



TOWN & UPCOUNTRY UPDATE

May, June 2021

REPRESENTATIVE KYLE YAMASHITA

Aloha Neighbors,

We are currently wrapping up the Legislative Session for 2021.

One of the largest hurdles this year was tackling the budget. With the assistance of the Federal Government, *The American Rescue Plan Act* helped us to restore funding for needed programs and to prevent further furloughs and potential layoffs. Some programs include the Rent Supplement Program, early intervention programs, and homeless services. As an idea of funding we received from the **ARPA**: The State of Hawaii received \$1.6 billion in federal assistance and the County of Maui received \$30 million in federal assistance.

In district news, the governor recently released funding for the baseball and softball complex that will be built at King Kekaulike High School. We are excited to see the planning and designs for the new facility. We will also receive funding for the expansion and modernization of the Makawao Library. Other projects we received funding for can be found on page 2.

As always, thank you for letting me serve you and our community. My office and I continue to be a resource for you, please let me know if we can be of assistance.

Mahalo and stay safe,

Please assist us in our initiative to 'GO GREEN,' and send us your email address to receive newsletters by email.

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Here's a breakdown of a few key provisions in the relief package:

Unemployment Assistance—\$575 million funding

- Available to self-employed individuals, part-time workers, independent contractors, and gig workers, including ride-sharing drivers
- Covers those who are sick, quarantined, furloughed, or whose family circumstances keep them from working or reduce their pay as a result of the coronavirus outbreak or government containment efforts
- Covers salaries up to about \$65,000 through September 6 with an additional \$300 per week
- Makes the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits collected in 2020 tax free for those households whose income was less than \$150,000

Rent and mortgage relief – Estimated \$226.5 million funding

- ~ **\$152 million** to Hawaii residents who lost their job/saw significant reduction in income due to pandemic to make rent
 - **MEO's Rental Assistance Program:** (808)249-2970
- ~ **\$50 million** for a new *Homeowner Assistance Program* to help Hawai'i families who are behind on their mortgages/already in foreclosure as a result of the pandemic.

Eviction Moratorium for Renters

The CDC further extended the eviction moratorium until **June 30, 2021**.

Landlords are prohibited from filing for eviction or charging any fees for unpaid rent and fees during the moratorium and must issue a notice to tenants to vacate 30 days before an eviction once the moratorium ends. After the CDC moratorium period ends, renters will be responsible for making payments.

Renters seeking information on whether they are covered by the moratorium should contact [Legal Aid Society of Hawaii](http://www.legalaidhawaii.org) or a HUD approved housing counselor. You can find the nearest housing counselor by calling (800) 569-4287.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.schatz.senate.gov/press-releases/schatz-help-is-on-the-way-at-least-6-billion-coming-to-hawaii>

District 12 CIP Highlights 2022-2023

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are bond funded critical infrastructure of the State— including highways, schools, airports, and harbors. These funds cannot be used for every day operations like unemployment insurance, general assistance, or other services.

Education	Description	CD FY22	CD FY23
King Kekaulike High School	Construction of a black box theater. Supporting functions for existing Performing Arts Center. Site improvements.	\$15,000,000	

District wide CIP	Description	CD FY22	CD FY23
Kula Vacuum Cooling Plant	Construction for a Post-Harvest Facility and other improvements.	\$160,000	
Makawao Public Library	Improvements to the library building and property for expansion of library services and programs. Includes Parking & site improvements.	\$10,000,000	
Upcountry Maui Well	Land acquisition & design for a water well in Upcountry Maui.	\$1,000,000	
Keokea– Waiohuli	Phase 2B and Phase 3.	\$15,166,000	



Maui County's Huliiau Apartments designed for homeless families.



UHWO AMC Academy of Creative Media.



New Wing of Daniel K. Inouye Airport.



New School: Honouliuli Middle School.

Various Capital Improvement
Projects Site Visits in 2020.



Moanalua High School: Performing Arts Center.



University of Hawaii.

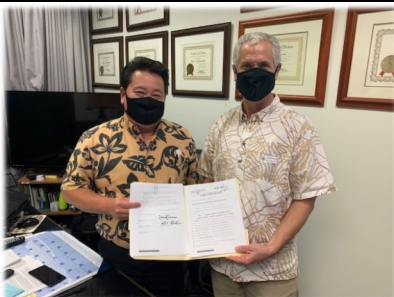


Kapiolani Community College.

Maui County
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Maui County CIP	Description	CD FY22	CD FY23
Na Wai Eha Land Acquisition	Land Acquisition of 10,000 acres in West Maui to protect important forested watershed, native forests & the water resources they provide.	\$9,300,000	
Pulehunui Improvements and Infrastructure	Construction for infrastructure for Pulehunui project. Includes waste water/water transmission lines for Pulehunui; repair, refurbishment and renovation.	\$17,000,000	
Pulehunui Water Source and System Development	Plans & design for water source and system development needed for Pulehunui project.	\$1,000,000	
Central Maui Waste Water Treatment Plant	Design, construction, and equipment for a Central Maui Waste Water Treatment Plant. Includes improvements, renovation, refurbishment or new construction.	\$3,500,000	\$20,000,000
Maui Memorial Medical Center, ICU Bed Systems	Construction for patient room renovations & new bed systems for Maui Memorial Medical Center’s intensive care units, COVID care units, and COVID ICU.	\$1,250,000	
Maui Health System, Facilities Repair, Renovations & Upgrades, Maui & Lanai	Repairs, renovations, expansion and upgrades to Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC), Kula & Lanai Hospitals.	\$ 6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Proof of Concept for Maui Health System	Proof of Concept for a Master Plan at MMMC, Kula & Lanai Hospitals. Developed by students of Architecture & Engineering partnered with UH Manoa College of Engineering, Maui Health Systems & input from the public.	\$500,000	
Kahului Harbor Improvements	Land acquisition & construction of projects that will provide for safer, more efficient use of existing/additional operational areas throughout Kahului Harbor.	\$10,000,000	\$63,000,000
Maui District Baseyard/Office	Expansion and renovation for Maui District baseyard/office	\$100,000	
Traffic Operational Improvements to Existing Intersections & Highway Facilities	Improvements to existing intersections & highway facilities. Includes installing traffic signals, constructing turning lanes, acceleration/deceleration lanes, & other improvements.	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
Watershed Protection and Ungulate Fencing	Plans and construction for watershed protection and ungulate fencing for Maui County. Includes site improvements.	\$2,800,000	



Rep. Kyle Yamashita and Rep. David Tarnas signing of HB774.



Representative Kyle Yamashita looking over a bill in Conference.

Representative Kyle Yamashita

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**Congratulations to all of
District 12 Class of 2021
High School Seniors!**



**Dial 808 for all
local calls!**

**Start prepping for
the change!**

**Beginning October
24th, everyone will
need to dial area code
808+ telephone
number for all local
calls per FCC rules to
ensure that calls are
able to reach the
National Suicide
Prevention Lifeline
(988).**