retirees are forced into public-assistance programs to make ends meet and survive.

From what I understand, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations requested to include \$1.25M, for Act 296, in GM 1 proposed changes to the FB 2023-25 Executive Budget. The funds are needed for staff positions and operating expenses for Act 296. Because this amount was not included in HD1, I wish to respectfully urge that the Senate amend the budget to include this request.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Carol Wakayama
1011 Prospect Street #804, Honolulu, HI 96822
ckwakayama@gmail.com

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 12:59:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amma King	Testifying for UH Hilo	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 21, 2023

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 300 HD1. I support HB 300 HD1 with amendments, and strongly recommend the Senate Committee on Ways and Means adopt and include the University of Hawai‘i’s budget request which in part supports the UH Hilo MA Program in Counseling Psychology. The Masters’ Program in Counseling Psychology at UH Hilo will allow the only program in the UH System that trains Mental Health Counselors to expand and continue to provide high-quality training.

About one in five adults and one in six children live with a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10–14-year-old children and 25-34-year-old adults. Mental health counselors work with clients of all ages to help them live healthier, happier lives. They typically provide talk therapy where they supportively listen to their clients and provide specific evidence-based interventions for a variety of issues such as anxiety and depression, navigating transitions in life, career counseling, grief counseling, and relationship problems to more severe challenges such as post-traumatic stress, suicidality, substance abuse problems and severe mental illness. Mental health counselors work in a variety of settings including community mental health clinics, public and private elementary and secondary schools, correctional facilities, vocational rehabilitation centers, residential care facilities, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, child welfare, and military and veteran counseling settings.

The need for highly-trained mental health professionals was a known problem prior to the pandemic, and the situation has only gotten worse over the last three years. Since the UH Hilo MA Program is a hybrid distance education program, approximately 20 highly-trained graduates enter the workforce throughout the state of Hawaii each year. About half of these graduates are located on the island of Oahu and the other half are dispersed throughout the neighbor islands.

The budget request submitted by the UH Board of Regents supports the hiring of two Assistant Professors and one Program Coordinator for the program. This will allow the program to expand by increasing student enrollment by 50%, which will produce more well-trained mental health counselors who can enter the field and provide much needed support to the residents of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Amma King

3130A Woodlawn Dr.

Honolulu HI, 96822

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 1:13:00 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lori stitt	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 21, 2023

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

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I have several family members who are impacted by mental health related issues culminating in addiction problems due to not having affordable access to mental health

care. If more mental health workers are able to work after obtaining masters degree as I am doing now, we can offer affordable care and reach more individuals.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Lori Stitt

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3/21/2023

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Sincerely,

Misti Madden

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HB-300-HD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
YiLin Fang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 21, 2023

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

YiLin Fang

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HB-300-HD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amanda Jayne Alvarado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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As an Alumnae working in the East Hawai'i Community, I can speak from experience that we are already underserving the underserved, understaffed and underpaid. Not holding these positions for the Program will only add to the increased stress on the program, faculty and overall our community.

The budget request submitted by the UH Board of Regents supports the hiring of two Assistant Professors and one Program Coordinator for the program. This will allow the program to expand by increasing student enrollment by 50%, which will produce more well-trained mental health counselors who can enter the field and provide much needed support to the residents of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,
Amanda Alvarado

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Pahoa, HI 96778

TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patrick Uchigakiuchi, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: House Bill 300 House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget Hearing
Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00AM
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Patrick Uchigakiuchi, and I am submitting testimony in strong support of H.B. No. 300, specifically related to providing funding for The Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC). The Commission is requesting \$995,395 for FY24 and \$880,395 FY25 which includes seven total positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment. Given that this office is so new (*office opened in July 2022*), it is important to ensure they are properly funded to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

Providing full funding to maintain the effectiveness of HCSOC is extremely important in order to accomplish the mandates for the Commission required by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L. I have 5 years of past work experience with the Department of Public Safety as a psychologist contracted to provide research, program evaluation, and training for the department. This work included interacting with inmates in researching and evaluating programs and services provided to them during the course of their incarceration in preparation for re-entry back into the community. As determined by the Hawaii State Legislature, I am in full agreement with their finding that there is an "urgent need to comprehensively reform and modernize the State's criminal justice system." I firmly believe that having a fully functioning HCSOC that provides independent oversight of our State correctional system is absolutely critical in order to achieve positive reform towards a "rehabilitative and therapeutic correctional system," including creating opportunities for meaningful healing and positive recovery for individuals, families, and communities.

Should you have additional questions, I can be reached (808)375-6114 or at <patricku@hawaii.edu>. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**CHARMAINE HIGA-MCMILLAN, PHD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, #1010
HILO, HI 96720**

In Consideration of HB 300

March 21, 2023

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

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I am a licensed psychologist, and my clinical and scholarly work focuses on enhancing the mental health of youth in our local communities. I also serve as professor and director of the UH Hilo MA Program in Counseling Psychology. I am writing as a resident of Hilo, HI and as a licensed psychologist.

About one in six children live with a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10–14-year-old children and teens. Our graduate program at UH Hilo trains mental health counselors to work with clients of all ages to help them live healthier, happier lives. Counselors typically provide talk therapy where they supportively listen to their clients and provide specific evidence-based interventions for a variety of issues such as anxiety and depression, career counseling, grief counseling, and relationship problems to more severe challenges such as post-traumatic stress, suicidality, substance abuse problems and severe mental illness.

The need for highly trained mental health professionals was a known problem prior to the pandemic, particularly in rural areas, and is the reason that the Hawaii Legislature approved the creation of UH Hilo's program. As you are likely aware, access to mental health services has only gotten worse over the last three years. Since the UH Hilo MA Program is a hybrid distance education program, approximately 20 highly trained graduates enter the workforce throughout the state of Hawaii each year. About half of these graduates are located on the island of Oahu and the other half are dispersed throughout the neighbor islands (we have alumni on Kauai, Maui and Molokai in addition to Oahu and Hawaii island).

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,



Charmaine Higa-McMillan, Ph.D.

HB-300-HD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matt Hatakeyama	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Legislative Team,

As a resident of Maui County, the work the KIRC does is just amazing. While they make ends meet, removal of the Governor's approved funds will reverse all of KIRC's forward momentum. Please keep in mind, the KIRC went from a fire straight into a global pandemic. According to previous news articles, KIRC lost about \$2 million from the fire alone. The items lost in the fire were absolutely critical to the KIRC's island operations. Taking the manpower and the money for base camp is more than just \$400,000 per year loss. This number grows by 2 to 3 times through lost grant money from federal and other sources. Grant's expect the base camp operations to be paid for via the State's funds.

Please amend this bill with the Governor's Message dated 2/13/23 for the desperately needed money for KIRC.

Mahalo,

Matt

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 1:48:01 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anela Evans	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means,

I **OPPOSE** HB300 HD1 in its current form. This bill does not include any additional and much-needed funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving Kaho'olawe and managing the appropriate and safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

ke aloha nō,
'Ānela Evans

March 7, 2023

Subject: HB 300 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 300. I support HB 300 with amendments, and strongly recommend the House Finance Committee adopt and include the University of Hawai'i's budget request which in part supports the UH Hilo MA Program in Counseling Psychology. The Masters' Program in Counseling Psychology at UH Hilo will allow ***the only program in the UH System that trains Mental Health Counselors to expand and continue to provide high-quality training.***

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On a personal note, I am an alumnus of this program. The program and especially the faculty changed my life. Not only did I grow exponentially as a person during the program, I continue to be supported by the faculty in impactful ways. Because of this, I am able to share my expertise and serve our community with confidence. It is essential that the program be able to expand and support our community by training more individuals to be of service in the mental health field.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Jamaica A Moake

13-154 Puakenikeni Place, Pahoa HI 96778

Senate Ways and Means Committee
Chair: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz
Vice Chair: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran
DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 10:00 AM

Re: HB 300, HD1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members. My name is Linda Dorset, a senior resident of Wailuku, Maui. I thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding the above referenced legislation. I support restoring \$1.25M requested by the Governor for the Hawaii retirement savings program which was inadvertently left out of the budget by the House WAM committee. I am in strong support of the Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations' (DLIR) request to include this amount and respectfully urge that the Senate amend the budget to include this request. An additional \$1.25M is needed for staff positions and operating expenses for the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program (Act 296, SLH, 2022).

This program will help private sector employees who do not have access to an employer-sponsored retirement savings plans; and the State Legislature strongly supported this program. It has been shown that workers are much more likely to save for retirement when the money is deposited out of the paycheck before being paid to the employee. Thus, that person will be less likely to wind up needing public assistance.

Linda Dorset
Wailuku Citizen

HB-300-HD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Naghum Alfulaij	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

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This will allow the program to expand by increasing student enrollment by 50%, which will produce more well-trained mental health counselors who can enter the field and provide much-needed support to the residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

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HB-300-HD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Powers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

03/21/2023

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

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As a current student of this program, I can attest to the UH Hilo MA program's high quality standards and practices. This program has been incredibly meaningful to me and has played a

crucial role in the development of the counseling skills that I will utilize to serve the Hawai'i population. Our professors care deeply about emerging professionals receiving the best quality education they can, and through allowing more funding, they can make the program more effective. Our state desperately needs more mental health professionals, and as a member of the Big Island community, I see this need in my interactions every day. Existing counselors have waiting lists for months, and **our community members need mental health support now**. There are many times I am studying in the community and meet people, then upon hearing that I am working towards becoming a therapist, individuals express gratitude, relief and then frustration at this island's severe lack of existing mental health services. These services are critical for our island's overall stability and wellbeing, and we are not doing enough as a community to support our mental health professionals! I hope you will consider that supporting the development of this field includes training professionals to work with the populations that specifically reside on the Hawaiian islands. UH Hilo's Clinical Counseling Psychology programs goes above and beyond in teaching us the foundations of counseling, along with specific cultural considerations we must employ when working with Hawaiian/Pacific Islander populations. This specialized knowledge is crucial to working with our population, and even when counselors/psychologists do move from the mainland, they do not have the knowledge of Hawaiian values, customs and practices that help us most effectively serve our community. UH Hilo's program sets up professionals for success by providing insight on how to care most effectively for Hawaiian clients, including families and children. Investing in this program is an investment in the overall mental health and wellbeing of our residents, and I hope you will consider these implications on a state level.

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Thank you for the opportunity to advocate for my program, and for my community.

Emily Powers

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HB-300-HD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erin Gustin	Testifying for Pau Hana Counseling, LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of HB 300 HD1 with amendments to include the budget for the UH Hilo Master's in Counseling program.

03/21/23

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

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I personally, was born and raised in Hilo and later bought a house of my own at age 24, therefore I am committed to calling this place my home. However, it is hard to get a graduate degree here in Hilo due to such limited resources. I never got a doctorate degree because I do not want to move away from Hilo. Therefore, I am so grateful that UH Hilo offers a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology and to better serve our Native Hawaiians and other growing young adults who call Hilo their home we need to facilitate their career aspirations by supporting UH Hilo and their programs. UH Hilo's Counseling Psychology program and faculty have nurtured me and supported me through earning my BA and MA, and continue to support me in my current career opportunities.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,
Chaynee Kuamo`o
25-53 Malumalu st, Hilo, HI 96720

March 21st, 2023

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 300 HD1 – specifically listed under the subheading “Address Areas of State Need” and is labeled as “UH Hilo” and “MA Counseling Psychology.

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It is clear to see that the need for qualified therapists will continue to increase tremendously fast, and as a member of the current junior cohort I will do everything to make sure I contribute in this way. It is also clear that the current faculty also share this commitment, and ask for the same commitment from you.

The budget request submitted by the UH Board of Regents supports the hiring of two Assistant Professors and one Program Coordinator for the program. This will allow the program to expand by increasing student enrollment by 50%, which will produce more well-trained mental health counselors who can enter the field and provide much needed support to the residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Rachel Ferguson

P.O. Box 668, Volcano HI, 96785

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 4:36:19 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elaine Wender	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form because it does not include any additional funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's facilities and infrastructure on the island. It is the legislature's kuleana to authorize this funding, which is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai‘i. Please amend the bill to include the additional funding which was in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023.

Mahalo.

Elaine Wender

Wailuku

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 5:29:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ron Bregman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We strongly support the funding of the Kaiser High School International Pacific Arts Center (IPAC) in order to build a world class auditorium for our community. The auditorium will supplement and expand our classroom space to allow for dance, theater, music and video production.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 5:51:38 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr. Kaliko Baker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha nui e nā Kenekoa nāna ho‘oholo nei i kēia pila:

Ke kākau nei au i ka‘u kū‘ē i kēia pila HB300 no ka mea ‘a‘ole i lawa ke kāko‘o i ke Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). Inā komo ke KIRC, he kāko‘o nō paha au i kēia pila.

‘O au nō me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Dr. C.M. Kaliko Baker.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 5:54:03 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Kim, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

My name is Bryan Kim and I am professor in the MA Program in Counseling Psychology in which we train Clinical Mental Health Counselors. I’m writing to support HB 300 HD1 (with amendments) and strongly recommend the Senate Committee on Ways and Means to adopt and include the University of Hawai‘i’s budget request for our MA Program in Counseling Psychology’s plan to expand the program so that we can train and graduate many more clinical mental health counselors.

Our MA Program currently graduates 20 mental health counselors per year and we would like to expand the program to train 30 mental health counselor per year. UH’s budget request for this expansion program is in the amount of \$210,000 and is included under the heading, “ADDRESS AREAS OF STATE NEED” and labeled as “MA Counseling Psychology.”

UH Hilo’s MA Program is the only program in the UH System that trains clinical mental health counselors to serve the mental health needs of the residents of Hawaii. You probably have heard of the growing number of Hawaii residents who suffer from mental health problems and who are in dire need of mental health services. Currently, about one in five adults and one in six children live with a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10–14-year-old children and 25-34-year-old adults. This need for mental health care has grown exponentially since the onset of the COVID pandemic.

The graduates of our program are exactly the people who can assist this type of individuals. If one of our mental health counselor graduates can help 20 patients per week, 10 additional mental health counselors can help 200 patients per week. If our program can expand to 30 graduates per year, this equates to 600 patients per week that they will be serving. This would further equate to 31,200 patient hours per year! All of this would make a huge positive impact on the level of mental health services in the state.

The UH Hilo’s MA Program is a hybrid distance education program that can serve students in all islands across the State. There is sufficient demand among aspiring students who want to become mental health counselors and we are ready to train more students if given the needed financial resources. Please help us to increase the number of mental health counselors in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Bryan S. K. Kim, Ph.D.

308 Noelani Loop, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Senate Committees on Ways and Means
Hearing Thursday March 23, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and, and members of the Committee:

Regarding HB300, HD1
Relating to Saratoga Avenue Electrical and Communications Infrastructure Improvements.

I strongly support the legislature to restore the \$12,125,000 funding for the improvement projects named in the above legislation for Kalaeloa and Kapolei.

Kalaeloa is an underserved area of Hawaii and needs infrastructure support throughout the entire area. Saratoga is a good start and improvements need to eventually extend to the Corals Seas Road area.

With respect.
Mahalo,
Stephen H. Yuen
stevey@g70.design

Oahu resident and longtime Kalaeloa recreational user.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 6:55:35 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Gavagan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure.

This funding is crucial for the KIRC to continue its mission to provide safe, meaningful access to Kaho'olawe as well as to allow Native Hawaiians to continue to continue their cultural practices. My family's experiences on Kaho'olawe continue to inspire them in their everyday lives and careers. My husband continues to take volunteers from the hotel at which he is employed to Kaho'olawe yearly to help in restoring the island as part of their kuleana to the Honua'ula Moku where the hotel stands. My daughter's experiences on Kaho'olawe contributed to her career choice. She graduated last semester from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo with a B.S. in Marine Science, a Marine Option Program Certificate and a minor in Hawaiian Studies. Kaho'olawe continues to inspire people from all walks of life to not only restore Kaho'olawe but also to malama aina within their own communities. In order for this to continue, this funding is imperative.

I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Mahalo,

Terri Gavagan

Kevin L. Johnson, Ko Olina, Hawai'i

**Hawai'i Legislature
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 23, 2023, Conference Room 211, 10:00a.m.**

TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
RE: Support for HB 300, HD1 Relating to the State Budget

While I offer my **Support for HB 300, HD 1 Relating to the State Budget**, I respectfully ask your **support of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' (DLIR) request to include \$1.25M for the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program in GM 1 proposed changes to the FB 2023-25 Executive Budget**. This amount was not included in HD1, and I would further urge the Senate to amend the budget to include this request.

The Hawaii Retirement Savings Program (Act 296, SLH 2022) is a proactive plan to provide a state-facilitated payroll deduction retirement savings program to help Hawaii's workers save for their retirement. It targets employees of small businesses that may not otherwise have the opportunity for payroll deductions to meet their retirement savings objectives. It is well documented that folks who have this opportunity are much more likely to participate, thus resulting in less need for State sponsored help down the road.

This program was strongly supported in the Legislature, but in order for DLIR to meet its obligation to the people of Hawaii, funding for the operational budget need be included in the budget. I therefore respectfully request **Support of the DLIR's request to include \$1.25M for the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program in GM 1 proposed changes to the FB 2023-25 Executive Budget**

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Johnson

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:02:12 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dean Tokishi	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Thank you,

Dean

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:03:56 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
noela von	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

For many, many years, The People of Hawaii have been protecting and revitalizing the Island of Kahoolawe. Since the end of the destruction long ago, The People of Hawaii have been thankful that our Legislature has also provided. Please continue to remember that W&M can continue to be good stewards to the our Sacred Aina: Kahoolawe.

Mahalo

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:06:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mayone Kinikini	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need FULL FUNDING on this!

NOW!

give these people the " tools" they need to do their job!

March 23, 2023

TO: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta

RE: HB 300 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Position: **Support for full funding of the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission**

I am writing today to support the funding request of the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC). In order to fulfill the mandate of Act 179 (2019) which established the Commission, that body must have a sufficient budget for paid staff and other normally occurring expenses of state boards and commissions.

Recent events revealed the importance of an oversight body for our correctional facilities. Act 179 (2019) rightly established the Commission to "oversee the State's correctional system and have jurisdiction over investigating complaints at correctional facilities and facilitating a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model." The Act also mandates other responsibilities of the Commission which cannot be accomplished without staff and without funding for other normally occurring expenses.

The members of the Commission are subject matter experts who serve the State of Hawai'i and only receive reimbursement for expenses that are necessary for the performance of their duties. They are not paid employees. Because they serve as volunteers, at the very least, the State should do its part by appropriating funds that support their efforts to achieve the goals of Act 179.

In my past experience in State government, I have had the privilege of serving as staff to two State boards. Those board members took their roles and responsibilities seriously and staff are needed to facilitate and further their work. I am amazed at what the HCSOC has accomplished to date with their limited resources. They could and would accomplish more with a budget that respects the responsibilities that they have been given.

I urge the Committee to approve the budget request for the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my support for their funding.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:40:35 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lei K Ayat-Verdadero	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to address 50 years of misuse by the U.S. Navy with over 25% of uncleared lands remaining. Dangerous ordinance is still present and continues to pose a threat to the safety of anyone accessing the island or its waters. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message be included in a senate amendment to fulfill the states 29 year old statutory obligation.

Thank you,

Lei Ayat-Verdadero

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 8:50:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosanna ?Anolani Alegado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair,

My name is Rosanna ‘Anolani Alegado and I am writing to oppose HB300 D1 in its current form.

House Bill 300 HD1 appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-204 and 2024-2025. I respectfully request the committee adopts the Governor’s Message (02/13/23) with regard to the addition of funds for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission in LNR908/AC Ser 213-002.

The KIRC needs to make this funding permanent, to ensure that the KIRC can continue long-term operations and maintenance of the Honokanai`a Base Camp, on-island facilities and infrastructure, and the KIRC ocean-going vessel, `Ōhua.

These facilities are necessary to enable safe public access and the continuing management and restoration efforts on Kaho`olawe. Funding is crucial to the long-term stability and continuation of the KIRC’s on-island restoration and rehabilitation efforts. This is an obligation that the state of Hawai‘i cannot set aside.

Please amend House Bill 300 HD1 and support the Governor’s Message requesting additional funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission in LNR908/AC Ser 213- 002.

Mahalo,

Rosie Alegado

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 9:01:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mikiala PESCAIA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

House Bill 300 HD1 appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-204 and 2024-2025.

I OPPOSE this measure in its current form and respectfully request the committee adopts the Governor's Message (02/13/23) with regards to addition of funds for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission in LNR908/AC Ser 213-002.

Senate WAM support for the KIRC in last year's State Budget bill, Act 248 SLH2022, was a critical one-time infusion of general funds so that the KIRC can keep its base camp facilities on Kaho`olawe open and continue bringing volunteers to carry-on the important island restoration work. For over a decade, the KIRC has been coming to the legislature seeking the State's financial support to keep Kaho`olawe facilities operating to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate uses of Kaho`olawe. The KIRC seeks to make this funding permanent, to ensure that the KIRC can continue the long-term operations and maintenance of the Honokanai`a Base Camp, on-island facilities and infrastructure, and the KIRC ocean going vessel, `O`hua. Without our base of operations, the well-maintained equipment and facilities on Kaho`olawe, and our means of getting to and from Kahoolawe, safe public access as well as the continuing management and restoration efforts on Kaho`olawe would be impossible. This funding is crucial to the long-term stability and continuation of the KIRC's on-island restoration and rehabilitation efforts.

The success and relevance of KIRC's management of Kaho`olawe is evident as several of today's current issues such as the Navy/State environmental relationships, unexploded ordnance on State lands and recognition of native Hawaiian traditional practices on State lands utilize the KIRC's model of land management and its expertise and experience to help solve their own management issues.

KIRC has lived on a shoestring budget for the past decade, making do with whatever resources and funds we have been able to get, but at the same time been able to do amazing work, restoring one of the most devastated and remote places in Hawaii. This has only been possible because of the countless volunteers we have brought to Kaho`olawe over the past two-decades and the many more that are waiting years to get to Kaho`olawe. This additional funding is critical to ensure the KIRC can continue bringing volunteers to restore Kaho`olawe and learn of Aloha `Aina through hard work and dedication.

The KIRC is a very cost-effective program with little controversy; able to accomplish much with

limited resources; a model for future community-based land management and well regarded by native Hawaiians, environmental organizations, the scientific community, and the general public. The task ahead of the KIRC is one of the greatest challenges for this and the next generation, but to many in Hawaii, a challenge that is worth the effort.

Please amend House Bill 300 HD1 and support the Governor's Message requesting additional funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission in LNR908/AC Ser 213- 002.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 10:40:16 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Blake J LaBenz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e WAM Committee:

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Mahalo nui,

Blake "Brutus" LaBenz

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 10:54:11 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diana Bethel	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to express my serious concerns about the absence of any mention of the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission funding in the Governor's budget. If, as it appears, funding for the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission has been overlooked, please provide the funding necessary to enable it to carry out its mission, mandated in Act 179 and enacted into law in 2019.

Oversight of our correctional system is essential. If we had had effective oversight, perhaps the State would not have had to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in claims to victims of our correctional system. Because the Oversight Commission was funded and a coordinator was appointed a full three years after the passage of Act 179, the coordinator has only just begun her important work. As a result of the Commission's investigations, it was discovered that corrections officials were not even aware of the federal laws they were violating. These kinds of problems put the State in legal jeopardy. The Commission's work is to make our correctional system better, including by helping corrections officials comply with federal law, adopt best practices, and create a safer, more rehabilitative environment for both the incarcerated and employees in our correctional institutions.

We cannot afford to waste more money on a costly and ineffective correctional system that is a revolving door and fails to rehabilitate the people in its care. Please fully fund the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission's budgetary request to enable it to carry on its crucial work to eliminate liability to the State, make our correctional system more cost-effective, and ensure that the talk of rehabilitation is more than just lip service.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Diana Bethel, Honolulu

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/21/2023 11:20:05 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristine Crawford	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To fulfill its legislative mandate and ensure compliance with federal law, the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission needs the funding it has requested. To do the work necessary to reduce the likelihood of all types of abuse in our correctional institutions—and the legal expenses that follow—as well as make the transition to a more rehabilitative system, the HCSOC must be appropriately funded. Please fully fund the HCSOC. Thank you for your consideration.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 6:48:05 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kylee Mar	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha,

I personally OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form as it SHOULD include funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

As a volunteer with the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) and the KIRC for the past 21 years, these funds are critical towards the continued safe and meaningful access for all.

In 1994, Title to Kaho'olawe was officially transferred from the U.S. Navy to the State of Hawai'i, "to be held in trust until the formation of a federally-recognized sovereign Hawaiian entity."

I have personally experienced and witnessed the transformation of volunteers as they actively participate in restoration efforts on island and then bring those lessons and experiences back to the classroom, workplace, homes and neighborhoods. I directly work as a volunteer with the KIRC on restoration access, safety training and strategic planning. Funds are needed for all of these activities.

Mahalo for your support,

Kylee

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 7:28:15 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samantha Bailo	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The proposed funds for expanding UH Hilo's Counseling Psychology program needs to be strongly considered in this budget. Currently the program is having to turn away amazing candidates due to not having enough staff to accomodate a bigger program. Expanding the mental health budget for the state starts with education. Please reconsider.

Thank you

Samantha Bailo, MA (Counseling Psych, 2022)

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 7:34:39 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Polk	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 300 HD1. I support HB 300 HD1 with amendments, and strongly recommend the Senate Committee on Ways and Means adopt and include the University of Hawai‘i’s budget request which in part supports the UH Hilo MA Program in Counseling Psychology. The Masters’ Program in Counseling Psychology at UH Hilo will allow the only program in the UH System that trains Mental Health Counselors to expand and continue to provide high-quality training. About one in five adults and one in six children live with a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10–14-year-old children and 25-34- year-old adults. Mental health counselors work with clients of all ages to help them live healthier, happier lives. They typically provide talk therapy where they supportively listen to their clients and provide specific evidence-based interventions for a variety of issues such as anxiety and depression, navigating transitions in life, career counseling, grief counseling, and relationship problems to more severe challenges such as post-traumatic stress, suicidality, substance abuse problems and severe mental illness. Mental health counselors work in a variety of settings including community mental health clinics, public and private elementary and secondary schools, correctional facilities, vocational rehabilitation centers, residential care facilities, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, child welfare, and military and veteran counseling settings. The need for highly-trained mental health professionals was a known problem prior to the pandemic, and the situation has only gotten worse over the last three years. Since the UH Hilo MA Program is a hybrid distance education program, approximately 20 highly-trained graduates enter the workforce throughout the state of Hawaii each year. About half of these graduates are located on the island of Oahu and the other half are dispersed throughout the neighbor islands. The budget request submitted by the UH Board of Regents supports the hiring of two Assistant Professors and one Program Coordinator for the program. This will allow the program to expand by increasing student enrollment by 50%, which will produce more well-trained mental health counselors who can enter the field and provide much needed support to the residents of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Emily Polk

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ROBERT K. MERCE
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March 22, 2023

TO: Committee on Ways and Means
RE: HB 300 H.D.1
HEARING: Thursday, March 23, 2023
TIME: 10:00 a. m.
ROOM: Conf. Rm. 211 & videoconference
POSITON: Request Full Funding for Oversight Commission

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

My name is Bob Merce. I am a retired lawyers and have been active in prison reform for the past ten years. I served as vice-chair of the HRC 85 Task Force on Prison Reform and I was the principal author of the Task Force's 116-page final report to the 2019 Legislature. I was appointed to the Reentry Commission by House Speaker Scott Saiki in 2018 and served on the Commission until its responsibilities were transferred to the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission in 2019.

Hawaii's correctional oversight law, HRS §353L (2019) places tremendous legal obligations on the Oversight Commission. It must oversee Hawaii's vast correctional system of more than 4,000 prisoners in nine aging, and poorly maintained correctional facilities in Hawaii, and a large, privately operated prison 3,000 miles away in Eloy, Arizona. The Commission is required to investigate complaints about the correctional system, and facilitate the correctional system's transition to a therapeutic and rehabilitative model. **In addition**, the Commission is required by law to:

- (1) Establish maximum population limits for each correctional facility in the state;
- (2) Formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional facility;
- (3) Review the Department of Public Safety's reentry programs, educational programs, rehabilitation services, the work furlough program, and the Hawaii Paroling Authority's supervision of approximately 1,500 parolees, and make recommendations for improvement;

(4) Ensure that the comprehensive offender reentry system is working properly to provide programs and services that result in the timely release of inmates on parole when their maximum terms have been served instead of delaying the release for lack of program and services; and

HRS §353L requires the Oversight Coordinator to: (1) supervise and administer the Commission ; (2) ensure that the Department of Public Safety is following relevant oversight and reentry laws; (3) submit monthly reports of activities and expenditures to the Commission, the Governor and Legislature; (4) conduct an "ongoing study and investigation" of correctional laws in the United States and other countries; (5) study and investigate relevant literature on correctional law and policy; (6) study and advise the Commission on any federal laws that might affect its operations; and (7) investigate and study the reaction of residents to existing and potential features of the correctional system.

The Commission is comprised of five, unpaid volunteers who serve as commissioners and two employees: the Oversight Coordinator, and an Oversight Specialist. A reentry specialist has been hired and is expected to start work soon. The Commission and staff are working hard and doing a great job, **but they cannot possibly meet their statutory responsibilities without additional staff.**

To meet its legal duties and responsibilities, the Commission is requesting, and needs, \$995,000 in FY 2023-2024 and \$880,00 for FY 2024-2025. **Those amounts are just 0.13 percent of the Department of Public Safety's budget,** and would fund four new positions: two correctional oversight specialists to investigate complaints and monitor conditions at the state's nine correctional facilities, and the two research positions that are specifically mentioned in HRS 353L. It would also cover the travel expenses to fly interisland and to the Saguaro Correctional Center in Arizona which houses more than 900 men from Hawaii, and cover miscellaneous operating expenses for a Commission that, while three years old, is essentially in start-up mode.

To those who say that Hawaii's correctional system does not need oversight, I would point out that in the past three years the Oversight Commission has been extremely effective in improving Hawaii's correctional system. The following are just a few of the many activities the Commission has been involved in:

- (1) In response to the COVID-19 pandemic the Commission established infectious disease emergency capacities for the Hawaii Community Correctional Center, the Maui Community Correctional Center, the Oahu Community Correctional Center, the Kauai Community Correctional Center, the Women's Community Correctional Center, the Waiawa Correctional Facility, the Kulani Correctional Facility, and the Halawa Correctional Facility.

These capacities were utilized by the Hawaii Supreme Court's Special Master in addressing lawsuits concerning COVID-19;

- (2) Drafted a report, recommendations, and proposed legislation to safely reduce overcrowding in Hawaii's jails by safely reducing the pretrial population;
- (3) Recommended legislation on bail reform that would significantly reduce the pretrial population statewide and allow the State to build a smaller and less expensive jail to replace the Oahu Community Correctional Center;

- (4) Reported on conditions at correctional facilities that are unconstitutional and endanger the lives of inmates, including severe overcrowding, the use of a shipping container (see photo at right) to house inmates exposed to COVID-19, lack of programs, lack of basic services and hygiene, cell doors secured with padlocks that would delay



reaching inmates in the event of a fire or other emergency, the lack of in-person visits, five female inmates sleeping on mattresses on the floor of a cell that had no toilet or water, lack of cameras, critical staffing shortages, mentally ill prisoners housed in punitive conditions, lack of privacy for medical examinations (potential HIPPA violations), lack of air conditioning, and a broken electronic medical records system that jeopardized the lives of all Hawaii inmates.

- (5) Provided advice and guidance to the Department of Public Safety and the Legislature on the planning for a new jail to replace OCCC; and
- (6) Helped to educate the community about correctional matters by participating in events such as the Criminal Law Forum hosted by the Hawaii State Bar Association, Mana Ekolu hosted by the Pu'a Foundation, and working with the Justice-Involved Homeless Intergovernmental Collaboration project on Hawaii Island.

We need the Oversight Commission, and the Oversight Commission needs the funding it is requesting. Please provide the Oversight Commission with the funds it needs to meet its statutory duties and responsibilities.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 8:05:40 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Sabharwal	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Mahalo for your time,
Caroline Sabharwal

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 8:23:26 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahina	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

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Mahalo,

Mahina Amion

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 8:30:38 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua Kaakua	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee,

Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB300 HD1 in its current form as it does not provide the necessary operating funds for the KAHOOLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION (KIRC). Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Joshua Kaakua

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 8:55:43 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dan Gardner	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senate Ways and Means Committee - Act 296, established in 2022 by the Legislature with strong support, created the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program. I am asking for your continued strong support to approve the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLNR) request to add \$1.25 M for the Hawaii Retirement and Savings Program on GM 1 proposed changes to the FB 2023-25 Executive Budget. It will pay for needed staff positions and operating expenses to begin this critical retirement savings initiative. This will facilitate the initial enrollment of Hawaii's workers into the State-facilitated payroll deduction retirement savings program where they work as planned. Not included in HD1, the Budget needs to be amended to include this request. Thank you for your support of this key funding.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 9:04:35 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaili Swan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i am in strong support of this HB 300 HD 1 please pass this bill thank you.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 9:11:12 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Annette Lancaster	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the legislature funding the improvement projects named in SB 1191, SD2 for Kalaeloa and Kapolei.

March 22, 2023

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 300 HD1. It is listed under the subheading “Address Areas of State Need” and labeled “University of Hawai‘i at Hilo (UH Hilo) MA Counseling Psychology”

I support HB 300 HD1 with amendments, and strongly recommend the Senate Committee on Ways and Means adopt and include the University of Hawai‘i’s budget request which in part supports the UH Hilo MA Program in Counseling Psychology. The Masters’ Program in Counseling Psychology at UH Hilo will allow ***the only program in the UH System that trains Mental Health Counselors to expand and continue to provide high-quality training.***

About one in five adults and one in six children live with a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10–14-year-old children and 25-34-year-old adults. Mental health counselors work with clients of all ages to help them live healthier, happier lives. They typically provide talk therapy where they supportively listen to their clients and provide specific evidence-based interventions for a variety of issues such as anxiety and depression, navigating transitions in life, career counseling, grief counseling, and relationship problems to more severe challenges such as post-traumatic stress, suicidality, substance abuse problems and severe mental illness. Mental health counselors work in a variety of settings including community mental health clinics, public and private elementary and secondary schools, correctional facilities, vocational rehabilitation centers, residential care facilities, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, child welfare, and military and veteran counseling settings.

The need for highly-trained mental health professionals was a known problem prior to the pandemic, and the situation has only gotten worse over the last three years. Since the UH Hilo MA Program is a hybrid distance education program, approximately 20 highly-trained graduates enter the workforce throughout the state of Hawaii each year. About half of these graduates are located on the island of Oahu and the other half are dispersed throughout the neighbor islands.

As a 2010 graduate of the program, it has provided me so many opportunities to help the immediate Hilo community, as well as communities across the State of Hawai‘i. This degree allowed me an opportunity to work with the Salvation Army Family Intervention Services, Family Programs Hawai‘i, Catholic Charities Hawai‘i, the Social Security Administration, and now in my current position at Lili‘uokalani Trust. The number of youth, young adults, and adults that have benefitted from my training accounts for the last 22 years of my life, and for this I am proud. The end of my career assisting individuals who have had to endure life after trauma, loss, and mental or emotional stress will conclude within the next five years, and we need more individuals to fill the ever increasing need.

The budget request submitted by the UH Board of Regents supports the hiring of two Assistant Professors and one Program Coordinator for the program. This will allow the program to expand by increasing student enrollment by 50%, which will produce more well-trained mental health counselors who can enter the field and provide much needed support to the residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Laura E. M. Pokipala
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Hilo, Hawai'i 96720
pachecolk@yahoo.com

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 9:44:06 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Okita	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Propose/Support a Capital Improvement Projects Appropriation for Department of Education/Kaiser High School for Plans and Design for a New Building to Include a Performing Arts Center, Classrooms/Studios, Associated Parking Facilities and Improvements

As a long time resident/taxpayer/constituent within the Kaiser Complex, the quality of the schools and resources available to everyone - administrators, teachers, coaches, students, athletes, community - is very important to me. This is my community. As a parent whose child attended elementary, middle and high school within the complex, our family's personal experiences and involvement inspire my support for our local schools. As a concerned citizen impacted by the business/economic, social and other challenges, I'm compelled to speak out.

A state of the art performing arts center has been in the proposal stage for decades. Sadly, decades translates to thousands of students growing up and graduating, years of events that could have been. It's time to turn talk into action.

A common and unfortunate position is to treat theater, arts, music and other creative studies as an optional part of a quality education. It's time for change. The State of Hawaii pours hundreds of millions of dollars into the visitor industry. If we don't provide training and education for our youth, who will fill the needs for advertising, marketing, promotion, special events management, entertainment and other employment opportunities within the industry? The State of Hawaii touts the importance and success of the film industry and pours hundreds of millions of dollars to attract and support productions to work in Hawaii. Who will fill the jobs for actors, writers, directors, crew? The State of Hawaii sees the technology industry as another bright spot with rich tax incentives and millions more in direct support. Who will fill the opportunities for well-paid employment in all of these industries? How easy is it to fill these jobs with out-of-state employees and relegate Hawaii's citizens to minimum wage service jobs?

What's the tie with the proposed Kaiser High School International Pacific Arts Center? It would be more than an auditorium that provides a venue for theater and music, but also host assemblies, speech/debate contests and community presentations/meetings. The building would include classrooms/studios for theater, music, dance and video production and would be planned to support the needs of all of the schools within the complex. With the available resources, Kaiser High School has already demonstrated excellence in academic, and extra- and co-curricular activities, and the capacity to take advantage of having these additional resources. This center

would expand the opportunities to learn and build competence both in the spotlight of theater and music, and behind the scenes in all aspects of production, audio/video/digital arts and other skills that tie to future careers in the spotlight industries and others. Addressing issues about business/economic opportunity and the out-migration of Hawaii residents requires action on many levels, including equipping our youth to become productive in the careers of today and the future that are more than minimum wage, and to be able to afford to stay and thrive in Hawaii.

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 9:51:09 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher M. Kaipulaumakaniolono	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill cannot pass without a budget allocated to support the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. They are integral to the life of Kaho‘olawe and Kaho‘olawe is the heart and soul of Kanaka Maoli as well as the state’s single honest commitment to healing the ‘āina. The state must continue to support the KIRC until the future sovereign Hawaiian entity can takeover managing Kaho‘olawe. So, unless the state has immediate plans to dissolve the state and make way for a sovereign Hawaiian entity, it must continue to remain true to its word. Mahalo in advance for making the right decision to revise the bill and allocate funds for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission.

March 22, 2023

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 300 HD1. I support HB 300 HD1 with amendments, and strongly recommend the Senate Committee on Ways and Means adopt and include the University of Hawai'i's budget request which in part supports the UH Hilo MA Program in Counseling Psychology. The Masters' Program in Counseling Psychology at UH Hilo will allow ***the only program in the UH System that trains Mental Health Counselors to expand and continue to provide high-quality training.***

About one in five adults and one in six children live with a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10–14-year-old children and 25-34-year-old adults. Mental health counselors work with clients of all ages to help them live healthier, happier lives. They typically provide talk therapy where they supportively listen to their clients and provide specific evidence-based interventions for a variety of issues such as anxiety and depression, navigating transitions in life, career counseling, grief counseling, and relationship problems to more severe challenges such as post-traumatic stress, suicidality, substance abuse problems and severe mental illness. Mental health counselors work in a variety of settings including community mental health clinics, public and private elementary and secondary schools, correctional facilities, vocational rehabilitation centers, residential care facilities, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, child welfare, and military and veteran counseling settings.

The need for highly-trained mental health professionals was a known problem prior to the pandemic, and the situation has only gotten worse over the last three years. Since the UH Hilo MA Program is a hybrid distance education program, approximately 20 highly-trained graduates enter the workforce throughout the state of Hawaii each year. About half of these graduates are located on the island of Oahu and the other half are dispersed throughout the neighbor islands.

I am a first-year graduate student at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. MA in Counseling Psychology program there offers me a great education.

The budget request submitted by the UH Board of Regents supports the hiring of two Assistant Professors and one Program Coordinator for the program. This will allow the program to expand by increasing student enrollment by 50%, which will produce more well-trained mental health counselors who can enter the field and provide much needed support to the residents of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Akiko Taira

152 Kole St, Hilo, HI 96720

LATE

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 23, 2023

My testimony in support of a Performing Arts Center at Kaiser High School – HB 300

Why? To create a space where students are able to expand and explore possibilities.

Adding an International Performing Arts Center (iPAC) on the campus of Kaiser High School would not only add much needed classroom space. Teachers, to this day, are sharing classrooms because space is limited.

It would also add a space dedicated to the arts, drama, dance, music, theatre and video production, are all course that could all greatly benefit from this space.

The iPAC would also create a sense of pride for all students. Kaiser High School recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and in terms of classroom space – not much has changed since the 70's. On average, we lose enrollment to private schools, partially because our facilities are so outdated.

Our students meet the same high standards as any private school. The iPAC could be the draw to show our community that we truly care about our public school system and we can compete with private schools and therefore, expect an increase in enrollment.

The International Baccalaureate Learner Profile which is the core of our academics creates students who are Reflective, Balanced, Open-Minded, Risk Takers, Caring, Principled, Knowledgeable, Inquirers, Communicators and Thinkers. The iPAC, in many ways, will help our students to grow and express themselves.

But not only will the iPAC be for just Kaiser High School, we are looking at having it serve the entire community for theater, for festivals, for speakers and so much more.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my written testimony.
I care about Kaiser High School and I know our community does too.

Aloha,
Ann Olson

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 10:22:47 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Faith Kahale Saito	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

I oppose this measure in its current form and respectfully request the committee to adopt the Governor's Message (02/13/23) with regards to addition of funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in LNR908/AC Ser 213-002.

The great work that KIRC carries out for the island of Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe needs consistent financial stability from the State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui,

Faith Kahale Saito

LATE

Committee on Ways and Means

March 23, 2023

Testimony In Support of including the Performing Arts Center at Kaiser High School
In HB 300, HD 1

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee, I am writing to express my strong support for the construction of a new Performing Arts Center at Kaiser High School, and to request that you consider funding this important project.

As you know, the arts play a critical role in our community, providing entertainment, education, and inspiration to people of all ages and backgrounds. Yet, there are no auditoriums for hosting cultural events and performances at Kaiser, Niu Valley, Kamilo'iki, Koko Head, Hahaione, Aina Haina and Kalani. This limits the opportunities for students, as well as local artists and performers to showcase their talents.

A new Performing Arts Center would provide a much-needed venue for a wide range of artistic and cultural activities, including music, dance, theater, and more. Moreover, a performing arts center would serve as a hub for community engagement and education, offering workshops, classes, and other programming for children and adults alike. This would provide a valuable resource for schools, community organizations, and other groups seeking to promote creativity, cultural understanding, and personal growth.

Given these benefits, I urge you to consider supporting the construction of a new Performing Arts Center at Kaiser High. The Center will inspire our keiki to pursue their own artistic dreams and aspirations. In funding this project, you will help make these dreams a reality. Together, we can create a vibrant and thriving arts community that benefits all members of our state.

We ask that \$4.6 million be included for the Performing Arts Center in the Senate draft of HB 300. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Spencer Kimura
President, Friends of Kaiser PTSA

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 11:45:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie Gonzales	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 22, 2023

Subject: HB 300 HD1 – Support with Amendments

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

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The budget request submitted by the UH Board of Regents supports the hiring of two Assistant Professors and one Program Coordinator for the program. This will allow the program to expand by increasing student enrollment by 50%, which will produce more well-trained mental health counselors who can enter the field and provide much needed support to the residents of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Leslie Gonzales

91-6221 Kapolei Parkway Unit 415 Ewa Beach, HI 96706

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 11:55:07 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
George Choe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly **SUPPORT** that the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission get fully funded to fulfill their mandated duties as enacted by the Legislature.

LATE

March 23, 2023

TO: Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Jody Yamauchi-Oku,

Member, Kaiser High School Community Council

Alumni, Kaiser High School Class of 1991

Hawaii Kai Resident since 1973

27 years of service with the Department of Education

1049 Kamaole Street

Honolulu, Hawai'i 96825

808-232-6328

RE: Testimony in support to include the Performing Arts Center at Kaiser High School in HB 300, HD 1

As the Kaiser Complex, we are composed of 4 elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school who are authorized International Baccalaureate World Schools striving to provide learning opportunities for students to develop into internationally-minded young adults who value and promote cultural diversity through the application of transdisciplinary skills. A performing Arts Center at Kaiser High School will serve as the heart of our East Honolulu community where endless opportunities are created to showcase their skills in the area of performing arts.

Our schools are focused on providing learning beyond an academic curriculum and there is a need for emphasis on drama, music, dance, public speaking and other skills. I humbly ask that you consider supporting the funding needed to build this center that will spark conversations to revitalize such programs throughout our schools and the community. Our actions and decision-making must reflect what we value.

It is imperative that we take the time to assess the needs of our youth today and rely on our community beyond the walls of our school classrooms, to teach and inspire our future leaders to think beyond the box and expand and explore their hearts and minds. We must provide them an inclusive place to discover themselves when they do not fit on a field, in a classroom, and sometimes within their household. Please be the difference in reaching ALL students by providing a place where they can find joy in developing their talents and skills.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention. I appreciate the opportunity to testify.

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 2:24:18 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Damien Young	Testifying for Kauhale Healing LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support the educating of mental health counselors in our state - we are in desperate need of more providers.

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 2:56:02 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I support funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in HB 300HD1, relating to the State Budget. LNR 101, LNR 172, LNR 402 and LNR 407 would provide greatly needed funding to ensure our forested watershed are managed, preserved and protected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,

Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 3:01:01 PM
Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hannah Katherine Hancock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in support of HB 300 and respectfully ask this committee to pass this bill to promote funding from the state for their Master's program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hannah K. Hancock, MSW, LCSW

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 5:20:08 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly White	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I OPPOSE HB300 HD1 in its current form, which does not include any additional and much needed funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The additional operating funds that were included in the bill's original language are vital to the operations and maintenance of the KIRC's Kaho'olawe-based facilities and infrastructure. This funding is pivotal for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. I request that the additional funding in the Governor's Message of February 13, 2023 be included in a senate amendment.

Thank you,

Kelly McHugh-White

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 6:40:58 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea Negron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support funding the UH Hilo Master's in Counseling Program and respectfully ask this committee to pass this bill. Increasing educational opportunities for mental health professionals will address the shortage of mental health workers in our community and provide essential care for those in need of mental health services.

Sincerely,

Andrea Negron, MSW, LSW

LATE

I'm writing to express my support for HB300, which I am told will allow for an auditorium to be built at my highschool. I am currently a Junior at Kaiser High School, and although I know the construction of an auditorium will not be finished by the time I'm graduating, those who still go to the school deserve an auditorium.

The first thing an auditorium would help at our school would be various arts programs. Programs that do currently exist, like drama, film, and music; and programs that could, like other performing arts. I personally know that currently, we use what's called the Black Box Theater for our drama club performances. The max capacity of the room is listed as 186, however that number does not take the stage into account. If the number of potential seats is pushed, we try for 80 people. In a school with over a thousand students and plenty more family and friends, we can only seat a very small portion of them per performance, making it so the shows have a much lower view rate from the general student population. For things like the school's musicals, I knew multiple people who wanted to attend, but couldn't due to the max capacity being reached in both ticket sales and seating. I'm certain that this issue exists for the others who do perform, like those in the guitar and ukulele classes. Having an auditorium would help nurture many of the arts programs in our school.

Beyond the school's ability to support performing arts, general events for the school also need to be considered. School wide events such as assemblies and Town Halls are often held in the school cafeteria. Announcements and pep rallies are held in the gymnasium or on the school football field. Ceremonies such as the end of year awards are relegated to online videos. Even the senior class graduation ceremony is held on the football field, which to be honest is the nicest facility on campus. While it does make sense for some of these events to be held where they are currently, at the same time there could be a better place for them. A nice indoor space would help to bring the school together.

In addition to the above points, the rest of the school is literally falling apart. Rebar and wall repairs are currently being made. Many of the school bathrooms are locked due to the sewer issues that occurred close to the beginning of the school year. In recent memory, there was an incident where a student was hit by a light that fell from the ceiling. The school overall is worn down and the infrastructure needs to be updated. Future students deserve one nice thing. (fix this bit somehow)

Auditoriums are a structure necessary for a school, a structure my school currently lacks. Having one would provide a place that nurtures both the arts and fosters the school's ability to connect with its students. I would encourage you to vote yes to appropriate funding for this purpose.

Sincerely,
Maia Petilos

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 8:40:11 AM
Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ardis Rachel Eschenberg	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to request that Early College positions for the UHCC's please be reinstated in the UH Budget. These positions are critical to changing the possibilities for over 500 students on the Windward side each year. Early College promotes equity and opportunity for Hawai'i's citizens by targeting first generation, free and reduced lunch and Native Hawaiian students. Our early college high school students have a 3.4 gpa (A) and over 90% pass with a C or better. Early College students are more likely to go to college than their peers and to earn a bachelors degree. This program is critical to helping our citizens strive and attain living wage jobs so they can support their families here in Hawai'i.

I also strongly support the CIP for Windward CC's Hale Imiloa HVAC. This is a huge undertaking for a building that is sick. The mold and moisture in this building, our only science building, has sickened employees, clouded microscopes and equipment and caused many problems.

Your support is most appreciated.

LATE

HB-300-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 9:14:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/23/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharon Tsutsui	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm writing to support that the Early College position requests for the UH portion of the State Budget be reinstated. Early College serves over 500 students on the Windward side and has never had staffing appropriated to it. This program makes college possible for our public school students. Early College provides them with the opportunity to get free college coursework in high school so they can grow skills and see a future for themselves that includes college. Note that in Hawai'i the majority of living wage jobs require at least a bachelor's degree. Windward CC's early college program prioritizes Native Hawaiian, first generation to college and free/reduced lunch students so that those less likely to go to college have this opportunity to consider it. College changes lives and provides opportunities to those who most need it! At WCC, we have managed to grow this program since 2014 through millions of dollars of grants, all of which end this summer. At the same time, our general counseling staff has been reduced by 36% by pandemic hiring restrictions. We can't make this happen without these positions.

LATE

HB300 – General Appropriations

My name is Hollister K Iwashita. I am the Early College Coordinator at University of Hawaii Windward Community College. My testimony is submitted as an individual and not as a representative of Windward Community College.

Please help reinstate the Early College positions requested by UH in the General Appropriations budget. My team here at Windward Community College (WCC) together support over 500 students from public schools on Windward Oahu. This program provides public high school students opportunities to get free college courses in high school so that they can grow skills to apply to future college coursework.

Although no one is ineligible for this program, we prioritize Native Hawaiian, first generation and free/reduced lunch students. Our hightouch program supports students to be successful. Currently 3.4 GPA and over 90% success with a C or better. Our Early College program changes lives and provides opportunities to those that most need it.

WCC has managed to grow this program since 2014 through millions of dollars in grants that end this summer. Many of our previous positions have been cut due to pandemic hiring restrictions and we can't make this program work without those positions. Success would not and cannot happen without them.

I would also like to add that I strongly support the CIP for Windward Community College's Hale Imiloa HVAC. This is a sick building that houses the only VetTech program on the island and science courses. The mold and moisture has contributed to employee health issues, clouded microscopes and equipment and has caused many problems.

Mahalo nui,
H Kehau Iwashita, M. Ed.