



Date: March 15, 2024

To: Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

From: Hawai`i Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC)

Re: Support for **HB1800**, Relating to the State Budget

The Early Intervention Section is advised by the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC). The HEICC is established as required by state law ([Hawaii Revised Statutes §321-353](#)) and Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

HEICC strongly supports passage of HB1800. We specifically support increased salaries for Early Intervention Services (EIS) specialists who provide critical services like speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and cognitive and social and emotional supports for keiki **birth to 3 years old**. The request is for ~4.9M and is reflected under Family Health Services Division (HTH560) Item 4, pg. 31. The request includes both salary increases and associated operational costs.

Hawai`i currently has a 25-30% vacancy rate in the field of early intervention specialists and salary rates are one of the leading reasons. The salary increases will not only recruit new specialists but will retain the ones we have. When we have shortages, our keiki do not get the supports that they are mandated to receive, which can result in further developmental delays. And when we have pandemics or environmental disasters, early interventionists are even more needed to reach families to mitigate the negative impacts of the trauma. **Invest early** to save on service costs down the road when keiki have more complicated challenges.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony **in support of HB1800**.

Kerrie A. Urosevich, PhD
Chair, Hawai`i Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC)



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March 6, 2024

The Honorable Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
House Committee on Finance
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Yamashita and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB300 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

The Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities **supports HB1800**, relating to the specific budget items from the budget worksheet noted below. This measure adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

HTH 905- Developmental Disabilities Council
Page 336, Structure No 050503000000

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This appropriation amount in HB1800 provides the Council with current staffing and fiscal resources in order to implement 2023-2025 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support of HB1800**, relating to the specific budget items noted above.

Sincerely,

Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
SENATOR SHARON Y. MORIWAKI, VICE CHAIR

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

Hearing: Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 10:00 A.M., Conference Room 211

- 1 **EOA Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department of
- 2 Health (DOH) **strongly supports** HB1800.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates operating funds for FY2023-2025 for the EOA.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium
- 5 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive
- 6 Branch agencies and programs. EOA's operating budget is outlined in the Program
- 7 Appropriations section on page 35 line 3-12, under No. 25 HTH 904 of HB1800.

1 As Hawai'i's aging population continues to grow the need for investment in long term care
2 services and supports increases. Sufficient appropriations are required to assure the health,
3 safety, and independence of our kūpuna. We appreciate your consideration of this bill.

4 **Recommendation:** EOA strongly supports this measure and respectfully requests your support
5 of EOA's operating budget.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII
Executive Office on Early Learning
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March 17, 2024

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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

SUBJECT: **Measure:** H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Conference Room 211

EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING'S POSITION: Support

EOEL strongly supports H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1 and respectfully requests the continued additions related to federal funds.

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. H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1 maintains funding necessary for the Office to continue operating existing EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program classrooms and to open the additional 44 classrooms in the upcoming 2024-2025 School Year.

Hawaii was awarded the Federal Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five Renewal Grant (PDG) in 2022. The funding from this grant is being utilized to strengthen existing infrastructure for a coordinated early care and education system. As part of this initiative, the Office is working with partners to: (1) conduct a statewide needs assessment to determine the current landscape and potential impacts from the pandemic and wildfires; (2) develop a strategic plan to improve utilization, timeliness, efficiency and effectiveness of services and strengthen governance for the mixed delivery system; (3) connect families to services that meet their unique needs; (4) build on recommendations of the 2022 workforce compensation study; and (5) develop a standardized quality improvement model.

The PDG will end in 2026 and has the option for a 1-year no-cost extension. As approved by the House Committee on Finance during its consideration of H.B. No. 1800 previously, the House Committee on Finance added the following positions to H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1:

Position Name	FTE #	\$ Amount	MOF
Program Specialist	1	\$65,000	P
Program Specialist	1	\$65,000	P
Total	2	\$130,000	P

(H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1, at 39 (Budget Item G.10. (EDN 700)); House Budget Worksheet, at 200 of 545.)

The Program Specialist positions will be tasked with strengthening family engagement and activities in collaboration with stakeholders and State partners. One position will focus on establishing and facilitating a parent council to incorporate parent-voice and feedback in decision-making processes as it pertains to accessing early learning programs and services. The other position will coordinate and assist with the implementation of all grant activities related to the design and development of the comprehensive needs assessment and strategic planning and implementation.

Maintaining the appropriations in EDN 700 will allow EOEL to continue our work to increase early learning opportunities for all young children and the requested additions highlighted above will allow EOEL to enhance our work to assist families with accessing programs and services that benefit their children.

Investing in our youngest keiki yields substantial benefits today and in our future and we thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support on this bill.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR

SYLVIA LUKE
LT GOVERNOR



Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority

An Agency of the State of Hawaii

JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA
CHAIR

GWEN S YAMAMOTO LAU
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Testimony of
Gwen Yamamoto Lau
Executive Director
Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority
before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

in consideration of
HOUSE BILL NO. 1800, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

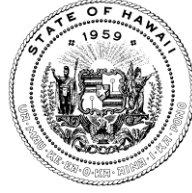
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of House Bill 1800, HD1, which provides the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority (“HGIA”) (BED 138) the ability to continue administering its financing programs for underserved ratepayers, as well as bridge the access to capital gap for nonprofits, small businesses and commercial property owners statewide. In addition to the authority’s lending ceiling, bond ceiling and operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year, we are also requesting (1) three **special and federally** funded positions to administer the Federally funded SSBCI HI-CAP programs and C-PACER financing program mandated by Act 183, SLH 2022; (2) a lending ceiling for HGIA’s clean energy and energy efficiency revolving fund; and (3) an additional capital infusion for solar energy and storage financing for ALICE families.

The Authority is expecting an award between \$25.0 million to \$100.0 million from the EPA under its Solar For All program. This program requires a dedicated community outreach officer and funds can only benefit **low-income** households. Additionally, with over \$300.0 million of special and federal funds under HGIA’s management, a fiscal and compliance position is required to ensure the Authority remains compliant with funding guidance and requirements.

As of last week, the Authority had 990 residential solar loan applications in process. With only five authorized FTE, the additional staff requested is not only critical to ensure timely processing, approval and funding of loans, but to also retain staff and avoid employee burn-out. Additionally, at an average cost of \$50,000 for each solar+storage system, the applications in process represent an aggregate investment of \$49.5 million. Unlike the Federal funds, which can only benefit low-income households, the additional capital infusion of \$28.9 million will be able to assist middle income families install solar to lower their energy burden.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1800, HD1.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Via Videoconference

**On the following measure:
H.B. 1800, H.D.1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to adjust and request appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

We appreciate the Committee's time at our budget briefing in January and we continue to support our submitted budget requests. For the Committee's information, the relevant program appropriations for the Department are on pages 50 to 52 of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:06:27 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kyle Shimabukuro	Testifying for Mililani Mauka Elementary School	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Kyle Shimabukuro and I am a principal at Mililani Mauka Elementary School.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800 HD1. I am excited about the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment.

As a principal, I use funding from the weighted student formula for hiring teachers, purchasing curriculum and covering operational costs. Additional funding for the weighted student formula could be used to keep up with rising costs and invest in future initiatives like agriculture technology.

Additionally, the federal funding that made summer enrichment free for all students has been invaluable to my school. With the sunset of this federal funding, the loss of this summer enrichment programming would affect my school by eliminating targeted intervention for students who need help in language arts and social emotional learning.

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

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Maegan MacGregor and I am a principal at Pa'auilo Elementary and Intermediate.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800 HD1. I am excited about the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment.

As a principal, I use funding from the weighted student formula for funding all of the positions within my school that are not for special education. Additional funding for the weighted student formula could be used for curriculum, supplies, and everything else needed for running the school. Without WSF funding, our school would not be able to run.

Additionally, the federal funding that made summer enrichment free for all students has been invaluable to my school. With the sunset of this federal funding, the loss of this summer enrichment programming would affect my school by us not being able to offer a summer program. We are a very rural area without many "outside of school" activity offerings in the community. Our summer program provides enrichment, and promotes interests beyond school.

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

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 12:00:12 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wilma Roddy	Testifying for Department of Education	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Wilma Roddy and I am a Principal at Na'alehu Elementary School.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800 HD1. I am excited about the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment.

As a principal, I use funding from the weighted student formula for various learning opportunities for our staff and students such as curriculum, supplies, professional learning, field trips for students, technology devices, and more. Additional funding for the weighted student formula could be used for ongoing learning opportunities for staff, so that we can be more effective educators and meet the needs of ALL our students. It can also be used for student learning and resources so that their educational, and social emotional needs can be met.

Additionally, the federal funding that made summer enrichment free for all students has been invaluable to my school. With the sunset of this federal funding, the loss of this summer enrichment programming would affect my school greatly as many of our students have large academic gaps as well as do not have the opportunity to be exposed to what's outside of where they live. Our summer enrichment programs provide our students with academics as well as opportunities for hands on, place based education opportunities. We are grateful for this funding and hope it will continue.

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

Mahalo,

Wilma Roddy

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 12:13:00 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Sanita	Testifying for Hana High and Elementary School	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Christopher Sanita, and I am a principal at Hāna High and Elementary School.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800 HD1. I am excited about the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment.

As a principal, I use funding from the weighted student formula for many other projects and necessary expenses to run a rural, remote school here in Maui. Additional funding for the weighted student formula could be used for summer learning, stipends for professional development, and needed updated curriculum.

Additionally, the federal funding that made summer enrichment free for all students has been invaluable to my school. With the sunset of this federal funding, the loss of this summer enrichment programming would affect my school by limiting our Olelo Hawaii students' access to needed tutoring after school and the immersion summer school.

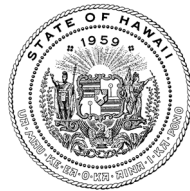
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this topic.

Warm alohas,

Christopher Sanita

Hāna High and Elementary School

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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. 1800, H.D. 1

March 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Room 211 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

The Department of Budget and Finance strongly supports this bill.

House Bill No. 1800, H.D. 1, is the FY 25 Executive Supplemental Budget bill as amended by the House. The original draft amends Act 164, SLH 2023, to make adjustments to the Executive operating and capital improvement program FY 25 appropriations to address priority program requirements.

The Committee has heard detailed testimony from all of the Executive departments and agencies regarding their supplemental budget requests. And departmental staffs have responded to your Committee staff's questions and provided the additional information requested.

The Administration believes that we have presented sound justification for our supplemental budget requests. We urge the Committee to pass the bill in its original form, including the additional budget requests contained in Governor's Message No. 5, Proposed Changes to the FY 25 Executive Supplemental Budget for Various Departments, with minimal amendments.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1800, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211 and Videoconference

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

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

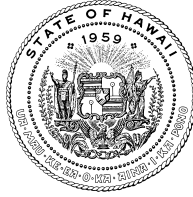
The Department of the Attorney General (Department) supports this bill, specifically, those appropriations within the budget that provide funding for the continued operations of the Department for fiscal year 2024-2025.

In summary, our budget requests reflect critical items in accordance with the Department's statutory mandates and our goals and objectives. The Department's supplemental budget requests include funding to restore leadership and support positions for the Investigation Division following the transfer of certain positions to the Department of Law Enforcement effective January 1, 2024; funding for the counties to support the Career Criminal Prosecution and Victim Witness Assistance programs; funding to incorporate the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission into the Department's base budget; and a number of cost-neutral housekeeping adjustments to align the Department's budget with our current operational needs.

The Department supports the H.D. 1 adjustments made to increase staffing and funding for our Criminal Justice and Civil Recoveries divisions. These adjustments are critical to the Department's capacity to effectively manage the over 1,000 cases absorbed by the Department since October 2023 as a result of the Honolulu Prosecutor's decision to no longer prosecute cases arising from arrest or citation by State law enforcement, nor handle bail forfeiture cases. These added resources will

ensure that each of these cases is handled with due diligence and receives appropriate attention by the Department.

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



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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Support

H.B. No. 1800, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The Office of the Governor supports H.B. No. 1800, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement costs of the Executive Branch for Fiscal Biennium 2023-2025. We recognize that the H.D. 1 amendments to H.B. No. 1800, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, reflects the work of the House to confront the shared budgetary challenges of this Administration and our State, which includes the high cost of living, housing, and homelessness and the provision of essential resources for core services and basic operations of communities statewide.

The amendments to the Supplemental Appropriations Bill also represent a continuum of discussions and deliberations among policy makers. We would like to request the restoration of funding of the Administration's priorities that were deleted in the H.D. 1 version of the bill. H.B. No. 1800, as introduced, sets forth the Administration's supplemental budget requests that address priority program requirements, including funds for major areas of basic operations and funds for maintaining necessary levels of government supports and services throughout the State. H.B. No. 1800 reflects not only the priorities of this Administration but the challenges of the State.

When H.B. No. 1800 was introduced at the start of the 2024 Regular Session, our State was already reeling from, and attending to, the devastating impacts of the Maui wildfires that immediately affected lives and life on Maui. This devastation would also impact residents throughout our island-state and place immense pressure on prioritizing statewide needs. H.B. No. 1800, as introduced, included appropriation adjustments and requests for financing the Maui wildfire recovery effort, a significant factor in the Supplemental Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Biennium 2023-2025, and funding for the operations and capital improvements projects of Executive Branch departments and programs.

Testimony of the Office of the Governor
H.B. No. 1800, H.D. 1
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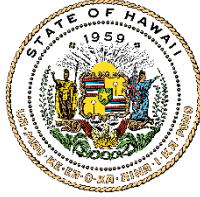
The Office of the Governor is aware that changes to revenue and spending projections, the economic and fiscal outlook, and other pressures will be key factors in deliberations as this bill progresses through the legislative process. We have asked departments and agencies to prioritize their budgetary requests, keeping in mind the Administration's priorities and the changing fiscal landscape and budgetary restrictions.

We look forward to and appreciate ongoing discussions with the Legislature on the Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

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

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 211, and Videoconference

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1800, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Bill 1800, House Draft 1 (HB1800, HD1) proposes to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for Supplemental Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure and respectfully offers the following recommendations for your consideration.**

Operating Budget:

The Department respectfully requests that this measure be amended to include the Department's recommendations in regard to the HB1800, HD1 adjustments, along with the adjustments by way of Governor's Message No. 5, and other operating requests. The following is attached for your reference.

- HB1800, HD1 Impact Statement - Operating

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget:

For the CIP budget, the Department respectfully requests that this measure be amended to include all projects as indicated in HB1800 and Governor's Message No. 5. The following are attached for your reference:

- List of the Department's project requests
- HB1800, HD1 Impact Statement - CIP

Governor’s Message No. 5 Requests:

The Department respectfully requests your favorable consideration for the following budget requests submitted as Governor’s Message No. 5:

1. Adjustments to the Fiscal Biennium (FB) 23-25 Supplemental Operating Budget Request

LNR806: Parks Administration and Operation

- Department Priority #60 – Correct Org Code for the approved budget request of \$2,000,000 in MOF B for non-recurring equipment and motor vehicles. The budget request inadvertently placed the funding in LNR806/FA instead of LNR806/FI.
- Department Priority #33 - Revise request from \$15,000,000 in general funds (MOF A) for repair and maintenance, renovations, and improvements of various state parks statewide, to an increase in the special fund ceiling (S-312) of \$10,000,000, MOF B. State Parks Operational Expenditure Plan will continue to rely upon general funds for payroll and utilities. The MOF B funds will be used for implementing a 2-year innovative Prequalified Contractor Contract (PCC) process to improve the implementation of repair, maintenance and permitting to complete repair projects statewide more rapidly utilizing MOF B. Additionally, MOF B funds will also cover costly and reoccurring contracts such as funding the salaries of county lifeguards at 5 State park beaches and a critical water system on Kaua‘i. With the special fund ceiling increase, State Parks intends to become more reliant upon special fund income and over time reduce reliance upon CIP and the need for additional general funds.

2. Adjustments to the FB 23-25 Supplemental CIP Budget Request

LNR101: Public Lands Management

Waikiki Master Plan Improvements

(Act 164, SLH 2023, Item No. K-6 FY 2024 - \$4,000,000 MOF C)

- Revise the appropriation language to include the planning and design cost elements, the Fort DeRussy sector, and “other related beach improvements”. The revisions will broaden the appropriation language to allow for construction of critical small projects to provide more stable beaches and to enhance the beach experience for visitors and residents. Potential small projects may include removal of a temporary sandbag groin and other structures in the water that do not function properly due to deterioration or poor design, small scale dredging, beach nourishment, and other related beach improvements. The current appropriation is specific for construction only.

The recommended revised FY2024 appropriation language is below:

Waikiki Master Plan Improvements, Oahu – Plans, Design and Construction to conduct various improvements along Waikiki Beach in the Fort DeRussy, Sheraton- Halekulani, Royal Hawaiian, and Kuhio Beach sectors. Improvements to include sand restoration, refurbishment of derelict groins, construction of new groins, with offshore sand dredging, with beach sand placement, and other related beach improvements.

A new request will be made once the Department has a clearer estimate of project costs for the larger improvement projects.

LNR806: Parks Administration and Operation

- Amend FY25 Executive Supplemental Budget Request for Lump Sum Improvements at State Parks Facilities, Statewide, FY2025 \$15,000,000 (MOF C). This is a B&F Adjustment.

This request is to add a federal fund match of \$1,000,000 (MOF P) from the National Park Service, Land and Water Conservation Fund to the \$15,000,000 (MOF C) and add “THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.” During the budget submittal process, DLNR was unable to confirm the apportionment of the federal funds in time to appeal the addition of a federal match.

Other Operating Requests:

The Department is respectfully imploring for your consideration and support of the following requests:

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			FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
LNR906/AA	Add funds and 3 permanent positions in anticipation of delegation of recruitment activities: Human Resources Specialist IV, FTE 1.00, \$38,394; Human Resources Specialist III, FTE 1.00, \$35,508; Office Assistant IV, FTE 1.00, \$25,440; Equipment, \$10,320.	A	3.00		109,662
LNR906/AA	Add two (2) permanent IT positions and funds for statewide radio telecommunications for conservation operations, enforcement, and situational emergencies.	A	2.00		73,826

Without the new positions for HR, our capacity to undertake the new recruitment delegation from DHRD will be crippled. Moreover, the new IT positions are needed to help comply with the legislatively mandated departmental website.

The Department offers the following, additional comments:

- The Department is hopeful that its recommendations to HB1800, HD1 as noted on our Impact Statements, other operating requests, and the Governor’s Message adjustments will be favorably considered to better serve the public and the State.
- The Department’s mission is to enhance, protect, conserve, and manage Hawai‘i’s unique and limited natural, cultural, and historic resources held in public trust for current and future

generations of the people of Hawai'i nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.

- Projects were selected and prioritized based on wildfire recovery, 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.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

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LNR101	EA	100-001	Add three (3) positions and funds for Climate Commission Staff - Senior Climate Advisor (Exempt), \$75,000, Administrative Assistant V, \$40,000, and Program Specialist (IV), \$30,000 to address climate emergency. Equipment, \$9,000.	A				3.00			154,000				3.00		297,500	Remove funding for cell phones; provided for full year funding for the three (3) positions; lower the non-recurring amount to \$7,500.	With a full year of funding staff will be able to be onboarded more quickly enabling the Climate Commission to better address climate change in the state as mandated. non recurring funding is sufficient to support equipment needed for staff. Reductions made are acceptable (removal of cell phone budget and reduction of non-recurring funding to \$7,500.	
LNR101	EA	101-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B							510,189						510,189			
LNR101	EA	102-001	Public Land Trust Information System (PLTIS) update, statewide	B							900,000						900,000			
LNR102	EB	100-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B							64,883						64,883			
LNR111	BA	100-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B							402,489						402,489			
LNR141	GA	100-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B							37,159						37,159			
LNR172	DA	100-001	Federal Fund Ceiling Adjustment	P							5,000,000						5,000,000			
LNR172	DA	101-001	Forest/Resource Management - Improved forest and resource management for fire resilient landscapes, wildlife habitat, endangered species, including critically endangered forest birds	A							7,500,000						5,500,000	Remove funding for acquisition of land \$2,000,000, all funds non-recurring.	Acquisition, due diligence, and start up funding is needed for Maunawili forest reserve addition, East Maui Watershed parcels, and Kaneohe Pali.	4

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LNR172	DA	1000-001 HOUSE ADJ	Funds for Public Lands Management transfer, related to Act 90 - transfer of non-agricultural park leases. Non-recurring	A						-						1,500,000	Provided for funds for Public Lands Management transfer, related to Act 90 - transfer of non-agricultural park leases. Non-recurring.	Add will provide funds for costs associated with transfer of lands from DLNR to HDOA per Act 90 transfers in order to preserve public benefits such as survey of public access easements. Other due diligence costs will be borne by HDOA.		
LNR401	CA	100-001	Federal Fund Ceiling Adjustment	N						(34,550)						(34,550)				
LNR401	CA	100-001	Federal Fund Ceiling Adjustment	P						21,374,911						21,374,911				
LNR401	CA	101-001	Request for full year funding for three (3) positions #120814, #120815, #92342C Fishery Technician IV SR13 FY 25,446 each.	A						76,338						76,338				
LNR401	CA	102-001	Increase of Sport Fish Special Fund Ceiling.	B						800,000						-	House does not concur.	The Department would not be able to carry out projects that we committed to fund through the newly established non-resident marine recreational sport fish license. Any diversion of the Sport Fish Special Fund to non-fisheries projects could result in ineligibility of Federal Grants per §187A-9. Request to increase special fund expenditure ceiling. This request does not have any impact on the general fund.	1	
LNR401	CA	103-001	Increase of Ocean Stewardship Special Fund Ceiling.	B						1,600,000						1,600,000				
LNR401	CA	104-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B						21,056						21,056				

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LNR402	DA	100-001	Federal Fund Ceiling Adjustment	N						152,533						152,533			
LNR402	DB	101-001	Federal Fund Ceiling Adjustment	P						8,944,254						8,944,254			
LNR402	DA	102-001	Add recurring funds for fire pre-suppression, readiness, response, and post-fire restoration and rehabilitation.	A						7,425,000						7,425,000		Increasing DOFAW's fire operational budget will allow for DOFAW to restore and manage fire-resilient landscapes to reduce the threat of large wildland fires, fund outreach efforts to communities, and provide integrated fire response with county and federal partners.	
LNR402	DA	103-001	Add funds for fire and emergency response equipment	A						10,000,000						13,549,000	Provided the amount originally requested by DOFAW. Full amount of \$13,549,000 non-recurring.	Increase in funds will allow DOFAW to fully update it's fire fighting vehicle and equipment fleet. HB1841 has overlap.	
LNR402	DA	104-001	Add funds to support statewide invasive ant research and control to be carried out by the Hawaii Ant Lab.	A						500,000				7.00		1,277,770	Added seven (7) permanent Ant Lab positions in Oahu. \$500,000 non-recurring.	This addition would provide operational capacity for the Hawaii Ant Lab (HAL) to fully fund current staff and add new staff on islands that are seeing a serious increase in little fire ant infestations.	
LNR402	DA	1000-001 HOUSE ADJ	Position and funds for Native Resources and Fire Protection	A						-				22.00		1,412,928	Provided for twenty-two (22) position and funds for Native Resources and Fire Protection	The 22 positions will increase DOFAW's capacity to manage fire fuels on it's landscape, including restoring fire-resilient landscapes, improve fire rediness and response, maintain DOFAW's fire equipment, and manage a robust training and fire management program statewide, including additional federal fire-assistance and other grant funding.	

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LNR404	GC	100-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B						46,498						46,498		No change, will allow CWRM to pay for the increased fringe benefit adjustment.	
LNR404	GC	1000-001 HOUSE ADJ	Funds for operations and maintenance, stream gauges, well monitoring	A						-						475,000	Funds for operations and maintenance, stream gauges, well monitoring Non-recurring	This is a non-recurring budget increase, which will allow CWRM to improve its monitoring of hydrologic conditions to assess climate change impacts and manage water resources.	
LNR405	HA	100-001	Request expenditure ceiling for S302 to aid in the Maui wildfire recovery	B						521,473						-	House does not concur.	Unable to acquire requested vessel and expend remaining balance. This request does not have any impact on the general funds.	
LNR407	NA	100-001	Federal Fund Ceiling Adjustment	P						24,777,765						24,777,765			
LNR801	CH	30-001	Transfer out to LNR906AA for Office Assistant IV Position #46609 (FTE 1.00, \$40,248). Fringe (64.45%), \$25,940.	B				(1.00)		(66,188)				(1.00)		(66,188)			
LNR801	CH	100-001	Request funding for the following unfunded positions: Boating & Ocean Recreation Harbor Agent II (122224, \$47,004); Boating & Ocean Recreation Harbor Agent II (122226, \$47,004); Boating & Ocean Recreation Harbor Agent II (122227, \$47,004)	A						141,012						141,012			
LNR801	CH	101-001	Requesting a ceiling increase to procure trucks/trailers for all four boating district branches.	B						180,000						180,000			

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LNR801	CH	102-001	Requesting a ceiling increase to procure two vessels for the Maui and Hawaii Boating District Branches.	B						300,000						-	House does not concur.	The Division will not be able to respond to on water emergencies, offshore inventory and vessel inspections. Request to increase special fund expenditure ceiling. This request does not have any impact on the general fund.	2
LNR801	CH	103-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B						810,071						810,071			
LNR802	HP	100-001	Federal Fund Ceiling Adjustment	N						30,776						30,776			
LNR802	HP	101-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B						4,315						4,315			
LNR804	DA	100-001	Federal Fund Ceiling Adjustment	N						950,000						950,000			
LNR804	DA	101-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B						1,500						1,500			
LNR806	FA	100-001	Add funds for non-recurring Equipment (\$1,000,000) and Motor Vehicles (\$1,000,000)	B						2,000,000						1,000,000	Decrease request by half but made amount permanent.	State Parks will need to pivot the operation expenditure plan. We request the remaining \$1,000,000 will be divided as \$500,000 for equipment and \$500,000 for motor vehicles using MOF B (FI).	3
LNR810	GD	100-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B						71,891						71,891			
LNR906	AA	30-001	Transfer in from LNR801CH for Office Assistant IV Position #46609 (FTE 1.00, \$40,248). Fringe (64.45%), \$25,940.	B				1.00		66,188				1.00		66,188			

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LNR906	AA	100-001	Special Fund ceiling increase for fringe benefit adjustment	B						62,252						62,252			
LNR906	AA	1000-001 HOUSE AJD	Add position and funds for Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI)	A						-				3.00		750,000	Add position and funds for Red Hill Water Alliance Initiative (WAI)		
LNR906	AA	1001-001 HOUSE ADJ	Add funds for position redescription	A						-						299,894	Add funds for position redescription	The DLNR appreciates the inclusion of this House Adjustment. This funding will help the HR and the ASO's efforts on increasing capacity and the maximization of each staff's full potential, which will in turn support the expanding job complexities and compliance requirements, and will result in greater efficiency. The continuous lost of vital positions will paralyze the ASO's operations, resulting in delayed processing of transactions - payment processing, reporting, monitoring, compliance, and non-performance of other federal requirements, etc.	
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A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
LNR141	UPOLU WELL DEVELOPMENT, HAWAII	1,500,000	-	C				1,500,000	-	C
LNR141	ROCKFALL AND FLOOD MITIGATION, STATEWIDE	2,000,000	2,000,000	A				2,000,000	2,000,000	A
LNR172	KONA STORM KULA FOREST TRAIL REPAIR, MAUI	400,000	-	A				400,000	-	A
LNR172	MAUNAWILI ACQUISITION, OAHU	7,000,000	-	A				7,000,000	-	A
D. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION										
LNR401	FACILITY RENOVATION AT THE ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER (AFRC) ON SAND ISLAND, OAHU	350,000	-	A				350,000	-	A
LNR401	INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER ANNEX (SUB COMM LOT), OAHU	2,000,000	-	A				2,000,000	-	A
LNR401	INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER ANNEX (SUB COMM LOT), OAHU	2,500,000	-	C				2,500,000	-	C
LNR402	WEST MAUI AND UPCOUNTRY FIRE SUPPRESSION DIP TANKS (6), MAUI				2	360,000	C	-	360,000	C
LNR402	WEST MAUI AND UPCOUNTRY FIRE PREVENTION AND EROSION CONTROL, MAUI				5	2,000,000	C	-	2,000,000	C
LNR402	HILO OFFICE ROOF REPLACEMENT, HAWAII				14	265,000	C	-	265,000	C
LNR402	HILO OFFICE ROOF REPLACEMENT, HAWAII	185,000	-	A				185,000	-	A
LNR402	DOFAW OAHU BASEYARD IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	250,000	-	C				250,000	-	C
LNR402	KAWAINUI MARSH PROTECTION, OAHU	4,300,000	-	C				4,300,000	-	C
LNR402	DOFAW, OAHU	-	100,000	A				-	100,000	A
LNR402	PALAMANUI COMMUNITY FOREST RESERVE, HAWAII	500,000	-	C				500,000	-	C
LNR402	KANAHANUI COMMUNITY FOREST RESERVE, HAWAII	-	700,000	A				-	700,000	A
LNR402	KANAHANUI COMMUNITY FOREST RESERVE, HAWAII	-	1,000	N				-	1,000	N
LNR402	LEHUA ISLAND SEABIRD SANCTUARY, KAUAI	100,000	-	A				100,000	-	A
LNR404	DEEP MONITOR WELLS, STATEWIDE	2,000,000	2,000,000	A				2,000,000	2,000,000	A
LNR404	PLANNING FOR WATER REUSE IN STATE AND COUNTY FACILITIES, STATEWIDE	-	1,000,000	A				-	1,000,000	A
LNR405	DOCARE WAHIAWA SUBSTATION, OAHU	1,000,000	-	C				1,000,000	-	C
LNR407	WATERSHED PROTECTION AND INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	5,000,000	5,000,000	A				5,000,000	5,000,000	A
LNR407	WEST MAUI TREE SNAIL PREDATOR PROOF FENCE, MAUI	350,000	350,000	A				350,000	350,000	A
LNR407	PUA LOKE BASEYARD ELECTRICAL, GAS TANK, AND ROOF REPAIRS, KAUAI	200,000	-	A				200,000	-	A
LNR407	KOOLAU ENDANGERED TREE SNAIL PREDATOR PROOF FENCE, OAHU	150,000	-	A				150,000	-	A

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H. CULTURE AND RECREATION

LNR801	KAWAIHAE NORTH SMALL BOAT HARBOR, HAWAII				56	8,000,000	C	-	8,000,000	C
LNR801	ALA WAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR, OAHU	4,300,000	-	C				4,300,000	-	C
LNR801	KIKIAOLA SBH SAND BYPASSING, KAUAI	2,100,000	-	C				2,100,000	-	C
LNR801	LAHAINA HARBOR PIER, MAUI	4,000,000	-	C				4,000,000	-	C
LNR801	MALA WHARF AND RAMP, MAUI	3,200,000	-	C				3,200,000	-	C
LNR801	POKAI BAY JETTY WALL IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	5,750,000	-	C				5,750,000	-	C
LNR801	WAILOA SMALL BOAT HARBOR, HAWAII	3,200,000	-	C				3,200,000	-	C
LNR801	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITIES PART-1, STWD	2,000,000	2,000,000	B				2,000,000	2,000,000	B
LNR801	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITIES PART-1, STWD	-	100,000	N				-	100,000	N
LNR801	POHOIKI BOAT RAMP DREDGING OF VOLCANIC DEBRIS, HAWAII	5,400,000	-	A				5,400,000	-	A
LNR801	POHOIKI BOAT RAMP DREDGING OF VOLCANIC DEBRIS, HAWAII	1,000	-	N				1,000	-	N
LNR804	WAIMANALO PATHWAYS, OAHU	-	2,500,000	A				-	2,500,000	A
LNR804	ALAKAI SWAMP BOARDWALK REPAIR, KAUAI	200,000	-	A				200,000	-	A
LNR806	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE PARKS FACILITIES, STATEWIDE (B&F adjustment)					15,000,000	C	-	15,000,000	C
LNR806	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE PARKS FACILITIES, STATEWIDE (B&F adjustment)				GM#5	1,000,000	P	-	1,000,000	P
LNR806	DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT, OAHU	700,000	-	C				700,000	-	C
LNR806	DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT, FACILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	-	1,000,000	C				-	1,000,000	C
LNR806	SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA, OAHU	5,000,000	-	C				5,000,000	-	C
LNR806	FRIENDS OF IOLANI PALACE, STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF MONARCHY HISTORY, OAHU	150,000	-	A				150,000	-	A
LNR806	STATE PARKS HAZARD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, WAIMEA CANYON LOOKOUTS, KAUAI	1,000,000	1,000,000	C				1,000,000	1,000,000	C
LNR806	STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	2,000,000	2,000,000	C				2,000,000	2,000,000	C
LNR806	STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	500,000	500,000	N				500,000	500,000	N

K. GOVERNMENT-WIDE SUPPORT

LNR101	SHANGRI LA BREAKWATER REMOVAL, OAHU				8	700,000	C	-	700,000	C
LNR101	EAST KAPOLEI TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, OAHU				23	500,000	B	-	500,000	B
LNR101	DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS (UNCLE BILLY'S), HILO, HAWAII				54	6,100,000	C	-	6,100,000	C
LNR101	HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK, COMMUNITY PARK, HAWAII	560,000	-	C				560,000	-	C

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LNR101	KAWEHWEHE BEACH (WAIKIKI), OAHU	650,000	-	A				650,000	-	A
LNR101	DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS, HILO, HAWAII	8,000,000	-	D				8,000,000	-	D
LNR101	WAIKIKI MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	4,000,000	-	C				4,000,000	-	C
Subtotals by MOF:		26,135,000	13,650,000	A		-	A	26,135,000	13,650,000	A
		2,000,000	2,000,000	B		500,000	B	2,000,000	2,500,000	B
		45,860,000	4,000,000	C		32,425,000	C	45,860,000	36,425,000	C
		8,000,000	-	D		-	D	8,000,000	-	D
		501,000	601,000	N		-	N	501,000	601,000	N
		-	-	P		1,000,000	P	-	1,000,000	P
TOTALS - ALL MOF		82,496,000	20,251,000			33,925,000		82,496,000	54,176,000	

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LNR101	DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS, HILO, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING UNUSABLE IMPROVEMENTS FROM PRIOR LEASE ON TMKS (3) 2-1-005:033, 034, 035, 045.				D	8,000	6,100	House changes to MOF D.	Land Division is already required to repay the initial appropriation of \$8 million in D funds for the first phase of the demolition, which will require payments of up to \$450,000.00 annually for debt service (principal and interest) out of SLDF for the reimbursable general obligation bonds issued. Land Division has been self sufficient in funding for many years and has not received a MOF C appropriation for any of its major projects. A general obligation bond (MOF C) appropriation for phase two of the demolition is respectfully requested here because the division is concerned that if it is required to pay back the full \$14.1 mil. debt service to fund the Uncle Billy's demo and remediation project, then the division's ability to comply with an EPA consent order to close about a hundred to two hundred cesspools Statewide may be jeopardized.	1	LNR101 does not have another 6.1 mil C funded project that was approved by HD1 to trade-off. The \$2.1 mil C funded project for Kalauhahai Fishpond is not a Land Division ask, but instead a House add-on that should be under LNR141 for the Engineering Division.
LNR101	DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS, HILO, HAWAII	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF BELOW-GROUND STRUCTURES AND OTHER RELATED WORK AT UNCLE BILLY'S HOTEL (TMKS (3) 2-1-005:033, 034, 035, 045).	C		6,100				House does not concur.	The supplemental appropriation of \$6.1 million is necessary to address a matter of public health and safety. The contractor selected for the demolition of the hotel commenced work in November 2023 under the \$8 million of D funds appropriated in 2023. If the supplemental request of \$6.1 is not appropriated, the contractor will not be able to complete abatement of all hazardous materials and demolition and disposal of above-and below ground improvements. The result will be debris piles left on site containing hazardous materials that could spread to nearby properties or the ocean during a windstorm, flood or tsunami.	1	LNR101 does not have another 6.1 mil C funded project that was approved by HD1 to trade-off. The \$2.1 mil C funded project for Kalauhahai Fishpond is not a Land Division ask, but instead a House add-on that should be under LNR141 for the Engineering Division.

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LNR101	SHANGRI LA BREAKWATER REMOVAL, OAHU	PLANS AND DESIGN FOR DEMOLITION OF STATE-OWNED STRUCTURE LOCATED IN THE OCEAN SEAWARD OF THE SHANGRI LA MUSEUM.	B		700				House does not concur.	The breakwater is a significant threat to public health and safety. The structure is an attractive nuisance and risky behavior by members of the public occur there on a daily basis. So far the Department is aware of three catastrophic injuries that have resulted in permanent paralysis (including the premature death of one of the paralyzed individuals). Removal of the breakwater is the only means of deterring the reckless behavior and future injuries and death. If project does not proceed, additional catastrophic injuries could occur and the State could incur significant liability as a result. Previous alternatives such as the installation of fencing has failed to deter risky behavior by members of the public that have resulted in catastrophic injuries, such as paralysis.	2	LNR 101 does not have other B funded projects to trade-off. Therefore, suggest trade-off 560 C funds from the Hawn Paradise Park appr. The \$2.1 mil C funded project for Kalauhahai Fishpond is not a Land Division ask, but instead a House add-on that should be under LNR141 for the Engineering Division.
LNR101	HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK, COMMUNITY PARK, HAWAII	PLANS AND DESIGN FOR A NEW STATE PARK IN HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK, HAWAII.	C	560	-	C	560	-				
LNR101	WAIKIKI MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION TO CONDUCT VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS ALONG WAIKIKI BEACH FROM DUKE KAHANAMOKU BEACH SECTOR TO QUEEN'S BEACH SECTOR. IMPROVEMENTS MAY INCLUDE SAND MAINTENANCE, BEACH NOURISHMENT, REFURBISHMENT OF SHORELINE STRUCTURES, REMOVAL OF DERELICT STRUCTURES, AND RELATED WORK.	C	4,000	-	C	4,000	-				
LNR101	KAWEHWEHE BEACH (WAIKIKI), OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR A BEACH RESTORATION PILOT PROJECT; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES	A	650	-	A	650	-				
LNR101	EAST KAPOLEI TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, OAHU	PLANS AND DESIGN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR (4) DLNR PARCELS ADJACENT TO AND NEARBY THE KEONEAE RAIL STATION.	B		500	B		1	House reduces apprn.	The East Kapolei TOD project includes the development of approximately 1000 affordable, workforce and market rental housing units. If this project is not funded, development of these much needed rental housing units would be delayed and it would not alleviate the State's housing shortage.	3	LNR 101 does not have other B funded projects to trade-off. The \$2.1 mil C funded project for Kalauhahai Fishpond is not a Land Division ask, but instead a House add-on that should be under LNR141 for the Engineering Division.

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LNR101	KALAUHAIHAI FISHPOND, OAHU	CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE KALAUHAIHAI FISHPOND TO RESTORE FRESH ARTESIAN WATER, INCLUDING GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS.				C	-	2,100	House adds apprn.	DLNR supports this project; however, requests that the Program ID be revised to LNR141.	
LNR141	ROCKFALL AND FLOOD MITIGATION, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR ROCKFALL AND FLOOD MITIGATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, STATEWIDE. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE APPROPRIATION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE STATE.	A	2,000	2,000	A	2,000	2,000			
LNR141	UPOLU WELL DEVELOPMENT, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR PUMP INSTALLATION, CONNECTING PIPELINE, CONTROLS, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS TO DEVELOP AN EXISTING WELL TO PROVIDE AGRICULTURAL WATER IN NORTH KOHALA, HAWAII.	C	1,500	-	C	1,500	-			
LNR172	KONA STORM KULA FOREST TRAIL REPAIR, MAUI	CONSTRUCTION FOR REPAIRING MAJOR TRAIL WASHOUTS AT GULCH CROSSINGS.	A	400	-	A	400	-			
LNR172	LIHUE-KOLOA FOREST RESERVE, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION FOR ROAD AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN LIHUE-KOLOA FOREST RESERVE.				C	-	500	House adds apprn.	DLNR supports this project to restore public access via repair of storm damaged road. Critical public recreation, management, utility, and emergency access. Funds will enable hardening of the road system to reduce future flood and use damage.	
LNR172	MAUNAWILI ACQUISITION, OAHU	PLANS AND LAND ACQUISITION FOR LAND IN MAUNAWILI, OAHU TO PROTECT AND RESTORE IMPORTANT CULTURAL, AGRICULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, AND FOREST RESOURCES, AND TO ESTABLISH A NONEXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENT.	A	7,000	-	A	7,000	-			
LNR172	STREAM CROSSINGS, NA PALI KONA FOREST RESERVE, KAUAI	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OR KAWAIKOI STREAM AND WAIKOALI STREAM CROSSING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NA PALI-KONA FOREST RESERVE.				C	-	5,000	House adds apprn.	DLNR supports this project to restore public access by improving Kawaiiko and Waikoali stream crossings. If not repaired, access to a number of public hunting areas, trails and camp sites will be impacted. If not improved, pending stream alteration plans to significantly increase water flow at Waikoali will be put at risk.	

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LNR401	FACILITY RENOVATION AT THE ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER (AFRC) ON SAND ISLAND, OAHU	CONSTRUCTION FOR UPGRADES, NEW AQUACULTURE TANKS, SALTWATER WELL, PLUMBING, AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, MODERNIZE AIR SYSTEM, UPGRADE MACROALGAE CULTURE, BACKUP GENERATOR AND SHED.	A	350	-	A	350	-			
LNR401	INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER ANNEX (SUB COMM LOT), OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR RENOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION OF THE FORMER DLNR SUB COMM SITE ADJACENT TO THE ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER (AFRC) TO EXPAND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH CAPACITY AND SERVE AS A BACKUP FOR ONGOING AQUATIC CULTURE ACTIVITIES AT AFRC.	C	2,500	-	C	2,500	-			
LNR401	INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER ANNEX (SUB COMM LOT), OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR RENOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION OF THE FORMER DLNR SUB COMM SITE ADJACENT TO THE ANUENUE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER (AFRC) TO EXPAND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH CAPACITY AND SERVE AS A BACKUP FOR ONGOING AQUATIC CULTURE ACTIVITIES AT AFRC.	A	2,000	-	A	2,000	-			
LNR402	DOFAW OAHU BASEYARD IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR OAHU DOFAW MAKIKI BASEYARD IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF CRITICALLY NEEDED INDIVIDUAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM (IWS), CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE CACHE, FOR WILDLAND FIRE RESPONSE READINESS AND RENOVATING OTHER BUILDINGS.	C	250	-	C	250	-			
LNR402	DOFAW, OAHU	CONSTRUCTION FOR INSTALLATION OF MAKIKI HEIGHTS ANTI-TRESPASSING BARRIERS TO DETER ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.	A	-	100	A	-	100			
LNR402	HILO OFFICE ROOF REPLACEMENT, HAWAII	CONSTRUCTION TO REMOVE AND REPLACE OLD ROOFING WITH NEW METAL ROOFING, REMOVING AND REINSTALLING EXISTING SOLAR PANEL ARRAY AND EQUIPMENT.	A	185	-	A	185	-			
LNR402	KANAHA POND STATE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY FENCE REPLACEMENT, MAUI	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR REPLACEMENT OF PERIMETER FENCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF WETLANDS AND ENDANGERED WATERBIRDS AT KANAHA POND STATE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY TO REPLACE FENCE WITH A PREDATOR-PROOF FENCE TO PREVENT ACCESS BY INTRODUCED PREDATORS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	A	-	700	A	-	700			

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LNR402	KANAHA POND STATE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY FENCE REPLACEMENT, MAUI	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR REPLACEMENT OF PERIMETER FENCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF WETLANDS AND ENDANGERED WATERBIRDS AT KANAHA POND STATE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY TO REPLACE FENCE WITH A PREDATOR-PROOF FENCE TO PREVENT ACCESS BY INTRODUCED PREDATORS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	N	-	1	N	-	1			
LNR402	KAWAINUI MARSH PROTECTION, OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR PREDATOR FENCING, BUFFERS, AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS, VICINITY OF KAWAINUI LEVEE TO NA POHAKU.	C	4,300	-	C	4,300	-			
LNR402	LEHUA ISLAND SEABIRD SANCTUARY, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION FOR WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE, DANGEROUS METALS REMOVAL, SOLAR PANEL AND BATTERY INSTALLATION, REPAIR THE WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEM FOR STAFF AND OUT- PLANTINGS AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS; EQUIPMENT.	A	100	-	A	100	-			
LNR402	PALAMANUI COMMUNITY FOREST RESERVE, HAWAII	PLANS FOR MASTER PLANNING OF PALAMANUI DRY FOREST RESERVE TO INCLUDE COMPREHENSIVE SURVEYS, FIRE MANAGEMENT, AND RECREATIONAL PLANS.	C	500	-	C	500	-			
LNR402	HILO OFFICE ROOF REPLACEMENT, HAWAII	CONSTRUCTION FOR REMOVING AND REPLACING OLD ROOFING WITH NEW METAL ROOFING.	C	-	265	C	-	265			
LNR402	WEST MAUI AND UPCOUNTRY FIRE PREVENTION AND EROSION CONTROL, MAUI	PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES OF FIREBREAKS, REDUCTION OF FUELS, INSTALLATION OF WATER TANKS OR SOURCES FOR FIRE-FIGHTING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF EROSION.				D	-	2,000	House changes to MOF D.	Division supports the project but does not have the capacity to pay back funds if changed to MOF D.	

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LNR402	WEST MAUI AND UPCOUNTRY FIRE PREVENTION AND EROSION CONTROL, MAUI	PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES OF FIREBREAKS, REDUCTION OF FUELS, INSTALLATION OF WATER TANKS OR SOURCES FOR FIRE-FIGHTING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF EROSION.	C	-	2,000				House does not concur.	6,000 acres of unencumbered state lands in Olowalu and Ukumehame have high fuel loads due to unmanaged invasive grasses. This year, the BLNR approved the set aside of those lands to forest reserve for improved management under DOFAW. This funding would initiate the restoration of fire-resilient landscapes for the protection of public safety, watersheds, and the Olowalu reef.	1	
LNR402	WEST MAUI AND UPCOUNTRY FIRE SUPPRESSION DIP TANKS (6), MAUI	PLANS, LAND, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF 3, 40,000-GALLON DIP TANKS FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION IN WEST MAUI. IMPLEMENTS PORTION OF THE WEST MAUI COMMUNITY WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN.				D	-	360	House changes to MOF D.	Division supports the project but does not have the capacity to pay back funds if changed to MOF D.		
LNR402	WEST MAUI AND UPCOUNTRY FIRE SUPPRESSION DIP TANKS (6), MAUI	PLANS, LAND, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF 3, 40,000-GALLON DIP TANKS FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION IN WEST MAUI. IMPLEMENTS PORTION OF THE WEST MAUI COMMUNITY WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN.	C		360				House does not concur.	The area needs additional fire infrastructure. After the devastating Lahaina fire, it is urgent to have water reservoirs available for firefighting. This will reduce operating costs and helicopter turn-around time when fighting fires using helicopter water-bucket drops.	1	
LNR404	DEEP MONITOR WELLS, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION TO CONSTRUCT AND/OR REPAIR DEEP MONITOR WELLS STATEWIDE TO MONITOR THE HEALTH OF DRINKING WATER AQUIFERS; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS, AND OTHER RELATED WORK.	A	2,000	2,000	A	2,000	2,000				
LNR404	PLANNING FOR WATER REUSE IN STATE AND COUNTY FACILITIES, STATEWIDE	PLANS TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT TO UTILIZE RECLAIMED WATER FOR USES OTHER THAN DRINKING AND POTABLE WATER NEEDS IN 100% OF STATE AND COUNTY FACILITIES BY DECEMBER 31, 2045 PER HRS 174C-31(G)(6), ACT 170, SLH 2016; CONDUCT STUDY FOR WATER SECURITY.	A	-	1,000	A	-	1,000				
LNR405	DOCARE WAHIAWA SUBSTATION, OAHU	LAND ACQUISITION FOR WAHIAWA DLNR-DOCARE SUBSTATION ON TMK 7-4-001-025.	C	1,000	-				House deletes FY24 funds appropriated by Act 164, SLH 2023	This change would prevent DOCARE from initiating due diligence efforts to start the land acquisition process for the proposed DOCARE substation.		DOCARE has no alternative reductions to offer.

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LNR407	WATERSHED PROTECTION AND INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION TO PROTECT AND RESTORE FORESTED WATERSHEDS AND OTHER WATER SUPPLIES, STATEWIDE; ALL PROJECT RELATED COSTS. THIS PROJECT WILL IMPLEMENT A SUSTAINABLE HAWAII INITIATIVE GOAL TO PROTECT 30% OF PRIORITY WATERSHED FORESTS BY 2030. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE APPROPRIATION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE STATE.	A	5,000	5,000	A	5,000	5,000			
LNR407	KOOLAU ENDANGERED TREE SNAIL PREDATOR PROOF FENCE, OAHU	CONSTRUCTION TO PROTECT CRITICALLY ENDANGERED TREE-SNAIL SPECIES AND NATIVE FOREST IN OAHU; AND ALL PROJECT RELATED COSTS. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE APPROPRIATION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE STATE.	A	150	-	A	150	-			
LNR407	WEST MAUI TREE SNAIL PREDATOR PROOF FENCE, MAUI	CONSTRUCTION TO PROTECT CRITICALLY ENDANGERED TREE-SNAIL SPECIES AND NATIVE FOREST IN WEST MAUI; AND ALL PROJECT RELATED COSTS. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND DECLARES THAT THE APPROPRIATION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE STATE.	A	350	350	A	350	350			
LNR407	PUA LOKE BASEYARD ELECTRICAL, GAS TANK, AND ROOF REPAIRS, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION FOR UPGRADES TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, EXISTING GAS PUMP, AND ROOF REPAIRS.	A	200	-	A	200	-			
LNR801	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITIES, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT DOBOR FACILITIES STATEWIDE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NEW AND EXISTING BOAT RAMPS, DOCKS, FENDERS, PIERS, PAVEMENT, COMFORT STATION AND HARBOR OFFICE RENOVATIONS, WASTEWATER TREATMENT, DRAINAGE, AND UTILITY. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	B	2,000	2,000	B	2,000	2,000			

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LNR801	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITIES, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT DOBOR FACILITIES STATEWIDE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NEW AND EXISTING BOAT RAMPS, DOCKS, FENDERS, PIERS, PAVEMENT, COMFORT STATION AND HARBOR OFFICE RENOVATIONS, WASTEWATER TREATMENT, DRAINAGE, AND UTILITY. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	N	-	100	N	-	100			
LNR801	ALA WAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR, OAHU	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR RESURFACING AND STRIPING OF EXISTING ACCESS ROADS AND PARKING AREAS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.	C	4,300	-	C	4,300	-			
LNR801	ALA WAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR, OAHU	FINGER PIERS, DOCKS, RESTROOM FACILITIES, ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, SEWER AND GENERAL REPAIRS.				C	-	3,000	House adds apprn.		
LNR801	KAHULUI HARBOR BOAT RAMP, MAUI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR RESTROOMS AT THE KAHULUI HARBOR BOAT RAMP.				C	-	750	House adds apprn.		
LNR801	KIKIAOLA SBH SAND BYPASSING, KAUAI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR MOVING ACCUMULATED SAND/SEDIMENT FROM OUTSIDE EAST BREAKWATER TO OUTSIDE WEST BREAKWATER.	C	2,100	-	C	2,100	-			
LNR801	LAHAINA HARBOR, MAUI	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR DREDGING TO RESTORE THE HARBOR BASIN, FERRY PIER, AND ENTRANCE CHANNEL NAVIGATIONAL DEPTHS.				C	-	4,000	House adds apprn.		
LNR801	LAHAINA HARBOR PIER, MAUI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR PIER REPAIRS INCLUDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND LIGHTING AT LAHAINA HARBOR; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.	C	4,000	-	C	4,000	-			
LNR801	MALA WHARF AND RAMP, MAUI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR MALA BOAT RAMP ACCESS, AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT.	C	3,200	-	C	3,200	-			
LNR801	POHOIKI BOAT RAMP DREDGING OF VOLCANIC DEBRIS, HAWAII	CONSTRUCTION FOR EXCAVATION AND DREDGING OF VOLCANIC DEBRIS AND RESTORE THE POHOIKI BOAT RAMP. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	N	1	-	N	1	-			

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LNR801	POHOIKI BOAT RAMP DREDGING OF VOLCANIC DEBRIS, HAWAII	CONSTRUCTION FOR EXCAVATION AND DREDGING OF VOLCANIC DEBRIS AND RESTORE THE POHOIKI BOAT RAMP. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	A	5,400	-	A	5,400	-			
LNR801	POKAI BAY JETTY WALL IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND MAJOR REPAIRS TO THE JETTY WALL AT POKAI BAY.	C	5,750	-	C	5,750	-			
LNR801	WAIANAE SMALL BOAT HARBOR, OAHU	LAND, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, ASPHALT PAVEMENT FOR THE DIRT PARKING AREA NEAR HARBOR ENTRANCE, AND REPAIR OF DAMAGE TO THE MAIN LOADING DOCK AT THE HARBOR.				C	-	1,700	House adds apprn.		
LNR801	WAILOA SMALL BOAT HARBOR, HAWAII	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS TO THE WAILOA SMALL BOAT HARBOR AND SURROUNDING WATERWAYS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.	C	3,200	-	C	3,200	-			
LNR801	KAWAIHAE NORTH SMALL BOAT HARBOR, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HARBOR DOCK, BREAK WALL AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS.	C	-	8,000	C	-	8,000			
LNR804	ALAKAI SWAMP BOARDWALK REPAIR, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION TO FINISH REPAIRS OF THE ALAKAI SWAMP BOARDWALK.	A	200	-	A	200	-			
LNR804	WAIMANALO PATHWAYS, OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR OFF-STREET MULTI-MODAL PATHWAYS THROUGH WAIMANALO FROM OLOMANA GOLF COURSE TO SANDY BEACH PARK.	A	-	2,500	A	-	2,500			
LNR806	STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	C	2,000	2,000	C	2,000	-	House deletes FY25 funds.		
LNR806	STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, LUMP SUM, STATEWIDE (FF) - PART 1	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	N	500	500	N	500	500			

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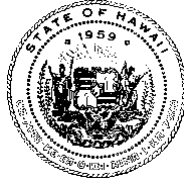
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LNR806	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE PARKS FACILITIES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE PARKS FACILITIES AND RELATED WORK, STATEWIDE	C		15,000				House does not concur.	Eliminating the lump sum appropriation in favor of the below project-specific appropriations has little impact on the overall CIP request. Predominantly, it reduces the Division's flexibility to reposition money to priority projects that run over budget.	
LNR806	LUMP SUM IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE PARKS FACILITIES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT STATE PARKS FACILITIES AND RELATED WORK, STATEWIDE	P		1,000				House does not concur.		
LNR806	CAMPSITE IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	CONSTRUCTION FOR CAMPSITES, FACILITATES AND AMENITIES, STATEWIDE.				C	-	500	House adds funds.		
LNR806	DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT, OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR TRAIL AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS; SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.	C	700	-	C	700	-			
LNR806	DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT, FACILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	CONSTRUCTION TO IMPROVE DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT PARK FACILITIES AND ACCESS POINTS, AND INSTALL NEW NON- ENGLISH SIGNS.	C	-	1,000	C	-	1,000			
LNR806	HAPUNA STATE PARK, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CABINS AND WATERLINES.				C	-	500	House adds funds.		
LNR806	KAHANA STATE PARK, KAHANA BOAT RAMP & PIER IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR SIGNAGE AND INSTALLATION OF THREE WASHDOWN STATIONS.				C	-	500	House adds funds.	DLNR supports this project, however, requests revision of this appropriation to LNR 801	
LNR806	KEAIWA HEIAU STATE RECREATIONAL AREA, OAHU	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ROADWAY AND SHOULDER REPAIR, PAVILION, AND WATERLINE REPAIR.				C	-	1,000	House adds funds.		
LNR806	KEALAKEKUA BAY STATE HISTORICAL PARK, HAWAII	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION TO IMPLEMENT MASTER PLAN AND ADDRESS ACCESS, HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES.				C	-	4,250	House adds funds.		

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LNR806	KEKAHA KAI STATE PARK, HAWAII	CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS.				C	-	500	House adds funds.		
LNR806	KOKEE STATE PARK BASEYARD IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIR OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE HISTORIC BASEYARD.				C	-	500	House adds funds.		
LNR806	KOKEE STATE PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2, KAUAI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR PHASE 2 ROAD AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS AT KOKEE STATE PARK.				C	-	1,000	House adds funds.		
LNR806	POLIHALE STATE PARK, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE ONGOING PROJECTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, SECURITY FOR CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, COMFORT STATIONS, AND PAVILIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.				C	-	1,000	House adds funds.		
LNR806	POLIHALE STATE PARK, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE ONGOING PROJECTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, SECURITY FOR CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, COMFORT STATIONS, AND PAVILIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.				N	-	1	House adds funds.		
LNR806	SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA, OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR A SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA MASTER PLAN AND ASSOCIATED PROJECTS.	C	5,000	-	C	5,000	-			
LNR806	STATE WAYSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS, HANA, MAUI	PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECTS TO ADDRESS HEALTH, SAFETY AND ACCESS ISSUES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PARKING, WATER SYSTEMS, FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, AND ROAD REPAIR.				C	-	1,250	House adds funds.		
LNR806	WAIANAPANAPA STATE PARK, MAUI	CONSTRUCTION FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COMFORT STATION AND WATER & SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.				C	-	1,000	House adds funds.		

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LNR806	WAILOA RIVER STATE RECREATIONAL AREA, HAWAII	PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAILS & PATHWAYS, PAVILIONS, COMFORT STATIONS, THE SHINMACHI TSUNAMI MEMORIAL, THE WAILOA CENTER, STORAGE, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.				C	-	4,000	House adds funds.		
LNR806	WAILOA RIVER STATE RECREATIONAL AREA, HAWAII	PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAILS & PATHWAYS, PAVILIONS, COMFORT STATIONS, THE SHINMACHI TSUNAMI MEMORIAL, THE WAILOA CENTER, STORAGE, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.				N	-	1	House adds funds.		
LNR806	WAILUA RIVER PARK, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MARINA BUILDING AND FACILITIES IN THE MARINA AREA.				C	-	500	House adds funds.		
LNR806	STATE PARKS HAZARD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS, WAIMEA CANYON LOOKOUTS, KAUAI	PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF WAIMEA CANYON LOOKOUTS, HAZARD MITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY (WAIMEA CANYON LOOKOUT, PU'U KA PELE, PU'U HINAHINA).	C	1,000	1,000	C	1,000	1,000			
LNR806	FRIENDS OF IOLANI PALACE, STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF MONARCHY HISTORY, OAHU	PLANS, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS, MAINTENANCE, AND RENOVATIONS WITHIN THE IOLANI PALACE COMPLEX. THIS PROJECT QUALIFIES AS A GRANT PURSUANT TO HRS 6E-35, ACT 291, SLH 2007.	A	150	-	A	150	-			



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

SEN. DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: March 6, 2024

Room Number: 211

1 **Fiscal Implications:**

- 2 • Sufficient appropriations are required for the Department of Health (DOH) to implement
3 statutory obligations.
- 4 • Insufficient funding will jeopardize public health at large and for vulnerable populations.
- 5 • Note that Governor's Message 5, dated March 5, 2024, requests the following
6 adjustments to DOH's supplemental budget request:
- 7 ○ Approximately \$13.7M for Adult Mental Health Division to meet community and
8 forensic mental health needs
 - 9 ○ \$1.2M for collective bargaining costs for ambulanc contracts for Kauai and Maui
 - 10 ○ \$5M for asbestos remediation and preliminary planning for site redevelopment for
11 Kinau Hale
 - 12 ○ Various trade-offs and transfers

13 **Department Testimony:** The DOH supports HB1800, in particular where priorities identified
14 in the Governor's Executive Budget Request have been funded at requested levels.

15 The mission of the Department of Health is to promote and protect the physical, psychological,
16 and environmental health of the people of Hawaii through public health's three core functions:

- 17 • Assessment, or quantifying threats to public health;

- 1 • Policy development, or implementing policies and programs that enhance protective
2 factors and limit risk factors to public health; and
- 3 • Assurance, or enforcement of policies and maintaining programs that protect public
4 health using the best available science.

5 While the DOH strives to proactively identify and address community public health needs, we
6 have recently found ourselves responding to an unprecedented series of disasters including the
7 COVID-19 pandemic, Red Hill leaks, and Maui wildfires. These disasters have challenged DOH
8 in our efforts to keep up with the increased demand for services provided by DOH and our
9 ongoing day-to-to operations. We continue to monitor critical program needs and funding
10 availability to promote our mission, and we emphasize prudence in our approach to spending on
11 the most critical program needs and utilizing all available funding sources.

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13 In our Supplemental Budget request, we ask for only the most critical items to support the
14 highest needs in our community. This includes necessary funding for the Hawaii State Hospital
15 and a new mental health crisis center in Honolulu, rate study based provider rate increases for
16 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division and Early Intervention Services programs, and
17 collective bargaining rate increases for contracted Emergency Medical Services providers. The
18 Supplemental Budget for FY 25 for the Department of Health provides for a net of 10 new
19 general funded FTE and \$58,447,572 in additional general funded resources. A few of the
20 priority requests are highlighted below with background information.

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22 Behavioral Health Administration:

- 23 • OR-1 (HTH 420/HO) \$6.7 million in general funds for operations at the Iwilei Resource
24 Center. This behavioral health crisis center will enable first responders to drop off
25 individuals who are in crisis but not in need of medical care.
- 26 • OR-5 (HTH 430/HQ) \$20.0 million in general funds for the Hawaii State Hospital's
27 various contracts for inpatient care at other setting in Hawaii and on the mainland and for
28 staff overtime.

- 1 • OR-18 (HTH 430/HQ) \$13.0 million in general funds for locum tenens staff at the
2 Hawaii State Hospital.
- 3 • OR-15 (HTH 460/HO) \$10.8 million in general funds to increase payment to child and
4 adolescent behavioral health care providers based on a completed rate study.
- 5 • OR-98 (HTH 420/HM) Add 4.00 positions and funds to staff a Certified Community
6 Behavioral Health Center of Maui.
- 7 • (HTH 430/HQ) While not included in the budget due to timing, resource requests for
8 recommendations subsequent to the safety-stand down and comprehensive review are
9 forthcoming.

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11 Environmental Health Administration:

- 12 • OR-4 (HTH 840/FG) Add 2.00 permanent Environmental Health Specialist IV positions
13 and funds for enforcement and data management to assist with additional work associated
14 with the Lahaina Wastewater Treatment Plant Supreme Court decision.
- 15 • OR-97 (HTH 849/FC) 1.00 position and funds for a Physician I to provide environmental
16 health/medical toxicology subject matter expertise to the Environmental Planning Office,
17 Environmental Health Administration and across the Department of Health.

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19 Health Resources Administration:

- 20 • HS-2 (HTH560/CG) \$5.0 million in general funds to increase payment to Early
21 Intervention Services providers based on a completed rate study.
- 22 • OR-16 (HTH730/MQ) \$2.5 million in general funds for anticipated pay increases for
23 emergency service providers contracted by the State for the counties of Maui, Kauai and
24 Hawaii.
- 25 • OR-31 (HTH 100/DG) Add 2.00 permanent positions and funds, for one plumber and
26 one laborer, to maintain structures at Kalaupapa.
- 27 • HS-46 (HTH596/KM) \$2.2 million plus two positions funded by Special Funds are
28 requested to implement and maintain a statewide multi-media information campaign

1 addressing adverse public health and safety impacts related to cannabis use and misuse
2 pursuant to section 329D-26(a), HRS.

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4 Capital Improvement Projects Being Requested for the FY 25:

- 5 • \$4.2 million for Hawaii State Hospital improvements to the Guensberg Building and
6 Bishop buildings for bed expansion.
- 7 • \$0.6 million for the Hawaii State Hospital to repair chilled water line and other
8 improvements.
- 9 • \$9.96 million for Kamauleule to replace air handler units and exhaust fans, and for
10 related improvements.
- 11 • \$2.75 million for Kalaupapa Settlement for the municipal solid waste landfill cover and
12 related site improvements.
- 13 • \$0.36 million for the Hawaii State Hospital to upgrade fire alarm panel and related
14 improvements.
- 15 • \$2.0 million for Kamauleule Biosafety Level 3 laboratory.
- 16 • \$0.44 million for Kalaupapa to remediate hazardous materials.
- 17 • (\$95 million) for Kinau Hale.

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19 Miscellaneous

- 20 • The Executive biennium budget requests also include trade-off transfer requests which
21 consist of housekeeping adjustments to reduce negative personal services adjustment
22 budget lines and other housekeeping requests to fold in statutorily exempt positions and
23 align the budget to previously acknowledged reorganizations.
 - 24 ○ Despite a 26% vacancy rate, DOH is actively negotiating with the Department of
25 Human Resources Development for pilot projects and expanded delegated
26 authority to improve recruitment.

- 1 ○ Under the leadership of DOH's new Workforce Director, the department is
- 2 currently recruiting for specialized positions such as a Workforce Retention
- 3 Manager and Operational Effectiveness Coordinator.
- 4 • Federal fund adjustment requests are also being submitted to align the federal budget
- 5 ceiling with updated actual and anticipated federal fund awards.

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7 Not Included

- 8 • A budget request that was not included due to timing is \$14.3 million to improve safety
- 9 and security at the Hawaii State Hospital. We expect this request to be included in a
- 10 Governor's Message.

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12 We appreciate the consideration of our resource requests to protect and promote the physical,
13 behavioral, and environmental health for the people of Hawaii. The DOH is the statewide public
14 health agency focusing on populations and prevention and working to ensure that all residents
15 have a fair and just opportunity to achieve optimal health and well-being.

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17 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY
OF
RYAN G. ANDREWS, STADIUM MANAGER
STADIUM AUTHORITY
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
H.B. 1800, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee.

The Stadium Authority offers comments on HB1800, HD1. We respectfully request that the \$49.5M ceiling increase for the Stadium Development Special Fund (SDSF) for FY2025 in House Bill 1800, HD1 be reinserted. The ceiling increase would allow Stadium Authority (BED180/SA) to allot and expend the funds appropriated in Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 and by proviso 17.3 authorized the deposit of \$49.5M appropriation into the SDSF. The lapse date was extended to 06/30/2024 by Act 35, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.

The ceiling increase would provide the SA with flexibility to allocate funds toward bolstering the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASSED) project. Failure to secure this increase in flexibility could potentially undermine our bargaining leverage as we finalize the NASSED development agreement.

Moreover, the SDSF ceiling adjustment would allow the SA to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the NASSED project, thereby ensuring its ongoing success and positive impact on Hawai'i's communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 2:21:19 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hannah Loyola	Testifying for Hawaii Department of Education	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Hannah Loyola and I am a principal at Kohala Elementary School.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800 HD1. I am excited about the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment.

As a principal, I use funding from the weighted student formula for instructional materials and to increase student engagement. In addition, funds are used to ensure a safe, nurturing learning environment for our students. With the anticipated reduction in our Title 1 funds, the additional funding for the weighted student formula would be used to fund personnel to help support the range of student needs, replace aging classroom furniture and to purchase additional resources and supplies tied to our curriculum.

Additionally, the federal funding that made summer enrichment free for all students has been invaluable to my school. With the sunset of this federal funding, the loss of this summer enrichment programming would affect my school by eliminating our Summer Boost Program, Transition to Kindergarten, and our youth leadership program. Kohala Elementary School has been able to host approximately 50 students each summer in various summer programs. The focus of our Summer Boost Program has been to boost literacy and extend the learning year for students involved. This year we will embed a math segment as well. The programs also provide enrichment in a safe place for students who would normally be home with other family members while their parents work.

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

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 2:21:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Stafford	Testifying for Hawaii DOE	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 18, 2024

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Amy Stafford and I am the principal at Kohala High School on the Big Island.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800 HD1. I am excited about the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment.

I use funding from the weighted student formula primarily for staffing. As a small, rural high school working to provide all of the graduation class requirements for our students as well as other diverse opportunities, we struggle to financially cover the costs of staff and daily operations on a yearly basis.

I apply for WSF Reserve funding every year to maintain the programs I currently have in place and provide much needed academic support for students as well as CTE classes to help students build professional and work based skills. Even with reserve funding for the 24-25 school year, I had to cut 1.5 teacher positions and 1.5 educational assistant positions to stay within my projected budget. If my school had to withstand more cuts to our staff, the impact we would face would be larger class sizes, less classroom and academic support for students and fewer language and electives classes. It would also impact the internships and work based learning opportunities that we have been able to provide for all students.

The summer enrichment funding that we have received in the past has allowed us to provide credit recovery, enrichment and bridge programs for all students for free. If funding were to be cut, we would be limited on the number of students we could service as well as the number of programs and opportunities we could offer.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this topic and for supporting Hawaii's students.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Tiffany Pratt, principal at Ka'ūmana Elementary.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800 HD1. The inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment is necessary and urgent.

As a principal, I use funding from the weighted student formula to support students in closing the achievement gap and their daily health and wellness. With the ESSER Federal funding we have received over the past three years, we have been able to purchase intervention curricula for both reading and math as well as hire a four tutors to support classrooms while teachers provide these interventions. We were also able to offer after-school tutoring with transportation. This has made a tremendous impact on supporting students in closing their achievement gaps. Without the additional funding we have received over the past 3 years, our entire school community is worried about the sustainability of our programs that are having a positive impact on student growth. Additional funding for the weighted student formula could be used to continue the effective programs we have been able to put in place. Without it, I am truly worried about the limited resources and programs we will be able to provide.

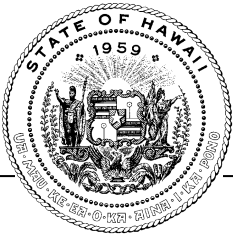
Elementary school lays the groundwork for all future learning. It is where children develop fundamental skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and critical thinking. Proper funding ensures access to quality teachers, curriculum materials, and updated technology, all of which are essential for providing a strong educational foundation.

Equity and Access: Not all students come from the same background or have the same level of support at home. Adequate funding helps level the playing field, ensuring that all students, regardless of socioeconomic status, have access to quality education.

Additionally, the federal funding that made summer enrichment free for all students has been invaluable to my school. I encourage all to come and see the awesome summer programs we can provide because of the additional funding we have under ESSER Federal funds. Last summer we had many students comment on how much they enjoyed coming to summer learning. We have been able to build our summer program over the past 3 years into a program that motivates students to want to attend which sets up positive attendance habits during the school year. Our summer programs are run by our own faculty and staff who also love this opportunity to teach interventions and enrichment classes. They shared with me that bonding with students over the summer has made a positive impact when they have them as a student during the regular school year. We have a third of our students participate in our summer programs and see improvements in their academics, social-emotional learning, and overall connection to our school community. With the sunset of this federal funding, the loss of this summer enrichment programming that we

offer our students will have many negative impacts. They would no longer have the opportunity to improve their academic performance, strengthen their social-emotional learning, and feel continued support by participating in our summer programs. It is difficult to describe in words. If you spend even an hour in our summer learning program you would know exactly what I mean. The summer enrichments truly offer the opportunity to address the whole child supporting them in more ways than we know.

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



**STATE OF HAWAII
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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS, Interim Director

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of
**BILL NO HB 1800, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **strongly supports HB 1800, HD1** which appropriates funds for OPSD, BED 144, in the operating budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal year 2024-2025.

The HD1 funds OPSD's supplemental budget request for the following:

- Add \$364,000 in General Funds for restoration of funding for the following:
 - Special Plans Project Analyst (Pos. No. 122605)
 - Add 3.00 exempt FTE and funds for a Special Plans Project Manager (Pos. No. 124200), Special Plans Project Analyst (Pos. No. 124251), and CEDS Project Analyst (Pos. No. 124288). All four positions are currently filled.

Please note the error in the budget worksheets and ask to correct:

100-001 SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST: 3.00 P T 364,000 A
ADD POSITIONS AND FUNDS FOR OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT (BED144/PL).

PERSONAL SERVICES FOR (1) TEMP SPECIAL PLANS PROJECT
ANALYST (#~~124251~~ 122605; 82,000)

These personnel funds are needed to retain existing staff to continue to support Maui Wildfires community planning, as part of the State Recovery Support Functions. These positions are also working on an application to EDA to designate the State of Hawaii as an **Economic Development District** (EDD) to unlock additional federal dollars. The loss of state funding for these positions could result in the loss of eligibility for the EDD designation, which is key to unlocking additional EDA funds for economic development projects across the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify 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 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

By

David Lassner

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and

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University of Hawai'i System

HB 1800 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The University of Hawai'i (UH) **supports** HB 1800 HD1, Relating to the State Budget. This bill adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of the Executive agencies and programs.

UH recognizes the uncertainty regarding the costs of the recovery and reconstruction efforts from the August wildfires and hopes that sufficient funding to sustain our mission will be available.

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 and shows the budget request approved by the Board of Regents at its November 2023 meeting and what was included in the House Draft of the budget. This table does not include transfers which do not affect the overall General Fund budget.

UH supports the House Draft of the budget but respectfully requests that the transfer of one position from Hilo to Mānoa (UOH210 Seq. 31-001 and UOH100 Seq. 31-001) which was not approved by the House to be approved by the Senate.

Campus	Description	Board Request		HD1	
		FTE	\$\$\$	FTE	\$\$\$
Mānoa	General Fund Restoration		\$ 5,600,000		\$ 5,600,000
JABSOM	General Fund Restoration		\$ 1,800,000		\$ 1,800,000
Hilo	General Fund Restoration		\$ 3,420,000		\$ 3,420,000
West O'ahu	General Fund Restoration		\$ 1,620,000		\$ 1,620,000
System Admin	General Fund Restoration		\$ 5,086,848		\$ 5,086,848
Mānoa	Athletics Subsidy		\$ 3,200,000		\$ 3,200,000
Hilo	Athletics Subsidy		\$ 400,000		\$ 400,000
Community Colleges	Culinary Institute of the Pacific - Full Year Funding		\$ 389,245		
Community Colleges	Value Added Product Center - Full Year Funding		\$ 359,932		
Mānoa	Expand Teacher Cohort on Neighbor Islands	7.00	\$ 625,000		
Mānoa	CTAHR Extension Agents	5.00	\$ 506,555	5.00	\$ 506,555
System Admin	Increased campus safety	4.00	\$ 1,000,000	moved to TFSF	
Mānoa	Hawai'i Promise Expansion		\$ 12,506,711		\$ 12,506,711
Hilo	Hawai'i Promise Expansion		\$ 1,773,579		\$ 1,773,579
West O'ahu	Hawai'i Promise Expansion		\$ 4,026,116		\$ 4,026,116
Community Colleges	Hawai'i Promise Continuation		\$ 3,700,000		\$ 3,700,000
Community Colleges	Community-based Planning for Redevelopment of Lahaina	2.00	\$ 500,000		
Mānoa	Nursing Enrollment and Access thru UHM-UHWO Nursing Collaboration	6.50	\$ 1,068,821	6.50	\$ 1,068,821
JABSOM	Neighbor Island Health Access & Pathway Extension	4.00	\$ 925,000	4.00	\$ 925,000
Hilo	MA Counseling Psychology	3.00	\$ 210,000	3.00	\$ 210,000
West O'ahu	Pre-Nursing Support	3.00	\$ 322,032	3.00	\$ 322,032
West O'ahu	Early Childhood Education Support	2.00	\$ 180,910		
Hilo	BS Educational Studies & Expand Indigenous Teaching	4.00	\$ 285,000		
Community Colleges	Maui - Apprenticeship Training Expansion	-	\$ 250,000		
Community Colleges	LeeCC - Modernize Equipment	-	\$ 925,000		
System Admin	Systemwide Mental Health Services	6.00	\$ 510,000	6.00	\$ 510,000
Mānoa	Community Event Support	6.00	\$ 709,000		
West O'ahu	ACM Facilities & Core Services Support	4.00	\$ 252,648		

Campus	Description	Board Request		HD1	
		FTE	\$\$\$	FTE	\$\$\$
West O'ahu	Campus Safety	1.00	\$ 61,800		
Community Colleges	Maui - Water Quality Lab	2.00	\$ 160,000		
Mānoa	Stabilize UH Mānoa Athletics Operating Budget	43.00	\$ 3,136,642		
Mānoa	Cooperative Extension Support	5.00	\$ 581,555		
Community Colleges	WinCC - Incarcerated Students Program	3.00	\$ 250,528	3.00	\$ 250,528
Total		110.50	\$ 56,342,922	30.50	\$ 46,926,190

The top priority for UH is the restoration of our General Fund appropriation to pre-pandemic levels. Additionally, 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 are 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, who 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 and education industries will not only assist with employing Hawai'i's citizens in good-paying jobs but will also benefit the entire state.

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The following table delineates the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests for UH. Similar to the operating table, this shows both the Board-approved budget request and the House Draft of the budget. This table represents only General Obligation (GO) bond funded projects. The House Draft of the budget also reduces \$101,200,000 in currently appropriated General Fund CIP for FY25: \$30.0 million for Mānoa RIM, \$5.0 million for Coconut Island Sewer Line Upgrades, \$16.2 million for Hilo RIM, \$25.0 million for Community Colleges Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance, and \$25.0 million for Minor CIP at the Community Colleges.

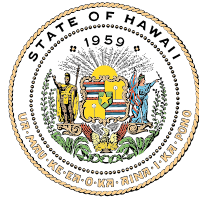
Campus	Description	Board Request	HD1
System/Mānoa	System, RIM Projects	\$ 110,000,000	\$ 125,000,000
Mānoa	RIM Projects for Student Housing	\$ 40,000,000	
Mānoa	Hale Noelani Renovation	\$ 80,000,000	
Mānoa	PV Rooftop, PV Canopies, and Various Energy Efficiency Projects	\$ 30,000,000	
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Upgrades	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 4,500,000
Mānoa	Coconut Island Sewer Line Upgrades	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 6,000,000
Mānoa	Holmes Hall	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000
Mānoa	Assessment and Feasibility of Hamilton Library	\$ 6,500,000	
Mānoa	Mini Master Plan, Phase 3 - Kuykendall Hall	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Mānoa	Central Administration Facility with Parking	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000
Mānoa	Waikīkī Aquarium Seawall Repairs	\$ 3,000,000	
Mānoa	JABSOM Roof Replacement	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 6,250,000
Hilo	RIM Projects	\$ 7,300,000	\$ 16,200,000
West O'ahu	RIM Projects	\$ 5,000,000	
West O'ahu	Road B Entry Plaza	\$ 5,200,000	
West O'ahu	PV Carport	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Community Colleges	Major R&M		\$ 10,000,000
Community Colleges	Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance		\$ 25,000,000
Community Colleges	Palamanui - Improvements and Repair of Buildings		\$ 2,000,000
Community Colleges	Palamanui - Expansion of Nursing and Early Childhood Ed Labs		\$ 500,000
System	CTAHR - Poamoho Research Station		\$ 2,000,000
Total		\$ 331,500,000	\$ 223,450,000

Renew, Improve, and Modernize (“RIM”) Projects are the UH’s top priority, as these funds not only help to address the UH’s deferred maintenance backlog but improve sustainability and utility of our facilities to meet modern needs. The UH also respectfully requests the inclusion of additional funds to improve our student housing. The

appropriation language in HB 1800 HD1 for UOH900 (Systemwide) RIM does mention that such funds could be used for student housing projects. If additional funds could be made available for RIM – or, if specific funding could be added towards student housing – they would increase the feasibility that sufficient funding is available to address the facility needs of student housing.

The other projects in this list will help to protect health and safety, enhance sustainability, protect and maintain existing infrastructure and investments, and support important world-class instruction and research as well as community engagement.

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



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March 18, 2024

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Bob Davis, Complex Area Superintendent, Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua

Title of Bill: HB 1800, HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Bob Davis, and I am the Complex Area Superintendent (CAS) for the schools in the Leilehua, Mililani and Waialua area.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800, HD1. I am excited about the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment.

As a CAS, I have first-hand knowledge of how our principals use funding from the weighted student formula for personnel costs, supplies, equipment, technology, programming and more. Additional funding for the weighted student formula could be used for continued student support for learning loss experienced by the pandemic. For the last 2.5 years we have been able to leverage our federal funds to provide interventions and after school programs for our students. Now that the federal funds have been exhausted and are no longer available, we want to continue to provide these great resources to our students. The learning loss experienced by our students is real and although we have made great strides thus far, we continue to realize how devastating the pandemic has been for our students. We would like to continue with these efforts.

Additionally, the federal funding that made summer enrichment free for all students has been invaluable to our schools. With the sunset of this federal funding, the loss of this summer enrichment programming would affect the schools in my area by seriously limiting what we can offer as support for our students.

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

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Statement of
BRENNA H. HASHIMOTO
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HB1800 HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and the members of the committee

The purpose of House Bill 1800 HD1 (HB1800 HD1) is to adjust and request appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement program projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. This bill amends Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) strongly **supports** HB1800 HD1 as it relates to our five biennium budget requests.

1. HRD102 – Addition of \$79,896 in FY 2025 for full-year funding of two positions in the Classification Branch. Act 243, SLH 2022, authorized two half-year funded permanent Human Resources Specialist (HRS) V positions. The positions received \$74,976 of non-recurring funds in FY 2024 to cover the second half of the FY 2024's salary in Act 164, SLH 2023. As these positions were filled in January 2023, DHRD is requesting funding to continue the critical work of the Classification Branch.
2. HRD102 – Addition of \$296,016 (Seq. #40-001 and Seq. #101-001) in FY 2025 to manage workers compensation claims transferred from HSPLS. Act 146 transferred \$262,116 of the requested \$296,016 from HSPLS to DHRD to partially fund 1.0 permanent HRS V position (\$37,116) and for workers' compensation claims (\$225,000). This request is to reflect the \$262,116 transferred amount into DHRD's base budget. The remaining \$33,900 is requested to fully fund the HRS V position at \$71,016.

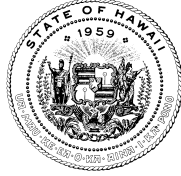
3. HRD102 – Addition of 5.00 permanent positions and \$730,080 in FY 2025 for the Employee Staffing Division and increased recruitment efforts. It is essential for DHRD to have adequate levels of staffing to administer the State’s recruitment process. We anticipate the 5.00 HRS V positions will be used to increase DHRD’s capacity to more timely screen applicants. The \$730,080 is comprised of \$355,080 in funding for the 5.00 positions and \$375,000 in recruitment advertising, marketing and promotion funds.
4. HRD102 – Addition of 1.00 permanent position and \$71,016 in FY 2025 for the employee benefits and telework programs. Fulfilling this request will provide the Employee Assistance Office (EAO) with the resources to advise departments on the telework program guidelines and best practices, and to collect data to facilitate implementation. It will also provide the EAO with the necessary staff resources to ensure the current pre-tax benefit programs function smoothly and in compliance with federal and state laws, rules and regulations.
5. HRD191 – Addition of \$25,000 for DHRD employee training and memberships. Funding will support our employees with professional development and training opportunities, and membership dues for human resources professional organizations. These funds will support a pressing need to maintain expertise as the state’s authority in human resources and the expansion of DHRD’s capabilities and expertise.

The Department is also requesting the deletion of 2.00 unfunded positions from HRD191.

We appreciate the Legislature’s further consideration to sufficiently fund our supplemental budget requests. We are aware of the challenges ahead and remain committed to work 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.

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TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HEARING ON MARCH 20, 2024 AT 10:00AM IN CR 211

IN SUPPORT OF

HB 1800, HD1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

March 20, 2024

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1800, HD1. The Governor's Supplemental Budget request for FY 2025 includes funding to support the Department's existing personnel, administrative and operating costs. This budget includes: \$20 million for wildfire response, recovery, and prevention measures, 6.00 federally funded temporary FTE positions and funds to support the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) program. The House Draft 1 of this measure reduces our funding request for wildfire response, recovery, and prevention measures to \$1. Details of the impact of this reduction were previously sent to the committee. We appreciate the opportunity to keep discussion regarding this request going and we look forward to continue working with the Legislature on DHHL's FY25 supplemental budget.

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: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2024/testimony/Info_Testimony_WAM-HWN_01-09-24_HHL.pdf. We are grateful for the Governor's and Legislature's support of the Department. Nevertheless, we kindly ask for your endorsement of the HHC-approved "Sufficient Sums" request to ensure the Department's continued fulfillment of its responsibilities to Native Hawaiians, especially our beneficiaries.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Date: 03/06/2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: 308

Committee: House Finance

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Derek Minakami, NBCT, Principal of Kāneʻohe Elementary School *Derek Minakami*

Title of Bill: HB 1800 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Position: SUPPORT

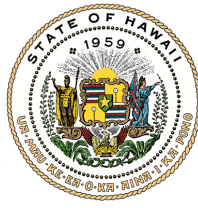
Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

As principal of Kāneʻohe Elementary, a non-Title I school that has utilized \$1.1 million in ESSR funds over the past three years, including for summer learning, I humbly request that you approve HD1 and restore the DOE's board approved budget.

We are already making reductions to our personnel including the number of tutors we employ for learning acceleration and delaying professional development to adjust for the loss of ESSR funds. Consequently, any cuts to the Weighted Student Formula will significantly impact our services such as cutting our tutoring services more drastically, eliminating free summer school to students who are one to two grade levels behind and reducing staff who assisted in successfully improving our attendance.

Mahalo for your consideration of this request.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1800, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024; 10:00 a.m.

State Capitol Conference Room 211, Via Videoconference

Testifier: Jordan Lowe

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) **supports** H.B. 1800, H.D. 1, which adjusts and requests appropriations for the fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Prior to this legislative session, DAGS requested that DLE take over responsibility of the private security and monitoring contracts for the Capitol District. DLE agreed to the additional responsibilities provided that it was provided the funds to do so. It is therefore requested that the \$2.6 million moved from LAW 900 A funds to DAGS as U funds be returned to LAW 900 as A funds. This would remove the unnecessary transfers of funds between the Departments. DLE accepted the additional responsibility to be a good partner with DAGS.

DLE further request that the A funds transferred from LAW 900 to DAGS as U funds for the salaries of 30 additional Capitol deputies be taken from LAW 503. Reallocating funds from LAW 900 will have a detrimental and significant negative effect on DLE's ability to hire administrative staff to stand up the department.

Relating to a Governors Message, DLE request that the legislature authorize fifty (50) additional sheriff deputy positions to provide law enforcement services at the neighbor island airports and harbors. The Department of Transportation agreed and approved the request by the Department of Law Enforcement (LAW) for the additional forty (40) airport positions and ten (10) harbor positions along with their equipment & vehicles.

Prog ID/Org	Item Description	MOF	FY 2025
LAW503SA	Personal Services – Airport (40) & Harbor (10)	U	5,655,116
LAW503SA	Other Current Expenses	U	185,300
LAW503SA	Equipment	U	404,450
LAW503SA	Motor Vehicles	U	322,725

DLE will provide law enforcement for areas of the State that are increasingly in need of law enforcement including the commercial airports and harbors, and law enforcement support of county police in our communities.

DLE Airport Sheriffs will provide two (2) Sheriff per 8-hour shift (3 Shifts total) at each airport (Lihue, Maui, Hilo, Kona, and Honolulu) for a total of thirty (30) Positions. DLE is also requesting to add 1.0 Lieutenant, 1.0 Sergeant and 8.0 Deputy Sheriffs to meet minimum law enforcement and security requirements for the expanding operational areas of the Daniel K Inouye International Airport to include the new Consolidated Rental Car Facility (CONRAC) and the two (2) HART Rail Stations within the Honolulu jurisdictional area. Ten (10) additional Sheriffs are needed to provide necessary law enforcement support to the category X airport (the largest & busiest airport classification).

DLE is requesting to fund an additional ten (10) positions at the Harbors. The allocations are as follows. Two (2) harbor enforcement officers each at Honolulu Harbor, Hilo Harbor, Kawaihae Harbor, Kahului Harbor, and Nawiliwili Harbor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Date: 03/20/2024

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 1800, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Purpose of Bill: Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 20232025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1800, HD1 with concerns.

The Department is very appreciative of the support provided by this measure as it appropriates operating budget general funds above the amounts that were included in the Governor's budget (+\$38 million). For the capital improvement program (CIP) budget, the Department also appreciates the re-appropriation of the projects recently identified to lapse on June 30, 2024.

However, the Department is concerned that a number of operating budget requests are being designated as "non-recurring" despite the recurring nature of the activity or program.

Operating Budget:

To support the delivery of efficient and effective educational support to public school students, it is critical that the operating budget be predictable, reliable, and adequate.

While students – locally, nationally and internationally – were negatively impacted by the pandemic, Hawaii's public schools are seeing relatively stronger and faster recovery compared to other states. Our schools and students have made great strides coming out of the pandemic, and sustained investment is needed to off-set lingering pandemic-related impacts on student social-emotional well-being and academic advancement.

The additional funding provided by this measure includes full or partial funding for several Department

requests that were not part of the Governor’s budget including but not limited to the following:

- \$20.9 million to sustain free summer learning programs;
- \$12.9 million for the Weighted Student Formula (WSF) to increase the English Language weighted factor and to assist with inflation;
- \$6.0 million for the WSF to provide supplemental support for small and remote schools and to sustain the WSF Reserve process; and
- \$1.1 million for (10) additional teachers for the Kaiapuni Hawaiian Language Immersion Program.

This funding will have a very positive impact by helping to address the federal fund fiscal cliff and the need to sustain efforts to address the lingering impacts of pandemic-related learning loss that many students are still saddled with.

Nevertheless, in total, \$60.3 million in recurring general fund requests are designated as non-recurring - **only for Fiscal Year (FY)25**. The table below summarizes the recurring requests that are designated as non-recurring in the budget worksheets:

FY25 Budget Request	Non-Recurring \$ Amount
Free summer learning programs	\$20,990,000
Electricity - energy charge adjustment	\$15,000,000
WSF - English Language weighted factor and to assist with inflation	\$12,931,380
WSF - supplemental support for small and remote schools and to sustain the WSF Reserve process	\$6,000,000
Athletics - coaches' salaries, gender equity, and transportation.	\$5,000,000
Advanced Placement Exams	\$413,915
TOTAL:	\$60,335,295

Having recurring activities or programs funded on a one-time basis is inconsistent with a sound system of financing public schools as the National Conference of State Legislatures has recommended.

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

The Department is cognizant of the challenges facing the State and the monumental task ahead for this Committee to adopt a responsible, balanced budget.

Although its March general fund revenue forecast remained largely unchanged from January, the Council on Revenues (Council) remains optimistic on State General Fund revenues. For FY24, the Council’s forecast took into account robust General Fund collections in the first half of the fiscal year and a faster than expected recovery in tourism and the labor market from the Maui fires. Looking further out,

the Council expects General Fund growth to benefit from the economic impacts of lower interest rates set by the Federal Reserve, a strong labor market, and a strong outlook for the construction sector in FY25, FY26, and FY27.

As such, to the extent that revenues will allow, the Department humbly requests that the Committee further consider the Department’s requests that were not included in HB 1800, HD1 and reconsider the non-recurring designation of the requests mentioned previously. If needed, the Department can assist Committee staff with identifying the specific requests to ensure these requests move forward in subsequent versions of the bill.

The table below summarizes, by broad request categories, the amounts requested by the Department, the amounts included in the Governor’s budget, and the amounts provided by HB 1800, HD1. Even with the additional funding provided, the Department still falls short by \$48.3 million from its original request.

Request Category	Department Request FY25 \$ Amount*	Governors’ Budget FY25 \$ Amount*	HB 1800 HD 1 FY25 \$ Amount*
WSF	\$33,016,281	\$0	\$18,931,380
Student Achievement and Enrichment	\$37,894,528	\$500,000	\$23,026,563
Special Education and Mental Health	\$19,273,754	\$8,172,245	\$8,172,245
Teacher and Staff Retention	\$23,400,879	\$18,377,674	\$14,925,959
Essential Support Services	\$15,488,565	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Infrastructure	\$21,750,000	\$17,250,000	\$18,500,000
Student Meals and Transportation	\$39,266,346	\$39,266,346	\$36,266,346
School Safety	\$8,060,912	\$18,000,000	\$15,000,000
Athletics	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000
Total	\$198,151,265	\$111,566,265	\$149,822,493

*General Funds

CIP Budget:

For the CIP budget, the Department is very thankful for the re-appropriation of projects recently identified to be lapsed on June 30, 2024. The Department is also very thankful for the appropriation of a Project Completion Lump Sum in the amount of \$49 million.

Although not included in the original request to the Hawaii State Board of Education, the Department would respectfully request an additional Lump Sum for CIP Planning and Pre-Design, Statewide, as follows:

Title	Description	FY25 (000s)	Expending Agency	Means of Financing
LUMP SUM CIP - PLANNING AND	PLANNING, PRE-DESIGN, DUE DILIGENCE, SITE ANALYSIS, SURVEYS, GEOTECHNICAL	15,000	EDN 100	C (G.O.)

PRE-DESIGN, STATEWIDE	REPORTS, ZONING, BUDGETING, VALUE ENGINEERING, LAND ENTITLEMENTS, INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYSIS, UTILITIES ANALYSIS, PHYSICAL ACCESS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND SCHEMATIC DESIGNS.			Bond Funds)
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This planning and pre-design lump sum, similar to the Schools Facilities Authority (EDN 450) appropriation, will enable the Department to assess and to conduct project due diligence at an earlier stage in the execution of a project that will result in a higher level of confidence in budgeting and more predictable execution.

Additionally, at the staff level, we will continue to work with Committee staff to address language description and funding changes. As the budget bill continues through the legislative process, the Department will continue to monitor and provide appropriate and timely feedback.

Proviso Adjustments:

Regarding the proviso related to the lapsing of \$60 million on Page 65, Section 5.12, and the proviso related to the per-pupil allocation between the Department and Charter Schools on Page 257, Section 22.17, the Department will continue to work with Committee staff to address adjustments to these provisos.

Conclusion:

The Department remains firmly committed to ensuring that all of our graduates are globally competitive, and locally committed. With your help and support, we can keep the momentum moving forward for public education and our students.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

March 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend to the Board of Trustees that it **SUPPORTS** the below supplemental budget requests in HB1800 HD1.

Da Bux Funding

AGR192 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR AGRICULTURE

OHA urges this committee to include the additional funds to support Da Bux Program. Hawai'i faces significant food insecurity at the same time that most of our food supply is sourced from out-of-state. These realities underscore the need for urgent action through innovative and effective food assistance programs that can have multiple impacts for our island home. Hawai'i's DA BUX double-up food bucks supports 470 farm producers and eight distributors through 59 food retailers across 100 market sites and pick-up locations. OHA believes that providing state monies for programs like Da Bux allows us to maximize federal funding while supporting our communities in multiple ways—from supporting local producers and businesses to addressing food insecurity.

Menstrual Equity in State Buildings

AGS221 PUBLIC WORKS – PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION

OHA supports the inclusion of funding for menstrual products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries. We believe that provision for these products is critical to ensure equity for women and all people who menstruate. The American Civil Liberties Union estimates that people who menstruate can expect to spend upwards of \$1,000 over the course of their lifetime on menstrual products. The cost of these products can mean that some people will have to resort to unhygienic or degrading options. Additionally, a lack of access to menstrual products can cause emotional duress, physical infection, and disease. Providing no-cost access to these products in state buildings is an important step toward ensuring that all people who menstruate can have access to the products and dignity they deserve.



HB1800 HD1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Charter Schools Increased Per Pupil Funding

EDN600 CHARTER SCHOOLS

We urge this committee to include the supplemental request to add funds for Charter Schools. This request would provide nearly \$17 million as a per pupil adjustment placeholder. Hawai‘i’s 37 public charter schools play a critical role in educating our keiki. Seventeen of the 37 are Hawaiian-focused charter schools, which provide innovative, culture-based education to more than 4,000 students, 77 percent of whom are of Native Hawaiian ancestry. Hawaiian-focused charter schools serve Hawaiians and the broader population with curriculum grounded in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, ‘ike Hawai‘i and Hawaiian cultural values. Having these kinds of culturally responsive and grounded education options available is critical for Native Hawaiians’ success and overall well-being.

OHA respectfully requests this committee include in the increased per pupil funding for charter schools. Charter schools must raise funds and rely on per pupil funding for stable funding. An increase in per pupil funding will go a long way to ensure these schools have the resources and funding they deserve.

Early Learning Positions

EDN700 EARLY LEARNING

OHA encourages this committee to support these two temporary positions for the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL). In 2022, EOEL was awarded the federal Preschool Development Birth to Five Renewal Grant (PDG). The funding from this grant has and continues to provide needed systems supports and improvements to that the state may enhance services and programs for our youngest keiki and their ‘ohana. The two temporary positions will assist in carrying out the remaining activities required from the grant. OHA encourages this committee to support these positions so that EOEL can maximize the federal grant money and transform the early learning system long-term.

NAHASDA Positions and Funding

HHL602 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADS

OHA appreciates that the current draft of the state budget provides for more than \$800,000 in funding and positions for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-



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Determination Act (NAHASDA) program with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). DHHL is the designated recipient for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant. The NAHASDA Program, as administered by DHHL, is critical to ensuring continued federal funding that supports infrastructure development, down payment assistance and matched savings programs, self-help home construction programs and home rehabilitations that directly impacts DHHL beneficiaries. We support greater investment in funding and positions to support the success of the DHHL NAHASDA program.

Homeless Programs Office Contract Increases

HMS224 HOMELESS SERVICES

OHA supports increased funding for Homeless Programs contracted services. Native Hawaiians are consistently overrepresented in homelessness, comprising the single largest ethnic group of those experiencing homelessness in Hawai'i. On O'ahu, Native Hawaiians accounted for 41% of those experiencing homelessness in 2023. Homeless Programs Office contracts for critical services to address homelessness. We believe that increased, sustained funding for HPO can really help move the needle and ultimately improve outcomes for Native Hawaiians.

In-Community Youth Programs

HMS501 IN-COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS

OHA supports greater investment in community-based youth programs. Although Hawaiian or part-Hawaiian youth face arrests at a rate proportionate to their population, these youth face a much higher rate of adjudications, probation and confinement than non-Hawaiian youth. Community-based programs are critical for ensuring at-risk youth can be guided by programming that can truly make a difference in their lives. These kinds of community-based programs also often include culturally appropriate programming that has an even greater impact for Native Hawaiian youth. We encourage this committee to support increased funding and personnel for youth programs to ensure continued access by Hawaiian youth who need it most.



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Preschool Open Doors Transfer to TANF

HMS903 GENERAL SUPPORT FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY SERVICES

OHA supports the transfer of \$6 million in funds for the purpose of Preschool Open Doors. Our understanding is that this will allow the state to maximize draw down more federal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) monies on an annual basis for the purpose of child care subsidies. As OHA developed its strategic plan, *Mana i Maui Ola*, one of the clearest need we heard from our community was the ability to provide quality keiki and kūpuna care. We appreciate the State Legislature's support of and investment in early childhood care and education programs, as evidenced by the nearly \$40 million increase in annual funding for Preschool Open Doors approved last session. OHA understands that the one-time transfer of \$6 million will allow the State to draw down more federal funding year over year. We appreciate all opportunities to maximize federal investment in programs and services that are vitally important to Native Hawaiian families.

Increased Support for Kahuku Hospital

HTH211 KAHUKU HOSPITAL

OHA urges this committee to support additional funds to subsidize Kahuku Hospital. This funding will help the hospital cover contract increases for staff. The continued successful operation of Kahuku Hospital is vital for the Ko'olauloa moku, a moku with a sizeable portion of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. The nearest hospital for many in that area is Wahiawā General, which has faced temporary closures of its ICU, inpatient unit and now emergency department. OHA encourages this committee to consider its support for Kahuku Hospital and its increasing importance for healthcare access for Ko'olauloa residents.

Neighbor Island Pilot Stabilization and Behavioral Health Crisis Center

HTH420 ADULT MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT

OHA supports funding for a pilot program that would provide for the Neighbor Island Pilot Stabilization and Behavioral Health Crisis Center. The unique challenges faced by the people of Hawai'i, particularly those suffering from mental health issues, substance use disorders, or homelessness, require a compassionate and effective approach. The proposed crisis centers will hopefully show the promise of providing vital resources to redirect individuals to appropriate healthcare services, breaking the cycle of repeated arrests and



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court appearances. This is especially important for OHA as Native Hawaiians face sobering statistics when it comes to accessing mental health services, substance abuse, incarceration and homelessness. We support this supplemental budget request and its potential for innovative solutions.

Rural Medical Air Transportation Pilot

HTH907 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

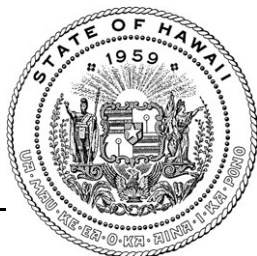
OHA is heartened by the addition of funding for the purpose of piloting rural medical air transportation services. OHA supports increasing access to healthcare—whether for chronic or emergent conditions—for rural communities. Many of the state’s most rural communities have a higher percentage of Native Hawaiians. We support efforts to ensure Hawaiians can stay live and thrive in their communities and do not need to make a choice to move just to have access to quality medical services.

Hawai‘i Promise Program

UOH100, UOH210, UOH700, UOH800

OHA supports the UH Promise and Hawai‘i Promise programs and appreciates the inclusion of funds in the current budget draft to continue the program. The unique challenges faced by the people of Hawai‘i, particularly those suffering from mental health issues, substance use disorders, or homelessness, require a compassionate and effective approach. The proposed crisis centers will hopefully show the promise of providing vital resources to redirect individuals to appropriate healthcare services, breaking the cycle of repeated arrests and court appearances. The UH Promise Program will help provide much-needed financial assistance for students who have unmet cost needs.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **include the above supplemental budget requests in HB1800 HD1**. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.



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Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HB1800, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism strongly supports HB1800 HD1, which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. DBEDT strongly supports and kindly requests consideration of the following operating and CIP line items which were transmitted to the Legislature via the Governor's budget.

Operating Requests

- BED105/CI - \$475,000 special fund ceiling increase for FY 25 to develop an online integrated film permitting hub, supporting counties improving efficiencies, data gathering, expediency and add a new online creative jobs portal directory, including locations and cultural information, guidelines to connect film and media productions to businesses and creative companies and entrepreneurs in the state. As well for hosting/maintenance and data reporting for the new permitting hub and development of a statewide strategic creative industries industry road map. All county OED offices and film programs will also be allocated funding to get aligned with a statewide strategy which accelerates entrepreneurial and business growth, export of intellectual property and related products, and workforce development initiatives. This builds a framework and adds funds for executing a community based, economic development strategy to expand markets for all creative sectors.
- BED107/BA - \$120,000 special fund ceiling increase for FY25 to procure (2) warehouse forklifts to replace those that are at end-of-life.

- BED113/TO - \$60,000,000 in general funds for FY25 toward HTA programs and staff, as well as 25 positions to continue the important work of supporting Maui's recovery and the stabilization of Hawaii's largest industry by marketing the islands as a visitor destination and implementation of destination management in communities across the state.
- BED113/XC - \$25,000,000 expenditure ceiling in special funds in FY25 for the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund to allow for Hawaii Convention Center operations as well as repair and maintenance.
- BED120/SI - \$700,000 special fund ceiling increase for FY25 for cost match and working capital is needed to support the Advance Assistance 2.0 Project and ZEV Infrastructure project.
- BED120/SI - \$97,098 in general funds for FY25 to cover payroll shortfall.
- BED138/GI - \$818,630 in both special and federal funds for FY25 to create three new positions and for administrative overhead to administer its Federally funded SSBCI Hi-CAP programs and soon to launch C-PACER financing program mandated by Act 183, SLH 2022, as well as a \$50 million lending cap for its clean energy and energy efficiency loan fund to make and fund loans. Additionally, the Authority is expecting additional federal funds from the EPA under the Solar for All Program, requiring additional fiscal and compliance expertise and a dedicated community outreach officer, as 100% of the funds are required to benefit **low-income households** and disadvantaged communities. With 990 loan applications in process, aggregating \$49.5 million in solar+storage investments, and only five authorized FTE, the additional staff requested is not only critical to ensure timely processing, approval and funding of loans, but to also retain staff and avoid employee burn out.
- BED144/PL - \$364,000 in General Funds for FY25 for restoration of funding for Special Plans Project Analyst (Pos. No. 122605) and adding 3.00 Temporary FTE and funds for a Special Plans Project Manager (Pos. No. 124200), Special Plans Project Analyst (Pos. No. 124251), and CEDS Project Analyst (Pos. No. 124288.) Personnel funds are needed to support Maui County community planning and capacity building, in collaboration with the State Recovery Support Functions. They are also working on an application to EDA to designate the State of Hawaii as an Economic Development District (EDD) to unlock additional federal dollars. The loss of funding could result in the loss of eligibility for EDD designation, which is key to unlocking additional EDA funds for economic development projects across the state.
 - We would like to request a correction to a typographical error in the budget worksheets, notated in red text below.
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Add positions and funds for Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
Personal Services for (1) Temp Special Plans Project Analyst (~~#124251-122605~~; 41,208)

- BED170/KB - Establish Kauai Property Manager – Full year funding \$115,115 revolving fund ceiling increase for FY 25. The funds are a half a year’s salary to establish a Kauai Property Manager. The position will oversee 18,000 acres of land on Kauai. There is no current staff or position in the area. The position is needed to monitor and properly oversee the ADC’s lands on Kauai.
- BED170/KB - Establish Kauai Water System Manager – Full year funding \$115,115 revolving fund ceiling increase for FY 25. The funds are a half a year’s salary to establish a Kauai Water System Manager. The position will oversee (2) water systems that provide irrigation water to 18,000 acres of land on Kauai. There is no current staff or position in the area. The position is needed to conduct proper management of the system for daily operations and for emergency conditions.
- BED170/KB - Vehicle Purchase - \$110,000 revolving fund ceiling increase for FY25. One (1) vehicle for the Property Manager - \$55,000 in Revolving Funds for FY25. For use by Property Manager. One (1) vehicle for the Water System Manager- \$55,000 in Revolving Funds for FY25. For use by the Water System Manager.
- BED180/SA –\$49,500,000 special fund ceiling increase for FY25 to increase the Stadium Development Special Fund (SDSF) ceiling to allow Stadium Authority to allot and expend the funds appropriated in Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 and by provision 17.3 authorized to deposit the appropriation into the SDSF. The lapse date was extended to 06/30/2024 by Act 35, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.

HB1800 HD1 did not include this ceiling increase. The ceiling increase would provide the SA with flexibility to allocate funds toward bolstering the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED) project. Failure to secure this increase in flexibility could potentially undermine our bargaining leverage as we finalize the NASED development agreement. Moreover, the SDSF ceiling adjustment would allow the SA to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the NASED project, thereby ensuring its ongoing success and positive impact on Hawai’i’s communities.

CIP Requests

- BED113 - \$64,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 for the Convention Center Rooftop replacement project to prevent further damage to this important state asset. Reappropriating the funds that were appropriated in Act 164, SLH 2023 and subsequently transferred to B&F for 2023 Wildfires per Executive Memo 23-08.
- BED 144 - \$2,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Statewide to pay for plans, feasibility and cost studies, and coordination of TOD projects, TOD public infrastructure requirements, and related environmental review documents for TOD projects in State TOD Strategic Plan, statewide.

- BED146 - \$5,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 for a joint project with the Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation (HHFDC) to complete an exploratory portable freshwater well.

HB1800 HD1 did not include funding for this freshwater well. NELHA and HHFDC have made significant progress in securing approval from the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) for modifications to the special conditions. We have had discussions with stakeholders of over 90 individuals representing over 30 organizations and companies over the past six months. We have developed proposed modifications that have not received any objections from the discussions with stakeholders. We are on the CWRM agenda for Tuesday, March 9, 2024, to provide an informational briefing. The funding for the freshwater well is necessary to develop the remaining 250 acres of land at NELHA as well as provide water for an additional 2,000 much-needed affordable housing units that HHFDC is developing at Kamakana Villages in Kona. Development cannot proceed until additional water resources are secured.

- BED146 - \$17,932,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 for the construction of two roads at the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology part (HOST Park).

HB1800 HD1 did not include funding for these two roads. Of the two roads, the \$10.3M is a very high priority. It will provide access to over 50 acres of undeveloped land and one of the key proposals for this area is a County of Hawaii Low Carbon-Zero Emission (hydrogen and electric) Public Transportation production, storage, fueling, and maintenance facility. The full deployment of hydrogen technologies and infrastructure for the Island of Hawaii is specified in HRS Section 196-10 (7) (8). The County has already received approximately \$15M from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration and an additional \$10M from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Low-Carbon Transportation Materials grants program which was recently announced by Senator Schatz. Requests to our congressional delegation for an additional \$10M in earmarks for this project were recently submitted.

- BED150 - \$10,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 going toward the Iwilei-Kapalama TOD Infrastructure Design for infrastructure improvements (wastewater, electrical, water, drainage, and roads) to support a transit-oriented community in the area.
- BED150 - \$25,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 going toward UH West Oahu Infrastructure to extend the roadway and related improvements that facilitate the development of Parcels 5 and 7, to support development of about 1,095 housing units by HHFDC, on University lands near the Skyline Keone'ae Station.
- BED150 - \$12,125,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 for Saratoga Avenue Electrical Upgrades because this community has struggled with unreliable electricity

for over a decade. This community has struggled with unreliable electricity for over a decade. These funds will provide the Kalaeloa downtown area with reliable and resilient energy, built to the industry standard, that will connect to the Enterprise Energy Corridor.

- BED150 - \$4,500,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 for District Wide Kalaeloa Electrical Upgrades. These funds for the planning, design and construction of electrical upgrades in the Kalaeloa community development district will encourage economic development as well as housing construction.
- BED150 - \$1,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 going towards construction of Heeia Stream Access Road from the southern portion of the district near Alaloa Street Bridge for the removal of deleterious materials to mitigate flooding and facilitate habitat restoration.
- BED160 - \$50,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for FY25 for Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide. DURF may be used for the acquisition of real property; development and construction of residential, commercial, and industrial properties; interim and permanent loans to developers; development of regional infrastructure; and all things necessary to carry out the purposes of HHFDC's Housing Development Program, including administrative expenses. Among other uses, the \$50 million infusion is needed for the development of regional infrastructure, interim loans for housing development, maintenance of HHFDC owned infrastructure, and upgrades to the Waiahole Valley water system to allow dedication to the Board of Water Supply.
- BED160 - \$180,000,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25 Cash Infusion for Rental Housing Revolving Fund, Statewide. RHRF provides loans or grants for the development, pre-development, construction, acquisition, preservation, and substantial rehabilitation of rental housing units. The state has a severe shortage of housing, and the \$180 million infusion is needed to continue to provide gap financing for the development of affordable rental housing projects. The \$180 million in RHRF will yield 1,150 units based on current averages. To illustrate the demand for such financing, for the 2024 funding round, HHFDC received 25 RHRF applications for loans totaling \$616 million to finance a total of 3,477 units.
- BED170 - \$4,500,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used for purchase of land \$3MM and to complete plans and designs of a system to reuse discharge of treated wastewater for irrigation \$1.5MM. The land purchase completes a larger contiguous parcel of land actively farmed by an ADC tenant. The funding for the plan ends the discharge of treated wastewater into the environment since 1929. Originally \$5MM in general funds were appropriated for FY24 and ADC is requesting re-appropriation of funding less the adjusted amount per EM23-08. HB1800 HD1 did not include funding for this project, ADC requests the funds are restored to the FY25 Supplemental Administration Budget request.

- BED170 - \$9,500,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used for planning and development of a statewide Food & Product Innovation Network to support the development of value-added products for the agriculture industry. Originally \$10MM in general funds were appropriated in FY24 and the ADC is requesting reappropriation of funds less the adjusted amount per EM23-08. HB1800 HD1 did not include funds for this project, the funds will be used to continue the planning and design work begun by the UHCDC. The funds are needed to complete statewide planning and designs for facilities to support local food production and the Hawaii agriculture industry.
- BED170 - \$6,470,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used to design and construct a system to provide irrigation water to over 1,000 acres of farmland and includes a pressurized hydrant system for fire control. Without funding the 1,000+ acres of farmland cannot be farmed slowing the state's goal to double food production. The adjoining 5,000+ acres of non-farmlands and the neighboring community are at higher risk of wildfires. HB1800 HD1 did not include funds for this work jeopardizing fire mitigation and farming in the area.
- BED170 - \$500,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used to complete cleanup of a site that once contained illegal activity and begin leasing the property to a farmer to generate revenue and agriculture products. The cost is based on a narrowed scope of work resulting from testing and working with the HDOH. HB1800 HD1 did not include these funds and site clean-up will be delayed without funding and the area will not be leasable.
- BED170 - \$2,500,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used to improve an old bridge used daily by State tenants, members of the community, and visitors. The bridge improvements are needed to make the bridge safe for all users. Not proceeding may result in the bridge failing, causing injury or worse to users.
- BED170 - \$1,000,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used to restore damaged portions of the bridge that provides access to actively farmed lands. The bridge is the secondary access for all of Kauai's northside residents if the Wailua bridge would fail or is damaged.
- BED170 - \$4,000,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used for design and construction of infrastructure needed to support a modular slaughter facility for small livestock. The funds will support the need of food safe slaughter facilities required for the industry to grow. Originally \$4MM in general funds was appropriated for FY25 and this request is for reappropriation of the funds as general obligation bonds. HB1800 HD1 did not include funds for this project. ADC requests funding to support the ranchers raising smaller livestock.

DBEDT notes the following House adjustments and request the committee to note the justifications for the necessary resources.

Operating

- BED105 – 1000-001 – Film Industry Development V - position #44000 – Filled position is primary permitting lead for Hawai'i film office, which, along with one other staff member, is responsible for daily management to ensure compliance with conditions issued by state departments. Acts as lead for the new online permitting system. Loss of position will negatively impact film office operations, the department's statutory responsibilities and adversely impact multiple agencies as well as all television series, feature films and local productions. Position is not funded, therefore does not impact the state budget.
- BED138 – 1000-001 – DBEDT and HGIA appreciates the necessary inclusion of a \$50,000,000 lending ceiling for the Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency Revolving Fund (CEEERF) in HD1. Please note, a correction in the MOF from W to B is needed, as the MOF for the CEERF is B.
- BED138 - \$28,900,000 General Obligation Bonds for FY25 Infusion to the Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund. Unlike the Federal funds, which can only benefit low-income households, the additional capital infusion of \$28.9 million will enable HGIA to assist moderate income homeowners and renters install solar to lower their energy burden.
- BED143 – 1000-001 - The \$6,000,000 appropriation to HTDC's core programs; Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR), Manufacturing Assistance Grant program (MAP), and the Accelerator program is integral to the operation of these programs. Without the appropriation, the HSBIR program will not be able to conduct matching grants to Phase II and III applicants. While the MAP grant program and Accelerator program will not be able to operate without this supporting capital. HSBIR provides matching grants to help companies further develop new products to solve critical issues. For every dollar invested through the Hawaii SBIR program, Hawaii companies have attracted over 20 federal dollars in return to the State, plus commercialization funding. The MAP grant program provides matching grants to Hawaii manufacturers to become globally competitive. Since FY2016, MAP grant awardees have reported a projected economic impact of at least 200 or more new full-time employees every following year. Lastly, in FY2023 the Accelerator program reportedly assisted a total of 358 companies and 1350 jobs. The funding towards these three programs ensures ongoing positive impact on Hawaii's start-ups and manufacturers.
- BED143 - In 2023, the legislature appropriated \$5,000,000 in recognition of the importance of the Hawaii Capital Assistance Program (HI-CAP). The lapsing of the \$5,250,000 in HB1800 HD1 hinders HI-CAP's ability to obtain the full \$62,000,000 of federal dollars allotted to the State of Hawaii. Excess capital is necessary for various operations of the program and lack thereof will put federal dollars at risk. Moreover, the lack of supporting excess capital will pose a risk of

being non-compliant due to the strict guidelines presented in the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) policies. Thus HI-CAP requires these dollars to be available to utilize as situations arise to maintain compliance with the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

- BED160 – HD1 adds 1) 1.00 FTE which will enable HHFDC to expand its Private Activity Bond Recycling Program and Low-Income Tax Credit Program, 2) 1.00 FTE to assist existing staff with Maui recovery efforts and in providing temporary and permanent housing/infrastructure solutions statewide, 3) 1.00 FTE for the additional workload resulting from the large increase in the size of the compliance monitoring portfolio and 4) revolving fund ceiling increases to retain qualified staff, staff training, a LIHTC consultant and software.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 20, 2024

To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair,
The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Jade T. Butay, Director
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Re: H.B. 1800 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

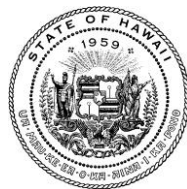
The **DLIR strongly supports** HB1800 HD1 and notes that the department does not have significant requests in the Governor's Executive Supplemental Request for FY2025 in light of the circumstances arising from the Maui wildfires. The DLIR has three federal funding adjustments and one request to re-establish a small ceiling (\$300,000) for the Labor Law Enforcement Special Fund (LLESF). HB1800 HD1 contains all the requested budget requests submitted by the department.

Re-establishing the ceiling for this special fund will provide monies for the department to use to collect penalties and fees through the Civil Recoveries Division of the Department of the Attorney General in accordance with §371-12.5(b)(3). The ceiling was eliminated by the 2020 Legislature in response to the fiscal situation resulting from the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Currently, pursuant to §371-12.5(c), any balance in the fund is transferred to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year. Revenues during the past three fiscal years averaged approximately \$1.5M.

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

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TESTIMONY ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. No. 1800, H.D.1, Relating to the State Budget

BEFORE THE:

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

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

The Department of Taxation ("Department") supports H.B. 1800, H.D.1, which provides supplemental appropriations for the fiscal biennium 2023-2025 to fund the operations of the Department. The Department appreciates the recommendations provided by the House Committee on Finance and offers the following comments regarding the Department's noteworthy budget requests contained in H.B. 1800, H.D.1.

1. Increase Spending in Compliance (OCE)

This request adds \$101,970 to the budget for FY25 for the Compliance Division, which includes funds to cover cost increases for vital subscriptions, memberships, and other resources, including access to audit findings, assessments, and voluntary disclosure referrals from the Multistate Tax Commission (MTC), and access to real property transactions and ownership information from Hawaii Info Service.

2. Increase Spending in Tax Collection Services Office (OCE)

This request adds \$199,200 to the budget for FY25 for the Tax Collection Services Office, which includes funding to continue database access to research tools to locate delinquent taxpayers and funding to cover increases in the cost of

postage and increases in the volume of notices sent via mail.

3. Increase Spending in Tax Research and Planning Office (OCE)

This request adds \$54,572 to the budget for FY25 to allow continued access to statistical and economical research programs for the Tax Research and Planning (TRP) Office. These programs help the TRP Office perform economic impacts, demographic analysis, and the dynamic scoring of state budgets at the regional level.

4. Increase Spending in Administrative Services Office (OCE)

This request adds \$98,000 to the budget for FY25 to allow the Department to cover increases in costs for armored vehicle services and to implement enhanced building security measures to protect employees and visitors from threat situations.

5. Reduce two (2) civil service positions and establish one (1) exempt position in Information Technology Services Office

This request reduces two permanent IT civil service positions and associated general funds (\$126,192) in FY25 from TAX107/AC and establishes one exempt Senior Software Developer position within TAX107/AC. This request is intended to enable the Department to develop and retain experienced high-level software developers that can perform complex system changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of this measure.



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HB 1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee. The Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports HB 1800 HD1 and respectfully offers comments** on this draft. Our comments focus on HCDA's capital improvement project requests that were omitted from the HD1. The CIP requests that were omitted from the HD1 are as follows:

- BED 150 – UH West Oahu Infrastructure on-site \$25,000,000
To extend the roadway and related improvements (utilities) that facilitate the development of Parcels 5 and 7, on University-owned lands near the Skyline's Keone'ae Station (referred to herein as the "UH West Oahu Project").
- BED 150 – Iwilei-Kapalama TOD Infrastructure Design, \$10,000,000 for Design for infrastructure improvements (wastewater, electrical, water, drainage, and roads) to support a transit-oriented community in the area (referred to herein as the "Iwilei-Kapalama Project").

Infrastructure is essential to support development across the State and is integral to building vibrant communities. More specifically, a major barrier identified by the Hawai'i Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council) to TOD implementation identified by the TOD Council and other stakeholders is the lack of adequate infrastructure in areas designated for TOD development.

Prompted by the opportunities and challenges for redeveloping along a transit corridor, the Legislature:

- Established the TOD Council through Act 130 (SLH 2016) to coordinate effective and efficient TOD planning statewide and to prioritize TOD projects;
- Directed (through Act 130) the TOD Council was to develop and implement a strategic plan for TOD, which resulted in the preparation of the *State of Hawai'i Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development* (2017, Rev. 2018) that establishes the strategic plan for TOD, including mixed-use and affordable rental housing; and
- Established the Transit-Oriented Development Infrastructure District program, placed under HCDA, through Act 184 (SLH 2022) to facilitate the renewal and redevelopment.

Three regional areas have emerged as priority areas for State investment in transit-oriented development: East Kapolei, Halawa-Stadium, and Iwilei-Kapalama.¹ Our request for funding for the "UH West Oahu Project" and the "Iwilei-Kapalama Project" seek to (i) implement projects in the above-mentioned priority areas, and (ii) continue the work already in progress.

Through the 2023 legislative session, HCDA received \$35,000,000 for the UH West Oahu Project, and \$25,000,000 for the Iwilei-Kapalama Project, both in general funds. Procurement is in progress for both projects and the contract start date for both

¹ Source: State of Hawai'i Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development (2017, Rev. 2018)

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Testimony of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority

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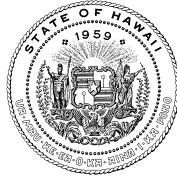
projects is expected to be May 2024 (the funds lapse in June 2024 if unencumbered by that date).

Development along the rail corridor represents an opportunity for the State to provide for growth and facilitate the building of affordable housing. In terms of expected housing units to be produced in return for the State's investment in these areas, please see the following table:

TOD Priority Area	Funding	Project	Estimated No. of Housing Units
Iwilei-Kapalama	\$25,000,000 (2023)	Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades	6,400
Iwilei-Kapalama	\$10,000,000 (2024 request)	Plan and Design of Infrastructure Improvements (drainage)	Unknown
East Kapolei	\$35,000,000 (2023)	On-site Road and Other Infrastructure Improvements on UH-owned Property to facilitate development of Parcels 3 and 4, Phase 1	1,273
East Kapolei	\$25,000,000 (2024 request)	On-site Road and Other Infrastructure Improvements on UH-owned Property to facilitate development of Parcels 5 and 7, Phase 2	1,095

Thank you for your continued support and guidance as we work together to build a better state from the infrastructure up.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
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KEITH A. REGAN
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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. 1800, H. D. 1

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024, 10:00 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 211 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill (H. B.) 1800, H. D. 1, Relating to the State Budget, which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) **supports** the adjustments to the Governor's executive budget as provided by H. B. 1800, H. D. 1, which will provide the critical funding needed in support of our goal to provide quality and consistency in the delivery of essential support services to other State departments and agencies.

Our comments, concerns and impact statements are as follows for these operating budget items:

AGS-203: Adds \$17M in general funds in FY 25 for insurance program cost increases due to insurance policy premium increases and adds \$17M in revolving fund ceiling in FY 25 to facilitate the expenditure of the general fund appropriation.

Both adjustments, however, are non-recurring. DAGS respectfully requests that the appropriated funds be recurring base budget adjustments which will provide the means for the program to maintain the financial solvency of the fund.

Additionally, we are seeking an amendment to the operating program provisos to add a provision to authorize the transfer of the general fund appropriation into the State Risk Management Revolving Fund for expenditure purposes as per the related proviso proposed in Governor’s Message 5 (GM5):

H. B. No. 1800, H. D. 1, Section 5, is amended to read as follows:

“(X) By adding a new section to read:

“SECTION XX. Provided that out of the general fund appropriation for state risk management and insurance administration (AGS203), the sum of \$17,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 shall be deposited into the state risk management revolving fund to be expended for insurance related expenses pursuant to chapter 41D, Hawaii Revised Statutes.”

AGS-221: Adds \$400K for Menstrual Products and Dispensers.

DAGS estimates that the initial cost to roll out the program to all DAGS-managed building restrooms statewide would be approximately \$1.1M, with an estimated annual funding of \$550K needed for re-supplies.

DAGS requests that the funds be appropriated to **AGS-231** (Central Services-Custodial) for expenditure instead of AGS-221 (Public Works-Planning, Design, & Construction).

AGS-881: Adds \$150K in general funds for Arts & Healing for Maui Wildfire Victims. This reflects the amount requested in H. B. 1939, H. D. 1., Standing Committee Report No. 615-24, by the House Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs.

AGS-901: Adds \$1,200,000 for Guard Services-Capitol District, \$1,400,000 for Security Camera Monitoring and Maintenance, and \$2,881,362 for thirty (30) deputy sheriffs IIs (includes transfers in funds from BUF141 for fringe). DAGS defers to the Department of Law Enforcement for comments/statements on the conversion of the affected funding to the interdepartmental transfers funding source in their operating budget.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget

DAGS notes that H. B. 1800, H. D. 1 does not include the Department’s budget request in GM5 for an additional \$25M to the \$5M in CIP funding for the Enterprise Financial System project. The adjusted initial phase request of a total of \$30M would provide DAGS the means to address the most immediate needs of the project, allowing the department to focus on the following major workstreams:

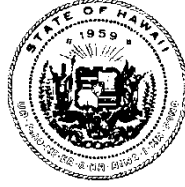
- Statewide Organizational Change Management
- Business Process Modernization
- Modern Accounting and Finance Platform
- Legacy System Migrations (Phase 1)
- Staff Augmentation and Support

We are aware of the challenges ahead and remain committed to work with the Legislature to seek solutions that effectively balance our priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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SYLVIA LUKE
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Statement of **DEAN MINAKAMI**

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of

H.B. 1800 HD1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee.

HHFDC **supports** HB 1800 HD1, which adjusts and requests appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2023 to 2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

There are existing appropriations of \$50 million to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) and \$180 million to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) in the Fiscal Year 2024 to 2025 budget, and this bill changes the means of financing for both from general funds to general obligation bond funds.

The HD1 version of the bill increased HHFDC's operating ceiling and added three positions. Justification for these amendments is provided herein.

HHFDC appreciates the Legislature's continued support for these appropriations and housing programs.

\$50,000,000 (MOF: C) for BED 160 Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide

DURF may be used for the acquisition of real property; development and construction of residential, commercial, and industrial properties; interim and permanent loans to developers; development of regional infrastructure; and all things necessary to carry out

the purposes of HHFDC's Housing Development Program, including administrative expenses.

Among other uses, the \$50 million infusion is needed for the development of regional infrastructure, interim loans for housing development, maintenance of HHFDC-owned infrastructure, and upgrades to the Waiahole Valley water system to allow its dedication to the Board of Water Supply.

\$180,000,000 (MOF: C) for BED 160 Cash Infusion for Rental Housing Revolving Fund, Statewide

RHRF provides loans or grants for the development, pre-development, construction, acquisition, preservation, and substantial rehabilitation of rental housing units. The state has a severe shortage of housing, and the \$180 million infusion is needed to continue to provide gap financing for the development of affordable rental housing projects.

To illustrate the demand for such financing, for the 2024 funding round, HHFDC received 25 applications for RHRF loans totaling \$616 million to finance a total of 3,477 units. The \$180 million into RHRF is projected to yield 1,150 units based on recent historical production data.

Housing Finance

HHFDC desires to expand its housing finance programs to increase available financing for affordable housing units and to broaden the household income profiles that can be supported. Two programs that we wish to initiate relate to Private Activity Bond (PAB) Recycling and Low-Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program Income Averaging.

The PAB Recycling program will enable the bond cap used by PABs that are paid off early to be used to finance additional affordable housing. We estimate that an annual recycling of \$100 million of PABs would support the production of 500 additional affordable housing units each year.

The Income Averaging program will allow LIHTC developments to serve a broader range of households. Presently, LIHTC units primarily serve households earning up to 60% of the area median income (AMI). Implementing the Income Averaging would provide greater flexibility to LIHTC projects so long as the average affordability level of the project is no higher than 60% AMI. This will enable LIHTC-financed developments to serve gap-group households, as well as 30% AMI households.

For these new programs, we require the addition of a **1.0 FTE Temporary Finance Specialist I position**.

Housing Development

HHFDC has a pivotal role in the recovery efforts on Maui and in providing temporary and permanent housing/infrastructure solutions statewide. With respect to recovery efforts on Maui, two temporary housing projects are being developed on HHFDC-owned lands at the Villages of Leialii (VOL). HHFDC is facilitating the development of permanent infrastructure at the VOL so that funds presently being expended for infrastructure will support the development of permanent homes when the temporary use has concluded. HHFDC is also working towards the redevelopment of the Front Street Apartments site, which could be among the first new post-disaster multifamily projects developed in Lahaina.

In addition to Maui recovery efforts, Housing Development staff were recently tasked with administering the Governor's Emergency Proclamation on Housing, which assigned the functions of the former Build Beyond Barriers Working Group to HHFDC. Housing Development staff have also been tasked with the redevelopment of Mahelona Hospital into a mixed-use campus that will include affordable housing. Finally, the Housing Development team is working on a leasehold condominium project at UH West Oahu that is expected to produce 500 to 750 housing units and could serve as a model for residential leasehold development on State lands.

For these initiatives, we require the addition of a **1.0 FTE Temporary Project Manager III position**.

Housing Compliance

HHFDC currently employs one Compliance Specialist whose primary responsibility is to monitor the compliance of affordable and workforce housing projects with HHFDC financing program requirements.

When HHFDC was established in 2006, its compliance monitoring portfolio included 64 projects with 5,752 units. Today, the compliance monitoring portfolio totals 172 projects with 16,503 units (representing increases of 169% and 187%, respectively). Should the Legislature continue to fund HHFDC rental housing financing programs at levels consistent with recent years, the compliance portfolio can be expected to grow by approximately five (5) projects and 950 units annually.

In addition to the vastly increased size of the portfolio, the compliance monitoring work has become more complex over time as the number of financing programs has more than doubled, more projects using multiple programs, and a growing number of properties have unique affordability restrictions that were conditions of sale and do not fall under any financing program.

The Housing Compliance Manager position is needed due to the large increase in the size of the compliance monitoring portfolio and the increased complexity of the required monitoring, trends that will continue with expected ongoing legislative support of the programs. We require the addition of a **1.0 FTE Temporary Housing Compliance Manager position** for the additional workload and expanded scope of duties.

Budget Ceiling Increases

Affordable housing is a priority for the State. Qualified staff are needed to keep the production pipeline of affordable housing flowing. Budget ceiling increases are needed for increases in salaries and fringe benefits, staff training, a LIHTC consultant, and software:

Staff salary and fringe benefits increases are necessary to recruit qualified individuals for vacant positions and to retain current staff, requiring a ceiling increase. We note that the salaries for a number of HHFDC positions are below those offered by other agencies for similar positions.

A ceiling increase is needed for adjustments to salary and fringe benefits for the Executive Director (ED) and Executive Assistant (EA) positions. By statute, the salary of the ED is to be up to the equivalent of the DBEDT Director salary, and the EA salary is up to 90% of the ED salary. The current budget ceiling is inadequate to cover the increases in salary and fringe benefits.

To allow staff to attend training workshops and conferences for new programs and updates on federal housing programs, and for retention and succession planning, a ceiling increase is needed. Given the State's housing crisis and limited financial resources, it is essential that staff keep abreast of best practices and new programs for affordable housing development.

A budget ceiling increase is necessary to retain a LIHTC program consultant. The LIHTC program promotes the development and rehabilitation of low-income rental housing and is governed by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). As updates are made at the Federal level, HHFDC needs to timely and appropriately update its related policies. The consultant would proactively advise HHFDC on program adjustments, unique situations with particular projects, and potential changes to the Qualified Allocation Plan required under the IRC. The availability of an expert consultant will help to protect the State from possible incorrect action and allow HHFDC to put forth an effective LIHTC program.

Lastly, a ceiling increase is requested for the purchase and implementation of software for financial analysis, consolidated application intake, and the tracking of project funding for affordable rental housing projects. Such software implementation will expedite review of the dozens of voluminous funding applications received annually, allow staff more time for analysis and thoughtful decision making, eliminate potential manual data-entry errors by staff, and provide on-demand reporting and analysis capabilities. Existing software platforms are compatible with all State operating systems and accounting systems. The resulting reduction in award processing time would allow staff to possibly hold additional funding rounds if more resources were to be made available.

Expanding Housing Options

HHFDC appreciates the additional funding for the to-be-established Accessory Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (\$15 million in general funds) and RHRF Tier II Infusion (\$150 million in general funds.) These funds will help to expand housing options for below-market-rate rentals and the "missing middle" – those who earn too much to qualify to rent LIHTC-financed units but may not be able to afford to buy their own homes, such as teachers, firefighters, police officers, and nurses.

Thank you for continuing to support HHFDC's programs and for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
Governor

SYLVIA LUKE
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TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024
10:00 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 211 AND VIDEOCONFERENCE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1800, H.D.1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 1800, H.D. 1. This bill amends Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023 and other appropriations and makes additional appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025. The Department supports this bill.

We appreciate that the House Committee on Finance included much of the Department's Executive Budget requests into H.D.1. We respectfully request that those items as well as those requested in Governor's Message No. 5 be included in the Senate budget. We also support the House adjustments that were made to the Plant Pest and Disease Control program budget as they will allow the department to increase biosecurity and invasive species control efforts.

In the capital improvements program budget, we request that the consideration be made to fund the Halawa Animal Quarantine Station, Oahu project. This project will locate and remove a source of tar-like substance that is surfacing in the parking lot and surrounding area. Funding this project will ease environmental concerns and avoid future budget requests for the same project.



Another important CIP request that was deleted in the House draft budget is the Kahuku Agricultural Park Miscellaneous Improvements, Oahu. The funds are needed to rehabilitate non-working standpipes to provide water for fire protection in the Agricultural Park. These standpipes are located along the Agricultural Park roads and provide the only source of water for firefighting in the area. The funds are also needed for improvements and replacement of the water storage tank, and associated infrastructure that are necessary for the irrigation water collection and transmission system.

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

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:47:13 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexandra Obra	Testifying for Waiāhole Elementary School	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

Aloha. My name is Alexandra Obra and I am a principal at Waiāhole Elementary School.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800 HD1. I am excited about the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment.

As a principal, I use funding from the weighted student formula for funding school personnel and pay for operational expenses. Additional funding for the weighted student formula could be used for additional school personnel that I cannot afford with my limited small school operating budget.

Additionally, the federal funding that made summer enrichment free for all students has been invaluable to my school. With the sunset of this federal funding, the loss of this summer enrichment programming would affect my school.

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

Mahalo.

Alexandra Obra

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

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

March 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

MEASURE: H.B. No. 1800 HD1

TITLE: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

DESCRIPTION: Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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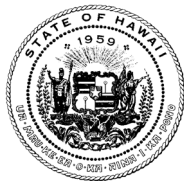
The Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) supports this measure and offers the following comments for consideration.

COMMENTS:

The Commission supports this Administration bill to make necessary adjustments and appropriations requests for fiscal biennium 2023-2025.

The Commission appreciates the Committee’s consideration of proposed adjustments and appropriations in this important bill that will provide needed support for the Commission to continue its operations and address the anticipated increase in workload in the coming fiscal year.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211

**By Stacey A. Aldrich
State Librarian**

H.B. 1800 H.D.1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

To: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Sen. Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **supports** H.B. 1800 H.D.1 relating to the state budget, as this measure appropriates funding for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

HSPLS appreciates and understands the significant impact the Maui Wildfire has put on the finances of the State of Hawaii and realizes difficult decisions must be made by the State Legislature (Legislature) to balance needs statewide.

As a statewide public library system, reductions to our budget affects all residents across the State of Hawaii. Public libraries are no longer just about our physical book collection – we remain a critical resource of information for communities with resources such as high-speed internet connectivity, computers and printers, and access to information needed to support education and career advancement.

Budget reductions will have a direct impact on our ability to keep libraries open for public access to resources, the number of books and materials we can purchase for the library collection, and our ability to repair and maintain our public library buildings. Less funding will limit our ability to hire and replace staff who are critical to keeping our doors open to the public. Neighbor island and rural libraries will likely be impacted the most due to their low staffing counts, yet these are the communities that are most dependent on the public library system to support their needs.

The HSPLS supplemental budget requests for FY23-FY25:

General Fund Requests

1. **\$550,000 for Security Guard Services**

The additional funding is needed to meet the increased cost of security guard services going forward. Last legislative session, we estimated we needed an additional \$550,000 to be added to our base budget to ensure sufficient funding to meet the expected increase in the cost of security guard services. However, funding was only provided for FY24.

Note: We recently completed discussions with a new statewide security vendor. While we anticipate being able to manage the first year of the new contract with existing funding, the additional \$550,000 requested for FY2025 will not be sufficient for FY2026 and beyond; we will need to pursue a substantial increase in our base budget for security in the 2025 Legislative session.

2. **\$125,000 for Temporary locations for Princeville and Kaneohe**

HSPLS has construction projects that will temporarily close these locations for about one year. We will need to open temporary service locations as Princeville serves all north shore communities on Kauai, and the Kaneohe Library is a large regional library that serves a large number of communities between Kaneohe and Kahuku. The funding is primarily needed to lease space for the temporary services.

3. **\$125,000 for Temporary locations for Makawao and Lahaina**

This funding would support Maui libraries. We have an upcoming construction project for Makawao, which will temporarily close the library for at least a year. The Makawao Library is the only public library in upcountry Maui, so it is important to provide services to these communities. We are also looking to create a temporary library space for the community of Lahaina, while it heals and rebuilds.

Capital Improvement Project Request:

\$8,000,000 for the New Waikoloa Public Library

Initially, we had requested an additional \$10 million to supplement an earlier FY2024 appropriation of \$13 million to fully fund the building of this new public library in the rapidly growing community of Waikoloa. At this time, we believe that \$8 million (instead of \$10 million) will be sufficient to construct the library. The project is in the preliminary design phase and is on track to go out to bid in 2025.

We must continue to invest in our public libraries. Strong public libraries support thriving, strong communities throughout Hawaii.

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



STATE OF HAWAII
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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Timothy Shim and I am a principal at Pōmaika'i Elementary on Maui.

I am writing to you today in support of HB1800 HD1. I am excited about the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for summer enrichment.

As a principal, I use funding from the weighted student formula for providing rich learning experiences for our students, quality professional development for our staff, and resources, supplies and maintenance to keep our school campus safe and beautiful. Additional funding for the weighted student formula could be used for providing more opportunities for our students to connect to their community, extra support for students who need it, and improvements in facilities that serve our students.

Additionally, the federal funding that made summer enrichment free for all students has been invaluable to my school. With the sunset of this federal funding, the loss of this summer enrichment programming would affect my school by not being able to provide continued support for students who are falling further behind. Also, we have created additional opportunities for both our special education students and our excelling students, so the summer programs we've offered have a wide range of capabilities.

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

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Shim".

Timothy Shim
Principal



Written Statement of
Wayne Inouye
Interim Director
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room #211

In consideration of
HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

HTDC supports initiatives aimed at promoting technology and manufacturing jobs. HTDC has three core grant programs: Hawai'i Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR), Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP), and accelerator (a.k.a. exceleator) programs.

HSBIR

HTDC has been providing Phase I matching grants to SBIR awarded companies since 1989 and started awarding Phase II and Phase III matching grants in FY16. The federal SBIR funds are highly competitive with a fixed budget each year. Therefore, the industry is securing for Hawai'i federal funds that would otherwise be awarded to companies in other states. For every dollar invested through the Hawaii SBIR program, Hawaii companies have attracted over 20 federal dollars in return to the State, plus commercialization funding. A summary of the impacts made by the HSBIR program in FY23 is listed below:

FY23 HSBIR	
Total Applications Received	26
Total Applications Awarded	20
Total First-time Applicants Awarded	2
Total Federal Funds Awarded	\$21,246,933
Total Grants Requested	\$7,127,196
Total Matching Grants Awarded	\$2,017,000
<u>Projected economic impact reported by awardees</u>	

New Employees (FTE)	243
New Jobs earning > \$80K/year	168
Jobs Saved	125

Funding Highlights:

Hawaii Ulu Producers Cooperative [Kailua-Kona] received MAP and matching HSBIR funds in FY20. Their Phase I SBIR project provided foundational research and development to determine the feasibility of scaling to commercial-level breadfruit production and processing of at least one million pounds of fruit per year aggregated from small, diversified farms with the goal of developing a thriving commercial breadfruit ('ulu) industry in Hawai'i that will serve as an example to emergent agricultural industries focused on highly seasonal crops. HUC leveraged the state funds to receive a Phase II Federal SBIR award to implement their Phase I findings to strengthen the breadfruit value chain and have applied for the HSBIR matching grant for FY24.

Hawaii Biotech [Iwilei-Oahu] received Phase II HSBIR matching funds to leverage their new manufacturing capabilities to lower the cost of manufacturing and speed up the development time for their West Nile virus vaccine candidate. To date there is no licensed WNV vaccine for humans. Historically, six WNV vaccine candidates have been evaluated in Phase 1 clinical trials, two of which advanced to Phase 2 trials. Hawaii Biotech is one of only two companies currently actively pursuing candidates.

Ocean Era [Kailua-Kona] is a pioneer and innovator in offshore high-value marine fish and macroalgae production that have led to the successful commercial companies, Blue Ocean Mariculture, and Forever Oceans. They will use the HSBIR Phase II matching funds to further their research and development of the ability to farm raise mahimahi and are looking to develop an offshore commercial farm of Ewa Beach, Oahu. Producing mahimahi in Hawai'i could grow local businesses, increase food security, and expand consumer access to healthful seafood.

MAP

HTDC has been providing MAP matching grants to manufacturers since FY16. Through our federally funded INNOVATE Hawai'i program, HTDC provides wrap-around support services for the matching grants to help Hawai'i manufacturers become more globally competitive. Hawai'i manufacturers play an important role in our economy, for food-security, sustainability, and resilience initiatives, and is an important driver for innovation. A summary of the impacts made by the matching grant program in FY23 is listed below:

FY23 MAP	
Total Applications Received	85
Total Applications Awarded	26
Total First-time Applicants Awarded	7
Total Company Investment	\$17,634,778.25
Total Grants Requested	\$2,725,644.13
Total Matching Grants Awarded	\$1,000,000.00
<u>Projected economic impact reported by awardees</u>	

New Employees (FTE)	281
New Employees (PTE)	64
New Jobs earning > \$80K/year	177
Jobs Saved	227

Funding Highlights:

Manulele Distillers dba KoHāna Distillers [Kunia-Oahu] was awarded MAP funding in FY20, which significantly bolstered their production capabilities, sustainability, and operational efficiency. This strategic investment led to a remarkable 100% increase in output, doubling from 5,000 to 10,000 cases annually. The company remains committed to increasing heirloom cane production and incorporating advanced technologies that promote sustainable growth in manufacturing and generate local employment opportunities, thereby facilitating their expansion into new domestic and global markets.

Advanced Silicon Carbide Materials (ASCM) [Lihue-Kauai] specializes in the creation of high-performance mirrors and telescopes at their facility on Kauai, catering to a diverse range of applications across civilian, military, and aerospace sectors. ASCM was awarded MAP funding in FY20 to enhance their equipment capabilities, leading to improvement in their manufacturing process and increased staffing as a result of increased manufacturing volume.

Ba-Le dba La Tour Bakehouse [Iwilei-Oahu] received MAP funding in FY20 and FY23, enabling the acquisition of new manufacturing equipment to boost production capacity and expand into new product lines. The investment in equipment and training has empowered the company to upscale and optimize their production processes, ensuring they stay ahead of mainland competitors. It also enhanced the workplace for employees with modern, efficient, and ergonomic machinery.

ACCELERATORS

Accelerators are business support programs designed to help established startups scale quickly, and often (but not necessarily) provide funding in exchange for equity in the business. They have a highly competitive application process, with programs that are typically short-term, ranging from 3 to 6 months. Accelerator programs accept companies in cohorts, and typically have an economic cluster for focus. They provide learning opportunities and intense mentoring to each company, with a culminating graduation event at the end of the program where companies can pitch their concept or product in front of investors and other key stakeholders.

FY23 Accelerators	
Total Accelerators & Pre-Accelerators Funded	10
Of those funded, # of who were funded for the first time	5
Total Requested	\$1.7M
COMPANIES: # of companies assisted	358

JOB: # of jobs represented by the companies assisted	1350
Revenue by cohort companies	\$218M
<u>Forecast Est. – FY24</u>	
COMPANIES: # of companies to be assisted	315
JOB: # of jobs represented by the companies to be assisted	1100
Est. revenue by cohort companies	\$151M

REMOVAL OF GENERAL FUNDS

Additionally, HTDC would like to respectfully provide comments on the lapsing of \$5,250,000 from general funds. In 2023, the legislature appropriated \$5,000,000 in recognition of the importance of the Hawaii Capital Assistance Program (HI-CAP). The lapsing of the \$5,250,000 in HB1800 HD1 hinders HI-CAP's ability to obtain the full \$62,000,000 of federal dollars allotted to the State of Hawaii. Excess capital is necessary for various operations of the program and lack thereof will put federal dollars at risk. Moreover, the lack of supporting excess capital will pose a risk of being non-compliant due to the strict guidelines presented in the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) policies. Thus HI-CAP requires these dollars to be available to utilize as situations arise to maintain compliance with the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**TESTIMONY OF WENDY L. GADY
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1800 HD1, which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirement for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

CIP projects:

1. Kekaha Bridge, \$2.5MM, FY25, MOF-C

Construction to improve interior access road and Kekaha ditch bridge crossing.

The crossings have unknown ratings, so an engineer is needed to review the current structural integrity of the crossings and abutments. The foundations have been undermined by water and needs repairs. The crossing channels also need to be widened to prevent flooding during heavy storms. The interior access road is full of potholes and needs to be improved and resurfaced.

The 80 year old crossings will eventually fail at some point in the future. If that happens the new crossings will need to conform to the current rules and regulations regarding 100 year flood events. It is expected that the

required studies, plans, and construction for a new bridge will take 2-3 years to complete and will likely cost \$20-25 million.

The improvements will ensure the crossing can support standard trucks and equipment used for the agricultural operations in Kekaha by restoring washed out sections, voids and cavities of the foundations and abutments.

2. Christian Crossing Bridge, \$1MM, FY25, MOF-C

Restore the approaches and washed-out parts of the left abutment, remove damaged concrete, voids and cavities and restore to engineer's specs. All plans and design for the project have been completed

The bridge has several known defects: a portion of the left abutment was washed out during a flood, the surface is not watertight and allows water to percolate into the concrete structure affecting its integrity, rebar is exposed at several locations quickly deteriorating the concrete.

Christian Bridge crossing provides the only access for standard trucks to Kalepa Units E to N. In case the bridge would fail, no trucks will be able to access any of the Units E to N to pick up crops / animals or deliver farm supplies. Units E to N are actively farmed for timber and biomass, truck crops and fruit and cattle. Kalepa tenants have made huge investments, including a \$100m biomass power plant, counting on produce and income from the Kalepa lands. This bridge also provides the only emergency access to Kauai's north shore in case Wailua bridge would fail or become inaccessible after a tsunami, hurricane or other catastrophic event. If Christian bridge would fail, there would be no practical way to get to Kauai's north shore by truck in case Wailua bridge is inaccessible.

The repairs will strengthen the bridge and supporting structure so it can withstand heavy flooding to ensure first responders, heavy equipment, and vehicles are able to cross for agricultural and emergency purposes.

Operational:

1. Kauai Property Manager Position – Includes full year funding, MOF-W, \$115,115:

The ADC manages 18,000 acres of farmland and more than 25 miles of irrigation ditch and reservoirs on Kauai. Before the end of the 2023 calendar year the ADC is planning to release 3,100 acres of land for new leases. It will be essential to have a position dedicated to the island to manage and oversee the process to provide guidance to the new tenants.

The ADC has no staff on Kauai to monitor the tenants, land, and operational facilities, or guide new tenants that begin to lease property.

The existing farm tenants, in the past, have managed much of the lands by farm associations or farm cooperatives. As the area becomes more

utilized and as urbanized land gets closer to active farm operations, the need for a regular property manager on the island is critical to properly oversee and monitor state property.

The property manager position based on Oahu visits the island quarterly for formal inspections. The property manager on Oahu is unable to properly monitor and manage the property or the process to add new farmers. The ability to collaborate with local resources and the community on a regular or daily basis is restricted and important projects like the Food and Product Innovation Network is slowed without the additional position.

The state's goal to improve sustainability and food self-sufficiency make the productive farmlands on Kauai ever more significant. As drought, wildfires and homelessness is on the rise the role of the property manager becomes elevated.

The position is a critical part of what the ADC will be requesting for Kauai staff. The position will work together with the newly requested security and water system manager positions to monitor property, facilities, tenant activities, trespass, and water delivery.

Because there is no ADC staff on Kauai it will be difficult to manage contracted persons to perform important tasks.

The position will be essential to completing leasing and monitoring tenant activity for all the 18,000 acres of land on Kauai.

2. Kauai Water System manager Position – Includes full year funding, MOF – W, \$115,115:

The ADC manages 18,000 acres of land on Kauai. The Water System Manager is needed to work with the tenants and area resources to properly operate, maintain, and plan future improvements of the system. The two extensive water systems provide water to (32) ADC tenant farmers, and neighboring property users. The system is more than 30 miles of open ditch, tunnels, and reservoirs.

There are two high risk reservoirs and dams on the system, and each should have regular visits to monitor their condition.

There is no ADC staff in Kauai to manage these systems, currently the operations are managed by area farmer associations and farmer cooperatives. After the plantation stopped operations no one has consistently operated portions of the system. In Kekaha the system is well managed by the farmer association and in Kalepa the system is not monitored regularly. Without proper management the system has caused overflows that have damaged neighboring property. A lack of water delivery caused the "Fern Grotto" state park to become dry, and the ferns turned brown. Some of the users divert water and cause downstream users to not have sufficient water. During storm events the ADC could not

contact anyone to monitor the reservoirs and report on the water height and open or close control gates to protect downstream communities.

The position is needed to operate the system safely, to be confident dam safety requirements are maintained, and control the water delivery to provide sufficient water to area farmers.

Contracting is an option however; part of the position's responsibilities will be to manage or monitor the two systems and represent the state's interest on delivery of water fairly to all users and that should be represented by an ADC manager. The position will also need to coordinate with area firefighters to maintain access and availability of water to fight wildfires. A contractor's scope of work will not be flexible enough to handle all the tasks as efficiently as an ADC employee.

The ADC is opening 3,100 acres of land to area farmers to lease. Water management for irrigation is critical to successful farm operations. The position is needed to support the state goal to improve food self-reliance, doubling food production, and sustainability.

3. Two (2) vehicles for use on Kauai Includes funds for the purchase, MOF-W, \$110,000

- a. One (1) Vehicle, Kauai, for water system manager, inspect and adjust the irrigation for 6,000 acres of Kalepa farm area, and monitor the Kekaha ditch system.

4x4 vehicle required to enter farmed and unfarmed areas, requires all terrain vehicle. The vehicle will be used mainly for water managers' use. A dedicated vehicle is needed because storm events require the water manager to do site visits when events occur independently of other ADC Kauai staff.

The ADC has no staff, and Vehicles on the island of Kauai.

This request is contingent upon approval of the Water System Manager Position on the island of Kauai.

- b. One (1) Vehicle, Kauai, pool vehicle shared with Kauai Property Manager and Kauai Security, inspect and monitor 18,000 acres of Kauai property.

4x4 vehicle required to enter farmed and unfarmed areas, requires all terrain vehicle. Vehicle will be used as a pool vehicle for the security and property manager to share.

The ADC has no staff, and Vehicles on the island of Kauai.

This request is contingent upon approval of the Property Manager Position on the island of Kauai.

ADC appreciates support for the items above as they are important to agriculture and the community they benefit.

We ask the Senate Committee on Ways And Means to consider the items below submitted in the FY25 Supplemental Administration Budget not included in HB1800 HD1.

CIP not included in HB1800 HD1

1. BED170 – Water Irrigation Infrastructure, Oahu - \$4,500,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used for purchase of land \$3MM and to complete plans and designs of a system to reuse discharge of treated wastewater for irrigation \$1.5MM. The land purchase completes a larger contiguous parcel of land actively farmed by an ADC tenant. The funding for the plan ends the discharge of treated wastewater into the environment since 1929. Originally \$5MM in general funds were appropriated for FY24 and ADC is requesting re-appropriation of funding less the adjusted amount per EM23-08. HB1800 HD1 did not include funding for this project, ADC requests the funds to be restored to the FY25 Supplementary Administration Budget request.
2. BED170 – Food and Product Innovation Network, Statewide - \$9,500,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used for planning and development of a statewide Food & Product Innovation Network to support the development of value-added products for the agriculture industry. Originally \$10MM in general funds were appropriated in FY24 and the ADC is requesting reappropriation of funds less the adjusted amount per EM23-08.
3. BED170 – Kekaha Irrigation System Water Improvements, Kauai - \$6,470,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used to design and construct a system to provide irrigation water to over 1,000 acres of farmland and includes a pressurized hydrant system for fire control. Without funding the 1,000+ acres of farmland cannot be farmed slowing the state's goal to double food production. The adjoining 5,000+ acres of non-farmlands and the neighboring community are at higher risk of wildfires.
4. BED170 – Galbraith Ag Land Improvements, Oahu - \$500,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used to complete cleanup of a site that once contained illegal activity and begin leasing the property to a farmer to generate revenue and agriculture products. The cost is based

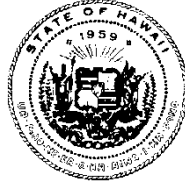
on a narrowed scope of work resulting from testing and working with the HDOH.

5. BED170 – Slaughterhouse Facility, Oahu - \$4,000,000 in General Obligation bonds for FY25. The funds will be used for design and construction of infrastructure needed to support a modular slaughter facility for small livestock. The funds will support the need of food safe slaughter facilities required for the industry to grow. Originally \$4MM in general funds was appropriated for FY25 and this request is for reappropriation of the funds as general obligation bonds.

These requests support critical infrastructure and foundations for agriculture as the state works to achieve food security and self-sufficiency, address drought mitigation, wildfire mitigation, water sustainability and the health and safety of the public.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi, Executive Director
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

10:00 AM, March 20, 2024
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 211

In consideration of
HB 1800, HD1
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 1800, HD1, relating to the State Budget.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) is in **strong support with amendments** of HB 1800, HD1, which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. It is our sincere hope that the Senate Draft (SD) 1 incorporates the proposed changes in Governor's Message (GM) 5 which transmitted proposed changes to the FY 25 Executive Supplemental operating and capital improvement program budget requests for various departments.

The following budget requests below were not included in the HB 1800, HD1, and the HPHA humbly requests that they be included in the SD1.

Request ID	H25011						
Description of Request	<p><u>HPHA [SCHOOL STREET,] PREDEVELOPMENT, RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF [ELDERLY] HOUSING PROJECTS, [OAHU] STATEWIDE</u></p> <p><u>PLANS [CONSTRUCTION] FOR PREDEVELOPMENT OF [ELDERLY] HOUSING PROJECTS [AT THE] ON VARIOUS HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY[‘S SCHOOL STREET CAMPUS] PROPERTIES.</u></p> <p>Predevelopment Planning for all Projects to Include Architectural and Engineering Activities Including Obtaining Permits, Drafting Blueprints and Plans, Creating Specifications, Conducting Inspections, Surveys and Environmental Studies, Interacting with Banks, and other Financial Institutions to Arrange Financing (but not entering into contracts) for Hawaii Public Housing Authority Projects Identified or Scheduled for Redevelopment (\$22,000,000/P).</p>						
Reasons for Request	<p>This request amends the HPHA’s initial request included in the Governor’s budget request H25011 related to the additional funding needed to move forward with Phase I of HPHA’s School Street Senior Affordable Rental Housing Project; amends the project title, the work to be done, and the cost element. However, the amount of general obligation bond funds requested remains the same as our initial request.</p> <p>Please note that the initial request was drafted before the Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation (HHFDC) Board of Directors voted on January 11, 2024, to recommend providing the HPHA with the additional funding needed to proceed.</p> <p>Predevelopment planning for all projects will include, but not be limited to architectural and engineering activities including obtaining permits, drafting blueprints and plans, creating specifications, conducting inspections, surveys, environmental studies, and contaminated soil remediation, and interacting with banks and other financial institutions to arrange financing (but not entering into contracts). The distribution of the funds can be found in the table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Predevelopment Ka Lei Momi / School Street.</th> <th>Funds Needed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Kapa’a Homes</td> <td>\$4,400,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lanakila Homes</td> <td>\$4,100,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Predevelopment Ka Lei Momi / School Street.	Funds Needed	Kapa’a Homes	\$4,400,000	Lanakila Homes	\$4,100,000
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Kapa’a Homes	\$4,400,000						
Lanakila Homes	\$4,100,000						

	Maui Replacement Housing	\$4,150,000
	School Street Phase II	\$500,000
	Kaahumanu Homes or Puuwai Momi	\$5,200,000
	Mayor Wright Homes – Phase 1C	\$3,650,000
	Total Predevelopment Funds Needed	\$22,000,000

Request ID	229HA-53
Description of Request	Request FTE 2.00 temporary MOF W funded positions and FTE 2.00 permanent MOF N funded positions (FTE Perm 2.00/N, \$158,306/N; FTE Temp 2.00/W, \$350,845/W).
Reasons for Request	The two (2) Housing Development Specialist positions and two (2) Public Housing Specialist positions are essential to work on all phases of housing development in order to substantially reduce consultants and third-party fees. These positions will work on the Ka Lei Momi, KPT and School Street Elderly Affordable Housing Project redevelopment projects, including feasibility studies for the sites, master plan preparation, processing the required governmental applications and permits, construction of housing units, coordination with HPHA, State and County branches and offices and other development tasks. Please note that there are no General funds being requested for these positions.

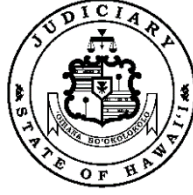
Request ID	229HA-54
Description of Request	Request to convert FTE 1.00 temporary position to permanent position and funds for federal salary adjustment and equipment (FTE Temp -1.00/N; Perm 1.00/N, \$14,433/N).
Reasons for Request	For the past several years, it has been difficult to fill temporary Civil Service positions while competing against the permanent Civil Service positions in recruitment from other state departments. Please note that there are no General funds being requested to convert this temporary position to permanent.

The following CIP project was added by the House and needs to be amended with the following language.

Request ID	SECTION 7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AUTHORIZED. F. SOCIAL SERVICES
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	HMS 220 – RENTAL HOUSING SERVICES 8.1 PAGE 133
Description of Request	Amend HD1 language to be: <u>KALIHI VALLEY HOMES, OAHU</u> <u>PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR REPAIRS OF LIFE SAFETY AND REAC FINDINGS, UPGRADING UTILITIES, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS, ROOFING, EXTERIOR PAINTING, HAZMAT ABATEMENT, ROCK WALL REPAIRS, SIDEWALKS AND PAVING.</u>
Reasons for Request	This project is to supplement last year’s appropriation which did not include design funds and is for site and exterior work. Phase 5 design and construction will go towards seven buildings that contain sixty-three units at Kalihi Valley Homes.

The HPHA is aware of the many competing priorities in need of additional support during these trying times. The HPHA humbly requests that funding and positions 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 Legislature, 2024 Regular Session

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

by:

Dr. Erin E. Harbinson

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1800 H.D. 1 – Relating to the State Budget

Purpose: Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Judiciary's Position:

The Criminal Justice Research Institute (CJRI) supports the funding requests made by the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC) in House Bill No. 1800, H.D. 1 – Relating to the State Budget. HCSOC was established in the same law as CJRI - Act 179 (2019). Although each organization has separate duties and missions, both are focused on providing information important to improve the criminal justice system. CJRI is developing 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 correctional 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 the law.

The national landscape on correctional oversight commissions demonstrates a diverse range of organizations tasked with reviewing and reporting out on correctional systems. A



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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 tasks.¹ 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 **Michelle 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).

TO: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Morwaki, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Robert G. Peters, Chair
Early Learning Board (ELB)

SUBJECT: **Measure:** H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Conference Room 211

EARLY LEARNING BOARD’S POSITION: Support

The Early Learning Board (ELB), the governing board for the Executive Office on Early Learning strongly supports H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1 and respectfully requests the continued additions related to federal funds.

In addition, the ELB supports the provision in H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1 that increases salaries for Early Intervention Services (EIS) specialists who provide critical services to children birth to age 3. The request is for 4.9M and is reflected under Family Health Services Division (HTH560) Item 4, pg. 31. The request includes both salary increases and associated operational costs.

EOEL (EDN 700)

The Early Learning Board appreciates the Legislature’s on-going commitment to ensure EOEL’s ability to maintain existing services for young children and their families and for its support of efforts to expand access to high-quality early learning. H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1 maintains funding necessary for the Office to continue operating existing EOEL Public Prekindergarten classrooms and to open an additional 44 classrooms in the upcoming 2024-2025 School Year.

Hawai’i was awarded the Federal Preschool Development Birth through Five Renewal Grant (PDG), the funding from which is being utilized to strengthen existing infrastructure for a coordinated mixed delivery early care and education system. EOEL is working with partners to conduct a statewide needs assessment to determine the current landscape and potential impacts from the pandemic and wildfires along with developing a strategic plan to improve utilization, timeliness, efficiency and effectiveness of services and strengthen governance for the mixed delivery system. In addition, the grant work seeks to connect families to services that meet their unique needs, build on recommendations of the 2022 workforce compensation study, and develop a standardized quality improvement model.

The PDG will end in 2026 and has the option for a 1-year no-cost extension. As approved by the House Committee on Finance, the following positions have been added to H.B. No. 1800 H.D. 1:

Position Name	FTE #	\$ Amount	MOF
Program Specialist	1	\$65,000	P
Program Specialist	1	\$65,000	P
Total	2	\$130,000	P

(H.B. No. 1800 H.D.1, at 39 (Budget Item G. 10 (EDN 700), House Budget Worksheet, at 200 of 545)

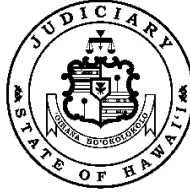
The Program Specialist positions will be tasked with strengthening family engagement and activities in collaboration with stakeholders and State partners. One position will focus on establishing and facilitating a parent council to incorporate parent-voice and feedback in decision-making processes pertaining to accessing early learning programs and services. The other position will coordinate and assist with the implementation of all grant activities related to the design and development of the comprehensive needs assessment and strategic planning and implementation.

Maintaining the appropriations in EDN 700 will allow EOEL to continue its work to increase early learning opportunities for all young children and the additions highlighted above will allow EOEL to enhance efforts to assist families with accessing programs and services that benefit their children.

Early Intervention Specialists (HTH 560)

Increased salaries for Early Intervention Services (EIS) specialists who provide critical services like speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and cognitive and social and emotional supports will help address a current critical need while also supporting recruitment and retention of Intervention Specialists. Hawai‘i currently has a 25-30% vacancy rate in the field of early intervention specialists and compensation is one of the leading factors. Specialist shortages directly impact our keiki; they do not get the supports that they are mandated to receive, which can lead to further developmental delays. And when we have pandemics or environmental disasters, early interventionists are even more needed to reach families to mitigate the negative impacts of the trauma they cause. Such support is a worthwhile investment as it first of all supports our children and secondly becomes a preventative measure reducing costs in the future.

The Early Learning Board thanks you for the opportunity to testify in strong support on this bill.



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

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by
Brook Mamizuka
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1800, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget.

Purpose: Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports the funding provisions in this measure relating to the Community Outreach Court. Since 2017, through Act 55 (SLH 2017), the Judiciary, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Office of the Public Defender, State of Hawai'i have collaborated to address and resolve legal matters faced by many of O'ahu's homeless population. In its six-year history, the Community Outreach Court has held monthly court sessions throughout O'ahu in each of the following areas: the Waianae coast, urban Honolulu core, and Windward O'ahu. The court has addressed more than 10,000 cases, recalled more than 900 bench warrants, lifted more than 6,000 driver license stoppers, and assisted more than 600 participants with social services or referrals.

The Judiciary respectfully requests an amendment in this measure 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 to the Office of the Public Defender, and then



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a portion of that is 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 (HB1800, HD1) and instead instituted via an add-on to the Judiciary Appropriations Act of 2024 (HB1911, HD2). More specifically, we request that the Judiciary's share of Community Outreach Court funding be added to the appropriation for the First Judicial Circuit (program ID JUD310). Consistent with permanent establishment of the program, amending the mechanism of funding—directly to JUD310 rather than through the General Appropriations Act to the Office of the Public Defender and then a journal voucher transfer to the Judiciary—would be more efficient.

We further request that any appropriation to administer and operate the Community Outreach Court program does not supplant the Judiciary's other existing funding nor budget requests.

It should be noted that in this current Legislative session, Senate Bill No. 2556, S.D. 2, H.D. 1 relates to permanently establishing the Community Outreach Court and appropriating funding for this purpose. If the Community Outreach Court becomes permanent and funding is appropriated through this measure, then this portion of House Bill No. 1800, H.D. 1 relating to Community Outreach Court would be unnecessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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FOR: HB 1800 HD1 Relating to the State Budget
DATE: March 20, 2024
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
COMMITTEE: Committee on Ways & Means
ROOM: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference
FROM: Ed H. Noh, Ed. D., Executive Director
State Public Charter School Commission

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to offer **SUPPORT with Comments on HB 1800 HD1** which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

For the supplemental year of the biennium, FY 2024-2025, the approved requests for public charter schools and the Commission provided in the Executive Budget are listed below in priority order:

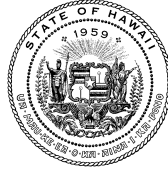
- Collective Bargaining Funding for Salary Increases
 - Increase in general funding: **(\$1,605,000)** for FY2025
Purpose of request: Provide the funding to cover salary increases for Educational Assistants and Vice Principals that were agreed to with the Hawaii Government Employees Association effective starting in Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- Teacher Differential- Actual Costs
 - Increase in general funding: **(\$550,000)** for FY2025
Purpose of request: To cover the actual costs of teacher differentials for eligible charter school teachers. The Legislature has already appropriated \$2,000,000 in

FY24 and FY25 for the differentials; this additional funding is needed to pay for the differentials in full.

The current **House Draft 1 of HB 1800** provides for a Per Pupil Adjustment Placeholder of **(\$16,875,004)**. The per pupil placeholder is a part of the budgetary formula that determines the charter school Per Pupil Funding based on the operating appropriations to the Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE) program IDs (EDN 100, EDN 200, EDN 300, and EDN 400) and the schools' pro rata enrollment compared to the total public education enrollment.

The Commission would like to share its concern as to whether any of executive budget approved items, such as the collective bargaining salary increases and teacher differential funds, are included in the current placeholder. If yes, the Commission would appreciate the opportunity to work with the Legislature to clarify the specific purpose of these funds as the budget progresses through the legislative process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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Testimony of Warren Haruki
Chairperson, Board of Education
Chairperson, 2024 Legislative Ad Hoc Committee

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211

Measure: HB1800 HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Education (Board) supports this measure.

House Draft 1 of the supplemental budget includes requests that support all the keiki of Hawaii, including those that sustain and further the work of the public education system that nurtures their learning and well-being.

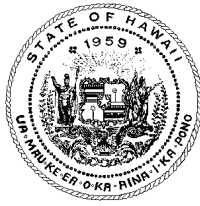
The Board supports legislation that addresses the needs identified in the Department of Education's and Hawaii State Public Library System's Board-approved supplemental operating and capital improvement program budget requests for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Board also supports funding and/or legislation that expands access to quality early learning opportunities for more children and/or promotes the development of more high-quality early educators. As you are aware, the Department also faces federal COVID funding cliffs, which exacerbates the supplemental budget challenges.

The Board thanks the Committee for its favorable consideration. We have also mentioned in budget briefings that there are additional needs beyond those included in the current draft of the budget bill – we prefer that the Department's and HSPLS's supplemental operating and capital improvement budget requests, as approved by the Board at its October 4, 2023, special meeting, be included. However, we recognize the State's fiscal situation given the costs of the Maui wildfire response.

Investing in Hawaii's students means investing in our state's future.

Mahalo for your consideration, and for this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Board.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1800, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

By
Tommy Johnson, Director
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024; 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & via Videoconference

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) **supports** House Bill (HB) 1800, House Draft (HD) 1, which proposes to amend Act 164, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2023 that appropriates funds for the operating budget and capital improvements program (CIP) for the current fiscal biennium 2023-2025.

DCR appreciates the funding support the House Committee on Finance provided under HD1 for our fiscal year 2024-2025 supplemental budget request for the operating budget that requested an additional \$434,864 in general funds. In total, DCR's request for 2,615.60 permanent positions, 43.00 temporary positions, and funding totaling \$318,943,387 for all means of financing was funded in full. DCR requests for the Senate Committee on Ways and Means to likewise support its operating budget request in full for us to continue our efforts in providing better outcomes for the criminal justice-involved persons we are entrusted with, and safer working environments for our staff and in turn safer communities.

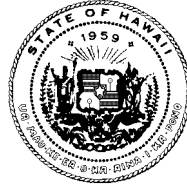
DCR notes that HD1 did not fully support its capital improvement program (CIP) requests. DCR sincerely appreciates the House Committee on Finance's support of

\$64 million out of the additional \$89.5 million DCR requested for the supplemental fiscal year 2024-2025. However, we ask for your Committee's support to fully fund the following requests that will move forward DCR's long-term goals:

- HD1 reduced by half (\$22.5 million), the \$45 million request for construction funds for the Consolidated Health Care Unit at the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF). This much-needed project at HCF will provide mental health and suicide beds that are much needed in our system. Phasing this project will increase its cost and will delay its completion.
- HD1 did not fund the requested \$3M for the planning of a West Hawai'i Jail. A jail located in West Hawai'i will alleviate the overcrowded conditions at the current Hawai'i Community Correctional Center (HCCC) located in Hilo. Further, it will facilitate better services, closer proximity to families, less travel time for court activities, and other operational challenges currently faced by HCCC correctional staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of HB 1800 HD1.

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March 19, 2024

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

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: [HB 1800 HD1](#) – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Hearing: March 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Via Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the executive budget and requests consideration of DHS budget requests and HD1 adjustments. The budget narrative on the HD1 that the Department **agrees** with starts at page **23**; the narrative on the HD1 adjustments that the Department requests **reconsideration** starts at page **38**. In addition to our SFY 2025 budget narrative, we include appendices:

- 1) DHS Key Performance Indicators, starting at page 45,
- 2) DHS Maui & Hawaii Island Wildfires Frequently Asked Questions (updated as of 12/4/23) starting at page 47, and
- 3) DHS Analysis of the Impact of Proposed Budget Reductions for SFY2025, starting at page 73.

Given the tremendous immediate and long-term impact of the Maui Wildfire response, DHS respectfully requests the Committee contemplate the vital services DHS provides Hawaii's residents. DHS staff and programs need sufficient resources to continue to serve all of Hawaii's residents timely and efficiently and to avoid delays in accessing benefits and services.

PURPOSE: This bill adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is a significant part of the State's safety net, providing vital benefits and services to 1 in 3 Hawaii residents. DHS is guided by:

- Article IX, Section Three of the Hawai'i State Constitution regarding public assistance,
- Section 5-7.5, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), the "Aloha Spirit" statute, and
- Section 26-14, HRS, codifying 'Ohana Nui, DHS' multigenerational approach to delivering human services to reduce the incidences of poverty and to end poverty.

Our budget priorities in this supplemental year include:

- Implementing the State's Disaster Case Management (DCMP) grant program to support an equitable recovery for all Maui residents impacted by the fires,
- Funding the 2nd Deputy Director and private secretary positions authorized by Act 42, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2023,
- Funding a rate increase for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to keep kupuna and people with disabilities in the community and avoid having to move them to significantly more expensive nursing facilities,
- Ensuring our contracted providers and community-based partners are adequately compensated for the work they do alongside the department; and
- A CIP request to continue our IT modernization projects to improve our systems of human services delivery and support a flexible and agile work environment.

Notably, these general fund appropriations will support the implementation of federally funded programs, allow access to matching funds, or assist with claiming federal reimbursement. Significantly, with the proposed budget, DHS has the potential to access an increase of more than \$217M in federal funds over the biennium budget.¹

These general fund requests include funds for a 20% increase in homeless programs and funds for youth mental health services. These increases reflect the increased demand and costs of services.

The budget also includes housekeeping requests to align positions organizationally. From SFY22 through SFY24, year-to-date, DHS Budget, Planning & Management Office (BPMO) and programs completed 11 internal reorganizations that aim to make the department more

¹ DHS strategizes to maximize available federal funds. The various federally funded or split-funded benefit programs often provide federal matching funds for operations, including personnel costs, or the finance structure uses a reimbursement model where the State upfronts 100% of the expenditures and then seeks federal reimbursement for a percentage of the expenditures.

efficient and correctly resourced. DHS is diligently addressing the need to update position functions and organizational structures to enable our business units to be able to address challenges such as the Maui Wildfires.

Requests for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) include requests for IT modernization of the Child Welfare Services Branch system of record and improvements to air conditioning and power generators at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facilities (HYCF).

We recognize that revenues are limited, and the priority of this session is the Maui Wildfires recovery efforts. However, we must continue to address wage gaps that human services workers face, have the resources to be innovative, and have the flexibility to recruit, train, and support the professional development of the current and future human services workforce.

In 2023, we had more than 30 retirements that cumulatively equaled centuries of knowledge and public service to the State. We need to find ways to improve the transfer of knowledge and include succession plans that include career and leadership development and make the department more resilient. We recently started a new training called Innovative Supervisors - which aims to develop managers and supervisors. Additionally, we have partnered with One Shared Future to complete strengths-based management and supervisory training and worked with a retired Judge to teach managers and supervisors coaching strategies.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, volcano, floods, and now in response to the Maui Wildfires, DHS staff pivoted to a hybrid environment, increased online access, established call centers, requested program waivers, absorbed volumes of information, collaborated with many partners, and stood up programs to support Hawaii's residents through rough times. Our staff are our greatest resource, and we have to continue to invest in their well-being.

This past year, DHS explored innovative methods to improve workforce retention, including increased wellness programs throughout DHS, continued executive coaching, participation in One Shared Future, offering new wellness programs for divisions, participation in Blue Zones, comprehensive and intentional onboarding, participating in job fairs at high schools and colleges, producing PSAs for the Child Welfare Services Branch (CWS) including links to applications and information about CWS, actively working with the Office of Wellness and Resilience on addressing staff burnout including participation in the 24-hour drop-in mental health zoom rooms following the Maui Wildfires.

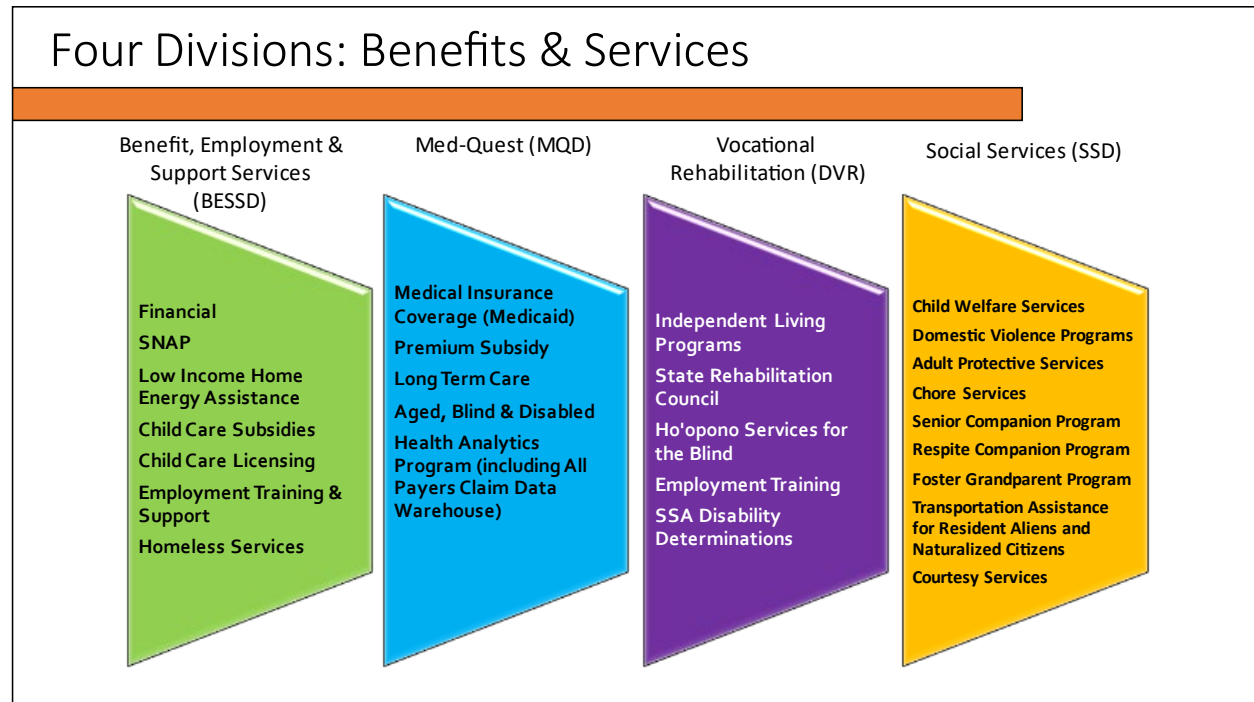
We recognize that across the nation, high vacancy rates among human-serving systems are a significant problem. As we work with national organizations to examine hiring and retention issues, it is clear there is a systemic wage gap for human services professionals. Notably, nearly

60% of our workforce are individuals who identify as female and 40% who identify as male. Human services staff provide support and essential services to the people they serve with purpose and commitment in the face of unprecedented crises. We hope to continue to work with the Legislature to ensure human services employment is gainful, economically sustainable, and dignified work.

DHS provides benefits and services with the following organizational structure (as illustrated above):

- Four Divisions: Benefit, Employment & Support Services (BESSD), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Med-QUEST Division (MQD), Social Services Division (SSD);
- Three attached agencies: the Office of Youth Services (OYS), which includes the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF), the Hawai'i Public Housing Agency (HPHA), and the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (SOHHS);²
- Four attached commissions and two councils: the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW), the Commission on Fatherhood (COF), the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission (HSLGBTQ+), the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC), and the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH);
- Six staff offices that provide services to all divisions, attached agencies, and commissions: Administrative Appeals Office (AAO), Audit, Quality Control & Research Office (AQCRO), Budget, Planning, & Management Office (BPMO), Fiscal Management Office (FMO), Human Resources (HR), and Office of Information Technology (OIT); and
- The Director's Office.

²Per Act 87, SLH 2023, on July 1, 2025, the Office of Wellness & Resilience will become an attached agency of DHS.



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With nearly 1,645 staff members in more than 80 offices state-wide, DHS manages an annual budget of over \$4.2 billion, of which more than 64% are federal funds. Notably, DHS distributes a vast majority of federal funds as benefits or services and can also access federal matching funds or seek federal reimbursement to pay for staff salaries and operations. To continue to serve Hawaii's residents efficiently and effectively, we have the following strategic goals:

Goal 1: Improve the self-sufficiency and well-being of Hawai'i's individuals and families.

DHS provides benefits and services to vulnerable individuals and families by assisting them with financial assistance and nutrition assistance, securing gainful employment toward economic self-sufficiency, supporting early childhood development and school readiness, providing access to health care, intervention, and prevention services that address abuse and neglect, and increasing housing stability.

Goal 2: Improve service integration and delivery to develop solutions for sustainable outcomes.

DHS programs and benefits support Hawaii's individuals, families, and communities, contribute to our local economy, and establish Hawai'i DHS as a national human service delivery leader. We are transforming our policies, processes, and systems to improve the self-sufficiency and well-being of Hawai'i's individuals and families. We aim to serve residents across programs and divisions with integrated eligibility and

case management applications and a vision for the future that connects residents quickly to available resources.

- (1) Modernizing the DHS IT infrastructure,
- (2) Implementing our multigenerational 'Ohana Nui framework to end intergenerational poverty, and
- (3) Developing and implementing the department's strategic plan and performance measures. See the DHS Key Performance Metrics (KPI) in Appendix 1.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, DHS staff pivoted rapidly to a hybrid work environment while maintaining and increasing safe access to benefits and services. Experienced and innovative leadership and dedicated staff executed the many pandemic programs and programmatic changes built on skills gained through our ongoing business processes and IT modernization efforts. IT investments during the pandemic continued to build on organizational changes DHS began when implementing the Affordable Care Act. With improved technology, staff are more able to provide services statewide and are not geographically limited to process work on their home island. Continuing to improve our IT infrastructure, DHS can offer telework options as a recruitment and retention strategy. Supervisors and administrators are better able to redirect human resources when necessary.

During 2023, we continued to support residents as DHS began to "unwind" federal pandemic program waivers and additional benefits and moved back to pre-pandemic eligibility determination processes. However, the August 8 wildfires demanded that DHS shift our collective attention, efforts, and resources to respond to the immediate needs of residents and providers impacted by the fires. Now in the recovery phase, DHS is leading the State's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) and has several programs designed to assist Hawaii residents who are not eligible for federal disaster assistance. See Appendix 2, DHS Maui & Hawaii Island Wildfire Frequently Asked Questions (updated as of 12/4/23).

Goal 3: Improve staff health and development.

Like many human services agencies across the country, DHS faces high vacancy rates (31%, (as of 12/31/23) as higher-paying private and public sector jobs attract the available workforce. Findings from a recent wage equity study from the University of Washington School of Social Work found that:

- 1) "human services workers are systematically paid less than workers in non-care industries, with estimated pay gaps of 30% or more across different econometric models[,]" and

- 2) "human services workers are paid less than workers in other industries or sectors whose tasks are rated as comparable through a systematic job evaluation process."³

As such, in addition to continuing investment in the health and well-being of the DHS workforce and IT modernization that supports a flexible work environment to retain and attract workers to fulfill these demanding yet critical services for Hawaii's residents, we need to engage in a broad cross-sector dialogue to encourage and support human services workers.

Before the pandemic, we provided staff time and opportunity to engage in mindfulness and other stress management courses. Throughout the pandemic, staff engaged in additional webinars and resources to address the stressors of working from home, withstanding a global pandemic, and caring for children and older relatives. By promoting our DHS workforce's health, well-being, professional development, and cross-sector collaboration projects, we are better prepared to support each other and the individuals and families we serve.

However, we are concerned that an understaffed environment increases workplace stress and impacts morale. To sustain our staff, workload, and compliance requirements, we need to find more flexible ways to retool, reduce the pressure, and continue to support individual needs to maintain our staff's health and mental health.

Most program areas will need to rely on a hybrid, flexible work environment and pay attention to the health and well-being of our workforce. DHS needs the legislature's continued support to maintain a high level of our "blue sky" operations even with high vacancy rates, meet existing staffing needs, increase appropriations for the purchase of service contracts, and continue IT infrastructure projects that improve access to benefits and services and provides staff with modern tools to complete their work.

The significant conditions impacting DHS operations and ability to meet all program goals are:

- High vacancy rates across the department,
- Human and fiscal resources needed to conduct the department's Maui Wildfire response and recovery lines of effort,
- Time and resources needed to "unwind" COVID-19 pandemic programming, and
- The consequences of Hawaii's high cost of living.

With low unemployment and better-paying opportunities in the private sector, DHS, like other human services agencies across the country, will continue to have difficulty filling positions until

³ See, <https://socialwork.uw.edu/wageequitystudy>.

wages keep up with the private sector industries that demand similar skill sets. See the discussion above.

The "unwinding" from COVID-19 program rules requires the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) to redetermine eligibility for all Medicaid enrollees. During the Public Health Emergency (PHE) of COVID-19 from March 2020 – April 2023, all Medicaid members were protected from disenrollment. MQD began redeterminations in April 2023. However, following the August 8th Wildfires, MQD paused that renewal process for three months (September, October, and November of 2023) to address the emerging and complex needs in Maui County. Additionally, the pause allowed MQD to incorporate additional eligibility flexibilities granted to Hawaii by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and enhance MQD's eligibility system to determine continued eligibility at a member level rather than a household level. Given the pause, Medicaid enrollment hit a new milestone of 477,276 at the end of January 2024. However, the enrollment numbers are starting to trend lower, and we anticipate the trend to continue to go down through the rest of this year.

As federal pandemic funds and programs are no longer cycling through the economy for rental assistance, rents remain high, and low-income housing inventory remains tight. We anticipate continued housing instability amongst Hawaii's low-income residents. We request the restoration of a \$1.32M increase (HD1 includes a \$1 placeholder) for homeless services providers to assist them with their costs as the demand for services increases. Homeless services contracts have not kept up with the increasing costs of doing business. When DHS contracted providers also struggle to hire staff, outreach, and linkages to other services are delayed.

Identified need: Dedicated Emergency Management Resources

The department's roles and responsibilities in back-to-back and continuing disasters require DHS to create special project positions and a dedicated emergency management program administrator.

To add capacity to oversee the FEMA Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP), the DHS Director's Office created a special project to hire critical DCMP executive-level and administrative staff to oversee the DCMP.

For the 2024 session, the Director's office requests additional general fund appropriations to support the DCMP and expenditures that the FEMA DCMP grant award may not cover. GM 5 addresses the revised request as our initial request was prepared as FEMA was reviewing the DHS' DCMP grant application.

We submitted an administration bill authorizing DHS to provide disaster recovery services beyond an emergency proclamation for disaster survivors who may continue to need assistance. However, the bill did not make it past the first decking in either chamber.

In response to the August 8, 2023 Wildfires, DHS has been active in the response and recovery periods. See Appendix 2, Maui & Big Island Wildfires Frequently Asked Questions, for detailed activities by program.

Currently, the significant lines of recovery efforts include:

- Ramping up and implementing the State's FEMA DCMP that builds upon the interim DCMP and will serve all Maui wildfire survivors irrespective of eligibility for FEMA or Small Business Administration (SBA) financial assistance,
- Implementing and overseeing the Maui Relief Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program with Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO) and the Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF),
- Working with ARC and community provider Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) to provide rental assistance to individuals not eligible for federal disaster assistance from FEMA or SBA,
- Continuing to support the Emergency Support Function #6 on mass care and feeding, and
- Leading the Social Services Recovery Support Function and participating in a variety of housing initiatives.

The complexity of the housing situation in Maui cannot be understated. DHS will work with the Governor's Office, the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, the County, FEMA, US Housing & Urban Development (HUD), and other state housing entities (Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation (HHFDC) and Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)) to increase access to affordable interim housing on Maui Island as quickly as possible.

As of March 18, 2024, there remained 3,384 people (including 278 pets and animals) in 13 Non Congregate Shelters run by the American Red Cross. The DCMP that DHS is leading is a long-term effort that will provide comprehensive case management services to all survivors regardless of whether they are eligible for federal financial disaster assistance or participating in the NCS program. The DCMP builds upon the relationships and work done in the immediate aftermath of the wildfires and the Interim DCMP funded by ARC.

Here are highlights of the DHS wildfire emergency response to date:

- On August 9, 2023, Governor Green immediately mobilized the DHS Director's Office to support the mass care of Maui residents and visitors impacted by the wildfires.
 - The Director's team and Maui-based DHS staff assisted survivors at the Maui War Memorial and other shelters.

- DHS assisted with the transition into the ARC Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) program, and DHS was the lead on sheltering survivors with the State's Airbnb program.
- As part of the overall emergency response, the Director's Office staff leads the State's Emergency Support Function #6 to facilitate mass care and feeding discussion amongst Federal, State, and County agencies and community providers.
- The DHS Director's Office implemented communications, public outreach, and media disaster response. On August 9, 2023, DHS updated its website to include Wildfire response messaging. DHS Director's Office also created and distributed press releases and digital marketing materials to provide vital information to the public.
- In September 2023, DHS worked with the Department of Transportation, the Oregon Emergency Management Office (which assisted the State's response), and community provider Project Vision to set up Pu'uhonua o Nēnē, a temporary field shelter for up to 150 individuals who were not eligible to remain in the NCS program. This field shelter serves Maui residents who were experiencing homelessness prior to the wildfires and other Maui residents who needed a viable option for temporary shelter. This shelter option went live on September 29, 2023, at the end of FEMA's "safe harbor." As of March 18, 2024, Pu'uhonua o Nēnē is sheltering 122 individuals (36 pre-disaster homeless) and has assisted 287, including 16 veterans.
- The DHS Director's Office applied for the FEMA Disaster Case Management Program Grant (DCMP) on behalf of the State. DCMP will provide specially trained case managers to all willing survivors to help assess and address their immediate and long-term needs through a disaster recovery plan. DCMP will assist with referrals to available resources and services, decision-making priorities, guidance, and tools. The DCMP case managers will work with the newly organized community-based Long Term Recovery Group to address individuals' unmet needs. DHS applied for and received the FEMA DCMP within 100 days – one of the fastest DCMP application-to-award process. The DCMP will help the State provide needed services to those impacted in developing recovery plans to recover, heal, and restore their lives. The DCMP will also increase community capacity and expertise to respond to future disasters.
- In November, to prepare DHS and the community to implement the FEMA DCMP, DHS and ARC set up a 90-day ARC-funded interim DCM program to begin training Maui-based disaster case managers with three community-based organizations while ironing out the details of the FEMA-funded program. The interim DCM program began working with clients on November 27, 2023.
- The DHS Director's Office also leads the State's Social Services Recovery Support Function (SSRSF). The SSRSF aims to restore and improve social services networks to promote the community's resilience, health, independence, and well-being pre- and post-disaster. The SSRSF implements the federal framework to support locally-led recovery efforts focused on human services, behavioral health, and education.

- BESSD worked with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food & Nutrition Service (FNS) to enable a SNAP Hot Foods Waiver (extended six times, most recently until 4/30/24) so that recipients could purchase prepared meals with their SNAP benefits. BESSD and FNS recognized that many survivors did not have access to kitchens.
- BESSD worked to develop and distribute Disaster SNAP benefits for eligible survivors who do not receive regular SNAP.
- BESSD Child Care Programs Office (CCPO) expanded child care resources to families. The wildfires on Maui destroyed child care facilities and impacted 270 regulated child care seats. DHS child care program staff is working with the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the County of Maui, and providers to find ways to restart child care for survivors, with attention to establishing available child care for DOE teachers and exploring venues at hotels and potentially parks.
- BESSD financial program staff worked with ACF to create the Maui Relief TANF Program that provides financial assistance to families with dependent children up to the age of 21 who are not otherwise eligible or receiving federal FEMA or SBA assistance. HCF contributed \$5M for residents not eligible for TANF and to ensure an equitable recovery. As of March 15, 2024, this program administered by MEO has issued \$5.86M in financial assistance to 968 households made up of 3,537 individuals. The highest expenditures are for mortgage and rent, though families report difficulty locating affordable rentals. The average household receives \$6,056. Notably, this program will likely tap into the State's TANF reserve.
- In December 2023, Governor Green tasked the DHS Director's Office with coming up with Housing solutions for residents who are not eligible for FEMA assistance. Two programs include:
 - The Rental Assistance Program (RAP) will provide up to \$17,500,000 in rental assistance to ensure that people transitioning out of the NCS program have a place to reside for at least 12 months. Since December 2023, and as of February 26, 2024, the contracted provider Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) placed 112 households, and 79 additional properties are in negotiations.
 - The current plan for interim housing is to build 450 units on State HHFDC land at Leiali'i. The project is called Kala'iola, a place for peace recovery, and will utilize 72 of the 347-acre site for the 450 units. The 450 units are modular three-bedroom, two-bedroom, one-bedroom, and studios. The cost for the site construction will be approximately \$115,000,000 and require approximately \$5,000,000 per year to operate.
 - While DHS is leading these efforts, these programs will rely upon philanthropy and funds from the Major Disaster Fund.

Two New Opportunities: Summer-Electronic Benefits Transfer (S-EBT) & NGA Youth Mental Health Cohort

Federal and other opportunities continue our collaborative cross-sector efforts that build a better human services and social services system.

On January 1, 2024, the State provided its letter of intent to the United States Department of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Service to participate in the Summer Electronic Benefits for Children Program (S-EBT). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, P.L. 117-328, authorized a permanent, nationwide Summer EBT beginning in 2024. S-EBT aims to reduce hunger and food insecurity for children who lose access to free and reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program during the summer when school is not in session. S-EBT will provide \$40 per eligible child per month. DHS has requested the release of restricted funds to implement the program this summer.

However, we anticipate that next year's S-EBT program will require more rigorous requirements, and to implement S-EBT into the future, DHS proposed an administrative measure, **HB 2430 HD2**, to make several statutory changes and includes a request for a preliminary appropriation for DHS administrative costs of approximately \$2,050,000 in general funds and \$2,050,000 in federal funds. The proposal includes a request for a program specialist position SR-24 to administer the new program and funds for DHS system modification and position. DOE is considering its resource needs to implement S-EBT. If the administration can implement a program in SFY 2024, the request for funding in SFY 2025 may change. In the next biennium, we anticipate a budget request to implement the program. The measure is currently referred to the Committees on Education and Health and Human Services.

Building upon the experience gained during the pandemic, BESSD will begin work to plan for the implementation of the new S-EBT, including coordinating with the Department of Education (DOE). The new program requires a 50/50 state match for administrative costs, unlike P-EBT, which was entirely federally funded. This summer's program rules are more flexible to encourage state participation and to increase access to nutrition assistance.

During the pandemic, DHS and DOE collaborated with local and national partners to improve access to programs and benefits and to innovate solutions to pandemic challenges. For example, with the DOE and the Charter School Commission, Hawaii DHS was the first State agency in federal Region IX to implement the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program that provided additional nutrition assistance to families with young and school-aged children. Hawaii's P-EBT program, initiated in the summer of 2020, paid \$328,604,880 in P-EBT nutrition assistance benefits and served 127,705 families, including 127,427 children.

In February, the National Governor's Association (NGA) selected Hawaii and five other states (Alabama, Kentucky, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Virginia) to participate in the NGA's Policy Academy to address the needs of Youth Mental Health and Well-being. The Hawaii Team includes members of the Governor's office, the Office of Wellness & Resilience, DHS, the Office of Youth Services, the Departments of Health and Education, the Executive Office on Early Learning, and community providers. This competitive proposal seeks assistance to improve

navigation and access to existing mental health services and to look for models to grow and increase Hawaii's local mental health workforce.

Summaries by Division and the Office of Youth Services

Benefit, Employment & Support Services (BESSD)

<u>PROCESSING CENTERS</u>	
Applications Received Daily	300
Applications Received Monthly	8,800
Eligibility Renewals Processed Monthly	7,100
Number of Calls Received Daily	1,850
Number of Calls Received Monthly	33,600

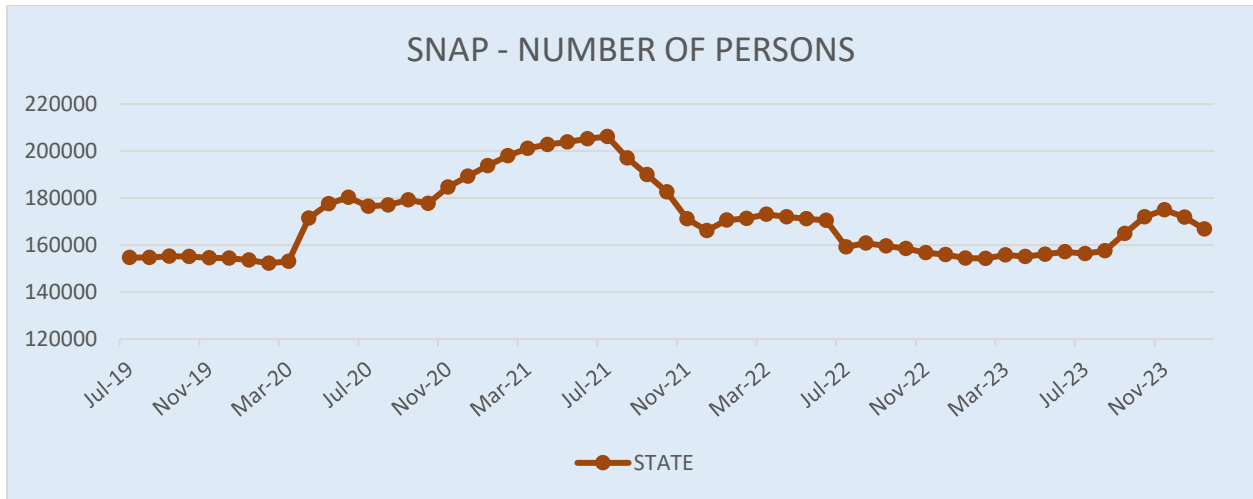
BESSD is experiencing high vacancies due to retirements, a lack of interested applicants, and opportunities for higher-wage jobs, making positions difficult to fill. The challenge of filling Eligibility Worker (EW) and Office Assistant (OA) positions is a national issue. We continue to process the work despite having only 75% of the optimal workforce of Eligibility Workers and 50% of the clerical support needed to manage the ongoing demand.

With State unemployment being low, our cash assistance caseload has fallen below pre-pandemic caseloads, though we still received 1,373 applications for TANF/TAONF in August 2023. The above chart shows the number of inquiries and applications our staff attend to regularly.

However, in January 2024, the General Assistance program caseload increased from 3,890 households in July 2022 to 4,503 households in January 2024. Additionally, to meet the increased caseload and stay within the program appropriation, on February 1, 2024, BESSD reduced the GA monthly benefit from \$469 per month to \$406 per month to avoid a budget shortfall. BESSD wants to avoid a reduction below \$406 per month and anticipates that it will likely rely on the Interim Assistance Reimbursement Special Fund (IAR)⁴ to make it out of the current fiscal year.

The SNAP caseload as of December 2023 (= 171,908 individuals) remains well above the pre-pandemic levels of March 2020 (= 153,047 individuals) as food costs remain high.

⁴ SB 582 SD2, Relating to State Budget, identifies the IAR as a source of \$901,783 that the Director of Budget & Finance may transfer to the general fund to address the Maui Wildfires. DHS requires the remaining IAR balance to make it out of the current fiscal year.



As we continue to work through a return to regular pre-COVID-19 processes, it has been a tough transition for our workers and clients to reacclimate to regular program requirements after two years of federal waivers that reduced the number of steps and eased processes. In addition, new workers hired during the pandemic require additional training in "pre-pandemic" regular eligibility procedures. We have already adopted business processes to allow workers to work on cases outside of their physical geography, and we will continue to evaluate options, needs, and solutions that will improve operational efficiencies, improve our safety net programs, and allow for continuous adaptation.

BESSD's wildfire responses required rewriting program rules and working with federal partners and new community partners to deliver needed financial assistance for families with dependent children. The SNAP program worked with USDA FNS to set up the Disaster SNAP (D-SNAP) program across the State for Maui residents who did not already receive SNAP assistance. The D-SNAP program on Maui included Oahu staff who flew and stayed on Maui for the weeklong process. BESSD processed 3,677 D-SNAP applications during the six-day process.

Our child care programs office also drafted rules that allowed for increased subsidies to Maui residents and continued to work with County and ACF officials to reestablish child care facilities in Maui.

We request your continued support with our resource needs as we continue to deliver benefits and services.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVR)

DVR administers statewide vocational rehabilitation services programs for persons with physical, cognitive, and mental health disabilities. These programs include independent living

rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, general services for persons who are blind and visually impaired, and the disability determination of claims for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income benefits issued by the Social Security Administration.

DVR provides vocational rehabilitation programs as required by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Stands Act, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and agreements with other state agencies and the federal government.

DVR MISSION – DVR serves participants who require assistance to prepare for, secure, retain, or advance in competitive, integrated employment. DVR staff works as a team so that participants can achieve their hopes and aspirations for meaningful employment through timely and individualized vocational rehabilitation services.

As of October 3, 2022, DVR met a significant milestone by resolving the Order of Selection (OOS) waitlist, with all eligible applicants proceeding to the development of Individualized Plans for Employment. As a result of clearing the waitlist, DVR is seeing an increase in applications for services from Hawaii residents with disabilities who are eager to obtain, retain, or advance in competitive integrated employment in the workforce. Additionally, DVR continues to work with employers in all sectors to encourage them to hire qualified individuals with disabilities.

DVR is aware that federal vocational rehabilitation funding will be increased to an estimated \$16,392,617 in FFY24, with a required non-federal State match of \$4,436,629 starting in FFY24 (October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024). The ceiling increase of \$2,767,346 for HMS 802 will ensure that DVR will leverage the available federal funds to support needed services to our community stakeholders.

For Program Year 2022, DVR planned to achieve five performance indicators required by our federal funder, the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Education. The measures include (1) Measurable Skills Gains (MSG) Rate – the percentage of consumers enrolled in training programs who achieve documented skills gains; (2) Employment Rate 2nd Quarter After Exit – the percentage of consumers who are still employed six months after exiting DVR; (3) Median Earnings of consumers who are still employed six months after exiting DVR; (4) Employment Rate 4th Quarter After Exit - the percentage of consumers who are still employed 12 months after exiting DVR; and (5) Credential Attainment Rate- the percentage of participants enrolled in an education or training program (excluding those in On-the-Job Training and customized training) who attain a recognized postsecondary credential or a secondary school diploma, or its recognized equivalent, during participation in or within one year after exit from DVR's program services.

DVR achieved 4 of the five federal performance indicators in PY 2022 (7/1/22 - 6/30/23).

Indicator	PY 2022 Required Level vs. Achieved
Measurable Skill Gains (MSG)	35%/Achieved 38.3%
Credential Attainment Rate (CA)	20%/Achieved 41.9%
Employment (Second Quarter After Exit)	33%/Achieved 40%
Employment (Fourth Quarter After Exit)	37.5%/Achieved 30.2%
Median Earnings (Second Quarter After Exit)	\$4,400/Achieved \$5,446

The attainment of four of five performance indicators was a significant achievement, considering DVR’s significant vacancy rate (currently at about 40%) due to retirements and resignations. Initiatives are in progress to retain our excellent staff and fill vacancies, including streamlining processes, examining pay rates, planning for additional needed positions, and increasing clear, positive communication for improved staff morale.

Med-QUEST Division (MQD)

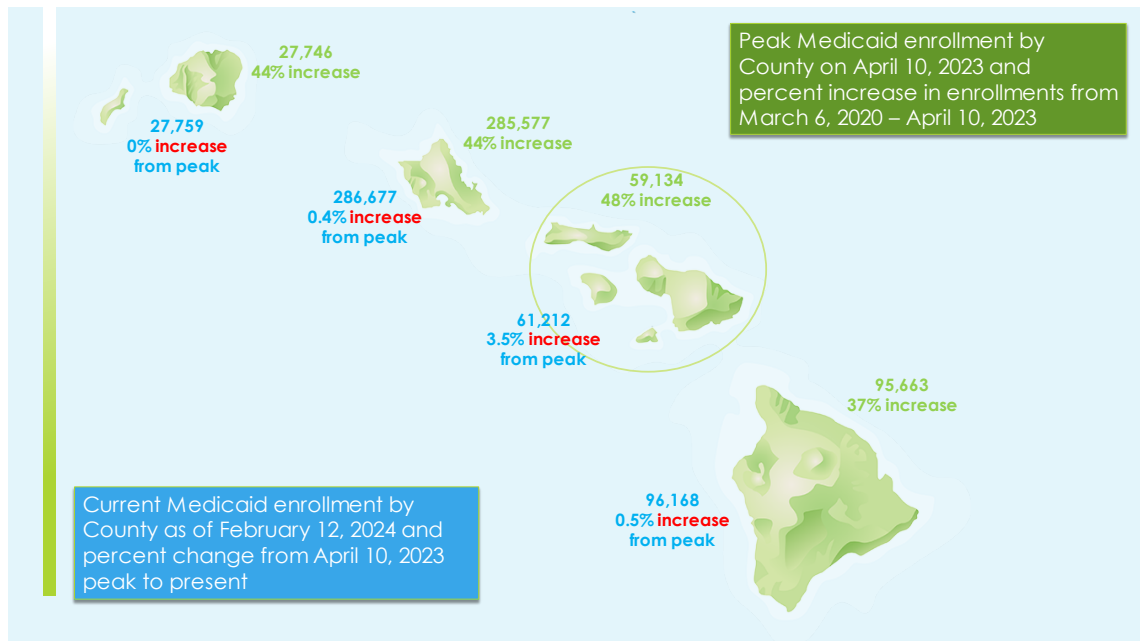
Med-QUEST (MQD) provides Medicaid coverage for over 470,000 residents, representing about 1/3rd of Hawaii's population. The unprecedented number of Medicaid members reflects the congressionally mandated continuous coverage requirement that existed for the three years between March 2020 through April 2023, where all normal eligibility renewals were suspended to ensure people remained covered during the COVID Public Health Emergency (PHE). Beginning in April 2023, MQD resumed its annual renewal process. The process of renewing eligibility for over 470,000 members is the largest undertaking of its kind in the history of Hawaii Medicaid. It has required multiple reconfigurations to the KOLEA Eligibility system, policy waivers from CMS, and updated business processes and training for staff.

There has also been considerable effort put into a communications campaign called “Stay Well Stay Covered” to help inform the community of the restart of eligibility renewals, and the need to make sure member contact information is up to date with the program. The campaign also focuses community attention on the importance of reading and responding to the pink letters that MQD sends out to households whose eligibility is up for renewal.

After the Maui Wildfires in August, MQD paused its renewal process for three months (September, October, and November) to address the complex needs of Maui residents as well as improve the KOLEA Eligibility Systems’ ability to renew members at an individual level more successfully. MQD completed this work and modified the system to push renewals out for all of

Maui County to April, May, and June 2024, with all West Maui Island moving to the last renewal month in June 2024. Renewals for the rest of the state resumed in December 2023 and are running through an improved system that can better account for new CMS-granted flexibilities and maximize potential eligibility for each individual in a household.

As of February 2024, Med-QUEST enrollments remain over 471,000 Hawaii residents, about 1/3rd of Hawaii's population. With the restart of the full renewal processing, MQD expects that the Medicaid enrollment numbers will trend downward during the upcoming year. Nonetheless, given the high number of Medicaid enrollees, MQD staff will shoulder a significantly increased workload during the restart of the renewal process. Below is a graphic illustrating enrollment by county and percentage increases during the pandemic and since resuming eligibility renewals in April 2023.

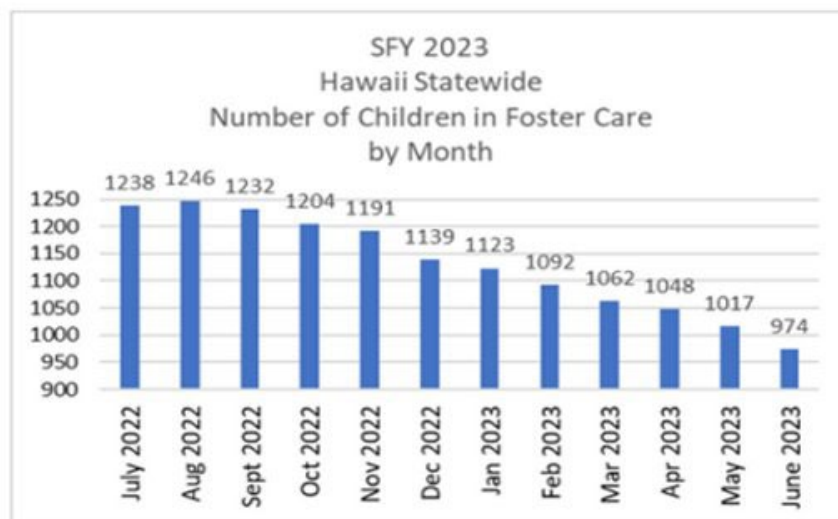


At the pandemic's start, MQD operations rapidly shifted to a telework environment. As the pandemic response continued to shift, MQD made investments to enhance and support a hybrid work environment and increased online access by residents. For example, MQD secured new phone systems enabling workers to field calls from anywhere, upgraded the online Medicaid application and enrollment portal, updated staff computers, and continues to invest in developing IT kiosks or "hale" that can facilitate an online interactive experience in rural communities. These innovations have enabled MQD to continue serving the public with excellence while helping with employee morale.

Social Services Division - Child Welfare Services and Adult Protective & Community Services

The Social Services Division (SSD) provides services to eligible families and individuals. The Child Welfare Services Branch (CWS) provides prevention and intervention services to reduce the incidence and impact of child abuse and neglect. The Adult Protective & Community Services Branch (APCS) responds to reports of adult neglect or abuse and oversees the Adult Foster Care Program, Senior Companion Program, Foster Grandparent Program, Nurse Aid Training, and Re-Certification curriculum.

- Family First Hawaii



The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)⁵ aims to prevent children from entering foster care, and FFPSA allows states to request up to 50% of federal reimbursement for approved mental health and substance use treatment services and in-home parenting skills training geared to reduce or prevent child abuse and neglect. Notably, FFPSA does not limit the amount available for reimbursement. Hawaii began implementing its federally approved Family First Hawaii Title IV-E Prevention Plan on October 1, 2021.

Of note, FFPSA requires states to pay upfront 100% of the costs of approved FFPSA services and removes income limits to serve more families. To fully implement FFPSA and leverage available federal funds, CWS needs a ready source of nonfederal funds.

To create a sustainable and ready source of state funds, the administration submitted several measures to allow DHS to retain IV-E reimbursements received in the fiscal year after the expenditures were claimed instead of lapsing the reimbursements into the state general fund. Act 84, SLH 2019, added IV-E reimbursements as a source of funds deposited up to \$3M into the Spouse & Child Abuse Special Fund (SCASF). Act 250, SLH 2022, increased SCASF's statutory

⁵ FFPSA was included in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Pub. Law No. 115-123.

ceiling to \$5,000,000 – the amount currently needed to fund the projected cost of Family First Hawaii's services. However, the budget ceiling of SCASF was not adjusted and currently remains at \$1,163,425.00. Consequently, CWS has not been able to retain and spend the \$5M in federal reimbursements that could be deposited into SCASF to use for Family First Hawaii's child abuse and prevention services.

This year, DHS again requests a budget adjustment to raise the SCASF budget ceiling to \$5,000,000 to align it with the statutory increase and allow CWS access to additional funds. Once the SCASF budget ceiling is adjusted, CWS will be better able to maximize available federal FFPSA reimbursement funds and reinvest the funds toward child abuse and neglect prevention services to support children and families and decrease the number of children entering foster care. Here are the reimbursement amounts for the last two fiscal years that illustrate the potential amounts available for child abuse and neglect services. Predictable funding would avoid the ebb and flow of annual general fund requests and will support capacity building.

Federal Fiscal Year 22

Foster Care	\$12,463,013
Adoption Assistance	\$16,062,127
Guardianship Assistance	\$ 4,308,197

Federal Fiscal Year 23

Foster Care	\$12,989,989
Adoption Assistance	\$15,460,454
Guardianship Assistance	\$ 4,227,313

- Modernization of Data & Case Management Systems

SSD is procuring vendors for the development and implementation of DHS's third phase of its IT modernization efforts. DHS requests Capital Improvement Project funding to modernize the protective services system of record, and DHS will submit the expenditures for federal reimbursement of a percentage of the total expenditures. The current case management system, the Child Protective Services System (or CPSS), went live in 1989 and is now archaic, cumbersome, and time-consuming to use.

Both CWS and APCS use CPSS. In 2023, given high vacancy rates and complex cases, social workers need better working tools to give them more time to spend with children and families and connect with providers and resource caregivers.

CWS is moving forward with its Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS), named HI-THRIVE. CCWIS financing is eligible for 50% federal reimbursement. Currently, DHS estimates the overall planning and implementation cost of CCWIS in the range of \$35 million to \$40

million, with a 50/50 federal reimbursement. However, costs to other states that have already developed their CCWIS projects range from \$60 million to \$80 million.

Once in place, CCWIS will improve the workers' and supervisors' case management, enable easier extraction for reporting requirements, and give CWS more opportunities to draw down available Title IV-E funds.

APCS is moving forward with modernizing its data system, Living Aloha for Vulnerable Adults (LAVA), with the assistance of Federal grant money.

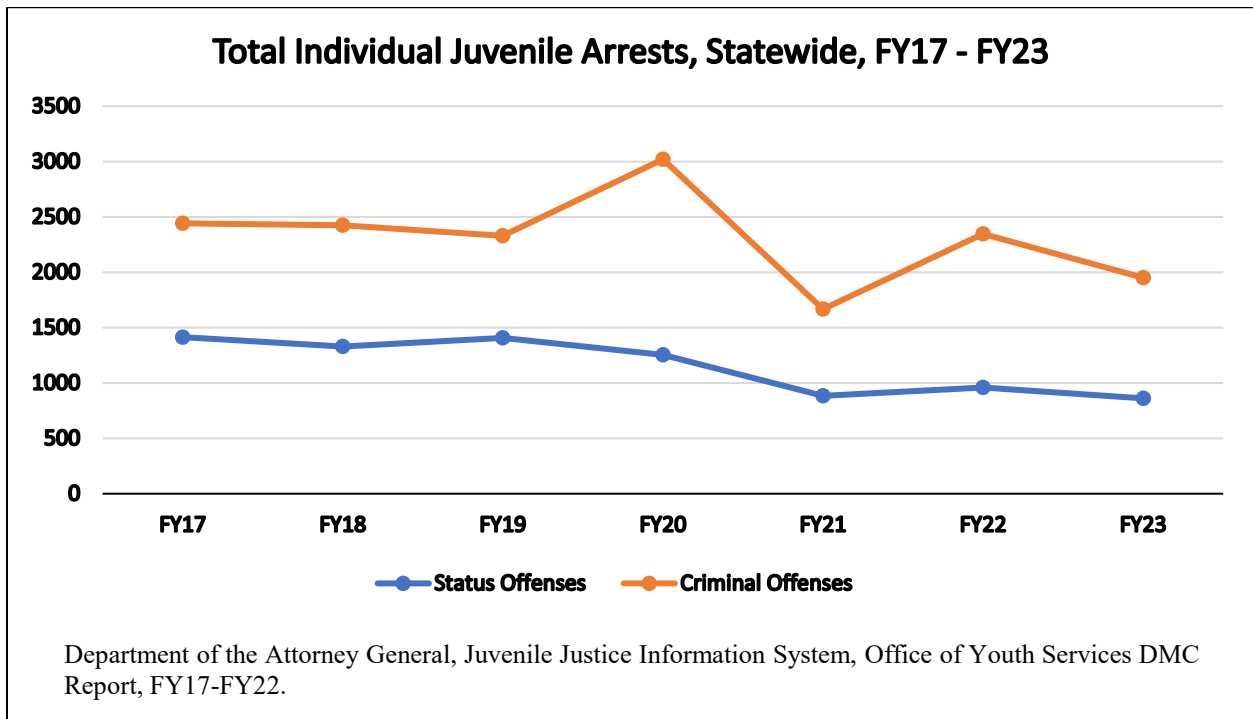
Once implemented, CCWIS and LAVA will make data entry easier, support higher quality data, allow for more accurate and timely reporting, offer decision-making guidance, and provide more access and data sharing with clients and our external partners.

Office of Youth Services

With a solid commitment to the needs of children and families, the Office of Youth Services (OYS) is responsible for the planning, case management, and delivery of services to youth at risk (section 352D-1, HRS). In addition, OYS oversees the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facilities (HYCF), the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center (section 352D-7.5, HRS), and the support staff for the Hawaii State Youth Commission (section 352D-11, HRS).

Community-wide juvenile justice reform, including an investment in OYS contracted programs, has had a positive impact on reducing juvenile arrests and successfully diverting youth from the justice system. Figure 1 shows the number of individual juveniles arrested for both status and law offenses. Arrests in both categories for FY23 are lower than in pre-pandemic fiscal years 2017 through 2019.

Figure 1.



These positive results are due to upfront system prevention programs and services for at-risk youth, including positive youth development, cultural programs, outreach and advocacy, housing, and diversion programs. Reducing these programs or failing to address the increased needs of children will counteract these positive trends, decrease public safety, and increase youth entering and moving deeper through the juvenile justice system.

Figure 2.

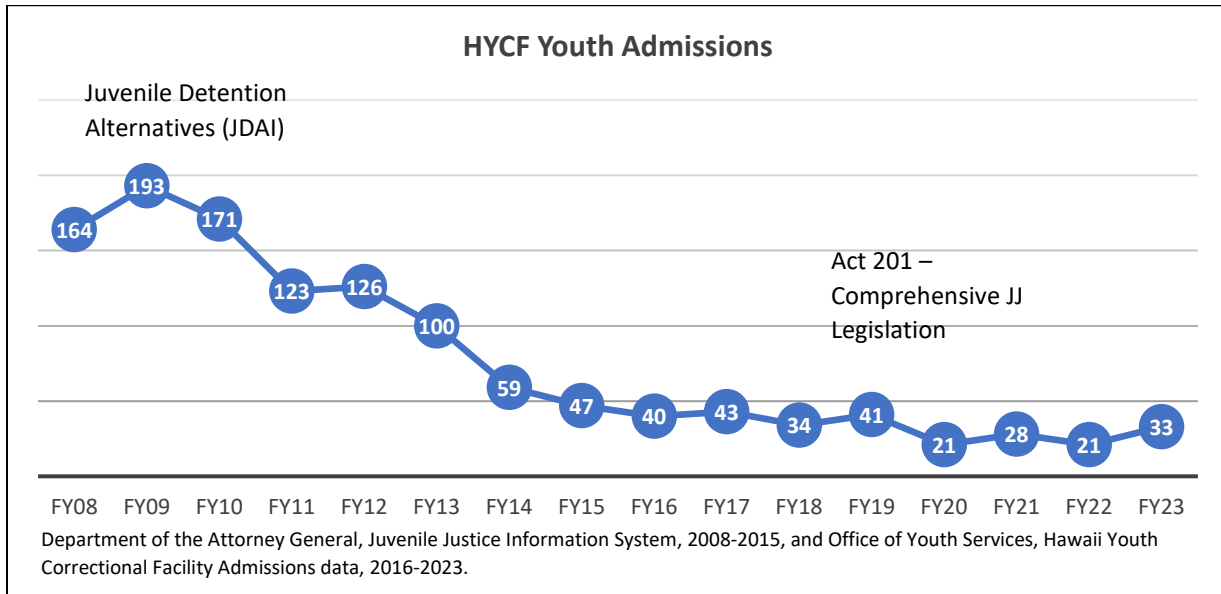


Figure 2 above shows juvenile admissions to HYCF from fiscal years 2008 through 2023. From 2009, when Hawaii invested in the national Juvenile Detention Alternatives (JDAI) program, to 2023, admissions to HYCF were reduced by 83%. Alarming, admissions to HYCF in FY23 increased by 64% from the preceding year. If this post-pandemic trend continues, HYCF may experience pre-Act 201 (SLH 2014) admission levels – erasing a decade’s worth of justice reform progress.

This disturbing occurrence demonstrates a system that is not meeting the community’s need for increased support post-pandemic. With the additional displacement and trauma experienced by victims of the Lahaina wildfires, community needs will continue to increase in the upcoming years. Investment in front-end programs and services is needed to maintain progress and to reduce justice system involvement for at-risk youth. OYS includes a request for funds for youth mental health programs.

Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

In 1964, Governor John A. Burns created the Hawai’i State Commission on the Status of Women (CSW or Commission) by Executive Order. The work of the CSW is codified in sections 367-1, HRS, and sections 367-3 (1) through (8), HRS.

Currently, the CSW FTEs are vacant. However, applicants have been recruited, and interviews are ongoing. DHS anticipates hiring a new Executive Director within the next month.

Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) will report separately.

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

DHS supports the following HB1800 HD1 decisions.

DHS appreciates and supports the HB1800 HD1 decisions as described below.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget Requests

HMS 904 – General Administration

Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY25
C	1	HMS 904	FY25.3	IT Modernization	C	20,000,000
C	1	HMS 904	FY25.3	IT Modernization	N	20,000,000

FY25.3 – IT Modernization

The CIP funds are needed to complete the new Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) solution, which is intended to integrate with BESSD and MQD systems. The solution includes the design, development, and implementation (DDI) work, Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V), business process redesign and Organizational Change Management (OCM) support, implementation enhancements needed to integrate with the existing DHS systems and data, and expand the department's data analytics system to include BES/CCWIS/KOLEA.

IT modernization investments enable DHS to support the department's vision, which includes an integrated person- and family-centered model of practice, including the provision of a robust consumer self-service resource. The integration of DHS eligibility solutions allows applicants to apply for multiple programs and benefits at the same time, validate and verify information electronically, and determine eligibility efficiently to assist families in accessing services as soon as possible.

HMS 503 – Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility

Req Cat	Dept Pri	Prog ID	Proj No.	Project Title	MOF	FY25
M	2	HMS 503	FY25.1	KYFWC Air Conditioning Systems Replacement and Related Improvements	C	683,000
M	3	HMS 503	FY25.2	KYFWC Replace Emergency Generators and Other Improvements	C	1,628,000

FY25.1 - KYFWC Air Conditioning Systems Replacement and Related Improvements

Air Conditioning Systems replacement and related improvements. The estimated useful life of these improvements is approximately 15 years due to 24/7 usage.

This project will replace the aging air conditioning system units located at the Secure Custody Facility (Building 1), the Observation and Assessment Cottage (Building 7), and the Maluhia Cottage (Building 4). These units run constantly to cool areas in these buildings where there are no other sources of ventilation from outside.

The impact of Hawaii’s salt air on these units has resulted in corrosion, reduced efficiency and airflow, and increased maintenance needs. The current units require significant repairs as their condition continues to deteriorate. The cooling coils need to be replaced soon, and the cost to replace these coils (labor and materials) exceeds the value and life expectancy of the current air conditioning system units.

Should the project be deferred, the health, safety, and living conditions of incarcerated youth and other youth/young adults on campus will be affected and compromised while the units are down for repair. Locating parts for the units has been a challenge for vendors due to the age of the units. HYCF will continue to accrue significant repair costs as current units continue to age.

FY25.2 – KYFWC Replace Emergency Generators and Other Improvements

Plans, design, and construction to replace existing emergency generators that service the Secure Correctional Facility, Observation and Assessment Cottage, and Maluhia Cottage. The estimated useful life of these improvements is more than 20 years.

This project will replace the existing emergency generators that provide backup electrical service to the Secured Correctional Facility, Observation and Assessment Cottage, and Maluhia Cottage. The emergency generators are approaching 30 years old, and while they are regularly maintained, corrosion has been significant, and replacement parts are becoming harder to find. Thus, the service life is nearing the end. The work involves the demolition of the existing generators, installation of new generators, a new generator building for the unit at Maluhia Cottage, and other related improvements.

HYCF is a 24/7 secure custody facility and needs the air conditioning system to be running for the health and safety of minor wards and staff, as there are no operable windows to let in the outside air. Also, as a correctional facility, HYCF must comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). One method of compliance is the use of video surveillance equipment, which requires the generator to back power during power failures. An inability to conduct camera surveillance creates safety issues, places HYCF in violation of PREA, and inhibits our response to and protection of potential assaults and victims of potential assaults, etc. Additionally, administration and kitchen food service operations will be negatively impacted if there is power loss for extended amounts of time.

Operational Budget Requests

Office of Youth Services (OYS)

HMS 501 – In-Community Youth Programs

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
501YA-51	TO-2	Transfer in HR Spclt IV from HMS 503 to HMS 501, position 117906	A	1.00		86,376
501YA-55	OR-10	Add Funds to Support Youth Mental Health	A			1,000,000
501YA-53	TO-3	Transfer in Investigator IV from HMS 503 to HMS 501 position 117903	A	1.00		68,280

501YA-51: (503YB-51) Transfer of HR Spclt IV from HMS 503 to HMS 501, position 117906

This is a housekeeping request to transfer the position and salary of Human Resources Specialist 117906 from HMS 503 to HMS 501. The incumbent physically resides within HMS 501, which has supervisory control over this position. This proposed adjustment will accurately reflect the current organizational structure.

501YA-55: Add Funds to Support Youth Mental Health

In accordance with section 352D-D, HRS, the Office of Youth Services (OYS) is responsible for providing services to at-risk youth to facilitate optimum service delivery, prevent delinquency,

and reduce recidivism through prevention, rehabilitation, and treatment. OYS creates opportunities for at-risk youth to become productive, responsible citizens through community-based and family-focused interventions. Among these interventions are housing and mental health services for youth.

Nationally, children suffering from anxiety and depression increased by 25.5% from 2016 to 2020, with Hawaii children showing a 22.4% increase. In 2022, Hawaii ranked 22 out of 50 states for Overall Child Well-Being.⁶ In 2023, Hawaii dropped to 25th place.⁷ In Hawaii, since the COVID-19 pandemic, youth have displayed increased behavioral and mental health issues. This request serves to increase funding for residential safe houses (\$550,000). This funding will allow for safe houses, which traditionally only serve low-risk youth, additional staff, and licensed mental health professionals so they can provide treatment and support to high-risk youth. High-risk youth are generally those individuals who are early system-involved youth, arrest, or family court involvement, and need treatment and program support to divert them from moving further through the juvenile justice system.

This request also serves to provide specialized funding to increase mental health services to LGBTQ+ youth, a population identified as being at high risk for self-harm, substance abuse, behavioral and mental health issues, and victims of abuse and trafficking (\$200,000). OYS has not contracted for services that specifically serve this population, and the population has been largely underserved. An OYS contract for these services will be the first by OYS.

Additionally, OYS works with the DOH/Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) to provide mental health treatment to youth who are not eligible for CAMHD services. OYS' original 2017 contract was for \$300,000 annually. In 2021, due to budget cuts, this contract was reduced to \$60,000 annually. In 2022, OYS increased funding to \$150,000 annually to address the increased demand for mental health services for youth in the community. However, more resources are necessary to meet the needs of youth.

In the calendar year 2022, OYS received 52 referrals for CAMHD services. In only the first six months of 2023 (January - June), OYS received more than the entire 2022-year total, 56 referrals. During this same period, the cost of mental health services for these youth was \$230,606.07, well beyond the capacity of OYS' current contract. DOH recently conducted a comprehensive rate study and determined that an increase of 60% is needed to meet current service costs. This request includes restoring our appropriation to the 2017-2020 amount of \$300,000 annually (\$150,000).

⁶ 2022 Kids Count Data Book, State Trends in Child Well-Being, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2022.

⁷ 2023 Kids Count Data Book, State Trends in Child Well-Being, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2023.

Safe Houses	650,000
LGBTQ+	200,000
Non-Eligible CAMHD Youth \$150,000	150,000
Total	1,000,000

501YA-53: (503YB-53) Transfer of Investigator IV from HMS 503 to HMS 501, position 117903

This housekeeping request is to transfer the position and salary of Investigator IV 117903 from HMS 503 to HMS 501. The incumbent physically resides within HMS 501, which has supervisory control over this position. This proposed adjustment will accurately reflect the current organizational structure.

Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	BUDGET REQUEST Description	MOF	FY25		
				FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
503YB-51	TO-2	Transfer out HR Spclt IV from HMS 503 to HMS 501, position 117906	A	(1.00)		(86,376)
503YB-54	OR-4	Add Funds for HYCF Utilities	A			260,000
503YB-53	TO-3	Transfer out Investigator IV from HMS 503 to HMS 501, position 117903	A	(1.00)		(68,280)

503YB-51: (501YA-51) Transfer HR Spclt IV from HMS 503 TO HMS 501, position 117906

This housekeeping request is to transfer the position and salary of Human Resources Specialist 117906 from HMS 503 to HMS 501. The incumbent physically resides within HMS 501, which has supervisory control over this position. This adjustment will accurately reflect the current organizational structure.

503YB-54: Add Funds for HYCF Utilities

This request is for an additional \$260,000 for utility expenses. These utility expenses were previously covered with \$520,000 with general funds, though Act 88, SLH 2021, replaced the funding with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds. (See 2021 Legislative Worksheets for HMS 503, seq# 60-001, or Form A 503YB-PRA1). With the end of ARPA funding, Act 164, SLH 2023, provided \$520,000 in general funds for FY24 and only \$260,000 in general funds for FY25. (See 2023 Legislative Worksheets for HMS 503, seq# 100-001, or Form A 503YB-02.) However, utilities are a fixed cost, and additional general funds are needed for repair and

maintenance, safehouses, and transition programs that will be impacted beginning in FY25 under the current biennium budget.

Currently, the campus of the Kawaihoa Youth and Family Wellness Center (KYFWC) supports five residential programs that total 70 beds for at-risk youth and young adults. KYFWC also has an additional monthly average of 150 participants in day programs. The individual programs and their populations encompass incarceration, homeless young adults, commercially sexually exploited children, vocational training, education, farming, and ranching. The current operational appropriation is insufficient to cover the required amount. If this request is approved, it would prevent undue hardship for the campus and other community-based programs that will be impacted.

503YB-53: (501YA-53) Transfer Investigator IV from HMS 503 to HMS 501, position 117903

This housekeeping request is to transfer the position and salary of Investigator IV 117903 from HMS 503 to HMS 501. The incumbent in this position physically resides within HMS 501, and HMS 501 has supervisory control over this position. This adjustment will accurately reflect the current organizational structure.

Benefits, Employment & Support Services Division (BESSD)

HMS 236 – Case Management for Self-Sufficiency

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
236LC-52	SY-12	Add General Funding for Pohulani Lease	A			490,000

236LC-52: Add General Funds for Pohulani Lease

Act 164, SLH 2023 appropriated \$490,000 for the Pohulani Processing Center lease for FY24. Additional funding is requested for FY25, to be appropriated on a recurring basis, to pay the obligation to Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation (HHFDC) for the continuous use of the space for the Pohulani Processing Center.

The Pohulani Processing Center services residents of East Honolulu and serves 12,132 financial and SNAP cases. It also includes 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.

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.

DHS' previous lease (32-10-0353) for BESSD/Pohulani Processing Center with 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 December 29, 2022, that the DAGS Leasing Branch would 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 the agreement is between two state agencies.

HHFDC and DHS finalized the new lease (MOA) on December 9, 2022. Previously, HHFDC sent DAGS Leasing Branch the invoice for rent, then DAGS paid HHFDC directly, and afterward, DAGS sent DHS BESSD a bill for collection for the federal portion, which was 50% of the rent. DHS Fiscal Management Office (FMO) then created a Journal Voucher (JV) for the payment to DAGS for the federal share. With DAGS Leasing Branch no longer involved, BESSD now receives the Bill for Collection directly from HHFDC and is now charged the entire rent (federal portion plus the general fund portion that DAGS used to pay). The term of the lease is from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2032.

HMS 305 – Cash Support for Child Care

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
305PK-51	TO-1	(903FA-55) Transfer out POD Funds to HMS 903 from HMS 305	A			(6,000,000)

305PK-51: (903FA-55) Transfer out POD Funds from HMS 305 to HMS 903

This request supports the implementation of Lieutenant Governor Luke’s Ready Keiki initiative to invest in early childhood and increase access to child care for Hawaii’s 3- and 4-year-olds.

Act 264, SLH 2023, appropriated an additional \$38.8 million to the Preschool Open Doors (POD) program and increased the amount of general funds for POD child care payments from \$11.6

million to \$50.4 million starting in State Fiscal Year 2025.⁸ In addition to this general fund increase, ensuing discussions proposed to supplement these general funds with federal TANF funds to cover POD child care payments for working families who meet the eligibility requirements to allow DHS to use TANF funds for their child care needs. DHS estimated that using TANF for this purpose could add approximately \$60-\$70 million in TANF federal funds towards POD child care payments.

To carry out the use of TANF for POD child care payments and to ensure that POD child care payments are readily available to eligible families, general funds are needed in the Program ID for TANF support service payments. Using general funds in this manner will avoid the 48-72 hour delay it takes for federal funds to be drawn down from the federal source to become available to the state. The general funds are used for cash flow purposes to ensure child care payments are readily available for eligible families. BESSD then uses the general fund expenditures to draw down the TANF federal funds to reimburse the state, and then the reimbursement is available to be used again for the child care payment.

As noted, DHS estimates that the potential federal expenditure for POD could be between \$60-\$70 million annually. This request to transfer \$6 million will ensure sufficient monthly cash flow for the timely availability of POD cash payments to eligible families.

HMS 903 – General Support for Self-Sufficiency Services

		BUDGET REQUEST	FY25			
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
903FA-52	OR-20	Additional Funding for Adjusted BES M&O	A			288,177
903FA-52	OR-20	Additional Funding for Adjusted BES M&O	N			255,500
903FA-55	TO-1	(305PK-51) Transfer in POD Funds to HMS 903 from HMS 305	A			6,000,000

903FA-52: Additional Funding for Adjusted BES M&O

This request is for additional funds for the Benefits Eligibility Solution (BES) system to modernize the department’s legacy eligibility system HAWI (Hawaii Automated Welfare

⁸ The substantial increase is to facilitate the expansion of POD to 3-year-old children and to increase the amount of child care subsidies; see Act 171 (SLH 2023).

Information) system. The BES system is currently on schedule to go live in the fall of 2024. It will be the system to determine eligibility, authorize benefits, and provide ongoing eligibility case management for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families (TAONF), General Assistance (GA), and Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD) programs.

The ongoing M&O funding for BES is crucial to ensure there is ongoing maintenance for the new eligibility system.

In 2018, the Legislature previously appropriated maintenance and operations (M&O) funds for the BES system with the anticipation that the BES system would be operational within the following calendar year. However, the completion of the system build did not materialize at that time. The BES system is now on pace to go live in fall 2024; M&O estimates have been re-evaluated from the initial M&O cost estimate, which was \$4,876,383 annually, to the current estimate of \$5,420,000 annually. The net result of this re-evaluation is an annual increase of \$543,617.

903FA-55: (305PK-51) Transfer in POD Funds to HMS 903 from HMS 305

Please refer to item 305PK-51 above in HMS 305. This request is part of Lieutenant Governor Luke’s Ready Keiki initiative to invest in early childhood and increase access to child care for Hawaii’s 3—and 4-year-olds.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

HMS 802 – Vocational Rehabilitation

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
802GA-53	TO-5	Transfer Acct Clk III 6402 and Acct IV 13373 from HMS 802 to HMS 904	A	(1.34)		(106,825)
802GA-53	TO-5	Transfer Acct Clk III 6402 and Acct IV 13373 from HMS 802 to HMS 904	N	(0.66)		(54,287)

802GA-53: (904AA-53) Transfer positions from HMS 802 to HMS 904

This housekeeping request relates to two DVR positions that provide support and assistance to DVR, though they are organizationally located in a department staff office. These positions are Account Clerk III #6402 and Accountant IV #13373. Currently, both positions are in the Plan of Organization under the Fiscal Management Office (FMO) HMS 904AA and are budgeted under HMS 802GA. These positions were initially set up in this manner in the 1960s, as DVR was just being established as a part of DHS. To help DVR operations function more effectively, we request that these two positions be budgeted correctly under FMO HMS 904AA. This request will not require any additional funds from the state as it is simply a matter of transferring two positions from HMS 802GA to HMS 904AA. The functions of these two positions providing support and assistance to DVR will remain the same.

Med-QUEST Division (MQD)

HMS 401 – Health Care Payments

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
401PE-51	FE-1	HCBS Rate Increase	A			5,750,000
401PE-51	FE-1	HCBS Rate Increase	N			9,775,000
401PE	HSE Adj	Behavioral Analysis Payments	A			2,690,000
401PE	HSE Adj	Behavioral Analysis Payments	N			3,810,000
401PE	HSE Adj	Medicaid In-Home Services	A			9,680,000
401PE	HSE Adj	Medicaid In-Home Services	N			13,940,000

401PE-51:

Med-QUEST (MQD) is very appreciative of the recent approvals to increase provider rates for professional services and nursing facilities. Another area where rates have not increased in several years is rates for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). To this end, Med-QUEST requests \$5.75M A funds/\$9.78M N funds to increase rates for certain HCBS services.

HCBS are essential to keep kupuna and people with disabilities from having to move to significantly more expensive nursing facilities. Rate increases are necessary to address rising operational costs and severe workforce shortages. The requested amounts are based on rate studies. In 2022 and 2023, MQD conducted rate studies for various types of HCBS, including Community Care Family Foster Homes, Adult Residential Care Homes, Adult Day Services providers, and other HCBS services. With significant provider engagement, the gathering of relevant data on provider costs, and wage survey data, the studies showed significant wage pressure given the current labor market.

1000-001: HOUSE Adjustment - Behavioral Analysis Payments

These additional funds would increase payments for Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services. ABA is a type of behavior modification service provided primarily for children with autism. The Med-QUEST Division commissioned a [rate study](#) for ABA services, which was submitted to the Legislature in December 2023. That rate study modeled low, medium, and high scenarios for consideration. The amount included in the HD1 represents the level of funding for the low scenario.

1001-001: HOUSE Adjustment - Medicaid In-Home Services

These additional funds would increase payments for HCBS in-home services. Phase I of an HCBS [rate study](#) commissioned by Med-QUEST Division (MQD) and completed by Milliman in December 2022 provided three scenarios (low, medium, and high) to increase home and community-based (HCBS) rates, including for in-home services. The amount included in the HD1 represents the level of funding for the low scenario.

HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments

Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	BUDGET REQUEST		FY25		
		Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
902IA-52	OR-22	Add 0.25 FTE and Funds to Increase Pharmacist FTE from 0.50 to 1.00	B	0.25		38,417
902IA-52	OR-22	Add 0.25 FTE and Funds to Increase Pharmacist FTE from 0.50 to 1.00	N	0.25		38,417
902IA-53	OR-23	Add 0.25 FTE and Funds to Increase Dentist FTE from 0.25 to 0.50	B	0.06		11,041

902IA-53	OR-23	Add 0.25 FTE and Funds to Increase Dentist FTE from 0.25 to 0.50	N	0.19		34,799
902IA-54	OR-24	Convert 2.00 FTE from Temp to Perm	A	1.00	(1.00)	
902IA-54	OR-24	Convert 2.00 FTE from Temp to Perm	N	1.00	(1.00)	

902IA-52: Add 0.25 FTE and Funds to Increase Pharmacist FTE from 0.50 to 1.00

This request looks to increase the Pharmacist to 1 FTE. With increased capacity, MQD would be better able to provide oversight, monitoring and management for our pharmacy benefit. Prescription drugs and the pharmacy program are increasingly complex and require additional oversight and management. There are potential cost savings eventually in the form of increased rebates and lower drug costs through improved medication adherence and management.

902IA-53: Add 0.25 FTE and Funds to Increase Dentist FTE from 0.25 to 0.50

This request looks to increase the Dentist's FTE to 0.5 FTE. With the implementation of the Adult Dental benefit in January 2023, there is significantly more need for consultation with a dentist. The dentist consults with MQD leadership on coverage and benefits questions, reimbursement rates, increasing network access, and other oral health initiatives.

902IA-54: Convert 2.00 FTE from Temp to Perm

This request looks to convert 2.0 FTEs in the Health Analytics Office from temporary to permanent. These positions serve as the technical lead in overseeing the collection and reporting from MQD contractors, including the QUEST Health Plans and hospitals, and support the evaluation of these reports to provide contract oversight of the state's Medicaid program. In 2021, MQD's Health Analytics Office (HAO) applied for and received over \$25 Million in funding from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to build a large analytics data warehouse and analytic platform. Lasting staffing is urgently needed to oversee the tremendous task of ensuring that the platform is planned, designed, implemented, and managed properly to achieve its intended vision and purpose. These positions support the incorporation of critical data sets and reporting requirements into this platform, provide data validation, and develop reports for submission to CMS from the platform. This change reflects both an addition and a reduction for this conversion. MQD needs the positions to be maintained. Therefore, the reduction cannot be taken in isolation.

Social Services Division (SSD)

HMS 301 – Child Protective Services

BUDGET REQUEST		FY 24			FY25				
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
301SA-51	OR-11	Increase Special Fund Appropriation Ceiling for the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Fund	B						5,000,000
1000-001	HSE Adj	POS-Post Adoption Support Services	A						611,850

301SA-51: Increase Special Fund Appropriation Ceiling for the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Fund

The Child Welfare Services Branch (CWSB) CWS requests that the budget ceiling of the Spouse & Child Abuse Special Fund (SCASF) be increased to \$5,000,000.00 to align with Act 250, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, which amended SCASF's ceiling to \$5M in the HRS. 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.

CWS is limited to the SCASF's current budget ceiling of \$1,163,425. As a result, CWSB can only retain and access this amount. The table here reflects the federal reimbursements received by CWS, of which \$5,000,000 could be repurposed and used to fund child abuse and prevention services if the budget ceiling is raised. These reimbursements are not being deposited into SCASF until the ceiling is raised. The chart below illustrates Title IV-E reimbursements that are returned to the general fund when received in the following fiscal year from when the amounts were expended.

	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

The alternative would be to request general funds, which is problematic in years when state revenues decrease. Increasing child abuse and prevention services through Family First Hawaii supports children and families so that children can remain safely in their homes and avoid

placement in foster care. Under FFPSA, the state may receive up to 50% federal reimbursement for state or nonfederal funds used for approved child abuse and prevention services.

1000-001: HOUSE adjustment -POS-Post Adoption Support Services

This appropriation is a House adjustment for Child Welfare Services (CWS) to provide additional oversight and support for families receiving benefits through the State’s adoption assistance and permanency assistance programs.

CWS is looking into ways to increase the utilization of existing permanency services and is working with Legislators, the Judiciary, the Department of the Attorney General, and the Department of Education to increase the amount of oversight of families who have legal guardianship or have adopted children to ensure the guardians and adoptive parents are meeting their children's health and educational needs. The Department will use a portion of these additional funds to increase the current capacity of community service providers.

Additionally, the Department is preparing a request for guidance to the federal Administration for Children and Families to add additional conditions to the adoption assistance agreements. The additional conditions aim to improve the process of periodic reviews, including renegotiation of adoption assistance agreements if necessary. If additional conditions are implemented, CWS will require additional resources to conduct the additional oversight, including resources to conduct administrative hearings that are required before the Department can suspend or terminate adoption assistance payments.

DHS Administration

HMS 904 - General Administration

		BUDGET REQUEST	FY25			
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
904AA-53	TO-5	Transfer Acct Clk III 6402 and Acct IV 13373 from HMS 802 to HMS 904	A	1.34		106,825
904AA-53	TO-5	Transfer Acct Clk III 6402 and Acct IV 13373 from HMS 802 to HMS 904	N	0.66		54,287
1000-001	HSE Adj	Mobile Treatment Clinics	A			3,000,000

904AA-53: (802GA-53) Transfer Position from HMS 802 to HMS 904

This housekeeping request will consolidate both the permanent FTEs and the funding for Account Clerk III 6402 and Accountant IV 13373 into HMS 904 from DVR HMS 802. Currently, these two positions operate within the DHS Fiscal Management Office (FMO) but are budgeted in HMS 802/GA. This setup was part of a reorganization effort whereby the vocational rehabilitation function was incorporated into the Department of Social Services (precursor to DHS) in the mid-1960s. The proposed consolidation action will result in better, more efficient administration of these positions under a single program manager. This is a net zero fiscal impact request.

The functions of these positions will remain the same as they are now, providing support and assistance to DVR.

1000-001: HOUSE Adjustment - Mobile Treatment Clinics

This appropriation is a House adjustment. Mobile Treatment Clinics are essential to serve those with housing instability. These mobile clinics will be utilized for existing and new Ohana zones pilot program sites, kauhale, shelters, and general locations that can serve individuals facing housing instability. The mobile clinics can provide medical care paired with social services, such as routine care, dental care, preventative care, disease testing, referral services, and other forms of care to persons who might not otherwise have access. Mobile clinics aim to reduce the number of emergency room visits and the amount of more expensive care people may need over their lifetimes, resulting in overall savings. According to Mobile Health Map, for every \$1 spent on mobile health, a state will save \$12.

DHS respectfully requests that the Office on Housing and Homeless Solutions have oversight of these funds and that the appropriation be moved from HMS 904 to HMS 777.

DHS Overall

Federal Fund Adjustment Requests

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
220RH-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			7,540,597
222RA-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			4,797,969
224HS-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			74,000

237NA-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			1,011,714
302DA-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			97,799
401PE-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			179,125,760
802GA-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			704,680
301SA-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			4,148,796
301SA-FFP	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	P			293,775
303WP-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	N			690,000
501YA-FF	FA-1	Adjust Federal Fund Ceiling	N			(922,784)
601TA-FF	FA-1	Adjust Federal Fund Ceiling	N			(3,190,556)
903FA-FF	FA-1	Increase Federal Fund Ceiling	P			7,000
904AA-FF	FA-1	Adjust Federal Fund Ceiling	P			(1,500)

Form FF Reconciliation

Additional federal fund ceiling is requested based on a comparison of federal fund appropriations under Act 164, SLH 2023, and anticipated federal fund requirements for FY25.

DHS requests consideration of these requests that were not included in HB1800 HD1.

Operating Budget Requests

Office of Youth Services (OYS)

HMS 501 – In-Community Youth Programs

		BUDGET REQUEST	FY25			
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
501YA-52	TO-4	Transfer in GP III from HMS 503 to HMS 501, position 118511	A	1.00		62,136

501YA-52: (503YB-52) Transfer of GP III from HMS 503 to HMS 501, position 118511

This housekeeping request is to transfer the position and salary of General Professional III 118511 from HMS 503 to HMS 501. The incumbent in this position physically resides within HMS 501, and HMS 501 has supervisory control over this position. This proposed adjustment will accurately reflect the current organizational structure.

HMS 503 – Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility

BUDGET REQUEST				FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
503YB-52	TO-4	Transfer out GP III from HMS 503 to HMS 501, position 118511	A	(1.00)		(62,136)

503YB-52: (501YA-52) Transfer GP III from HMS 503 TO HMS 501, position 118511

This housekeeping request is to transfer the position and salary of General Professional III 118511 from HMS 503 to HMS 501. The incumbent in this position physically resides within HMS 501, and HMS 501 has supervisory control over this position. This proposal is to reflect the current organizational structure accurately.

Benefits, Employment & Support Services Division (BESSD)

HMS 224 - Homeless Services

BUDGET REQUEST				FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
224HS-51	OR-6	Request for additional funds to increase HPO contracts	A			1

224HS-51: Request for \$1,320,000 additional funds to increase all State Homeless Programs Office (HPO) contracts by 5%; HOUSE adjustment to \$1 placeholder.

Homelessness continues to be one of the most pressing issues for the state. This request for additional funds will help HPO to increase all state HPO contract amounts by 5% to cover increased costs associated with delivering necessary homeless services without delay.

HPO contract providers deliver critical services, such as homeless outreach, shelter, family assessment centers, civil legal services, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, state homeless emergency grants, and housing placement.

The Department sees the demand for homeless services increasing due to the lack of low-income and affordable housing inventory, the continuing economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic (including the end of pandemic rental assistance programs), and the impacts of the Maui Wildfires on existing resources.

The role of HPO contract providers is critical in the recovery stages of the Maui Wildfires and the ongoing economic recovery from the pandemic. Between 2016 and 2022, Hawaii saw a steady 25 percent decrease in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness statewide from 7,921 to 5,973. However, in the most recent year, from 2022 to 2023, the number of homeless individuals statewide began to climb - increasing by 4% (=250 people) in just one year.

HPO contract providers are losing staff due to low salaries as contract amounts have not increased. In contrast, the cost of doing business has increased, including the step increases in the minimum wage. Many contracted providers are challenged with staff capacity issues and struggle to meet the demands of homeless individuals and families with the existing contract amounts. Also, due to inflation, the contracted providers are struggling to cover the increased costs of doing business as costs of office supplies, equipment, office leases, utilities, and gas have all gone up. For example, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average weekly wage in Hawaii increased 36% between 2016 and 2023, while the appropriation for contracted providers has remained level.

DHS Administration

HMS 904 - General Administration

		BUDGET REQUEST		FY25		
Prog ID/Org	Dept Pri	Description	MOF	FTE (P)	FTE (T)	\$ Amount
904AA-52	OR-2	Add 2.00 FTE and Funds to restore the Deputy Director and Private Secretary	A	2.00		243,360
904AA-56	WR-3	Funds for Emergency Management Tied to the Maui Wildfires	A		3.0	13,370,000*

904AA-56	WR-3	Funds for Emergency Management Tied to the Maui Wildfires	N		3.0	12,211,402*
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*Form A adjustments to be included in a forthcoming Governor's Message.

904AA-52: Add Funds for DHS Deputy Director and Secretary II

The Department of Human Services (DHS) requests the budget adjustment to reflect the restoration of the Second Deputy Director and Private Secretary positions and to add a general fund appropriation for the salaries of the second deputy and private secretary.

Act 42, SLH 2023, restored and permanently exempts DHS' second deputy director position from civil service provisions; with the deputy's restoration, section 76-16(b)(9), HRS, provides a private secretary for each deputy.

For SFY 2024, DHS used vacancy savings from HMS 904 to cover the salaries of the second deputy director and private secretary positions. The second deputy director started on August 1, 2023, and quickly engaged in the demands of the role in response to the Maui Wildfires on August 8, 2023. The additional deputy director position has proven to be invaluable as DHS has taken on multiple lines of effort to support the disaster response while providing executive leadership of the department, including representing DHS and the State in multiple agency meetings.

The effective management of the department and its programs requires collaboration within the department, with other state, federal, and local agencies, with the community, and with clients served. However, maintaining these necessary collaborations further erodes the ability of the Office of the Director to fully oversee personnel matters, fiscal and budget issues, information technology development, and operational matters related to quality control, program oversight, and reporting.

Efficient DHS operations and successful and innovative programs require leadership. A strong safety net strengthens social mobility and contributes to residents' ability to achieve self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy lifestyles, and personal dignity. Residents who access benefits and services support the State's economic base.

904AA-56: Add Funds for Emergency Management*

The amendment to this request is included in [GM 5](#) and was not considered by the Committee on Finance. At the time of the initial submission of this request, we were pending the review and approval of the FEMA DCMP grant application. Based upon FEMA's award, we have made adjustments to the expenditures, though the request for general funds remains at the original amount of \$13,370,000 A.

DHS requires general fund appropriations to support the department's Maui emergency management and long-term recovery response, including the State's Disaster Case Management Program (DHS DCMP). This request includes funds for three temporary exempt administrative positions dedicated to the Maui response, operations, and IT support and funds to meet the needs of survivors who may be ineligible for FEMA or other federal disaster assistance. The Director's Office needs staff and resources dedicated to the Maui relief efforts to lead an equitable recovery.

DHS is the State's lead agency for the DCMP, which will provide intensive disaster case management for all survivors of the Maui wildfires. DHS applied on behalf of the State for the FEMA DCMP grant, which FEMA approved on November 8, 2023. The initial award is just over \$17M, and the performance period for the award is from August 10, 2023, through August 10, 2025. DHS launched the FEMA-funded DCMP (DHS DCMP) on February 21, 2024.

Given the magnitude of the disaster, we anticipate the DCMP may be a three- to four-year (or more) effort and will require a request for additional FEMA funding, which is available. To immediately implement the DCMP, DHS created a special project for six additional temporary exempt administrative positions in the Director's Office to oversee both the DCMP and all Maui recovery efforts. The FEMA grant covers the salaries of the DCMP Program Director (\$156,000), Financial Director (\$124,800), and Administrative Assistant (\$51,996). DHS requires general funds for the other three positions listed, including the DCMP Administrator (\$110,000), Maui Emergency Response Director (\$112,944), and EM Communications Director (105,516).

While awaiting FEMA review and approval, DHS received a grant from the American Red Cross to initiate a 90-day interim DCMP to serve families identified by the American Red Cross as ineligible for FEMA benefits. The interim DCMP includes three Maui community-based organizations and up to 20 disaster case managers. DHS will build upon the experience of the interim DCMP and implement the DHS DCMP.

The DHS DCMP will provide case management and navigation assistance for all Maui fire survivors that we currently estimate to be approximately 10,000 (including 200 individuals who were pre-disaster unsheltered; as of 9/27/2023, more than 6,000 - 8,000 individuals were residing in the Non-congregate Shelter (NCS) Hotels or in Airbnb. Ultimately, DHS aims to roll out the DHS DCMP in 3 phases over the course of the FEMA grant period and anticipates a need for up to 200 case managers, necessary supervision, and support staff to serve the entire population of those survivors impacted by the Maui wildfires.

This budget request includes funds for permanency services, including but not limited to rental subsidies, including first-month rent and deposit, utilities, document replacement, vehicle replacement, travel, and other personal expenses primarily for Maui Wildfire survivors who are not eligible for FEMA assistance due to their citizenship or because they were unsheltered before the wildfires. Funds will also be used for travel assistance for survivors to relocate off-

island or out of state to seek housing, employment, or educational opportunities as the debris removal and rebuilding processes are ongoing.

As a benchmark for the next fiscal year, we anticipate serving 300 households without dependent children, up to \$25,000 each, on par with the amounts allocated for families with dependent children served by the DHS Maui Relief TANF Program and private donations. However, we can anticipate serving more families than the benchmark; as of 03/1/24, the DHS Maui Relief TANF Program provided 905 families 905 (=3,263 individuals) an average of \$5,942 each, with the highest categories being rent or mortgage assistance. Of note, applicants to the DHS Maui Relief TANF Program report that it is difficult to find affordable rentals, so they have not accessed rental assistance at the outset. Pet-friendly rentals are also limited.

The DHS DCMP will serve as a connection point for all other DHS wildfire response initiatives. The proposed Maui Emergency Response Director (\$112,944) and EM Communications Director (\$105,516) will continue to coordinate these efforts and all communication related to the Maui response activities.

Since the August 8 wildfires, DHS has been actively working to address the immediate needs of individuals, families, and community providers. DHS facilitates the state's Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6 - Mass Care & Feeding. As part of those support function responsibilities, the DHS Director's Office led negotiations with Airbnb and with DHS staff assisted survivors into non-congregate Airbnb and other shelters. DHS staff also helped survivors at community and disaster resource centers with applications to existing public benefit programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Benefits (SNAP) and Medicaid. Program administrators also requested program waivers allowing SNAP recipients statewide to purchase hot meals and paused the Medicaid eligibility determination process statewide; after the pause, DHS restored Medicaid coverage to 27,000 enrollees terminated on procedural grounds. DHS also staged a statewide Disaster SNAP application process that allowed nearly 3,400 families who did not already receive SNAP assistance to get some nutrition assistance for food lost due to the fire. Significantly, DHS contributed to ensuring language access services - translation and interpretation are a priority for Maui residents.

Additional efforts include: (1) standing up the Pu'uhonua of Nene and operating a temporary field shelter site in Kahului. The temporary field shelter is the option for adult-only households unsheltered before the fires and ineligible for FEMA and American Red Cross housing support. The temporary field shelter opened on 9/29/2023 and requires an appropriation of \$4.5M to HMS 904 (temporary shelter services) for the supplemental budget year. Following the supplemental year, this site will likely be transitioned to HMS 777, SOHHS, to maintain a permanent shelter space. The preliminary estimate of individuals to be served at the temporary field shelter is up to 150 individuals at any one time; (2) obtaining waivers from the federal Administration for Children and Families and a \$5M grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation to provide cash assistance to families with dependent children through the Maui Relief TANF Program; and the DHS Rental Assistance Program for households without

dependent children. With the funds from the Hawaii Community Foundation, families with children who are not eligible for TANF due to their citizenship will receive the same assistance as other families with children; (3) Rental Assistance Program (RAP) that provides rental assistance for households and are not eligible for FEMA assistance.

Specific to the Maui Wildfires, a new Disaster Management damage assessment data collection system was implemented to improve situational awareness and provide a standardized way for disaster documentation, and needs assessments were collected to help secure more accurate numbers for disaster declaration and assist in getting higher FEMA Reimbursements. Additional disaster management system capabilities will need to be implemented to ensure that the initial disaster management systems will be usable for multiple disaster types going forward. These funds (\$800,000) will be used for the software tools and professional services to ensure real-time integrations and data exchanges between the multiple systems, the DCM systems, and multiple DHS anti-fraud program and benefits reporting systems. The remaining funds (\$55,540) are needed for additional computing and telecom equipment required to support these additional IT services.

Lastly, we are awaiting additional guidance on how FEMA will respond to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, Public Law 118-42, that President Joe Biden signed into law on March 9, 2024.

Appendix 1 – DHS Key Performance Indicators

Updated as of 11/15/23 SFY19 figures and beyond were added to KPI #2 DHS Strategic Plan							
STATEWIDE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING INDICATORS	SFY17 (6/30/17)	SFY18 (6/30/18)	SFY19 (6/30/19)	SFY20 (6/30/20)	SFY21 (6/30/21)	SFY22 (6/30/22)	SFY23 (6/30/23)
1. EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY. Number of families exiting Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) with employment. <i>Reference: G1, Obj1, Strat1</i>	1,370; <i>approx. 114 families per month</i>	1,294; <i>approx. 107 families per month</i>	1,037; <i>approx. 86 families per month</i>	712; <i>approx. 59 families per month</i>	559; <i>approx. 47 families per month</i>	1,145; <i>approx. 95 families per month</i>	743 <i>approx. 62 families per month</i>
2. TANF PROGRAM. The impact due to the pandemic. Average number of applications per month. <i>Reference: G1, Obj1, Strat1</i>	N/A	N/A	1,342	1,518	1,225	1,147	1,020
a. Average number of approvals per month [also convert average number of approvals to %]	N/A	N/A	295 22.0%	441 29.0%	349 28.4%	304 26.5%	193 18.9%
b. Average number of denials per month [also convert average number of denials to %].	N/A	N/A	568 42.3%	608 40.0%	509 41.5%	878 76.6%	956 93.7%
i. Percentage of applications denied due to income	N/A	N/A	27.8%	34.9%	35.2%	30.1%	22.3%
ii. Percentage of applications denied due to failure to provide required documents	N/A	N/A	6.6%	8.0%	26.5%	37.4%	10.7%
iii. Percentage of applications denied for other reasons.	N/A	N/A	65.6%	57.1%	38.3%	32.5%	67%
c. Average Work Participation Rate (WPR) pre-pandemic (FFY 2020) compared to the WPR during pandemic (March 2020 – September 2020 and FFY 2021)	N/A	N/A	28.8% All-Family and 45.8% Two-Parent (FFY 2019)	Pre-Pandemic: 18.2% All-Family & 26.4% Two-Parent (2 nd quarter of FFY 2020)	12.19% All-Family and 8.94% Two-Parent (2 nd quarter of FFY 2021) (March 2020-September 2020 and FFY 2021)	12.6% All-Family & 17.4% Two-Parent (as of Q2 FFY 2022)	14.6% All-Family & 21.6% Two-Parent (as of Q2 FFY 2023)
3. EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES. Number of individuals receiving First to Work (FTW) and Employment & Training (E&T) support benefits and services. <i>Reference: G1, Obj1, Strat1</i>							
a. First to Work (FTW) Program <i>The number of participants who received support and benefit services may not equal to the total number of participants because participants may receive multiple support services.</i>	4,129; <i>education (93), work-related</i>	3,523; <i>education (57), work-related</i>	3,081; <i>education (54), work-related</i>	2,898; <i>education (35), work-</i>	2,420; <i>education (29),</i>	1,944; <i>education (23),</i>	1,926; <i>education (22);</i>

STATEWIDE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING INDICATORS	SFY17 (6/30/17)	SFY18 (6/30/18)	SFY19 (6/30/19)	SFY20 (6/30/20)	SFY21 (6/30/21)	SFY22 (6/30/22)	SFY23 (6/30/23)
	(512), medical (4), transportation (3,634), child care subsidies (1,208)	(353), medical (6), transportation (3,130), child care subsidies (867)	(393), medical (2), transportation (2,784), child care subsidies (613)	related (819), medical (3), transportation (2,427), child care subsidies (451)	work- related (1,060), medical (0), transportation (1,605), child care subsidies (329)	work- related (296), medical (7), transportation (1,320), child care subsidies (298)	work- related (236); medical (1); transportation (1,451); child care subsidies (216)
b. Employment & Training (E&T) Program <i>The number of participants who received support and benefit services may not equal to the total number of participants because participants may receive multiple support services.</i>	405; education (68), work- related (95), transportation (341), other (2)	434; education (163), work- related (68), transportation (374), other (4)	403; education (191), work- related (66), transportation (355)	385; education (149), work- related (68), transportation (335)	376; education (142), Work- related (60), Transportation (271)	382; education (158), Work- related (44), Transportation (322)	326; education (138), Work- related (79), Transportation (267)
4. JOB RETENTION. Number of individuals receiving employment support benefits/services who remained employed for 30, 60, 90, and more than 90 days. <i>Reference: G1, Obj1, Strat1</i>	1,210 total participants employed	870 total participants employed	726 total participants employed	536 total participants employed	921 total participants employed	530 total participants employed	452 total participants employed
a. 1-30 days	133	107	89	44	56	51	50
b. 31-60 days	131	91	89	44	57	63	47
c. 61-90 days	129	108	84	37	89	41	44
d. >90 days	817	564	464	411	719	375	311
5. WAGE PROGRESSION. Number and percentage of individuals receiving First to Work (FTW) services who may have experienced increased wages, no changes in their wages, or decreased wages. <i>Notes: Percentages are approximate. State Minimum Wage increased incrementally during the period. The period for wage progression is 4 years i.e. June 2013 is the baseline to measure wage progression for June, 2017. Reference: G1, Obj1, Strat1</i>	1,335 total participants employed	1,139 total participants employed	1,976 total participants employed	1,542 total participants employed	1,704 total participants employed	1,765 total participants employed	1,258 total participants employed
a. Percentage who may have experienced increases in their wages	16%	21%	40%	37%	30%	32%	30.21%
b. Percentage who may have seen no changes in their wages	80%	76%	54%	55%	65%	62%	63.91%
c. Percentage who may have experienced decrease in their wage	4%	3%	6%	8%	5%	6%	5.88%
6. CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOL READINESS. Number of children enrolled in Preschool Open Doors (POD). <i>Reference: G1, Obj2, Strat1</i>	1,659 (5/31/17)	1,590 (5/31/18)	1,416 (5/31/19)	1,408 (5/31/20)	628 (5/31/21)	620 (5/31/22)	816 (5/31/23)
7. HEALTHCARE COVERAGE. Number of people who are enrolled with Medicaid. <i>Reference: G1, Obj3, Strat3</i>	361,929 April, 2017	354,245 April, 2018	342,428 April, 2019	350,194 April, 2020	422,492 April, 2021	445,815 April, 2022	463,028 April, 2023
8. CHILD HEALTH. Percentage of children who received an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) visit. <i>Reference: G1, Obj3, Strat1</i>	98% (data from Federal FY 2016)	100% (data from Federal FY 2017)	100% (data from Federal FY 2018)	100% (data from Federal FY 2019)	100% (data from Federal FY 2020)	100% (data from Federal FY 2021)	72% (data from Federal FY 2022)
9. CHILD AND ADULT SAFETY. <i>Reference: G1, Obj3, Strat1</i>							
a. Number and percentage of victims (vulnerable adults) with two or more confirmed abuses within a 12-month period.	7/149, 4.7%	1/99, 1%	3/126, 2.4%	4/90, 4.4%	1/75, 1.3%	1/62, 1.6%	0/45, 0%
b. Number and percentage of foster children who have stable placement.	1061/1203, 88.2%	1028/1265, 81.3%	1096/1299, 84.4%	1036/1191, 87%	890/1047, 85%	864/1030, 84%	636/757 84%
10. HOUSING STABILITY. <i>Reference: G1, Obj4, Strat1</i>							
a. Number of homeless individuals statewide. <i>Note: Numbers are approximate and are based on self-reports.</i>	7,220	6,530	6,448	7,501	N/A	5973	6223
b. Number of individuals served by the HPP Program, SHEG Program, Outreach Program, Emergency Shelter, or Transitional Shelter.	19,382	16,544	14,941	13,448	10,887	10,084	10,112
c. Number of individuals who exited to permanent housing from the HPP Program, SHEG Program, Outreach Program, Emergency Shelter, or Transitional Shelter.	5,189	5,000	5,595	4,963	3,261	2525	4125
d. Number of households served at the Family Assessment Center (FAC) in Kakaako. <i>Note: The FAC opened in September 2016, so data is measured from 9/1/16 to 10/1/17. FAC-K closed in February 2022. The second FAC in Puna started in SFY20 through Act 209, SLH 2018.</i>	54	53	55	45	26	17	N/A
				37	47	33	40

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e. Percentage of households at the FAC in Kakaako who were successfully housed in permanent housing. <i>Note: The FAC opened in September 2016, so data is measured from 9/1/16 to 10/1/17.</i> The second FAC in Puna started in SFY20 through Act 209, SLH 2018.	17/30, 56.7%	26/42, 61.9%	18/41, 43.9%	17/39, 43.59%	7/19, 36.84%	13/17, 76.47%	N/A
				15/30, 50%	19/39, 48.72%	5/26, 19.23%	21/32 66%
11. FOOD ACCESS. <i>Reference: G1, Obj5, Strat1</i>							
a. Number of individuals receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.	166,923 Monthly Average FY17	164,746 Monthly Average FY18	158,628 Monthly Average FY19	159,734 Monthly Average FY20	190,791 Monthly Average FY21	178,486 Monthly Average FY22	156,967 Monthly Average FY23
b. Percentage of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications processed in a timely manner.	98%	97%	97%	96%	91%	79%	80%

Appendix 2 – DHS Maui & Hawaii Island Wildfires Frequently Asked Questions
(updated as of 12/4/23)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MAUI & HAWAII ISLAND WILDFIRES
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[Message from DHS Director Cathy Betts](#)

The Department of Human Services (DHS) continues our commitment to Hawaii's residents following the August wildfires by providing vital benefits and services for individuals and families with aloha.

During emergency management incidents like volcanic eruptions, flooding, COVID-19, and now the wildfires, DHS staff support the State's response while continuing to deliver the array of human services statewide.

I want to thank our team on the ground who tirelessly worked at the outset to get displaced families into hotel rooms and donated Airbnbs as part of its role with the State's Emergency Support Function #6, mass care and feeding. Program staff also stood up a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) benefits effort, assisted survivors at the disaster recovery centers, partnered to establish the Pu'u honua o Nene temporary shelter, implemented a TANF financial assistance program for income-eligible families with dependent children, and most recently spearheaded the State's successful application for FEMA's Disaster Case Management Program grant. The Med-QUEST division obtained waivers to pause the COVID-19 Medicaid redetermination to ensure beneficiaries maintained their health care coverage as DHS directed all hands to support the emergency response. The wildfires personally impacted many of our staff and their families, yet they still volunteered to assist other families in securing housing, access to healthcare, and financial assistance.

As DHS staff continue their work with innovation and grit, I have profound gratitude for the staff. Together, DHS will remain at the center of case management services for all Maui wildfire survivors as they rebuild their lives up country and in Lahaina while maintaining equitable access for all individuals and families needing services and benefits.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (DIR)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

Governor Green immediately mobilized the DHS Director's Office to support the mass care of Maui residents and visitors impacted by the wildfires. Director Betts led the response, assisted by Deputies Campos and Speer and DHS program staff. On August 10, 2023, the Directors team and Maui based staff assisted survivors at the War Memorial and other shelters transition into

the American Red Cross' Non-Congregate Shelter (ARC NCS) program and the State's Airbnb program. As part of the overall response, the Director's Office staff activated the State's Emergency Support Function #6 to facilitate mass care and feeding discussion amongst Federal, State, and County agencies and community providers.

DHS responded to the call to devise an option for the pre-disaster homeless individuals exiting the ARC NCS at the end of FEMA's "safe-harbor" period on September 29, 2023. In partnership with the Department of Transportation, the Oregon Emergency Management Office in Hawaii to assist the State's response, and community provider Project Vision, with a two-week lead time, DHS quickly stood up *Pu'uohonua o Nēnē*, the temporary field shelter for up to 150 individuals who were experiencing homelessness pre-disaster and other Maui residents who needed a viable option for temporary shelter. Maui residents at *Pu'uohonua o Nēnē* receive wrap-around services to address permanent shelter and housing needs. As of November 29, 2023, *Pu'uohonua o Nēnē* is sheltering 149 individuals.

The DHS Director's Office applied for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Case Management Program Grant (DCMP) on behalf of the State. DCMP will provide specially trained case managers to all willing survivors to help assess and address their immediate and long-term needs through a disaster recovery plan. DCMP will assist with referrals to available resources and services, decision-making priorities, guidance, and tools. The DCMP case managers will work with the newly organized community-based Long Term Recovery Group to address individuals' unmet needs. DHS applied for and received the FEMA DCMP within 100 days – one of the fastest DCMP application-to-award process. The DCMP will help the State provide needed services to those impacted in developing recovery plans to recover, heal, and restore their lives.

To prepare for ourselves and the community to implement the FEMA DCMP, DHS and ARC set up a 90-day ARC-funded interim DCM program to begin training Maui-based disaster case managers with three community-based organizations while ironing out the details of the FEMA-funded program. The interim DCM program began working with clients on November 27.

The DHS Director's Office also leads the State's Social Services Recovery Support Function (SSRSF). The SSRSF aims to restore and improve social services networks to promote the community's resilience, health, independence, and well-being pre- and post-disaster. The SSRSF implements the federal framework to support locally-led recovery efforts focused on human services, behavioral health, and education.

The DHS Director's Office implemented communications, public outreach, and media disaster response. On August 9, 2023, DHS updated its website to include Wildfire response messaging. DHS Director's Office also created and distributed press releases and digital marketing materials to provide vital information to the public.

The DHS Director's Office needed to establish data-sharing agreements between FEMA, HIEMA, and ARC to facilitate individual-level understanding. Data quality has been an ongoing issue.

To address the immediate needs and magnitude of the disaster, the Director's Office reached out to our federal partners with the Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response (OHSEPR), Administration for Children & Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for expertise and guidance. OHSEPR met with DHS leadership, provided planning and other insights on the human services response in disasters of this magnitude, and provided key contacts and information to other communities impacted by wildfires. To obtain expertise and build administrative capacity, the Director's Office worked with the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) to request assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to request emergency management personnel from the Oregon Office of Resilience & Emergency Management (OREM) and to meet a request for field showers. OREM and EMAC personnel from Alaska provided invaluable insights, assistance, and presence on Maui to meet Maui residents' immediate needs for shelter and DHS' overall recovery efforts.

In the immediate days following the wildfires, DHS staff at all levels again were stretched thin and somehow found the extra gear to persevere and ramp up additional services to respond to the immediate needs of those impacted by the August wildfires. To add capacity to oversee the FEMA DCMP, the DHS Director's Office created a special project to hire critical DCMP executive-level and administrative staff to oversee the DCMP.

For the 2024 session, we request authorization to expend federal funds and additional general fund appropriations to support the DCMP and other expenditures that FEMA's grant award may not cover. We are also proposing a bill authorizing DHS to provide disaster recovery services beyond an emergency proclamation for disaster survivors who may continue to need assistance. The bill also establishes a permanent emergency management program within the Director's Office and a dedicated emergency management officer position to improve DHS emergency management preparedness and capacity and work with our contracted providers to build capacity and overall emergency management preparedness for more resilient communities. Notably, the DHS Emergency Management Program Administrator will develop data-sharing agreements and other memorandums of agreement to identify individual needs and reduce service delivery delays.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

DHS co-facilitates with HIEMA, State Emergency Support Function-6 (SESF-6), mass care and feeding. SESF-6 includes representation from Federal, State, and County agencies, volunteer organizations, and other community-based organizations. SESF-6 is an information hub where government and community organizations share information and insights to address unmet needs.

To address immediate shelter needs, DHS and Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) placed families, some with special needs, into donated Airbnbs and worked alongside staff from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) to register survivors into

NCS hotels. As Airbnb contracts are ending, DHS is also supporting the transition of eligible households into the NCS program.

On December 1, 2023, with GEM, DHS launched the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) to assist survivors who are not eligible for FEMA rental assistance. RAP will work to secure housing for up to 12 months for eligible households by connecting them with Airbnb or through the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation's (HHFDC) Hawai'i Fire Relief Housing Program.

Director's Office staff participate in meetings led by the Office of Wellness and Resilience (OWR) and disseminates mental health and support resources to support professionals. The Director's Office works with local and national partners to organize sessions to support in coping with compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma, and secondary trauma utilizing a trauma-informed approach. Support group debriefing sessions will start with generous time and expertise donations. The mid-to-long-term goal is to continue offering debriefing opportunities while offering culturally responsive healing space for deeper conversations.

The Director's Office recognizes the importance of timely disaster response messaging in multiple languages to ensure that the survivors have vital information on the available DHS resources. DHS works with the Office of Language Access, FEMA, and several SESF-6 community organizations that work with Pacific Islander, Filipino, and other immigrant, and migrant communities to meet translation and interpretation needs. Reviewing materials includes ensuring messaging is culturally relevant and trauma-informed to encourage help-seeking and avoid retraumatizing.

The Director's Office communications efforts resulted in accurate and valuable information shared by multiple entities, including the Governor's office, Maui County Mayor's office, state legislators, FEMA, HIEMA, ARC, non-profit organizations, media outlets, and community advocates.

The items below include actions and messages shared with the media, public, and community stakeholders:

- A message of compassion and support for those impacted by the wildfires;
- Med-QUEST Division (MQD) paused all terminations and eligibility renewals;
- Benefit Employment & Support Services Division (BESSD) authorized replacement benefits for SNAP households who lost food purchased with their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits during the recent wildfires on Maui and Hawaii island;
- SNAP Hot Foods Waiver (extended three times, most recently until 12/31/23);
- BESSD worked with the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop and distribute Disaster SNAP benefits for eligible survivors who do not receive regular SNAP;
- BESSD Child Care Programs Office (CCPO) expanded child care resources to families;
- Direct assistance to families to access Airbnb and other housing assistance;
- The Director's Office partnered to stand up the Pu'uhonua o Nēnē - a temporary field shelter to provide wrap-around services for individuals and couples experiencing homelessness pre-disaster to recover from the Maui Wildfires; and
- DHS launched the \$2.5M Rental Assistance Program with GEM.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

The actions of the Director's Office positively assisted Maui wildfire survivors to find shelter:

- Between August 12th and 21st, DHS staff transitioned **996** individuals out of the congregate shelter at the War Memorial to the NCS – ARC Hotel program;
- Between August 15th and 25th, DHS staff set up the State Airbnb program at the War Memorial and then Lahaina Gateway and ultimately transitioned **228 households/626 individuals** from congregate and other emergency shelters, including the War Memorial, to alternative housing in the State-Airbnb program;
- Between September 12th and 30th, DHS staff secured a 30-day Airbnb extension for **229 households/545 individuals**; and
- Stood up the Pu'uhonua o Nene field shelter to support 50 individuals' immediate shelter needs as they were required to leave the NCS program at the end of the "Safe Harbor" period on September 29, 2023; the field shelter has been near capacity at 149 for several weeks.

Although the Social Services Recovery Support Function (SSRSF) and Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) are just starting, the Director's Office anticipates that some 7,000 households/18,000 individuals will receive the necessary services to recover, restore, and heal.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

To support the Disaster Case Management Program and additional benefit programs, DHS needs additional administrative staff, fiscal, and IT resources, considering the relief efforts are expected to last multiple years and will be multi-pronged. DHS needs dedicated emergency staff and will propose a bill to establish a permanent emergency management office and an emergency management program administrator to plan, train, and develop data sharing and memorandum of agreement and build the department's expertise and capacity to respond to future disasters and incidents. For the State Fiscal Year (FY) 24, DHS may require emergency appropriations to address budget shortfalls due to expenditures to support the Maui Wildfire response. DHS executive budget requests for FY25 include appropriations to support the second year of the DCMP and the continuing needs of survivors.

Significantly, the DCMP will provide intensive disaster case management for survivors of the Maui wildfires. To support this three-to-four-year effort or longer, DHS created a special project to add multiple temporary exempt positions to oversee the proposed FEMA \$17.2M DCMP grant. This team will maintain and build DHS emergency management functions and capacity.

The DCMP will provide case management and navigation assistance for all Maui fire survivors that we currently estimate to be approximately 10,000 (including 200 individuals who were pre-disaster unsheltered, as of 9/27/2023, more than 7,700 individuals in the Non-congregate Shelter (NCS) Hotels, and more than 1,200 in Airbnbs).

The DHS Director's Office has administrative oversight over the Pu'uhonua o Nēnē temporary field shelter. The current plan is for the temporary field shelter to remain operational for 12

months. In early FY25, the program will transition to a Kauhale or other permanent housing solution developed by the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and the State Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions (SOHHS). At that time, the program oversight will transfer from the Director's Office HMS 904 to SOHHS HMS 777.

To continue assisting survivors in their recovery, DHS requires additional fiscal resources, especially to meet the needs of those individuals and households who are not eligible for FEMA or other federal disaster assistance due to their citizenship, were uninsured or underinsured, and for those who were experiencing homelessness before the August wildfires. Given the uncertainty of when rebuilding may commence, we anticipate many homeowners will continue to be in temporary rental housing and require additional resources. As human services providers, we know that housing instability and overcrowding may negatively impact all aspects of life, including health and well-being, education, employment, and family resilience. With additional resources, DHS aims to reduce the added stressors of the recovery process and avoid adding more trauma.

DHS will also need staff to continue building partnerships and working with multiple government agencies, community advocates, and providers so that the DCMP has referral services with the expertise to meet survivors' needs. DHS will also need staff to maintain fiscal integrity and data sharing.

BENEFIT EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (BESSD)

BESSD's statewide operations continued to serve Maui residents during the immediate aftermath. All Maui offices closed on Wednesday, August 9, through Sunday, August 13, 2023, in the immediate aftermath of the wildfires, and BESSD Maui staff were directly impacted by the loss of their homes. However, Maui residents could access DHS services via BESSD's Statewide Branch Support Desk Call Center and other open DHS statewide offices. With technology and business processes improved in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BESSD's statewide operations enabled staff from other BESSD locations to serve Maui clients by phone. BESSD staff could complete work on applications virtually to continue services without significant interruption.

Note: DHS BESSD is the primary oversight agency of child care providers and distributes child care subsidies.

CHILD CARE REGULATION PROGRAM OFFICE (CCRPO)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

The Maui wildfire resulted in the permanent closure of six (6) preschool centers, two (2) infant/toddler centers, one (1) family child care home, and one (1) before/after school facility in the Lahaina area. The loss of these providers equates to 272 regulated child care seats. The fire also destroyed the homes of several staff members of child care facilities.

Post-fire, several providers have expressed interest in increasing their capacity to serve children who the wildfire has displaced. Others have also inquired about how to become child care providers, and some have proposed providing child care in non-traditional settings such as outdoor spaces. The Central Maui licensing staff have supported the community of providers directly or indirectly impacted by the fires and have been working with center directors and family child care home providers to develop solutions to build more child care capacity. Licensing staff have also conducted several investigations of alleged illegal child care as individuals in the community try to provide child care services for families without completing the requirements to ensure the health, wellness, and safety of children in their care.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

CCRPO and its contracted provider, People Attentive To Children (PATCH), shared a list of child care options for families affected by the fires. The [list](#) (please see below) is regularly updated. The list includes contact information, program ages, address, and phone number. PATCH, the State's designated Child Care Resource & Referral Agency, worked with licensed and registered providers to determine who is still operating and providing care.

As of 8/21/23:

*This list is being updated on a regular basis and contains contact information, ages the program accepts, address, and phone number. It is accessible to any Maui families who have been affected by the recent fires.						
Parents can call PATCH's referral lines for further assistance at (808) 961-3169						
Many of PATCH's services are supported by, and in partnership with the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services.						
Name of School	Address	City (for FCC providers)	Provider Type	Ages the program accepts	Phone Number	Openings
Akamai Kids Club, Inc	100 Kulanihako Street	Kihel	GCC	3-5years 11months	(808) 893-0303	10
Doris Ann & John Akana		Makawao	FCC	newborn-5yrs	(808) 288-9337	2 LM
Aloha Kai Academy Inc	954 Baldwin Ave	Paia	GCC	12mos-5yrs	(808) 283-3220	4
Christ The King Child Development Center	211 Kaulawahine St.	Kahului	GCC	3-5 years	(808) 877-3587	3 LM
Layne Couper (Tiffanie)		Kihel	FCC	2 mos - 6 yrs	(808) 276-5142	2 LM
Lizeth Coratibo		Wailuku	FCC	1- 5 y	(808) 264-9377	2 Sept 1st 1 opening ft
Melanie and Steven Gaspar		Kihel	FCC	2 mos - 10 yrs	(808) 666-1750	2 LM
Benita & Jonathan David Deguimo		Kula	FCC	2 1/2-5yrs	(808) 250-2829	2 LM
Farah Rondeau		Wailuku	FCC	1-2yrs	(808) 866-7062	1 ?
Wailuku Hongwanji Preschool	144 Kaniela Street	Wailuku	GCC	4-5 yo	(808) 244-9545	0
Tanya Rust		Wailuku	FCC	1 mos - 13 yo	(808) 244-1574	1 ?
Verna Barcai		Wailuku	FCC	2 mos - 3 yo	(808) 357-2055	1
St. Anthony Preschool	1627-B Mill Street	Wailuku	GCC	3-4 yo	(808) 242-9024	1 ?
Malama Montessori Donna Adams Bence	577 Omaopio Road	KULA	GCC	24 mos-5 yo	(808) 269-4429	4 LM
Brandi Mawae		Makawao	FCC	15mos-5yrs	(808) 793-7267	3 begin 8/21
Cecilia Santos Bras		Pukalani	FCC	infant-4yrs	(808) 357-7948	1 begin 8/21
Haleakala Waldorf After School Program	4160 L. Kula Road	Kula	GCC	2 1/2-5yrs	(808) 878-2511	2
Dana and Marco Graziani		Makawao	FCC	18 mos -13 yo	(808) 359-8881	1
Adriana Craig and Christopher Landon Craig		Kula	FCC	1-5yrs	(808) 359-3385	3
Providers listed above are registered and licensed by DHS						
Resources:						
Wildfires - Child Care Aware® of America						
Power Outages & Food Safety - Child Care Aware® of America						
Go vs. no go (childcareaware.org)						
https://dod.hawaii.gov/hisma/august-2023-wildfires/						

CCRPO staff conducted three (3) visits to Maui in October and November 2023. During these visits, the CCRPO and the Assistant Division Administrator met with providers to offer support, discuss ways that DHS can assist in recovering and rebuilding child care, and strategize how to expand child care capacity.

One proposal discussed with Maui child care providers is the potential to operate a demonstration project under the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) as a temporary solution to increase child care capacity until a more permanent solution is soluble. Applying to be licensed

to operate a demonstration project is an existing provision in the HAR that may allow a new or existing provider to operate a family child care home, group child care center, group child care home, or infant and toddler center that may not be able to meet all licensing rules, as long as the health and safety of children is maintained.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

The Central Maui licensing unit is currently working with one applicant to be licensed to operate a demonstration project in an enclosed outdoor facility. The applicant is working with the County to gain approvals from the zoning and fire department required by Mayor Bissen's 5th emergency proclamation. The proposed licensed capacity is to serve approximately 20, 3- and 4-year-old children.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

Dedicated funds to help in the recovery and rebuilding of child care centers and family child care homes will help providers who lost their centers and homes in the wildfire. Additional funds to assist existing providers with the space to expand their capacity would be an excellent resource for increasing their capacity to serve more children. Finally, additional staff and administrative support of the Central Maui licensing unit would ensure that the critical office can maintain its operations and keep up with its daily responsibilities.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM OFFICE (CCSPO)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

In addition to being displaced, impacted Maui residents needed to find new child care arrangements, and residents who lost income due to destruction or inability to reach their job sites now had to apply for available child care subsidies.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

CCSPO applied for temporary federal waivers for extraordinary circumstances to obtain flexibility in meeting federal Child Care Development Fund requirements. Waivers include allowing interim child care arrangements while the family's usual provider has ceased operations. Payment to more than one child care provider for the same child based on enrollment supports the impacted family's need to secure alternate child care arrangements and the provider who suffered a direct impact on their business.

In addition, CCSPO issued temporary 2023 Emergency Rules Relating to Child Care Payments that set aside many of the eligibility requirements for impacted families and allowed for expanded eligibility during a special application period. The temporary changes included no

income restrictions, no activity requirements, no department co-payments, and allowing extra time for missing documentation.

CCSPO staff also provided clarification that emergency financial assistance received from FEMA, ARC, the Maui United Way, the Maui People's Fund, and other government and local organizations are exempt from being counted as income for purposes of child care subsidy if the assistance is provided in response to emergency proclamations and disaster declarations associated with the Maui wildfires.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

With the waivers and emergency rules, impacted families would be eligible for 12 months of child care assistance. The department also approved presumptive payments for families who could not provide documentation to allow families extra time to request replacement documents lost, destroyed, or inaccessible due to the fires. At the close of the special application period on October 31, 2023, 110 Maui households applied for child care subsidy assistance under the emergency rules.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

To support continued recovery efforts, DHS must focus on recruiting and retaining permanent child care staff to process applications. The department is ending its contract with a private organization to administer the Child Care Connections program; DHS is transitioning the program to be entirely administered by BESSD eligibility staff by December 2023.

The significant challenge is restoring child care facilities, including increasing the child care workforce in Maui. A continued partnership with the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency will help families needing assistance securing interim or permanent child care providers as additional facilities become available or when existing programs add seats.

Lastly, information system enhancements for the online child care applications would streamline the application process and provide greater access to families to submit verification documents. These enhancements require financial resources to ensure a robust system to process applications and documents.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OFFICE (FAPO) – Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD), General Assistance (GA), and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (See TANF/TAONF discussion below)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

The AABD and GA programs are State-funded financial assistance programs that provide some financial assistance to Hawaii residents with a disability or who are 65 years of age or older and do not qualify for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/Temporary Assistance

for Other Needy Families (TAONF) or Social Security Administration financial benefits programs. The AABD program covers residents 65 years and older, under age 65, who are permanently disabled or have been certified blind, and who do not have minor dependents. The GA provides cash assistance to residents 18-65 years who do not have minor dependents and have a temporary physical or mental condition that prevents gainful employment of at least 30 hours per week. At this time, there was no measurable impact on the AABD and G.A. programs as there were only 6 AABD clients and 39 GA clients living in Lahaina and Kula, and only 5 AABD clients and 70 GA clients residing in adjacent zip codes at the time of the wildfire.

In addition, FAPO required its contracted disability evaluator, Cyrca, to report any unusual contact with Maui GA clients having difficulty keeping evaluation appointments, and to date, Cyrca has not reported unusual activities.

DHS rebranded the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) to the Hawai'i Home Energy Assistance Program and the Hawai'i Home Water Assistance Program (H-HEAP and H-HWAP). The contracted provider for this program in Maui County is Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO). Due to the wildfire and MEO's role in launching the Maui Relief TANF Program (MRTP), MEO has experienced delays in processing the June Energy Credit applications for H-HEAP, which were initially due on August 31, 2023.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

FAPO instructed Cyrca, the contracted disability evaluator, to report any unusual contact with Maui GA recipients and applicants who reported difficulty keeping evaluation appointments; to date, Cyrca has not provided any reports.

FAPO staff also provided clarification to recipients that emergency financial assistance received from FEMA, ARC, the Maui United Way, the Maui People's Fund, and other government and local organizations are exempt from being counted as income for purposes of child care subsidy if the assistance is provided in response to emergency proclamations and disaster declarations associated with the Maui wildfire.

In addition, H-HEAP and H-HWAP, through their partner MEO, will implement disaster plans that include providing generators, gas tanks, gas, propane, bottled water, and water delivery to those displaced from their residences or having their water compromised because of the wildfires. Households with reduced income directly and indirectly from the wildfires may also be eligible for H-HEAP and H-HWAP bill payment assistance.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

Households receiving GA and AABD were able to receive emergency assistance related to the Maui wildfire from FEMA, American Red Cross, Maui United Way, and other government and

local organizations without the disaster assistance being counted as income and disqualifying them from eligibility for G.A. and AABD.

In addition, the H-HEAP Coordinator met with MEO, Hawaiian Electric, and the Maui County Department of Water Supply to discuss the initial situation and begin developing the disaster relief efforts. These meetings are ongoing.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

Staffing at the operational level in the Statewide Branch (SB) is critical to ensure continued access to GA and AABD benefits for impacted households on Maui. BESSD aims to establish management positions related to Business Process Reengineering, Call Center management, and outreach for vulnerable households (e.g., persons experiencing homelessness, homebound seniors, etc.).

In addition, H-HWAP and H-HEAP are limited to funds received under their Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)2023 and 2024 grants, which are needed to fund regular programs and disaster assistance. Due to these limitations, coordination with other emergency relief programs will be critical to maximize the limited resources available and prevent duplication of effort. Due to increased demand, the H-HWAP and H-HEAP contractor MEO may need additional support with processing applications.

HOMELESS PROGRAM OFFICE (HPO)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

The DHS Homeless Programs Office (HPO) administers contracts for homeless services and does not provide direct services.

The Maui wildfire destroyed the Ka Hale A Ke Ola (KHAKO) emergency shelter in Lahaina. The loss of the KHAKO Lahaina shelter reduced 137 emergency shelter spaces available for Maui residents experiencing homelessness. Before the fires, the KHAKO Westside shelter provided 21 dorm spaces and 116 larger units.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

HPO is working with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to finalize a grant agreement for \$1,339,404 in Emergency Solutions Grant – Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH) funds. HUD allocated ESG-RUSH funds in response to President Biden's major disaster declaration dated August 10, 2023, for the Hawaii Wildfires. ESG-RUSH funds intend to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness or families or individuals at risk of homelessness in areas impacted by a major disaster whose needs are not otherwise

serviced or fully met by existing federal disaster relief programs, including the FEMA Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

On October 9, 2023, DHS posted a public notice on the proposed use of ESG-RUSH grant funds. HPO is actively working with HUD to finalize a grant agreement and, following the execution of the grant agreement, will select a homeless service provider to administer ESG-RUSH services.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

Coordination is needed to align the different funding streams and programs to address housing, such as FEMA housing assistance and philanthropic funds, to maximize the support provided for wildfire survivors. In addition, there is a lack of affordable rental housing inventory in Maui, which will impact the ability to house or re-house displaced individuals and families.

STATEWIDE BRANCH (SB)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

The BESSD Statewide Branch (SB) oversees frontline operations for the Division, including eligibility for financial and SNAP benefits, administering child care subsidy and licensing, and First to Work case management for the TANF/TAONF programs.

Following the Maui wildfires, applications increased for SNAP and financial assistance in Maui County. In addition, SB recognized the need to prioritize the review of Maui applications while maintaining adequate focus for statewide operations for the other three counties.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

The Statewide Branch:

- Supported outreach efforts on Maui led by the Director's office and Hawaii's congressional delegation to support individuals transitioning into non-congregate shelters and assist in signing up for SNAP and other DHS benefits.
- Processed SNAP replacement benefits for food loss from August 14, 2023, through September 15, 2023, for existing SNAP recipients in Maui and West Hawaii. The replacement benefits were available for households that experienced food loss because of the wildfire or due to a power outage and food spoilage resulting from the wildfire.
- Worked with the SNAP Office (SNAPO) on the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) waiver to push forward annual renewals and Six-Month Report Forms (SMRFs) for recipient households for August 2023, September 2023, and October 2023.

- Worked with our IT contractor to create processing queues in our workload management tool to identify and expedite the processing of benefits relating to the wildfires.
 - a. Emergency Assistance queues expedited the processing of Maui applications for SNAP and Financial Assistance,
 - b. D-SNAP queues allowed assignment, monitoring, and management of the work for the D-SNAP event held by DHS on September 18 through September 23, 2023.
- Worked with the DHS PIO and our contractor to create communications on our DHS Website, Public Assistance Information System (PAIS), and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) systems to ensure that the public had the most current information available.
- Worked with BESSD Staff Development Office (SDO) to quickly prepare and conduct training to provide staff with the necessary information to determine eligibility for emergency services.
- Deployed 40 staff members to Maui from other locations to support D-SNAP operations on Maui from September 18 through September 23, 2023.
 - a. SB staff volunteered to fly from around the State to Maui on September 17, 2023, to process the 6-day D-SNAP application process and returned home on September 24, 2023.
 - i. Staff worked tirelessly to assist affected households in applying for D-SNAP benefits;
 - ii. Staff were empathetic, patient, and understanding and maintained professionalism while walking residents through to determine eligibility.
 - b. An additional 80 SB staff provided back-office support for D-SNAP and D-SNAP assistance in other neighbor island offices to assist Maui residents who had already relocated.
- Engaged with Maui and West Hawaii staff who were directly or indirectly affected by the Maui and Hawaii island wildfires and are working with the Director's office and Human Resources to provide trauma support services for Maui staff and for those staff who traveled to Maui to assist with the D-SNAP effort. Throughout the wildfire response, SB has remained mindful of this incident's emotional and physical impacts and recognizes the hard work and compassion that all staff demonstrated during these challenging times.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

As a result of the changes to our operations, we processed the following:

- 5,553 Maui applications since August 8, 2023, through the middle of October 2023.
- We assisted in the SNAP Replacement Application process from August 14 through September 15, 2023.
- 3,677 D-SNAP applications from Maui residents.
- 1,940 calls from Maui residents during the same period.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

BESSD will continue to need eligibility staff to assist Maui residents to apply and be determined for SNAP and financial assistance, until peoples' lives return to some normalcy and the Maui economy begins to show signs of recovery. Hiring more eligibility staff is essential to the

statewide effort to timely and accurately process our incoming applications, renewals, and other work. Some of these efforts will include outreach to assist people in their communities instead of requiring them to travel long distances to our processing centers for assistance. Other efforts will be to ensure that we have enough eligibility staff answering calls in the Statewide Call Center daily.

To assist the Statewide Branch in oversight of these three areas for the immediate and long-term future, we are working to establish three manager positions: Business Processing Reengineering (BPR) Manager, Call Center Manager, and Outreach Manager. These three positions will be the day-to-day oversight for these areas under the Statewide Branch administration, ensuring we continue to assist where needed and apply appropriate human resources in each area. When a future disaster significantly impacts Hawaii residents, these three managers will work together to coordinate and streamline SB operational response efforts that maximize resources and staffing.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OFFICE (SNAPO)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

As noted above, when Maui offices closed in the aftermath of the wildfires, residents of Maui continued to access DHS assistance through the call center and over the phone. SNAPO staff worked with the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to obtain waivers and develop the D-SNAP process to assist impacted residents. SNAPO worked with SB to organize staff resources to meet the disaster response and ongoing Statewide services.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

SNAPO worked with FNS to obtain approval for several waivers to address access to food benefits for households directly impacted by the August wildfires.

On August 11, 2023, FNS approved SNAPO's request to waive the 10-day reporting requirement for food purchased with SNAP benefits lost due to power outages due to wildfires on August 8, 2023. This waiver also enabled DHS to consider requests for replacement SNAP benefits due to lost food for the areas indicated in the chart below:

Target for Replacement Benefits: SNAP recipient households affected by the recent wildfires caused by Hurricane Dora on Maui and Hawaii Island.	
Maui: 96753 – Kihei, Wailea 96761 – Lahaina	Hawaii Island: 96743 – Kamuela 96755 – Kapaau

96768 – Makawao	
96788 – Pukalani	
96790 - Kula	
Instruction for Households to Request Replacement Benefits:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call the Public Assistance Information Line at 1-855-643-1643, or 2. Visit the Processing Center in your area. 	
Source: SNAP Replacement and Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Disaster Assistance	

In September 2023, SNAPO worked with FNS to request a mass replacement of August 2023 SNAP benefits for impacted households in the Lahaina and Kula areas. FNS approved the request for mass replacement benefits on September 8, 2023.

SNAPO also facilitated a waiver request to administer Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) in response to the Maui wildfire. Impacted individuals residing or working in Kula and Lahaina who were not receiving SNAP benefits were eligible to apply for D-SNAP. On September 13, 2023, FNS approved the request for D-SNAP applications from September 18-23, 2023. The primary application site was at the Hyatt Ka'anapali and ran daily from 8 am to 6 pm. BESSD set up satellite application sites throughout the State at the South Hilo Processing Center, North Kona Processing Center, Lanai Processing Center, Moloka'i Processing Center, OR&L Processing Center, and Kauai Processing Center from 8 am to 4 pm from September 18 to 22nd.

FNS also approved Hawai'i to provide supplemental benefits for households receiving SNAP who were residing in Kula and Lahaina. The average supplemental benefit issued was \$375 per household.

The following is an overview of other waivers requested by SNAPO for the Maui wildfire response that FNS approved:

- On August 16, 2023, FNS approved a Hot Foods waiver to allow SNAP households statewide to purchase hot food with SNAP benefits through September 14, 2023. FNS extended this waiver until October 13, 2023, and again until December 31, 2023. This waiver is critical because many households impacted by the Maui wildfire reside in temporary lodgings where they do not have access to a kitchen to cook and prepare their meals.
- On August 17, 2023, FNS approved a request to extend certification periods and waive periodic reporting requirements for ongoing SNAP households statewide in Hawaii for up to six (6) months due to the impact of the Maui wildfire. This waiver temporarily suspended Eligibility Renewals (E.R.s) and Six-Month Report Forms (SMRFs) for August, September, and October 2023.

While D-SNAP is a one-time benefit, DHS continues to process applications for regular SNAP benefits through our online Public Assistance Information System (PAIS) portal or at the Maui

State Office Building. Our SNAP Outreach partner on Maui – Project Vision Hawaii – has continued to provide informational resources to impacted households in the community to assist in ongoing relief through food access.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

The following are the results of actions taken in response to the Maui wildfire:

- **D-SNAP:** 3,222 households (8,616 individuals) were approved, and DHS dispersed a total of \$4,005,391 in D-SNAP benefits, with an average D-SNAP benefit of \$1,243 per household. A total of 455 households did not meet the eligibility criteria for D-SNAP.
- **Supplemental Benefit:** DHS dispersed to ongoing SNAP households residing in Kula and Lahaina a Supplemental Benefit totaling \$415,338 in SNAP benefits for 1,108 households (2,205 individuals). The average benefit disbursed was \$375 per household.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

Staffing at both the program level in SNAPO, as well as at the operational level in the Statewide Branch (SB), is critical to continue providing SNAP assistance to impacted households on Maui and to obtain similar federal waivers and approvals in the event of another disaster. SNAPO and SB submitted budget requests for additional staffing to support this work and to ensure compliance with different federal mandates from FNS related to timeliness, payment accuracy, and management.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM OFFICE (TANFPO)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

As mentioned above, TANF/TAONF programs continued to process applications from Maui residents through the call center and online application process. Like other federal programs, the TANF program administrator worked with SB to address resource needs to address the disaster response and maintain Statewide operations. The TANF program administrator also worked with the Administration for Children & Families (ACF), US HHS, the Director's Office, and the Hawaii Community Foundation to obtain waivers and non-federal funds to set up a TANF disaster relief program for families with dependent children.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

In response to the Maui wildfire emergency, TANFPO temporarily waived the upfront work participation requirement for the First to Work program as a condition of eligibility for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families (TAONF). This temporary waiver was statewide from August 8, 2023, through October

31, 2023. This temporary waiver intent was to provide families who lived or worked in the areas affected by wildfires, including those directly impacted and who have since moved to other islands, the opportunity to apply for financial assistance without additional hardship.

TANFPO also established [emergency administrative rules](#) for a Non-Recurring Short-Term (NRST) benefit program for wildfire disaster victims. The NRST program, also known as the Maui Relief TANF Program (MRTP), is for families with dependent children directly impacted by the Maui wildfire. The MRTP payments may assist families with housing, utilities, transportation costs, school supplies, and clothing.

The MRTP payments are non-recurring short-term benefits that:

- Will not extend beyond four (4) months;
- Are provided to address a family's specific crisis or episode of need and
- Are intended to meet a family's recurring or ongoing needs.

Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO) was selected as the provider to administer the MRTP, and MEO began receiving applications for the program starting October 20, 2023.

The MRTP is independent of the ongoing TANF financial assistance benefits and has a different application process, eligibility criteria, and requirements.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

As of November 9, 2023, the MRTP received 1,130 applications for assistance. Of the applications received, 87 households (321 individuals) were approved for \$532,716 in benefits for rental assistance, mortgage, car payment, utilities, clothing, and school supplies. Fifty-six applications were denied, with the primary reason for denial being the applicant's household did not meet the criteria of being a family unit with a dependent child up to age 24.

TANFPO continues to provide support through regular meetings with MEO to monitor the progress of the MRTP. MEO accepts applications through its online portal, at MEO offices on Maui, and through Community Action Programs (CAPs) statewide and through outreach events throughout Maui. More information about MRTP is available at: <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/blog/governor-green-announces-application-date-for-maui-relief-tanf-program/>.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

Staffing at both the program level in TANFPO and the operational level in the Statewide Branch (SB) is critical to continue assisting impacted households on Maui and seeking similar federal waivers and approvals in the event of another disaster.

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (DVR)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

The Maui wildfires have not affected the HDVR and the Maui Branch operations.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

During the aftermath of the Lahaina fire, several Maui Branch employees went above and beyond to help the affected families. Two employees volunteered to assist BESSD with processing D-SNAP applications. At the same time, one staff member took it upon themselves to raise donations and create gift bags for children impacted by the fire. Another staff member worked with their church to assist those affected financially. The Maui Branch team also donated food, clothing, and supplies.

Additionally, they referred families to the American Red Cross and other agencies that could assist. The HDVR team, in collaboration with the Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC) and Aloha Independent Living Hawaii (AILH), provided assistive resources to the Maui Deaf victims. Finally, the Kapolei Section organized a fundraiser lunch plate, with support from Ho'opono and Oahu staff.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

We aim to connect the participants with essential resources to help victims and their families affected by wildfires. We spread the word through word of mouth and provide access to temporary food, financial aid, communication services, clothing and hygiene products, and shelter security. As a result, families and victims of the wildfire have expressed appreciation to our staff. Our efforts have also contributed to improving community relationships.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

Financial literacy classes, legal assistance for housing and insurance claims, and resource navigation for state, county, federal, and private programs, including SNAP, unemployment, Section 8, HPHA, and SSI/SSDI. DVR clients and others with disabilities or accessibility issues will also benefit from DCMP services.

MED-QUEST DIVISION (MQD)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

MQD's Maui Eligibility Office was closed on Wednesday, August 9, and reopened on Monday, August 14. Many staff members had 'ohana who were impacted by the fires in Lahaina and Kula; they needed time to focus on their immediate needs, which was critically important and much appreciated.

Since then, our MQD Eligibility, Outreach, Systems, Administrative, and Clinical Standards teams have reprioritized their work to be available to the Maui community with consistent representation, first at the shelters and then at the Lahaina Civic Center/FEMA Disaster Recovery Center and other outreach venues where survivors have gathered to access connection to services.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

MQD paused all terminations and eligibility renewals for Maui County residents through May 2024. When the wildfires happened, MQD was engaged in eligibility renewals as part of the “unwinding” process related to the COVID-19 program changes. Residents Med-QUEST already covers do not need to take any action at this time. Med-QUEST will maintain individuals' coverage. MQD staff, some QUEST Integration health plan representatives, and Kokua/community organizations are available at various community outreach venues to help with applications.

MQD also worked with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to seek permission that would allow MQD to make temporary changes to the State Plan, 1115 waiver, and 1915(c) waiver to address the needs resulting from the Maui wildfires. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. declared a major disaster in the areas affected by wildfires beginning on August 8, 2023. The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency (PHE) on August 11, 2023, with a retroactive effective date of August 8, 2023. This PHE declaration has been renewed and continues through January 2024.

Also, Dr. Curtis Toma, who is the Medicaid Medical Director,

- a. Worked with the Department of Health (DOH), Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to secure more infant formula for the Maui Food Bank and individuals who could not make it to the Maui Food Bank,
- b. Works with physicians to address health care needs,
- c. Coordinates with the DOH Intellectual /Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) program to locate accommodations for intellectually and developmentally delayed clients impacted by the fire,
- d. Regularly contributes to the State ESF 6 calls, and
- e. Works on messaging by pediatricians to support children and parents impacted by the disaster.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

It will be some time before anyone will know the true human impact of the Maui Wildfires and any long-term results of MQD's on the ground assistance. We hope our efforts have helped ensure that community members who have already lost so much will not have the additional worry of health insurance coverage through Med-QUEST, the federal Health Insurance Marketplace, or via their employer. We believe that our work with Maui County health care workers and systems has provided important information from the field so that Med-QUEST and

its partner Managed Care Organizations can clearly understand and address those areas of greatest need.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

The continuing HHS-declared PHE related to the wildfires will allow MQD to continue flexibilities and allow for increased provider access and coverage. Continued support for all MQD positions is necessary to ensure robust support for the community.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION (SSD)

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES (CWS)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

At this time, there has been little impact on reports of abuse and neglect. Physically, the Maui CWS is in central Maui, and hours of operation remain normal. CWS staff have been available and accessible to support families impacted by the fires by volunteering their time to assist at various shelters. The Lahaina fires impacted families of CWS staff, and with other DHS staff, SSD staff supported Maui staff and participated in different relief efforts.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

Maui Child Welfare workers are in the community and participating in disaster relief efforts on Maui. At the outset, CWS accounted for all children in foster care in Maui. Families already receiving services from Child Welfare or Adult Protective Services and who need disaster relief aid were encouraged to contact their assigned worker for assistance.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

Staff have continued to support families through these difficult times. Many networking opportunities occurred with other programs and agencies.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

Families require long-term benefits and supportive, stable housing to support families caring for their family members. Families would benefit from emotional and psychological counseling to assist with the trauma caused by the wildfires, in addition to bereavement support for those who lost loved ones. CWS staff is monitoring and engaging with domestic violence providers as the number of calls to the domestic violence hotline has increased. Domestic violence providers offered training to ARC staff working with residents at the NCS hotels. CWS staff is also monitoring for any reports of trafficking.

ADULT PROJECTIVE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (APCS)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

The Maui Adult Protective and Community Services (APCS) offices were closed at the onset of the disaster, and the Maui APCS staff used that time to provide social services at shelters, provide direct medical care to victims in the disaster area, and set up mobile medical clinics, as well as gathering and distributing donations. The Maui APCS section administrator remained on call to respond to any emergencies or new cases assigned by the statewide reporting line, which remained active throughout.

Following the initial days of the disaster and the active fires, APCS has seen families displaced and relocated to other homes or hotels. There is continued uncertainty about the next steps for these families struggling to secure safe and stable housing. There have also been adult foster homes that have been affected, resulting in fewer placement options for our vulnerable adult clients who need placement. We know that this disaster will require long-term supportive services. As some kupuna and adults with disabilities who are successfully managing currently continue to age and may become vulnerable adults in the future, we must prepare to assist with any long-term disaster-related needs.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

Maui APCS staff are in the community and volunteering their time with disaster relief efforts on Maui. Vulnerable adults and their caregivers who are already receiving services from Adult Protective Services and need disaster relief aid are encouraged to contact their assigned worker for assistance. Maui APCS staff has been in contact with all active cases and has responded to needs with direct services and community resource linkage.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

The disaster has devastated the people of Maui, and Maui APCS staff have helped link people who need medical, shelter, and other social services. There have been no disaster-related deaths for any of the vulnerable adults that APCS is actively servicing.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

Longer-term housing and financial services are needed; many homeowners and renters were underinsured or uninsured, and it is unlikely that federal disaster assistance will be adequate to cover the extent of recovery and rebuilding. Vulnerable adults and their families may become targets of charity scams and will need additional support to navigate coming transitions.

Maui APCS staff will need continued emotional support as they help people in extreme need. It is vital to plan efforts to help the helpers to ensure that staff can continue to respond effectively to the community's needs while experiencing vicarious trauma.

HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY (HPHA)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

The August 2023 wildfire disaster in Lahaina, Maui, destroyed the HPHA's David Malo Circle low-income public housing property. The project is considered to be a total loss, and the remains of each structure will require demolition. At Piilani Homes, five buildings were destroyed: Building B (6 dwelling units), Building C (6 dwelling units), Building G (4 dwelling units), the community center and office building, and a small pavilion building. Five buildings are remaining at the project site, each of which will likely require demolition: Building A (4 dwelling units), Building D (4 dwelling units), Building E (6 dwelling units), Building F (6 dwelling units) and Building H (6 dwelling units). The project is also considered to be a total loss. Both properties are located in AMP 39 (project number HI0010039).

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

The HPHA diverted all available resources to assist AMP 39 by sending neighboring island staff to assist in relocating and contacting all affected families, coordinated food, shelter, and medical assistance, and made temporary housing arrangements at various hotels, launched an emergency [website](#) for tenants and the public to access during and after the Maui Wildfires to ensure they have access to critical resources and information. The wildfires caused significant damage to the island, leaving many without homes and necessities. By creating a centralized location for tenants to access information on assistance programs, temporary housing options, and recovery efforts, HPHA aims to provide crucial support to those affected by the tragedy. This website is a crucial resource in ensuring that tenants are well-informed and supported as they navigate the aftermath of the wildfires. In regards to the low-income public housing properties, the HPHA is preparing an after-the-fact Section 18 application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to initiate the demolition and disposition process because, without their approval, the HPHA could lose future funding appropriations from them due to non-compliance. The HPHA continues to weigh its options on how best to proceed and is considering different repositioning alternatives.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

All HPHA families from the destroyed public housing properties in Lahaina are currently either placed in hotels, placed in different public housing units on Maui or another neighbor island, or have left the program. The HPHA continues to assist these tenants by collaborating with them on pursuing alternative housing options, which also include Section 8 Tenant Protection Vouchers. The HPHA also requested various federal waivers in relief from HUD requirements

available to public housing authorities to assist with recovery and relief efforts on behalf of families and received approval from HUD in September 2023.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

The HPHA is working with HUD to continue assisting those impacted by the wildfires and taking necessary steps needed to demolish and potentially redevelop its Piilani Homes and David Malo Circle low-income public housing properties, and we will provide updates as we go through the process.

HUD

STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS (SOHHS)

1. How has the Maui wildfire impacted your operation?

Starting immediately after the Maui wildfires and through October, SOHHS participated in nearly daily meetings with the Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF6) workgroup, Maui Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Hawaii Community Foundation working groups, and Joint Housing Task Force meetings, in order to support disaster response and ensure that the needs of people experiencing homelessness were addressed as part of that response. Other SOHHS priorities were delayed or deferred during this time.

2. What actions has your operation taken to assist the families impacted by the Maui wildfire emergency?

(a) Advocated for and successfully extended the FEMA Safe Harbor period by 30 days, ensuring that there was adequate time to set up an emergency shelter for people being evicted from Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) hotels who were otherwise not eligible for FEMA assistance. If not for this extension, more than 200 FEMA-ineligible people would have been evicted from hotels and onto the streets of Maui in early September before any emergency shelter was available.

(b) Assisted DHS efforts to establish the Maui Temporary Field Shelter (Pu'uhonua O Nene). Drafted the contract for the service provider and shelter operator, Project Vision Hawaii; worked with the County of Maui and community stakeholders to shape contract scope and terms; shepherded contract through expedited legal and fiscal reviews to ensure the timely launch of the shelter.

(c) Provided the County of Maui with model Emergency Housing rules to enable the County to establish rules and processes for rapid construction of interim and emergency housing.

(d) Convened a working group including the County of Maui, State agencies, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, elected leaders, and community-based organizations to ensure that the needs of people who were homeless in Lahaina prior to the fire and who were displaced/impacted by the fires, had their needs addressed, even if they were not FEMA-eligible.

Responded in real-time to challenges encountered by community-based-organizations, including:

- (i) ensured that U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development, Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) funds were deployed quickly and targeted effectively,
- (ii) ensured that community-based-organizations had access to Red Cross lists/data to enable them to find and continue to serve homeless clients in NCS hotels,
- (iii) ensured the fire-impacted people with mental or behavioral disabling conditions were rapidly processed for placement in supportive housing/treatment and
- (iv) ensured the timely sharing of information on EPA cleanup assistance for homeless service providers who had lost facilities, shelter, and housing in the fire.

3. What are the results of actions taken?

See above.

4. What resources are needed to continue to assist those impacted by the wildfires?

SOHHS continues to be focused on addressing the needs of people who were homeless prior to the fire and who were impacted by the fire (displaced, traumatized, lost possessions and/or loved ones), as the needs of this population are often overlooked. We are currently focused on establishing a Kauhale (village/community housing) for roughly 150 homeless individuals who will be without any place to go once the temporary shelter Puuhonua O Nene is decommissioned. We are currently working with the County of Maui, community-based organizations, and other Maui stakeholders, as well as State departments and development partners, to plan and launch a Kauhale in central Maui by mid-2024.

Appendix 3, Analysis of the Impact of Proposed Budget Reductions for SFY2025

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: Per the February 19, 2024 request from the Senate Committee on Ways & Means to analyze and propose potential reductions of 10% and 15% in general funds for FY 2025, DHS divisions and attached agencies provided program IDs and amounts that could be temporarily reduced and the potential impacts of the proposed reductions of the supplemental budget. The following comments provide updated information regarding the Department's analysis.⁹

The Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division (BESSD)

⁹ DHS is awaiting federal guidance regarding the implementation of provisions restoring access to federal benefits by citizens of Compact nations residing in the United States, as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, Public Law 118-42, signed by President Joe Biden on March 9, 2024. We currently do not have an estimate of potential general fund savings or the costs necessary to implement the Act's significant changes.

BESSD provides a continuum of public benefits and services to meet the basic needs of vulnerable, low-income households – including assistance with food, shelter, and other essentials. BESSD reviewed its supplemental budget request related to the Pohulani lease and maintenance and operation (M&O) funding for the new Benefits Eligibility Solution (BES) and is unable to propose any reductions due to the necessity of both the Pohulani office space and BES to support BESSD's ability to serve vulnerable households.

A number of BESSD Program IDs are either solely federally funded (HMS206) or are split-funded with both general and federal funds (HMS236, HMS237, HMS302, and HMS903). For the split-funded Program IDs, a reduction in general funds would adversely impact the ability to leverage and fully draw down available federal funding.

BESSD also reviewed the following Program IDs that receive primarily general fund appropriations. We are concerned with the impacts of 10% or 15% reductions on these programs for the following reasons:

- **HMS202 – AABD:** BESSD identified a possible temporary reduction of \$250,000 for the Aid to Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD) program and is unable to reduce funding for this program further. AABD serves residents who are aged, blind, or permanently disabled and who do not qualify for federal Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. In addition, AABD is an entitlement program, and if the appropriation is reduced further or the caseload of eligible households increases in the next fiscal year, DHS may need to request an emergency appropriation next session.
- **HMS204 – GA:** General Assistance (GA) is a 100% State funded block grant program, and BESSD must adjust the GA monthly benefit payments to remain within the GA appropriation amount when caseloads increase. If the economy slows, we anticipate the GA caseload to remain high or continue to rise in SFY2025; consequently, the program cannot sustain either a 10% or 15% reduction. GA benefits help temporarily disabled adults purchase food, clothing, shelter, and other essentials.

The GA caseload has increased from 3,890 households in July 2022 to 4,503 households in January 2024. Additionally, to meet the increased caseload and stay within the program appropriation, on February 1, 2024, BESSD reduced the GA monthly benefit from \$469 per month to \$406 per month to avoid a budget shortfall. BESSD wants to avoid a reduction below \$406 per month and anticipates that it will likely rely on the Interim Assistance Reimbursement Special Fund to make it out of the current fiscal year.

Per SB 582 SD2, DHS is prepared to transfer \$901,783 from the Interim Assistance Reimbursement Special Fund (B funds) to the Department of Budget & Finance. We project this amount would lapse to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year per the special fund's statutory ceiling.

- **HMS211 – TAONF:** Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families (TAONF) is a general funded program that mirrors the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. TAONF provides the same benefits and services to Hawaii's needy families with children that include U.S. citizen two-parent households and mixed citizenship or non-citizenship single and two-parent households. Reduction to TAONF funding may lead to failing to provide equal benefits and services to two-parent US citizens, single and two-parent non-citizens, or mixed citizenship families and unnecessarily harm these families and impact their ability to meet basic needs. A reduction to TAONF funds may also likely expose the State to an equal protection argument under the federal and State constitutions. Additionally, a condition to using the total amount of the federal TANF block grant is that Hawaii is required to expend State general funds that are not used to leverage other federal funds, also known as a "Maintenance of Effort" (MOE). The State general-funded TAONF program is utilized to meet the State MOE requirement, and reductions to TAONF will impact the State's ability to provide MOE and draw down the entire \$98.8 million federal TANF block grant amount.
- **HMS224 – Homeless Programs:** Homelessness is one of the most critical issues facing the State, and reductions to homeless services program funding would have an adverse impact on the State's ability to reduce and manage homelessness effectively. These funds support contracted services, including homeless outreach, civil legal services, shelter, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing (Housing First), housing placement, and the State homeless emergency grant program.

Our budget request is to increase available funds for the purchase of services, as providers are struggling to deliver necessary services given the increased costs, including the increase in the minimum wage, utilities, and other essential costs of doing business. If funding for homeless services is not increased and reduced by either 10% or 15%, contracted providers will need to scale back services, which could include a reduction in shelter bed space, a reduction in the number of outreach staff available to respond to unsheltered individuals and encampments, or a reduction in the number of households receiving short- or medium-term financial assistance for rent and utilities.

Based on our prior experience of increased homelessness following the great recession, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the end of the pandemic rental and mortgage assistance, we were already concerned with the potential for increased homelessness. The most recent statewide 2023 Point in Time (PIT) Count illustrates that the population experiencing homelessness increased by an estimated 4% (=256 individuals) compared to the prior year.

- **HMS305 – Preschool Open Doors (POD):** The Preschool Open Doors (POD) program provides child care subsidies for eligible three- and four-year-olds statewide and is a

critical tool to support early childhood development. POD rules were recently amended in January 2024 to expand eligibility requirements for the program and to expand eligibility to include 3-year-olds. The current level of funding is necessary to serve the anticipated increase in households seeking POD services because of the recent statutory changes and increased appropriations. Reductions to POD funding would severely limit access to the program and would be counter-productive to the Lieutenant Governor's Ready Keiki initiative to expand access to preschool opportunities for Hawaii's keiki. Access to child care subsidies benefits parents so they can pursue higher education or maintain employment. Notably, access to early childhood programs through the Preschool Open Doors program is focused on providing early learning opportunities for three- and four-year-old children to be successful in kindergarten and beyond.

Med-QUEST Division (MQD)

The proposed reductions will negatively impact our operations. Some examples of the impacts would be reduced communications (e.g., fewer mailings/reminders/media outreach) to our members, which could result in confusion regarding their Medicaid coverage and benefits, especially for those who may not be comfortable with electronic communications, not purchasing necessary equipment, like servers, switches, and computers, to replace existing aging tools that have passed their useful life. These reductions could negatively impact our staff's ability to work as efficiently and effectively as they currently are; and they may reduce the number and funding amounts for our various contracts, which could impact Medicaid's ability to operate essential and required functions.

However, on a positive note, the proposed reduction also includes a reduction to our lease rent budget. We have assessed our space needs as a result of staff being able to work remotely and have planned to move out of leased space into state-owned space.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

The proposed 10% decrease in general funds will reduce access to available federal funding (= \$913,661 N funds) that requires state match funds. Consequently, it may result in a decrease in services for persons with disabilities, including employment services, independent living services, and services for the older blind.

The proposed 15% decrease in general funds will reduce access to available federal funding (= \$1,754,579 N Funds), which requires State match funds. A reduction of \$2.4M would dramatically impact available services for persons with disabilities, including employment services, independent living services, and services for the older blind.

DVR's client base is individuals with the most significant disabilities who are motivated and interested in gaining job skills and becoming employed. The more we can support individuals with disabilities who want to work and remain self-sufficient, the more they will participate in the workforce, reduce reliance on benefits, and contribute to the economy.

Social Services Division (SSD)

Decreases of 10% and 15% to either the Child Welfare Services Branch or the Adult Protective Community Services Branch would directly impact the division's ability to adequately make safety assessments in a timely manner as required by law, provide case management services to adequately address and resolve safety issues involving vulnerable children and adults, and restrict the ability to provide needed equipment for workers to adequately perform their job duties, e.g., work cellular phones for field workers, operational computers to do work efficiently.

Importantly, for child welfare services, the use of state funds is necessary before submitting federal claims for reimbursement. A decrease in state funds will impact the ability to maximize reimbursement from federal funds. Additional reductions of general funds for protective services will also make it more challenging to recruit and retain needed staff to do this most difficult and intense work, both for the agency and for contracted providers.

Child Welfare Services

- HMS301

The current budget is essential to meeting daily operating costs. These costs include payroll and the following expenses: office supplies, office equipment, motor vehicles, non-placement-related travel, contracted services, and office leases. Any reduction will negatively affect the impact of covering these necessary expenses. It will also limit the program's ability to improve efforts to recruit and retain more staff.

- HMS303
CWS Payments budget is essential for payments for children in foster care. These payments are **non-discretionary**, and funds are expended for board payments and expenses related to meeting the child's daily needs while the child is eligible to receive financial support while in the foster care system. Notably, effective 07/01/23, per the request of Senate Resolution 46 and House Resolution 46 (2023), CWS stopped using a child's Social Security benefits for foster board payments. Any reduction will result in reduced payment amounts to resource caregivers and eligible youth.
- HMS601 – Adult Protective and Community Services
In SFY25, this program will no longer have the additional ARPA funds and will again need to rely on general funds to meet essential services and daily operations. APCS needs to be sufficiently resourced to respond to reports of abuse or neglect to vulnerable adults.
- HMS605 – Community-Based Residential and Medicaid Facility Support
This appropriation is the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) that the Social Security Administration (SSA) requires for the State to receive federal funds for the State

Supplemental Program. There are several bills, including SB 849 SD2 and HB1974 HD1, that are proposing to increase the State Supplemental Program benefit based on the current program appropriation. These bills also increase the personal needs allowance. A similar measure, HB 2216 HD2, also increases the State Supplemental Program benefit, though it does *not* increase the personal needs allowance. If these bills pass and the budget is reduced without approval from SSA, the State will likely face monetary sanctions.

- HMS901 - Social Services Division

This appropriation is needed to access the maximum amount available for federal reimbursement for IT modernization of SSD systems. As with other Title IV-E programs, access to federal funds is based upon a reimbursement model, where the State must upfront 100% of the costs to seek federal reimbursement. Reducing the available state funds may further delay the development and implementation of the project, delay the work, and may result in higher project costs. Additionally, any reductions will limit the ability to provide the necessary training for new hires and ongoing continued training for staff that is necessary to provide best practices, stay current with the laws, policies, and rules, and update existing procedures.

Office of Youth Services (OYS)

Office of Youth Services (OYS) provides programs and services for Hawaii's youth, including the provision of balanced and comprehensive services for at-risk youth to prevent delinquency, reduce recidivism, and maximize opportunities for youth to become productive, responsible citizens through community-based and family-focused treatment interventions.

The proposed 10% to 15% reduction in general funds significantly impacts youth and families who are at risk of getting involved or more involved in the juvenile justice system. Since the establishment of OYS in the 1980s, OYS made significant progress in the reduction of the number of youth and proportion of youth adjudicated by the family court for delinquent behaviors or crimes by strengthening community-based services to divert youth out of court and the justice system.

Having contact with the justice system will be an adverse experience, counteract positive youth and adolescent development, negatively impact youth and family well-being, and increase the trajectory of getting further involved in the criminal justice system. If the funds that support prevention services for at-risk youth are decreased, the likelihood of these youth becoming juvenile justice or court-involved will increase due to the decreased capacity to provide prevention services. Community-based organizations (CBOs) that OYS contracts with would be impacted and likely reduce their staffing. In SFY 2023, these funded programs served 4,500 youth and their families. The contracted CBOs are essential to provide services necessary for

at-risk youth for their positive youth development. CBOs are already struggling to keep up with inflation and the increased cost of providing services.

In addition, when the number of youths entering the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) increases, the costs of care increase. In Act 201, SLH 2014, the Juvenile Justice Reform Act, the analysis revealed that each bed in HYCF costs more than \$199,000 per year. Applying the inflation rate of 28.8% between 2014 and 2024, we estimate the annual cost of housing one youth at HYCF has increased to approximately \$256,312.

This calculation does not include the post-release, re-entry support services to prevent recidivism. In addition, the workload on the part of the Judiciary and other stakeholders will increase as committing youth to HYCF is court-ordered. Considering the trauma that will be caused by living in a secured facility for any time, separation and isolation from their families and the community, and the impact it makes on their adolescent brain development, a 10% to 15% reduction in the budget will create a ripple effect all across the juvenile justice system and the community.

Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)

HMS220 Rental Housing Services

The general fund appropriation is being used to support state rental housing services expenditures. As the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) is required to operate state public housing at a breakeven level, this appropriation has allowed the attached agency to not increase rent amounts to the elderly and disabled (who make up 86% of tenants) to cover costs. Additionally, as the units in the state inventory do not receive a regular subsidy from the State, HPHA uses these funds and other administrative fees to cover the losses under this program to operate the properties. The state elderly and disabled housing program represents the majority of units in HPHA's state inventory, and the budget reduction would impose severe hardship on HPHA's ability to maintain and operate the state public housing units. No federal funds can be expended to maintain and operate the state public housing units. Due to these realities, HPHA has historically been spared from budget reductions.

HMS222 Rental Assistance Services

HPHA's Rental Supplement Program is the only direct state rental assistance program that assists low-income families and individuals renting units in the open market. The general funds in this program are restricted to direct rental assistance and funding for positions, and the budget reduction would impose severe hardship on HPHA's ability to operate the Rental Supplement Program. The reduction would mean that HPHA would serve fewer families through this program. No federal funds can be expended to maintain and operate the State Rental Supplement Program. Due to these realities, HPHA has been historically spared from budget reductions.

HMS904 Administration

Administrative Appeals Office (AAO)

The Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) is not able to reduce any general fund appropriations as a reduction in general funds would impact the ability to hire qualified licensed attorneys to serve as hearings officers. The office has already had to vary from full-time positions to part-time positions to attract licensed and qualified attorneys to become hearing officers. Difficulty recruiting attorneys to serve in this role is due to the complexity of the cases and the rate of pay. AAO anticipates increases in requests for administrative reviews as the COVID-19 program waivers are unwinding and recipients may no longer be eligible for services, or their benefits are reduced.

Audit, Quality Control, and Research Office (AQCRO)

The reduction of \$60,000 will limit access to technical expertise in research and statistical analysis. New IT systems are coming online, and the position is essential to maintain demands in research and statistics.

AQCRO provides departmental internal audits, which are necessary for program compliance. The services of AQCRO are essential for programs to assess and address issues and to improve the quality and efficiency of service delivery.

Budget, Planning & Management Office (BPMO)

The Budget Planning Management Office addresses all budget issues. It assists all divisions with identifying strategic planning budget goals, facilitates information to and from the Legislature and the Department of Budget & Finance, measures and prepares necessary performance metrics and reports, prepares program reorganizations, and is an integral part of Departmental operations. Reducing this office by any amount would severely impact the Department's fiscal management and planning efforts.

Director's Office

Any reductions in funds would impact the Director's office and slow down its ability to attend to the organization's responsibilities and emergency management duties. The Director's Office was in the process of filling vacant executive-level positions when the Maui Wildfire response reprioritized efforts. DHS Director's Office has had to take on additional emergency management responsibilities, all while continuing to oversee the DHS programs. Additionally, the Director's Office is using available general funds to support emergency management efforts. For FY2025, we do not see those efforts slowing down as the Director's Office is leading the State's FEMA Disaster Case Management Program, Rental Assistance Program, Recovery Support Function – Social Services/Emergency Support Function 6 – Mass Care and Feeding, and the interim modular housing project in West Maui.

The Director's Office also performs its "blue sky" duties of oversight over DHS programs, personnel, contracts, media inquiries, general inquires and complaints, and requests for information pursuant to the Uniform Information Practices Act.

The Director's office is also the lead agency or partner on several initiatives: Family Resource Centers, including the Visitation and Family Resource Center at Waiawa Correctional Center, SNAP Longitudinal Data Project, SNAP-WIC Share Our Strengths, and NGA Youth Mental Health Policy Academy. Additionally, the Director's office has taken on various new responsibilities and large build projects, including supporting the statewide kauhale efforts.

Fiscal Management Office (FMO)

Any reductions to FMO would impact the procurement of contracted services, processing of invoices and payments, and payroll. Additionally, with the number of federally funded programs DHS implements, the FMO staff are highly qualified and valued for their acumen and efforts to maximize the use of federal funds and claims for federal reimbursement. FMO has been in recruitment to fill vacant positions; however, the work is complex, and recruitment has been difficult, so much so that staff are relying upon overtime to get the work done.

Human Resources (HR)

Human Resources requires its total appropriations to continue with a high level of recruitment efforts to fill the Department's vacancies. Additionally, due to the nature of human services work, HR staff need to conduct criminal history checks of candidates as well as current staff on a periodic basis. HR is also working with program administrators and BPMO to modernize position descriptions and reorganize programs to be more efficient. Any impact on HR will have a ripple effect on divisions and programs as they are reliant on efficient recruitment and innovative retention.

Office of Information Technology (OIT)

OIT supports DHS staff statewide, in offices, and those working remotely. OIT has struggled to fill its vacancies, as competition for the IT workforce is high. OIT has several IT modernization projects ongoing and continues to maintain the Department's legacy systems. OIT provides essential security services for all programs and employees. DHS systems and employees are frequent targets of phishing and other unsavory scams.

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

CSW operates one of the smallest budgets within DHS, and even small reductions to their budget have a significant impact. We are currently in the process of hiring an Executive Director and Secretary II to staff the office. Further reductions to operating capacity will hinder their success.

Commission on Fatherhood (COF)

COF has a very small budget and is working on recruiting Commissioners so that it can address its mission. Nationally, there is more investment in fatherhood initiatives, and the COF needs its budget to advocate for increased programming and services to support fathers and families in Hawaii.



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TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Mark Patterson, Chair
Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission

SUBJECT: House Bill 1800, House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: Wednesday, March 20; 10:00am
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission) **supports** House Bill 1800, House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget, as it encompasses an appropriation for the Attorney General's Office to include the Oversight Commission in the base budget.

In 2019, the Hawaii legislature found that, "independent oversight of the State's correctional system ensures transparency, supports safe conditions for employees, inmates, and detainees, and provides positive reform towards a rehabilitative and therapeutic correctional system." Therefore, Act 179 of 2019 was passed and Chapter 353L of the Hawaii Revised Statute was created. However, despite these legislative efforts, the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission has faced numerous challenges in securing and maintaining adequate funding.

Presently, the Oversight Commission operates without a permanent allocation in the State's base budget. In fiscal year 2022, the Commission submitted its full budget request in the amount of \$534,388, however the House and Senate did not concur, and the Commission therefore was not funded. Instead, Governor Green funded the Oversight Commission for one year, and those funds lapse on June 30, 2024.

Out of respect for Maui and the State's duty to support Lahaina, the Commission has pursued a modest request of \$452,134 for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), which will be channeled through the Office of the Attorney General. These funds will support four full-time positions and the vital travel and other activities necessary for the Commission to effectively fulfill its mandated duties, ensuring the continuity of office operations and staff.

In accordance with Hawaii Revised Statute 353L, the Commission is tasked with overseeing the correctional system, investigating complaints, establishing inmate population limits, and ensuring the proper functioning of the comprehensive offender reentry system. Since the Commission's

establishment in 2020, the Commission has made significant strides, particularly with the hiring of dedicated staff and the initiation of vital oversight activities.

In 2023 alone, the Commission conducted 35 facility investigative visits, issued 23 public reports, and held 16 public meetings. These efforts have resulted in over 50 recommendations to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, contributing to tangible improvements in our correctional system. Examples of these recommendations include:

- Ensuring basic federal standards and requirements are understood and followed, including proper access to court, bedframes/bunkbeds in cells, access to clothing and bedding, access to outdoor recreation, and access to menstrual pads.
- Painting and reconfiguring cells for those on suicide-watch for a more therapeutic environment.
- Restoring contact visits to ensure stronger family ties and better success in reentry.
- Ensuring that vehicles are not parked in the sally port unless in active use, and that the sally port gates are secured unless a vehicle is entering or leaving to prevent a potential escape of detainees.

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) has been a supportive and imperative partner in ensuring a more rehabilitative and therapeutic corrections system for their staff and incarcerated population. In addition to working closely with the DCR, the Oversight Commission and its staff have diligently cultivated relationships to enhance their understanding of community and governmental needs pertaining to public safety and the need for effective reentry. Commission staff have forged partnerships with a range of stakeholders, including community organizations, State agencies, City and County agencies, and community members at large. This is evident in the public endorsements from over 50 impacted community members and local agencies including:

- United Public Workers (UPW)
- Hawai'i Paroling Authority
- Hawai'i Criminal Justice Research Institute
- State of Hawai'i Judiciary
- State of Hawai'i Office of the Public Defender
- Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kaua'i
- Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i
- Hawai'i Innocence Project
- Women's Prison Project
- Community Alliance on Prisons
- Pu'a Foundation
- Tahirih Association
- 'Ekolu Mea Nui
- Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice
- Ohana E' Ho'opakele
- Maui Economic Opportunity
- Going Home Hawai'i
- Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Hawai'i

It is crucial to recognize that without funding and adequate resources, the Commission's ability to fulfill its mandate in ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations is severely compromised. This could jeopardize the State's ability to maintain accountability within its correctional system and increase the risk of state lawsuits and costly federal interventions. Additionally, the ramifications extend beyond budgetary concerns as oversight is imperative to safeguarding the rights and well-being of incarcerated individuals, staff members who work in the correctional facilities, and the broader community.

Therefore, when evaluating the state of corrections and the allocation of funds towards correctional, reentry, and rehabilitative initiatives in Hawaii, the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission stands as a pivotal investment for driving systemic transformation.

For all the reasons stated above, the Oversight Commission supports HB1800 as it will secure funding for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission within the State's base budget, enabling the Commission to sustain its crucial efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



TESTIMONY OF DANIEL NĀHO'OPI'I
INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.
In consideration of
HB 1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) appreciates the opportunity to offer our support for HB1800 HD1. We appreciate the House's inclusion of the administration's \$60 million request with 25 positions in this budget. This appropriation will allow us to operate our basic essential programs with limited implementation of destination management and stewardship activities.

We also appreciate the inclusion of an expenditure ceiling for the Convention Center Enterprise Special Fund as well as the appropriation of \$64 million in general obligation bonds to repair the Hawai'i Convention Center rooftop - re-appropriating funds that were appropriated in Act 164, SLH 2023 and subsequently transferred to B&F for 2023 Wildfires per Executive Memo 23-08. Both are important to our effective stewardship of this important state asset through repair, maintenance, and replacements.

HTA is poised and eager to continue our work, and we appreciate the appropriations in HB1800 HD1 toward that end. Mahalo for the opportunity to express this support.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

In Support of
HB 1800, HD1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports the intent and offers comments on HB 1800, HD1, which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

The Hawai'i State Energy Office – BED120's fiscal year (FY) 25 supplemental budget requests address HSEO's top priorities as the critical path to a resilient clean energy economy. HSEO request the Committee's consideration for amending the following:

Adjustment: SEQ#101-001 – Personal Services for (1) Chief Energy Officer

Impact Statement: Act 122, SLH 2019 established that the Hawai'i State Energy Office be led by the Chief Energy Officer. To meet the intent of Act 122 shortly after passage, the Governor determined a salary amount for the position and DBEDT/HSEO redescribed one of its existing positions and varied the salary to carry out the Governor's intent. These necessary actions created a payroll deficit, which persists to date. The House FIN did not concur with \$97,098 in additional funds to cover the payroll shortfall to realign the

budget with actual costs and allow the program to utilize OCE funds to support critical operational expenses.

This in addition to the reduction in HSEO's operating budget in FY22 has had a significant impact on HSEO's general funds and its ability to fund regular operations. HSEO is no longer able to cover the payroll deficit without reducing other necessary operating expenses which will affect office efficiencies. Denying this increase to cover the payroll deficit will require the program to reduce other necessary operating expenses which will severely affect office efficiencies. The operating budget is \$158,933. Reducing this amount by the requested \$97K will leave the program only \$61k to operate. Funds are needed to pay for regular expenses needed for the office to operate efficiently. These expenses include software licenses such as MS office; research and reference subscriptions; and office equipment including computers.

Alternatively, if general funds are not available. We are prepared to offer Position Number 124091, \$98,654, Transportation Energy Specialist as a trade to fund the Chief Energy Officer position.

Adjustment: SEQ#100-001 Services on a fee basis (Ceiling increase)

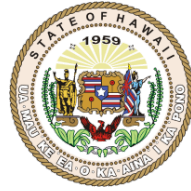
Impact Statement: Lack of state funds for cost match and working capital could result in the delay or loss of this FEMA Subaward. The Advance Assistance 2.0 project will provide a comprehensive inventory and baseline assessment of major energy supply, distribution and demand networks for Maui, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i Counties. Lack of community lifeline energy security planning as an effective means to mitigate devastating energy-sector impacts on Maui, Hawai'i, and Kaua'i communities has potential for cascading impacts on the state resulting from natural and man-made disasters. The House FIN did not concur with special fund ceiling needed for cost match and working capital in the amount of \$700,000 to support two significant projects.

Current applications for other projects such as The Integrating Resilience Strategies for ZEV Infrastructure project which aims to enhance electric vehicle (EV) charging resiliency to support emergency response efforts and provide broader benefits to communities could be in jeopardy if matching funds and working capital were not

approved. HSEO is submitting various applications taking advantage of federal opportunities offering substantial funding to move forward with its top priorities. To position HSEO and the State to compete against other states for its fair share of federal funds, working capital is needed to leverage federal and other resources.

HSEO respectfully requests your favorable consideration of these requests.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 18, 2024

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Ray Pikeolny-Cook and I am a principal at Wai'anae High School. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1800 HD1, which proposes the inclusion of funding for the weighted student formula and for free summer enrichment programs for our students. As a principal and someone deeply invested in the education and well-being of our youth, I believe this bill is crucial for the continued growth and success of our students.

House Bill 1800 HD1 aims to allocate much-needed resources to schools to bolster existing programs and support for summer enrichment programs. These enrichment programs, ranging from arts to robotics, culinary arts to marine science learning facilities, and Searider productions, offer invaluable opportunities for students to hone their skillsets and explore potential career fields.

The arts have long been recognized as a vital component of a well-rounded education. By supporting arts programs, students are not only able to express themselves creatively but also develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills. Additionally, exposure to the arts fosters cultural appreciation and empathy, preparing students to become engaged citizens in our diverse society.

Robotics programs provide students with hands-on experience in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, equipping them with the technical skills and innovative mindset necessary for success in the modern workforce. These programs also encourage teamwork and perseverance as students work together to design, build, and program robots to complete various tasks.

Culinary arts programs not only teach students valuable culinary skills but also instill important life skills such as time management, organization, and teamwork. Moreover, these programs expose students to different cuisines and culinary traditions, promoting cultural awareness and diversity.

The marine science learning facility offers students a unique opportunity to explore marine ecosystems and engage in scientific inquiry. By conducting experiments, collecting data, and analyzing results, students develop a deeper understanding of marine biology and environmental science while fostering a sense of stewardship for our oceans and coastal areas.

Searider productions provide students with hands-on experience in media production, including film, broadcasting, and journalism. Through Searider productions, students learn to effectively communicate ideas, tell compelling stories, and engage with their community, preparing them for careers in media and beyond.

By investing in these programs, House Bill 1800 HD1 not only enriches the educational experience of our students but also prepares them for future success in college, career, and beyond. Moreover, by offering free summer enrichment programs, this bill ensures that all students, regardless of socioeconomic status, have access to high-quality educational opportunities year-round.

In conclusion, I urge you to support House Bill 1800 HD1 and ensure that our schools receive the funding necessary to provide students with the resources and support they need to thrive academically, creatively, and personally.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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10:00 A.M.
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H.B. 1800 H.D.1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

House Committee on Ways and Means

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 1800 H.D.1, which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Additionally, the DOT respectfully 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 Message 5.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TRN195	BB		GM5-Additional funds for DLE positions at airports statewide.						\$ 5,345,741						\$ -	HD1 did not include GM5.	Without funding the DLE's request, there will be an operational impact on DLE's ability to provide increased presence and necessary law enforcement support at the airports and harbors.	1	None.

HARBORS			GOV's Budget						House Draft										
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TRN361	CG	GM No. 5	Add \$244,370 in MOF B Special funds in FY 25 OR to fund DLE 2.00 FTE positions to provide increased law enforcement presence at Nawiliwili Harbor.						244,370.00						Add Seq#101-001 to add funds for Nawiliwili Harbor (TRN361/CG) in the amount of \$244,370.	Without funding the DLE's request, there will be an operational impact on DLE's ability to provide increased presence and necessary law enforcement support at the airports and harbors	1		
TRN311	CD	GM No. 5	Add \$244,370 in MOF B Special funds in FY 25 OR to fund DLE 2.00 FTE positions to provide increased law enforcement presence at Hilo Harbor.						244,370.00						Add Seq#102-001 to add funds for Hilo Harbor (TRN311/CD) in the amount of \$244,370.	Without funding the DLE's request, there will be an operational impact on DLE's ability to provide increased presence and necessary law enforcement support at the airports and harbors	2		
TRN331	CF	GM No. 5	Add \$244,370 in MOF B Special funds in FY 25 OR to fund DLE 2.00 FTE positions to provide increased law enforcement presence at Kahului Harbor.						244,370.00						Add Seq#101-001 to add funds for Kahului Harbor (TRN331/CF) in the amount of \$244,370.	Without funding the DLE's request, there will be an operational impact on DLE's ability to provide increased presence and necessary law enforcement support at the airports and harbors	3		
TRN301	CC	GM No. 5	Add \$244,370 in MOF B Special funds in FY 25 OR to fund DLE 2.00 FTE positions to provide increased law enforcement presence at Honolulu Harbor.						244,370.00						Add Seq#102-001 to add funds for Honolulu Harbor (TRN301/CC) in the amount of \$244,370.	Without funding the DLE's request, there will be an operational impact on DLE's ability to provide increased presence and necessary law enforcement support at the airports and harbors	4		
TRN313	CD	GM No. 5	Add \$244,370 in MOF B Special funds in FY 25 OR to fund DLE 2.00 FTE positions to provide increased law enforcement presence at Kawaihae Harbor.						244,370.00						Add Seq#102-001 to add funds for Kawaihae Harbor (TRN313/CD) in the amount of \$244,370.	Without funding the DLE's request, there will be an operational impact on DLE's ability to provide increased presence and necessary law enforcement support at the airports and harbors	5		

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TRN 501	DC	101-001	Additional state highway special funds (MOF:B) for Roadside Safety Maintenance (Hawaii Correctional Industries)	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$ 900,000	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$0	House does not concur. FY 25 funding reduced from \$900,000 (B) to \$0 (B)	Hawaii Correctional Industries performs grass cutting and litter pickup along State highways. These are vital services for keeping highways safe, clean and upkept. Without these services, State highways on Oahu will not be cut and cleaned as often as they should be. This will generate a backlog of work that will fall on State maintenance crews who are already stretched thin.	1	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FY 25 supplemental 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	DD	101-001	Additional state highway special funds (MOF:B) for County of Hawaii Police Services	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$ 300,000	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$0	House does not concur. FY 25 funding reduced from \$300,000 (B) to \$0 (B)	Hawaii Police Officers are the only one who can direct traffic for emergencies repairs for traffic signals, bridge repairs, brush fires, emergency call out for traffic accidents. Without these services, this will create an unsafe condition for the public and motorist.	3	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FY 25 supplemental 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	DF	100-001	Additional state highway special funds (MOF:B) for Cab/Chassis with Utility Body & 40-foot Aerial	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$ 360,621	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$0	House does not concur. FY 25 funding reduced from \$360,621 (B) to \$0 (B)	Maui Hlghways maintenance personnel are required to maintain traffic signals, street lighting, overhead signage on mast arms and bridges, trimming of vegetation overhanging the roadway for the safety of all road users. Without an operational bucket truck, none of these duties can be performed and will have to be contracted out.	2	The proposed executive budget authority increase will have no negative financial impact to the general fund or state highway fund. The DOTHWY's FY 25 supplemental 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 595	DB	100-001	Additional general funds (MOF:A) for Stored Property and Debris Removal Services	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$ 5,000,000	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$0	House does not concur. FY 25 funding reduced from \$5,000,000 (A) to \$0 (A)	This program has historically been funded by general funds. DOT Highway Funds are legally only to be used on Highway related activities. For this reason we can only support other Departments by using General Funds. Only during the COVID Pandemic did we have the opportunity to utilize ARPA funds for this project. Those funds are no longer available, but the need to maintain HDOT properties, as well as support DLNR, DHHL, Dept. of Ag, DOE, HHFDC, HPHA remains. If the funding is reduced or not included in the department budget, the ability to address issues and encampments on State lands will be eliminated. There is no other program in the State that supports Departments in this way.	4	The request is the only FY 25 general funded increase by DOTHWY. Thus, there is no alternative general fund reduction by the DOTHWY.
PROVISIONS																			
TRN 595	DA	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	TBD pending FY 24 year end appropriation balance.	0.00	0.00	\$0	HB 1800 HD1 has added the following provision : Section 5. Part III of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023 is amended as follows: No. 11. By adding a new section to read: "SECTION 5.11. Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, part II, section 3, in the amounts indicated or balances thereof, unallotted, allotted, encumbered, or unrequired, are hereby lapsed: Item No. Amount FY24 (MOF) C31 3,600,000 A	These funds were intended for a shoreline project along Kamehameha Highway, in the vicinity of Kaaawa Elementary. Movement into construction will be dependent on a land board decision; therefore, estimated utilization of this appropriation is currently indeterminant. If balances remain at the fiscal year end, the funds will lapse back into the general fund.	5	The provision adjustment is the only general funds the program has budgeted in FY 24. Thus, there is no alternative general fund reduction by the DOTHWY.

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n/a	n/a	n/a	HB 1800 Section 8. Part VIII of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023 is amended: (20) Section XX. Unless otherwise provided in this Act, the governor is authorized to transfer operating funds between appropriations within the same fund, within an expending agency, for operating purposes.	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$0	0.00	0.00	\$0	HB 1800 HD1 excluded the provision: Section XX. Unless otherwise provided in this Act, the governor is authorized to transfer operating funds between appropriations within the same fund, within an expending agency, for operating purposes.	The DOT-HWY (Department of Transportation – Highways) respectfully requests the provision be inserted into future bill drafts. The provision will allow the DOT-HWYs to fund unforeseen needs within the program’s available appropriations. This will allow flexibility in utilizing its budget authority and allow the maximization use of its funds. The ability to transfer funds between its programs allows DOT-HWY to reallocate its budget authority as necessary for unanticipated circumstances requiring immediate attention. Historically, DOT-HWY has judiciously exercised the use of the provision to meet the operating needs of its programs.	n/a	No funding impact.

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			None.																

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Transportation

The Governor's Executive Supplemental Budget Submittal to the Legislature for the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) includes funding for capital improvement projects to focus on critical and significant infrastructure projects statewide. CIP highlights and priorities include the following proposed under HB1800:

Airports

- \$100 million for Terminal 2 spall repairs and improvements; and \$200 million for employee parking structure with up to 5,400 stalls for Daniel K. Inouye International Airport, Oahu (TRN102).
- \$100 million for airfield improvements for Kalaeloa Airport, Oahu (TRN195); and master plan update (TRN104).

Harbors

- \$20 million for improvements for Commercial Harbors Administrative Initiative, Statewide; and funds for various project initiatives including cold storage, other harbor storage, and mixed-use office space for Commercial Harbors, Statewide (TRN395).
- \$44 million for sea-level rise adaptation and resiliency, Pier 2 relocation, baseyard improvements, redevelopment of Pier 29 & Pier 23 Superferry terminal and infrastructure, and other improvements for Honolulu Harbor, Oahu (TRN301); and additional funds to address sea-level rise adaptation and resiliency and other improvements including: \$12 million for Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor, Oahu (TRN303); \$6 million for Kahului Harbor, Maui (TRN331); \$10 million for Kawaihae Harbor, Hawaii (TRN313); \$26 million for Hilo Harbor, Hawaii (TRN311); and \$19 million for Nawiliwili Harbor, Kauai (TRN361).

Highways

- \$775 million for improvements for drainage, safety, tunnels, and other infrastructure, statewide (TRN501–TRN595).
- \$1.5 million for plans for Interstate Route H-1, Kunia East Bound On-Ramp, Oahu (TRN501). ***The only CIP project that was not included in HDI.
- \$3.45 million for design and land acquisition for Paakea Road, Oahu (TRN501).
- \$33 million for design and construction for Lahaina repair, rehabilitation, and/or reinstallation, Maui (TRN531).
- \$8.5 million for construction for Kuhio Highway intersection improvements at Kolo Road & Kalamania Road, Kauai (TRN561).
- \$1 million for design for Route 11 improvements at Nani Kailua Drive and Lako Street, Hawaii (TRN511).

HB1800, HD1 IMPACT STATEMENT

HDOT **strongly supports** HB1800, HD1. Except for not including only one line-item project (\$1.5 million for plans for Interstate Route H-1, Kunia East Bound On-Ramp, Oahu; TRN501 – Oahu Highways), HB1800, HD1 provides all requested executive supplemental CIP budget authorizations for HDOT's modal programs and provides full funding levels for the amounts requested.

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HDOT provides **comments** and suggests amendments to budget execution provisos.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS

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BUDGET EXECUTION PROVISOS

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AUTHORIZATIONS

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A38A	1	TRN102	DANIEL K. INOUE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	<u>PLANS</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	E	175,250	41,260	175,250	541,484	175,250	541,484		
A38A	1	TRN102	DANIEL K. INOUE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	<u>PLANS</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	N	1	1	1	121,701	1	121,701		
A71A	2	TRN104	KALAELOA AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	<u>PLANS</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	E	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,500	6,000	7,500		
A71A	2	TRN104	KALAELOA AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, OAHU	<u>PLANS</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	N	1	1	1	1	1	1		
B10B	3	TRN111	HILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	<u>PLANS</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	E	2,400	-	2,400	9,002	2,400	9,002		
B10B	3	TRN111	HILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	<u>PLANS</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	N	1	-	1	1,826	1	1,826		
C03C	4	TRN114	ELLISON ONIZUKA KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT KEAHOLE, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	<u>PLANS</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	E	4,804	-	4,804	4,002	4,804	4,002		
C03C	4	TRN114	ELLISON ONIZUKA KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT KEAHOLE, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	<u>PLANS</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	N	1	-	1	2,800	1	2,800		
P24082	5	TRN116	MUE, WAIMEA-KOHALA AIRPORT, WATERLINE UPGRADES, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION TO INCREASE WATER CAPACITY FLOW FOR THE WAIMEA-KOHALA AIRPORT; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E	2,800	-	2,800	-	2,800	-		
P24082	5	TRN116	MUE, WAIMEA-KOHALA AIRPORT, WATERLINE UPGRADES, HAWAII	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION TO INCREASE WATER CAPACITY FLOW FOR THE WAIMEA-KOHALA AIRPORT; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N	1	-	1	-	1	-		

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D04Y	6	TRN131	KAHULUI AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, MAUI	<u>PLANS, DESIGN, AND</u> 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans, design and" to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	E	37,770	-	37,770	26,950	37,770	26,950		
D04Y	6	TRN131	KAHULUI AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, MAUI	<u>PLANS, DESIGN, AND</u> 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans, design and" to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	N	1	-	1	5,110	1	5,110		
P24083	7	TRN131	OGG, SOIL REMEDIATION, MAUI	CONSTRUCTION FOR SOIL REMEDIATION; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500	-		
P24083	7	TRN131	OGG, SOIL REMEDIATION, MAUI	CONSTRUCTION FOR SOIL REMEDIATION; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N	1	-	1	-	1	-		
E03B	8	TRN161	LIHUE AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	<u>PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, AND LAND ACQUISITION AT THE AIRPORT. (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES). THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," and "design," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	B	4,687	-	4,687	-	4,687	-		
E03B	8	TRN161	LIHUE AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	<u>PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, AND LAND ACQUISITION AT THE AIRPORT. (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES). THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," and "design," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	E	7,690	43,000	7,690	62,228	7,690	62,228		
E03B	8	TRN161	LIHUE AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	<u>PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, AND LAND ACQUISITION AT THE AIRPORT. (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES). THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," and "design," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	N	-	1	-	24,901	-	24,901		
E03B	8	TRN161	LIHUE AIRPORT, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS, KAUAI	<u>PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TERMINALS, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, AND LAND ACQUISITION AT THE AIRPORT. (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES). THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," and "design," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	X	1,074	-	1,074	9,700	1,074	9,700		
F05I	9	TRN195	AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	<u>PLANS, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS AT STATEWIDE AIRPORTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	E	452,600	66,000	452,600	169,751	452,600	169,751		
F05I	9	TRN195	AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	<u>PLANS, DESIGN,</u> AND CONSTRUCTION FOR AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS AT STATEWIDE AIRPORTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	N	1	1	1	166,685	1	166,685		

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F05B	10	TRN195	AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, STATEWIDE	PLANS, <u>LAND ACQUISITION</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "land acquisition," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	E	18,000	13,000	18,000	35,001	18,000	35,001		
F05B	10	TRN195	AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, STATEWIDE	PLANS, <u>LAND ACQUISITION</u> , 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.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "land acquisition," to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	N	1	1	1	1	1	1		
F08F	11	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).		TRN	B	4,428	4,428	4,428	4,588	4,428	4,588		
F08F	11	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).		TRN	X	157	157	157	163	157	163		
F08A	12	TRN195	FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	<u>PLANS, DESIGN, AND</u> CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS FACILITIES AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans, design, and" to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	E	63,846	24,000	63,846	107,501	63,846	107,501		
F08A	12	TRN195	FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	<u>PLANS, DESIGN, AND</u> CONSTRUCTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS FACILITIES AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans, design, and" to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	N	1	1	1	1	1	1		
F05L	13	TRN195	RENTAL CAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	<u>PLANS, DESIGN, AND</u> CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE CONSOLIDATED CAR RENTAL FACILITIES FOR THE RENTAL CAR AGENCIES AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS (OTHER FUNDS FROM CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES).	The Department requests to revise the description by adding "Plans, design, and" to the description to reflect the desired use of the funds.	TRN	X	64,000	-	64,000	22,000	64,000	22,000		

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J51	14	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.		TRN	B	4	4	4	4	4	4		
J51	14	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.		TRN	E	49,988	34,988	49,988	78,988	49,988	78,988		
J51	14	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.		TRN	N	4	4	4	4	4	4		
J51	14	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.		TRN	R	4	4	4	4	4	4		
J52	15	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.		TRN	B	-	4	-	4	-	4		
J52	15	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.		TRN	E	-	2,494	-	14,494	-	14,494		
J52	15	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.		TRN	N	-	4	-	4	-	4		
J52	15	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.		TRN	R	-	4	-	4	-	4		

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L19	16	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.		TRN	B	4	4	4	4	4	4		
L19	16	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.		TRN	E	14,988	4,988	14,988	30,988	14,988	30,988		
L19	16	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.		TRN	N	4	4	4	4	4	4		
L19	16	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.		TRN	R	4	4	4	4	4	4		
L20	17	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.		TRN	B	4	4	4	4	4	4		
L20	17	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.		TRN	E	14,988	4,988	14,988	14,988	14,988	14,988		
L20	17	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.		TRN	N	4	4	4	4	4	4		
L20	17	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.		TRN	R	4	4	4	4	4	4		

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M24	18	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, MAUI. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	B	4	4	4	4	4	4		
M24	18	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, MAUI. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E	9,988	24,988	9,988	30,988	9,988	30,988		
M24	18	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, MAUI. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N	4	4	4	4	4	4		
M24	18	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, MAUI. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	R	4	4	4	4	4	4		
K13	19	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.		TRN	B	-	4	-	4	-	4		
K13	19	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.		TRN	E	-	4,988	-	23,988	-	23,988		
K13	19	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.		TRN	N	-	4	-	4	-	4		
K13	19	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.		TRN	R	-	4	-	4	-	4		

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I27	20	TRN395	COMMERCIAL HARBORS ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COST 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.		TRN	B	4	4	4	4	4	4
I27	20	TRN395	COMMERCIAL HARBORS ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COST 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.		TRN	E	9,992	4,988	9,992	24,988	9,992	24,988
I27	20	TRN395	COMMERCIAL HARBORS ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COST 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.		TRN	N	35,000	4	35,000	4	35,000	4
I27	20	TRN395	COMMERCIAL HARBORS ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COST 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.		TRN	R	4	4	4	4	4	4
I21	21	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.		TRN	B	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500

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SP1801	21.01	TRN501	<u>INTERSTATE ROUTE H-1, KUNIA EAST BOUND ON-RAMP, OAHU</u>	<u>PLANS FOR A KUNIA EAST BOUND ON-RAMP; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES.</u>	HDOT respectfully requests restoration of the project and funding (0/E; 1,500/E).	TRN	E					-	1,500		
SP1802	21.1	TRN501	PAAKEA ROAD, OAHU	LAND ACQUISITION AND DESIGN FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PAAKEA ROAD FOR USE AS AN EMERGENCY PARALLEL ROUTE ON THE WEST COAST OF OAHU.		TRN	E					-	3,450	-	3,450
*	21.2	TRN511	AINALOA ROUNDABOUT EXPANSION, HAWAII	PLAN AND DESIGN FOR AINALOA ROUNDABOUT EXPANSION.	HDOT supports the additional revenue bond fund authorization to implement the priority CIP project.	TRN	E							-	500
*	21.3	TRN511	DANIEL K. INOUE HIGHWAY, HAWAII	PLANS FOR A NEW ROADWAY AND/OR REALIGNMENT EXTENDING THE DANIEL K. INOUE HIGHWAY TO QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY.	HDOT supports the additional revenue bond fund authorization to implement the priority CIP project.	TRN	E							-	3,000
TP2201	22	TRN511	KEAAU-PAHOA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, HIGHWAY 130 WIDENING FROM SHOWER TO KALOLI DRIVE, HAWAII	CONSTRUCTION FOR WIDENING THE TWO LANE HIGHWAY TO FOUR LANES OR ALTERNATE ALIGNMENTS IN THIS CORRIDOR. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E			30,000	-	30,000	-	30,000	-
TP2201	22	TRN511	KEAAU-PAHOA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, HIGHWAY 130 WIDENING FROM SHOWER TO KALOLI DRIVE, HAWAII	CONSTRUCTION FOR WIDENING THE TWO LANE HIGHWAY TO FOUR LANES OR ALTERNATE ALIGNMENTS IN THIS CORRIDOR. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N			1	-	1	-	1	-
T158	23	TRN511	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.		TRN	E			9,600	-	9,600	-	9,600	-
T161	23.1	TRN511	ROUTE 11 IMPROVEMENTS AT NANI KAILUA DRIVE AND LAKO STREET, HAWAII	DESIGN FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, TO INCLUDE WIDENING, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS, AND DRAINAGE AND UTILITY WORK. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E			-	-	-	200	-	200
T161	23.1	TRN511	ROUTE 11 IMPROVEMENTS AT NANI KAILUA DRIVE AND LAKO STREET, HAWAII	DESIGN FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, TO INCLUDE WIDENING, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS, AND DRAINAGE AND UTILITY WORK. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N			-	-	-	800	-	800
*	23.2	TRN511	TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS, HAWAII	PLANS, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT KALOKO/MAMALAHOA INTERSECTION AND KAIMINANI/MAMALAHOA INTERSECTION.	HDOT supports the additional revenue bond fund authorization to implement the priority CIP project.	TRN	E							-	3,000
VP2301	24	TRN531	NANILOA DRIVE BRIDGE, REHABILITATION, MAUI	CONSTRUCTION FOR REHABILITATION OF NANILOA DRIVE BRIDGE, RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF CORROSION AND REPAINTING. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E			216	-	216	-	216	-
VP2301	24	TRN531	NANILOA DRIVE BRIDGE, REHABILITATION, MAUI	CONSTRUCTION FOR REHABILITATION OF NANILOA DRIVE BRIDGE, RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF CORROSION AND REPAINTING. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N			1	-	1	-	1	-

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V097	25	TRN531	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.		TRN	E		1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
V097	25	TRN531	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.		TRN	N		4,000	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
V123	25.1	TRN531	LAHAINA REPAIR, REHABILITATION, AND/OR REINSTALLATION, MAUI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR MAJOR REPAIRS, REHABILITATION, AND/OR REINSTALLATION OF STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES IN LAHAINA AS A RESULT OF 2023 SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E				-	6,600	-	6,600
V123	25.1	TRN531	LAHAINA REPAIR, REHABILITATION, AND/OR REINSTALLATION, MAUI	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR MAJOR REPAIRS, REHABILITATION, AND/OR REINSTALLATION OF STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES IN LAHAINA AS A RESULT OF 2023 SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N				-	26,400	-	26,400
X123	26	TRN561	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.		TRN	E		3,200	-	3,200	-	3,200	-
X123	26	TRN561	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.		TRN	N		12,800	-	12,800	-	12,800	-
X143	26.1	TRN561	KUHIO HIGHWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT KOLO ROAD / KALAMANIA ROAD, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE SIGNALIZATION OR ROUNDABOUT SOLUTIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E				-	1,700	-	1,700
X143	26.1	TRN561	KUHIO HIGHWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT KOLO ROAD / KALAMANIA ROAD, KAUAI	CONSTRUCTION FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE SIGNALIZATION OR ROUNDABOUT SOLUTIONS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N				-	6,800	-	6,800
X097	27	TRN595	HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	<u>LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND</u> 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.		TRN	E		1,000	7,200	1,000	10,551	1,000	10,551
X097	27	TRN595	HIGHWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	<u>LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND</u> 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.		TRN	N		4,000	-	4,000	4,160	4,000	4,160
Y120	28	TRN595	HIGHWAY ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND REMEDIATION, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION <u>(AND)</u> , DESIGN, <u>AND CONSTRUCTION</u> FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND REMEDIATION MEASURES, INCLUDING EROSION CONTROL INSTALLATIONS AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, STATEWIDE.		TRN	E		900	700	900	5,700	900	5,700

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Y123	29	TRN595	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.		TRN	E	4,300	-	4,300	4,500	4,300	4,500		
Y123	29	TRN595	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.		TRN	N	13,600	-	13,600	-	13,600	-		
X099	30	TRN595	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.		TRN	E	11,700	6,000	11,700	9,400	11,700	9,400		
X099	30	TRN595	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.		TRN	N	34,800	24,000	34,800	37,600	34,800	37,600		
X099R	31	TRN595	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.		TRN	E	1,399	499	1,399	4,999	1,399	4,999		
X099R	31	TRN595	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.		TRN	N	5,600	2,000	5,600	17,360	5,600	17,360		
X098	32	TRN595	HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, <u>DESIGN</u> , 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.		TRN	E	6,050	2,550	6,050	20,858	6,050	20,858		
X098	32	TRN595	HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	LAND ACQUISITION, <u>DESIGN</u> , 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.		TRN	N	21,000	9,600	21,000	31,000	21,000	31,000		

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Y111	33	TRN595	HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	PLANS, 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.		TRN	B	1,900	-	1,900	1,593	1,900	1,593		
Y111	33	TRN595	HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	PLANS, 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.		TRN	E	20,150	20,100	20,150	54,507	20,150	54,507		
Y111	33	TRN595	HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	PLANS, 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.		TRN	N	80,200	80,400	80,200	174,468	80,200	174,468		
Y124	34	TRN595	HIGHWAY SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION 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.		TRN	E	-	450	-	800	-	800		
Y124	34	TRN595	HIGHWAY SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION 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.		TRN	N	-	600	-	600	-	600		
Y121	35	TRN595	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.		TRN	B	6,600	5,500	6,600	14,500	6,600	14,500		
Y121	35	TRN595	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.		TRN	E	17,800	15,150	17,800	78,850	17,800	78,850		
Y121	35	TRN595	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.		TRN	N	71,200	45,000	71,200	266,600	71,200	266,600		
Y122	36	TRN595	HIGHWAY TRAFFIC OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	PLANS, 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.		TRN	E	13,900	10,850	13,900	53,436	13,900	53,436		
Y122	36	TRN595	HIGHWAY TRAFFIC OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	PLANS, 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.		TRN	N	24,800	20,000	24,800	117,188	24,800	117,188		

C. TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES										ACT 164, SLH 2023		GOV – HB1800		HB1800, HD1	
Proj No.	ItemNo.	ProgID	Title	Description	HDOT Comments	Exp.	MOF	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25		
Y119	37	TRN595	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.		TRN	E	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000	-		
Y119	37	TRN595	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.		TRN	N	40,000	-	40,000	-	40,000	-		
Y115	38	TRN595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION MODERNIZATION, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND 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.		TRN	B	200	1,000	200	2,350	200	2,350		
Y115	38	TRN595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION MODERNIZATION, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND 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.		TRN	E	100	-	100	1,240	100	1,240		
Y115	38	TRN595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION MODERNIZATION, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND 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.		TRN	N	400	4,000	400	14,360	400	14,360		
Y114	39	TRN595	HIGHWAYS DIVISION SUPPORT SERVICES, STATEWIDE	PLANS AND DESIGN FOR CONSULTANT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIGHWAYS DIVISION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, STATEWIDE.		TRN	E	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000		
Y125	39.1	TRN595	HIGHWAY PROJECT CLOSEOUT, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COMPLETION AND CLOSEOUT OF PROJECTS IN CLOSING STAGES AND/OR FOR PROJECTS REQUIRING FUNDS FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E			-	1,900	-	1,900		
Y125	39.1	TRN595	HIGHWAY PROJECT CLOSEOUT, STATEWIDE	PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COMPLETION AND CLOSEOUT OF PROJECTS IN CLOSING STAGES AND/OR FOR PROJECTS REQUIRING FUNDS FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N			-	7,600	-	7,600		
Y105	39.2	TRN595	HIGHWAY TUNNEL PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR MAJOR REPAIRS, UPGRADES, AND REHABILITATION OF HIGHWAY TUNNELS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	B			-	1,500	-	1,500		
Y105	39.2	TRN595	HIGHWAY TUNNEL PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR MAJOR REPAIRS, UPGRADES, AND REHABILITATION OF HIGHWAY TUNNELS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	E			-	9,200	-	9,200		
Y105	39.2	TRN595	HIGHWAY TUNNEL PROGRAM, STATEWIDE	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR MAJOR REPAIRS, UPGRADES, AND REHABILITATION OF HIGHWAY TUNNELS. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.		TRN	N			-	36,800	-	36,800		

C. TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES						ACT 164, SLH 2023		GOV – HB1800		HB1800, HD1			
Proj No.	ItemNo.	ProgID	Title	Description	HDOT Comments	Exp.	MOF	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION													
								-	-	-	-	-	-
								20,335	13,456	20,335	27,059	20,335	27,059
								-	-	-	-	-	-
								-	-	-	-	-	-
								1,008,919	343,181	1,008,919	1,456,232	1,008,919	1,461,232
								347,428	185,634	347,428	1,064,790	347,428	1,064,790
								-	-	-	-	-	-
								20	28	20	28	20	28
								-	-	-	-	-	-
								-	-	-	-	-	-
								-	-	-	-	-	-
								-	-	-	-	-	-
								-	-	-	-	-	-
								65,231	157	65,231	31,863	65,231	31,863
								<u>1,441,933</u>	<u>542,456</u>	<u>1,441,933</u>	<u>2,579,972</u>	<u>1,441,933</u>	<u>2,584,972</u>
GRAND TOTAL													
AIRPORTS (TRN102–TRN195)													
								9,115	4,428	9,115	4,588	9,115	4,588
								773,660	193,260	773,660	963,419	773,660	963,419
								10	6	10	323,026	10	323,026
								65,231	157	65,231	31,863	65,231	31,863
								<u>848,016</u>	<u>197,851</u>	<u>848,016</u>	<u>1,322,896</u>	<u>848,016</u>	<u>1,322,896</u>
AIRPORTS SUBTOTAL													
HARBORS (TRN301–TRN395)													
								2,520	2,528	2,520	2,528	2,520	2,528
								99,944	82,422	99,944	219,422	99,944	219,422
								35,016	28	35,016	28	35,016	28
								20	28	20	28	20	28
								<u>137,500</u>	<u>85,006</u>	<u>137,500</u>	<u>222,006</u>	<u>137,500</u>	<u>222,006</u>
HARBORS SUBTOTAL													
HIGHWAYS (TRN501–TRN595)													
								8,700	6,500	8,700	19,943	8,700	19,943
								135,315	67,499	135,315	273,391	135,315	278,391
								312,402	185,600	312,402	741,736	312,402	741,736
								<u>456,417</u>	<u>259,599</u>	<u>456,417</u>	<u>1,035,070</u>	<u>456,417</u>	<u>1,040,070</u>
HIGHWAYS SUBTOTAL													

BUDGET EXECUTION PROVISOS

HDOT provides **comments** and respectfully requests consideration of budget provisos for effective and efficient budget execution. HDOT has responsibly utilized the discretion and flexibility that the Legislature has authorized by proviso sections under previous budgets. HDOT respectfully requests that provisos that facilitate efficient and reasonable budget execution and effective implementation be included to expedite project delivery and provide services and improvements to benefit the public. These significant provisos include the following:

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

- AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS.
- RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE CUSTOMER FACILITY REVENUE BONDS.
- HARBOR REVENUE BONDS.
- HIGHWAY REVENUE BONDS.
- SUPPLEMENT ALLOTMENTS AND TRANSFER UNREQUIRED BALANCES. ****The proviso introduced under HB1800 was not included in HD1.*
- SUPPLEMENT ALLOTMENTS AND TRANSFER UNREQUIRED BALANCES; AIRPORT PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE. ****The proviso introduced under HB1800 was not included in HD1.*
- SUPPLEMENT FUNDS FROM COST ELEMENT TRANSFERS.

Operating

- EXTEND LAPSE DATE; OPERATING, FEDERAL FUNDS.
- TRANSFER FUNDS. ****The proviso introduced under HB1800 was not included in HD1.*
- TRANSFER POSITIONS.

Operating & Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Federal Funds Paired Provisos:

- INCREASE FEDERAL FUNDS CEILING.
- EXTEND LAPSE DATE; FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER MEANS OF FINANCING, EXCEPT GENERAL FUNDS. ****The proviso introduced under HB1800 was not included in HD1.*

HDOT respectfully suggests drafting descriptive section titles into these longstanding boilerplate provisos. Amending these oft-cited budget execution provisos to include a brief section title appropriate to the content of the proviso section as indicated in the proviso list.

Budget Execution Provisos Excepted from HD1

HD1 did not include several significant provisos presented under HB1800. HDOT respectfully requests your favorable consideration to restore these provisos for effective and efficient budget execution:

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

- **SUPPLEMENT ALLOTMENTS AND TRANSFER UNREQUIRED BALANCES.**

SECTION XX.X In the event that the authorized appropriations specified for a capital improvement project listed in this Act are insufficient and where the source of funding is designated as special funds, general obligation bond fund with debt service cost to be paid from special funds, revenue bond funds, or revolving funds, the governor may make supplemental allotments from the special fund or revolving fund responsible for cash or debt service payments for the projects, or transfer unrequired balances from other unlapsed projects in this Act or prior appropriation acts which authorized the use of special funds, general obligation bond fund with debt service costs to be paid from special funds, revenue bond funds, or revolving funds; provided that such supplemental allotments shall not be used to increase the scope of the project; and provided further that such supplemental allotments shall not impair the ability of the fund to meet the purposes for which it was established.

- **SUPPLEMENT ALLOTMENTS AND TRANSFER UNREQUIRED BALANCES; AIRPORT PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE.**

SECTION XX.X In the event that the authorized appropriations specified for a capital improvement project listed in this Act are insufficient and where the source of funding is designated as airport passenger facility charge funds, the governor may make supplemental allotments from the airport revenue fund or airport revenue bond funds, or transfer unrequired balances from other unlapsed projects in this Act or prior appropriation acts that authorized the use of airport passenger facility charge funds; provided that such supplemental allotments shall not be used to increase the scope of the project; provided further that such supplemental allotments shall not impair the ability of the fund to meet the purposes for which it was established; and provided further that the governor, at the governor's discretion, is authorized to increase the passenger facility charge fund authorization ceiling for the program to accommodate the expenditure of such funds.

Operating

- **TRANSFER FUNDS.**

SECTION XX.X Unless otherwise provided in this Act, the governor is authorized to transfer operating funds between appropriations within the same fund, within an expending agency, for operating purposes.

Operating & Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

- **EXTEND LAPSE DATE; FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER MEANS OF FINANCING, EXCEPT GENERAL FUNDS.**

SECTION XX.X 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 XX.X of this Act as necessary to meet the intent of the federal grant awards.

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n/a	<p>SECTION 8. Part VI of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended as follows:</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. By amending section 10 to read: "SECTION 10. Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, section 26, as amended by Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, section 5 is amended as follows: (a) By amending item C-81.05 to read: "81.05. [BRIDGE REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT] <u>HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM, [VARIOUS LOCATIONS,] STATEWIDE</u></p> <p>LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE [REHABILITATION OR REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STATE HIGHWAYS BRIDGES.] <u>REPLACEMENT, UPGRADE, REHABILITATION, AND/OR MAJOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING BRIDGES, TUNNELS, METAL CULVERTS, AND DESTINATION SIGN STRUCTURES.</u> THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>TOTAL FUNDING</td> <td>TRN</td> <td>B</td> <td>500 B</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>TRN</td> <td>E</td> <td>30,600 E</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>TRN</td> <td>N</td> <td>124,400 N"</td> </tr> </table>	TOTAL FUNDING	TRN	B	500 B		TRN	E	30,600 E		TRN	N	124,400 N"	<p><u>Capital Improvement Program (CIP)</u></p> <p>HIGHWAY STRUCTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM, STATEWIDE.</p> <p>HDOT supports the proviso as indicated by HD1.</p> <p>HD1 provided no additional amendment to Item No. C-81.05 than the prior authorizations.</p> <p>The project title and description language for Item No. C-81.05 was amended per Section 10, Act 164, SLH 2023.</p>
TOTAL FUNDING	TRN	B	500 B											
	TRN	E	30,600 E											
	TRN	N	124,400 N"											

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n/a	<p>SECTION 8. Part VI of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended as follows:</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. By amending section 10 to read:</p> <p>...</p> <p>...</p> <p>...</p> <p>(c) By amending item E-14.01 to read:</p> <p>"14.01 WAIPIO POINT ACCESS ROAD MULTIMODAL <u>PATHWAY AND SAFETY</u> IMPROVEMENTS, WAIPAHAU, OAHU</p> <p>DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION <u>GRANT TO SHADE</u> <u>INSTITUTE</u> FOR WAIPIO POINT ACCESS ROAD MULTIMODAL AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS[-]<u>PEDESTRIAN SAFETY</u> <u>IMPROVEMENTS FOR ACCESSIBILITY TO WAIPAHAU</u> <u>ALOHA CLUBHOUSE. THIS PROJECT QUALIFIES AS A</u> <u>GRANT. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F.</u></p> <p>TOTAL FUNDING TRN C 2,100 C"</p>	<p><u>Capital Improvement Program (CIP)</u></p> <p>WAIPIO POINT ACCESS ROAD MULTIMODAL PATHWAY AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, WAIPAHAU, OAHU.</p> <p>HDOT supports the proviso as indicated by HD1.</p> <p>HD1 provided no additional amendment to Item No. E-14.01 than the prior authorizations.</p> <p>The project title and description language for Item No. E-14.01 was amended per Section 10, Act 164, SLH 2023.</p>

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n/a	<p>SECTION 9. Part VII of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended as follows:</p> <p>1. By amending section 12 to read:</p> <p>"SECTION 12. AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS. The department of transportation may issue airport revenue bonds for airport capital improvement projects authorized in part II and listed in part V of this Act and designated to be financed by revenue bond funds or by general obligation bond funds with debt service cost to be paid from special funds, in a principal amount as shall be required to yield the amounts appropriated for the capital improvement projects and, if so determined by the department and approved by the governor, any additional principal amount as may be necessary by the department to pay interest on the airport revenue bonds during the estimated period of construction of the capital improvement projects for which the airport revenue bonds are issued, to establish, maintain, or increase reserves for the airport revenue bonds and to pay the expenses of issuance of the bonds. The airport revenue bonds shall be issued pursuant to part III of chapter 39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended. The principal of and interest on airport revenue bonds, to the extent not paid from the proceeds of the bonds, shall be payable solely from and secured solely by the revenues from airports and related facilities under the ownership of the State or operated and managed by the department and the aviation fuel taxes levied and paid pursuant to sections 243-4(a)(2) and 248-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or the parts of either thereof as the department may determine, including rents, landing fees, and other fees or charges presently or hereafter derived from or arising through the ownership, operation, and management of airports and related facilities and the furnishing and supplying of the services thereof, and passenger facility charges pursuant to section 261-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, as determined by the department. The expenses of the issuance of the airport revenue bonds, to the extent not paid from the proceeds of the bonds, shall be paid from the airport revenue fund and passenger facility charge special fund as determined by the department.</p> <p>The governor, in the governor's discretion, may use the airport revenue fund and passenger facility charge special fund to finance those projects authorized in part II and listed in part V of this Act where the method of financing is designated to be by airport revenue bond funds[- provided that the governor shall submit a report to the legislature of all uses of this authority for the previous twelve month period from December 1 to November 30 no later than thirty days prior to the convening of regular sessions of 2024 and 2025]."</p>	<p><u>Capital Improvement Program (CIP)</u></p> <p>AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS.</p> <p>HDOT supports the budget execution proviso as amended by HD1.</p>

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n/a	<p>SECTION 9. Part VII of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended as follows:</p> <p>...</p> <p>2. By amending section 13 to read:</p> <p>"SECTION 13. RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE CUSTOMER FACILITY REVENUE BONDS. The department of transportation may issue rental motor vehicle customer facility revenue bonds for airport capital improvement projects relating to consolidated rental car facilities authorized in part II and listed in part V of this Act and designated to be financed by revenue bond funds with debt service cost to be paid from the rental motor vehicle customer facility charge special fund, as authorized by section 261-5.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in a principal amount as shall be required to yield the amounts appropriated for the capital improvement projects and, if so determined by the department and approved by the governor, any additional principal amount as may be necessary by the department to pay interest on the rental motor vehicle customer facility revenue bonds during the estimated period of construction of the capital improvement projects for which the rental motor vehicle customer facility revenue bonds are issued, to establish, maintain, or increase reserves for the rental motor vehicle customer facility revenue bonds and to pay the expenses of issuance of the bonds. The rental motor vehicle customer facility revenue bonds shall be issued pursuant to part III of chapter 39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended. The principal of and interest on rental motor vehicle customer facility revenue bonds, to the extent not paid from the proceeds of the bonds, shall be payable solely from and secured solely by the revenues from the rental motor vehicle surcharge tax and the rental motor vehicle customer facility charge special fund pursuant to section 261-5.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, as determined by the department. The expenses of the issuance of the rental motor vehicle customer facility revenue bonds, to the extent not paid from the proceeds of the bonds, shall be paid from the rental motor vehicle customer facility charge special fund as determined by the department.</p> <p>The governor, in the governor's discretion, may use the rental motor vehicle customer facility charge special fund to finance those projects authorized in part II and listed in part V of this Act where the method of financing is designated to be by rental motor vehicle customer facility revenue bond funds [- provided that the governor shall submit a report to the legislature of all uses of this authority for the previous twelve month period from December 1 to November 30 no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2024 and 2025]."</p>	<p><u>Capital Improvement Program (CIP)</u></p> <p>RENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE CUSTOMER FACILITY REVENUE BONDS.</p> <p>HDOT supports the budget execution proviso as amended by HD1.</p>

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n/a	<p>SECTION 9. Part VII of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended as follows:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. By amending section 14 to read:</p> <p>"SECTION 14. HARBOR REVENUE BONDS. The department of transportation may issue harbor revenue bonds for harbor capital improvement projects authorized in part II and listed in part V of this Act and designated to be financed by revenue bond funds or by general obligation bond funds with debt service cost to be paid from special funds, in a principal amount as shall be required to yield the amounts appropriated for the capital improvement projects and, if so determined by the department and approved by the governor, any additional principal amount as may be deemed necessary by the department to pay interest on the revenue bonds during the estimated construction period of the capital improvement projects for which the harbor revenue bonds are issued, to establish, maintain, or increase reserves for the harbor revenue bonds or harbor revenue bonds heretofore authorized (whether authorized and issued or authorized and still unissued), and to pay the expenses of issuance of the bonds. The harbor revenue bonds shall be issued pursuant to part III of chapter 39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended. The principal of and interest on harbor revenue bonds, to the extent not paid from the proceeds of the bonds, shall be payable solely from and secured solely by the revenues derived from harbors and related facilities under the ownership of the State or operated and managed by the department, including rents, mooring, wharfage, dockage, port entry fees, and other fees or charges presently or hereafter derived from or arising through the ownership, operation, and management of harbor and related facilities and the furnishing and supplying of the services thereof. 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.</p> <p>The governor, in the governor's discretion, may use the harbor revenue fund to finance those projects authorized in part II and listed in part V of this Act where the method of financing is designated to be by harbor revenue bond funds[; provided that the governor shall submit a report to the legislature of all uses of this authority for the previous twelve month period from December 1 to November 30 no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2024 and 2025]."</p>	<p><u>Capital Improvement Program (CIP)</u></p> <p>HARBOR REVENUE BONDS.</p> <p>HDOT supports the budget execution proviso as amended by HD1.</p>

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<p>SECTION 8. Part VIII of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(21) By adding a new section to read as follows:</p> <p><u>"SECTION XX. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, each department or agency is authorized to transfer positions within its respective authorized position ceiling for the purpose of maximizing the utilization of personnel resources and staff productivity; provided that all such actions shall be with the prior approval of the governor and shall be consistent with appropriations provided in this Act and with provisions of part II of chapter 37, Hawaii Revised Statutes."</u></p>	<p>SECTION 10. Part VIII of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended as follows:</p> <p>...</p> <p>8. By adding a new section to read:</p> <p><u>"SECTION 22.8. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, each department or agency is authorized to transfer positions within its respective authorized position ceiling for the purpose of maximizing the utilization of personnel resources and staff productivity; provided that all such actions shall be with the prior approval of the governor and shall be consistent with appropriations provided in this Act and with the provisions of part II of chapter 37, Hawaii Revised Statutes."</u></p>	<p><u>Operating</u></p> <p>TRANSFER POSITIONS.</p> <p>HDOT supports the budget execution proviso as introduced under HB1800 and as included under HD1.</p> <p>HDOT respectfully requests the proviso for effective and efficient budget execution.</p>

Operating & Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Federal Funds Paired Provisos:

INCREASE FEDERAL FUNDS CEILING.

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EXTEND LAPSE DATE; FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER MEANS OF FINANCING, EXCEPT GENERAL FUNDS.

(See internal reference “provided in this Act or authorized by the governor pursuant to *section XX* of this Act as necessary to meet the intent of the federal grant awards” emphasis added.)

SECTION 8. Part VIII of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended:

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(15) By adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION XX. The governor may approve the expenditure of all federal funds that 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."

SECTION 10. Part VIII of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended as follows:

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4. By adding a new section to read:

"SECTION 22.4. The governor may approve the expenditure of all federal funds that 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."

INCREASE FEDERAL FUNDS CEILING.

HDOT supports the budget execution proviso as introduced under HB1800 and as included under HD1.

HDOT respectfully requests the proviso for effective and efficient budget execution. HDOT respectfully requests the Federal Funds Paired Provisos.

SECTION 8. Part VIII of Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, is amended:

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(16) By adding a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION XX. 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 XX of this Act as necessary to meet the intent of the federal grant awards."

n/a

EXTEND LAPSE DATE; FEDERAL FUNDS AND OTHER MEANS OF FINANCING, EXCEPT GENERAL FUNDS.

HDOT supports the budget execution proviso as introduced under HB1800. HD1 did not include the budget execution proviso. Act 164, SLH 2023, Section 16 was limited to CIP and did not apply to operating appropriations. HDOT respectfully requests the proviso for effective and efficient budget execution. HDOT respectfully requests the Federal Funds Paired Provisos indicated here.

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

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

**Wednesday March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 211**

**In support of
House Bill 1800 House Draft 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Bill 1800 HD1 adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. **The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) supports this bill.**

The Commission is a multi-jurisdictional effort between 20 different State and county departments, and Legislative committees. The Commission is administratively housed at the Department of Land and Natural Resources but operates under its own budget and provides technical assistance and support to all state departments, offices and agencies. Under HRS §225P-3 the Commission is mandated to:

- Establish climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and goals to help guide planning and implementation statewide using the latest scientific analysis and risk assessment to monitor and forecast climate change related impacts at the regional, state, and local level, including any additional information deemed necessary.
- Identify vulnerable people, communities, industries, ecosystems, and the potential economic ramifications for climate change related impacts.
- Identify existing climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts at the federal, state, and local levels and make recommendations for how to meet or exceed Hawaii's state mitigation goals and shall adopt a liberal approach in preparation, so as to minimize future risk to the people and environment of Hawai'i.
- Assess the capacity and availability of existing resources and identify new sources of revenue necessary to address climate change mitigation and adaptation and shall advise the governor, legislature, and counties on the economic and budgetary ramifications of climate change impacts, mitigation, and adaptation.

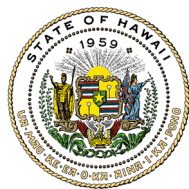
- Identify the information necessary to track progress in implementing climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts and shall submit an annual report to the governor and legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session of the legislature.
- Maintain a website that includes a mission statement as well as access to climate change related actions, plans, policies, and results.
- Conduct a comprehensive review of the implementation as required by this section and submit a report to the governor, legislature, and the counties no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2023 and every five years thereafter.
- Develop sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation reports that shall include:
 - (1) Identification of the major areas of sea level rise impacts affecting the State and counties through 2050;
 - (2) Identification of expected impacts of sea level rise based on the latest scientific research for each area through 2050;
 - (3) Identification of the economic ramifications of sea level rise;
 - (4) Identification of applicable federal laws, policies, or programs that impact affected areas; and
 - (5) Recommendations for planning, management, and adaptation for hazards associated with increasing sea level rise.

Currently the Commission has one civil service staff member. This bill provides much needed staff members to the commission to support meeting the mandates outlined above. As the commission only has the one staff there are no positions available to trade off for requested positions. The services provided by the Commission is key in reaching our mandated 2045 carbon emission goals.

The Commission has been successful in obtaining grants to support this work but has had to pass on additional funding opportunities due to limited capacity. Rapid decarbonization of our economy will require more coordination and technical support than the commission currently has capacity to provide. Increasing the staff is critical to an equitable and clean future.

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

JOSH GREEN
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY
MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF HAWAI'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MARCH 19, 2024

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki, and members of the committee:

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General and Director of Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, State of Hawai'i, Department of Defense.

The Department of Defense (DEF) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB1800 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Department of Defense. The Department requests the following budgetary increases that were in the Governor's Administrative Package and Governor's Message, but not approved in HB1800 HD1:

- \$1.7M for Hawaii Army and Air National Guard utilities,
- ~\$1M in Maui Brush Fire Project Positions and HIEMA salary adjustments,
- \$6.9M in State Matching funds to receive \$24.7M Hazard Mitigation Grant federal matching funds,
- and \$3.5M in bond funds to improve the Youth Challenge Academy.

If the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard is not provided \$1.7M in State matching funds for utilities the department will be forced to shut down Air National Guard operations on July 1, 2024 and the Army Guard by May 1, 2025.

The 20 temporary brush fire project positions requested by HIEMA are needed to support the tremendous requirements to process, track, and manage Maui Wildfire intermediate and long-term recovery activities. Initially state funding is required for the salaries; however, the expense is 75%-90% FEMA reimbursable. If these positions are not funded, HIEMA would need to outsource the personnel support which will be exponentially more costly.

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB1800 HD1.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our Administrative Services Officer COL (retired) Rusty Spray at (808) 369-3458 or at rusty.spray@hawaii.gov.

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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thirty-third State Legislature
Regular session of 2024
State of Hawai'i
March 17, 2024

RE: HB 1800, HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Dear Chair Dela Cruz:

The County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney supports House Bill 1800, Relating to the State Budget, in so far as it includes an appropriation for the Attorney General's Office to include the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission.

Funding the HCSOC is an investment in public safety that will more than pay for itself. It is unfortunate that the Commission needs to devote valuable time and resources to securing funding each year. This detracts from their ability to serve the public.

Since the HCSOC has been staffed, I have had the opportunity to work directly with multiple members. Each individual member brings unparalleled experience and insight. It is refreshing to be able to discuss obstacles to progress both within our existing correctional institutions and upon reentry for individuals getting released. The amount of money being appropriated for the HCSOC is a drop in the bucket when considered against the amount of cost savings for the State because of their work. Their work saves lives and prevents costly litigation due to unaddressed issues.

My first contact with the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission was through my appointment to the Women's Correctional Implementation Commission. This Commission was mandated by House Bill 2312 and became law upon the Governor's signature of Act 244 in July of 2022. The WCIC met with the Director of the HCSOC prior to our in person visit to the Women's Prison on Oahu. Her insight into conditions within the facility for both those incarcerated and those working there was invaluable.

Following that meeting, I personally reached out to Christin Johnson when I scheduled a trip for our Deputy Prosecutors and staff to our local jail, the Kauai Community Correctional Center. Again, Ms. Johnson's insight was invaluable. She was able to point out things to pay attention to, both assets and liabilities within the correctional center.

I had the opportunity to interact with the members of the HCSOC when I spoke at the Breaking Cycles Symposium hosted by the Hawaii Community Design Center at the HCSOC Coordinator's invitation. I spoke on a panel about diversion and deflection programs in our Office on Kauai.

Most recently, our Office secured a \$1 million federal grant through the Bureau of Justice Administration through the Second Chance Act Pay for Success. This grant will fund a 5-year program to do re-entry work. Specifically, individuals getting released from incarceration will be paired with a case worker to assist them in accessing resources. Again, the HCSOC was an integral part of the planning and strategizing to make this project a success.

The work of the HCSOC is vitally important to public safety in the State of Hawaii. Without funding, the Commission will close its doors in three months. Throughout the continent, more than twenty states have similar commissions.

The work of the HCSOC has been critical to our Office accomplishing our goals of advocating for public safety using evidence-based models. Further, the Coordinator has been instrumental in helping our Office navigate connections between State agencies and community-based organizations to reduce recidivism for individuals being released from incarceration. The value the HCSOC brings is much more than the appropriated funding of \$452,134 for Fiscal Year 2025. For these reasons, the County of Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney supports HB 1800 inasmuch as it appropriates funds for the HCSOC.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

/s/Rebecca Like

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Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawai'i

March 20, 2024

RE: H.B. 1800, H.D.1; RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki, 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 on the Governor’s supplemental budget request in H.B. 1800, H.D.1.

The Governor’s original supplemental request included appropriations for the Department’s Career Criminal Prosecution Program (CCP) and Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWP) totaling \$1,484,052. However, that money was removed when the House Committee on Finance approved H.B. 1800, H.D.1. The Department respectfully requests that this funding be restored as it is vital to promoting public safety and servicing victims of crime on O’ahu.

The Department supports supplemental appropriations for CCP and VWP programs across the state and notes that funding requests for all other Counties remain intact. Only funding for the Department was cut from the supplemental budget.

The \$747,267 to provide full staffing of the Department’s Career Criminal Prosecution Unit (CCU) and \$736,785 to maintain the current level of service for the Department’s Victim Witness Kokua Services Division (VWKS) are critically important to protect people on O’ahu from some of our most dangerous and violent criminals and guiding victims of crime through the judicial process. The funds are necessary to sustain the 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. Last year, this supplemental funding was provided for FY 2024, the first year of the biennium, but was unfunded for FY 2025.

Pursuant to the legislative mandate 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, our department CCU has periodically been scaled back, when there was insufficient funding to maintain full staffing. Today, State CCP provides funding for the salaries of four deputy prosecuting attorneys and two paralegals. CCU team members are assigned cases with serious felony charges which include murder, assault, robbery, burglary, criminal property damage, habitual property crime, firearms offenses, and felony drug offenses. Nearly all of these defendants due to their criminal history are classified as persistent offenders, multiple offenders, and/or repeat offenders. Money spent on CCU 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.

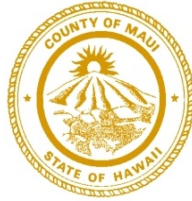
Similarly, VWKS advocates are specially qualified and trained to assist in guiding victims, witnesses and/or surviving family members through the criminal justice system—throughout the prosecution of a case—at a level that our deputies are unable to do. In 2023, 6,723 individuals were assisted by VWKS. Historically, the Legislature has supported the Victim Witness Assistance Program since 1983. In 1986, the Legislature enacted HRS §28-111, which established the VWP program on a statewide basis. The VWP program provides funding to VWKS for seven positions and approximately \$500,000 of the requested supplemental funding is necessary to maintain these positions through FY 2025. State VWP through VWKS provides funding for the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) to service victims of sex assault. Full funding allows SATC to provide 24/7 crisis intervention, crisis counseling, acute forensic examinations, pediatric sex abuse evaluations for minors and high risk victim evaluations for victims of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation. State VWP through VWKS also provides funding for the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Under contract with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, MADD provides services to survivors of homicide and negligent homicide, and victims of negligent injury which include grief counseling (including crisis counseling), personal advocacy, information and referral, and a 24/7 hotline offering crisis support to victims. MADD's services focus on strategies for overcoming the emotional and psychological effects of being a victim of negligent injury or of the loss of a loved one due to homicide or negligent homicide. Supplemental funding through H.B. 1800 is necessary for these vital services to continue at full capacity.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu **respectfully requests that the Committee restore supplemental funding for the State's Career Criminal Program and Victim Witness Program** which includes vital funding for our department's Career Criminal Prosecution Unit and our Victim Witness Kokua Services Division. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY
ON
H.B. 1800 HD1 RELATING TO
THE STATE BUDGET

March 19, 2024

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair
The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki
Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui respectfully submits the following comments **in support of H.B. 1800 HD1, Relating to The State Budget, to maintain sufficient funding for the Career Criminal Prosecution (“CCP”) and Victim Witness Assistance (“VWA”) programs in the County of Maui.**

The first reason we are requesting this funding 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.

The second reason we are requesting this funding 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.

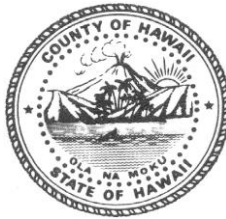
The amount of VOCA Grant funding has been steadily decreasing in recent years, and in FY 2025 it is our understanding that the amount of VOCA Grant funding available across the nation will be reduced by over \$600 million. The loss of this funding for our county would be an enormous blow to our ability to provide experienced counselors for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other serious crimes. With your support in maintaining this funding for FY 2025, 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 H.B. 1800 HD1 to the extent that it includes sufficient funding for the Career Criminal Prosecution and Victim Witness Assistance programs in the County of Maui.** 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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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 1800

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Via Video Conference & Conference Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Moriwaki and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai'i submits the following testimony in support with comments of the passage of House Bill No. 1800 HD1.

Our Office respectfully requests for an appropriation for the following: 1) supplemental funding be added for our Career Criminal Prosecution Unit ("CCP") and Victim Witness Assistance Unit Program ("VAU") for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025; 2) funding for the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission ("HCSOC") via the Attorney General's budget; 3) plans, land, design, construction, and equipment to include the assessment, environmental impact study, site selection, land acquisition, and financial and project delivery to construct a community correctional center in West Hawai'i; and 4) implementation of a Third Circuit Community Outreach Court pilot project.

In Hawai'i County, violent crime trends, property offenses, influx of illegal narcotics and prohibited ownership/possession of illegal firearms and weapons continue. As a result, crime has become one of the most prevalent challenges our community faces.

The CCP program finds its origins in HRS Section 845-1, which provides in relevant part, "[T]he legislature finds that a disproportionate amount of serious crime is committed against the people by a relatively small number of multiple and repeat felony offenders, commonly known as career criminals. In enacting this chapter, the legislature intends to support increased efforts by prosecuting attorneys' offices to prosecute career criminals through organizational and operational techniques . . ."

HRS Section 845-2 further clarifies, "There shall be established a career criminal prosecution program, whose purpose shall be the investigation and prosecution of those persons identified as habitual or career criminals. The office of the attorney

general shall administer the program, and develop a plan of financial and technical assistance for prosecuting attorneys' offices . . .”

Since the establishment of the CCP program, our Office has used this financial assistance, to fund positions dedicated to the prosecution of habitual or career criminals. By focusing on these offenders, our Office has been able to address recurring and ongoing criminal activity and prioritize public safety. Having this funding is critical to retain staff with the skills and experience necessary to effectively manage CCP.

Our Office is in need of an additional **\$443,312.00** in supplemental funding to maintain its CCP positions in the 2024 and 2025 fiscal years. This accounts for the salaries or a portion of the salaries of two deputy prosecuting attorneys, two legal assistants, four legal clerks, and one investigator.

The Victim Witness Assistance Program was established to provide information, assistance, and support services to victims and witnesses to crimes committed in the State. In order to stay in compliance with these criteria, HRS Section 28-111 requires the Attorney General to allocate appropriate funding for these programs. Our Office and the County of Hawai‘i is also reliant upon these funds for our own VAU, which houses our Office’s Restorative Justice Program, which is the only program of its kind in our State.

Per HRS Section 801D-4, victims and witnesses are entitled to certain rights upon written request, which includes receiving information on the status of their case, protection from threats and harm, assistance in expedited property return, and offender custody notifications. It is crucial that funding is secured for this program in order to hire and retain the necessary staff that can support victims and witnesses throughout the criminal case. Crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault, homicide, robbery, and burglary have a detrimental and traumatic impact on victims and witnesses. It is important for them to receive immediate and adequate services in order for them to start the process of healing and feeling safe, and to be an integral part of pursuing justice in their case.

Our Office is in need of an additional **\$700,000.00** in supplemental funding to maintain its VAU positions in the 2024 and 2025 fiscal years. This accounts for the salaries of one Restorative Justice Program Manager, three victim witness counselors, and one legal clerk.

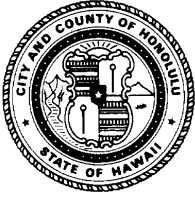
Our Office has worked collaboratively with HCSOC to address overcrowding concerns at the Hawai‘i Community Correctional Center (“HCCC”) and its impact on public safety. Currently, HCCC is Hawai‘i Island’s only community correctional center necessitating coordination between police, corrections, judiciary, and other partner agencies to facilitate multiple daily transports, spanning four-hour round trips, across the island in order to ensure that inmates appear for their court hearings. Hawai‘i Island is in dire need of new and improved correctional facilities with the infrastructure to both house serious offenders and accommodate rehabilitative care and treatment, social services, cultural education, and reintegration assistance for incarcerated individuals to reduce recidivism and promote public safety.

HRS Section 353L-2 provides in relevant part, “The oversight coordinator shall be a person qualified by training and experience to administer the Hawai‘i correctional system oversight commission and shall be well-versed in criminal justice reform and maintain a firm commitment to the correctional system’s transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model.” HCSOC and its efforts are crucial to addressing Hawai‘i Island’s correctional system needs.

Community Outreach Court (“COC”) is a mobile outreach court initiative focused on non-violent, justice-involved homeless and houseless individuals. COC is a means to address these individuals outstanding criminal and/or traffic cases in a community setting aimed at encouraging the facilitation of social services to assist individuals to overcome life obstacles that may be hindering their success in society and ultimately reduce recidivism. As a result, criminal justice system resources can be better prioritized on more serious and violent offenders. Presently, HB 1800 is only providing funding for a First Circuit program. Additional funding is required in order to facilitate pilot projects throughout our state.

Based on the foregoing, our Office supports: 1) supplemental funding be added for our CCP and VAU for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025; 2) funding HCSOC via the Attorney General’s budget; 3) plans, land, design, construction, and equipment to include the assessment, environmental impact study, site selection, land acquisition, and financial and project delivery to construct a community correctional center in West Hawai‘i; and 4) implementation of a Third Circuit COC pilot project.

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawai‘i remains committed to the pursuit of justice with integrity and commitment. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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March 19, 2024

LATE

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208
415 South Beretania Street
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SUBJECT: Victim Witness and Career Criminal Prosecution Fund

Dear Senate Chair Dela Cruz:

I am writing to ask the Ways and Means Senate Committee to restore the \$1.4M in funding to the City and County of Honolulu **Victim Witness and Career Criminal Prosecution Fund** which also includes funding for the Victim Witness Kokua Services that helps victims/witnesses of crimes such as assaults, sexual assaults, terroristic threatening, kidnapping, reckless endangering, and abuse. Crime is the main concern in many of our communities and this helps us to provide victims with support.

The funding for the Victim Witness and Career Criminal Prosecution Fund may have been cut due to a separate issue of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAT) transferring 600 misdemeanor cases originating from State Departments to the Attorney General's Office. This includes fishing violations and traffic violations at the airport, etc. Years ago the Prosecuting Attorney's Office took these cases because the Attorney General's (AG) office was understaffed. Today, things have changed and many prosecutors now work for the Attorney General's office and the AG's have adequate staff to handle these cases and PAT is now understaffed.

I'm glad to hear the AG's office has attracted so many quality lawyers that we will miss working here in the city. Thank you for your support in restoring this funding to allow the continuation of the Victim Witness and Career Criminal Prosecution Fund in the City and County of Honolulu.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Tupola".

Andria Tupola, Ph.D.
Honolulu City Councilmember

CC: Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means



March 20, 2024

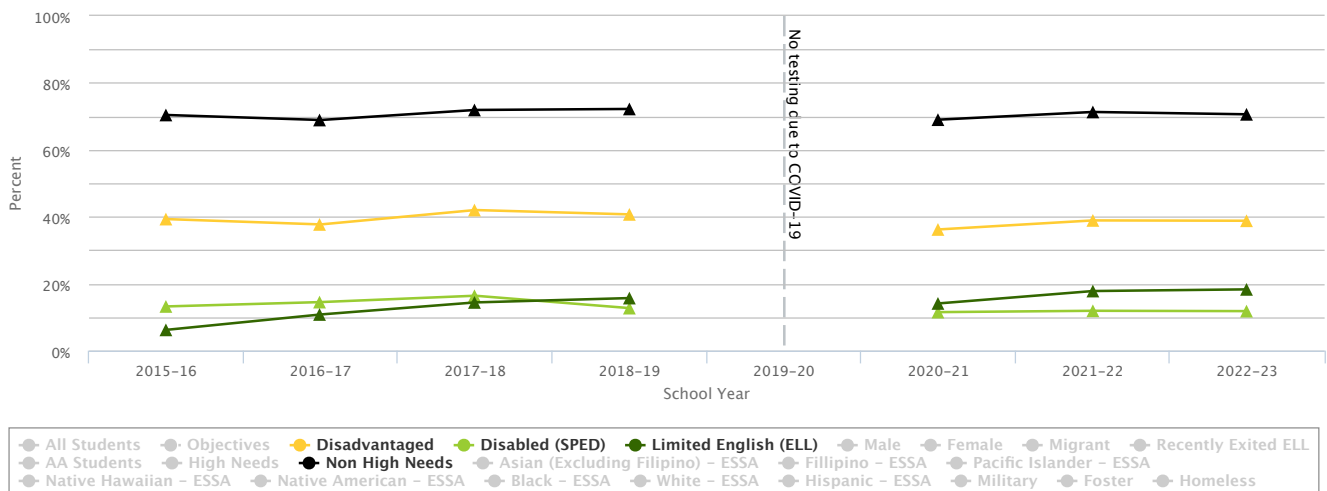
Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

We support HB 1800 HD1.

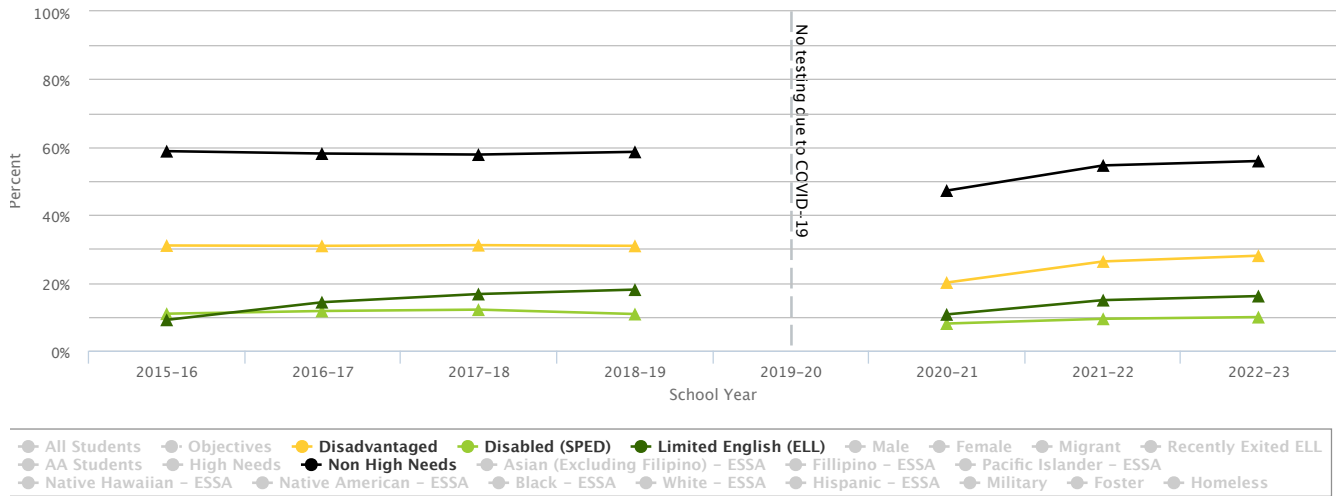
With respect to the DOE budget, we advocate that priority should be given to sufficient funding of resources directly to schools through the Weighted Student Formula (WSF). We thank the legislature for adding back to the state budget \$12.9M in WSF for all schools and the \$6M WSF funds to small schools which was in the BOE approved budget, and we urge the Committee to maintain these line items.

Students are still recovering from disruptions resulting from the pandemic and the Maui Wildfire, with the greatest impact on our high-needs students. The tables below show the percentage of students meeting English Language Arts (ELA), math, and science standards from the 2015-2016 school year to the 2022-2023 school year. The gap between non-high needs students and economically-disadvantaged, English Learner, and Special Education students is alarmingly wide.

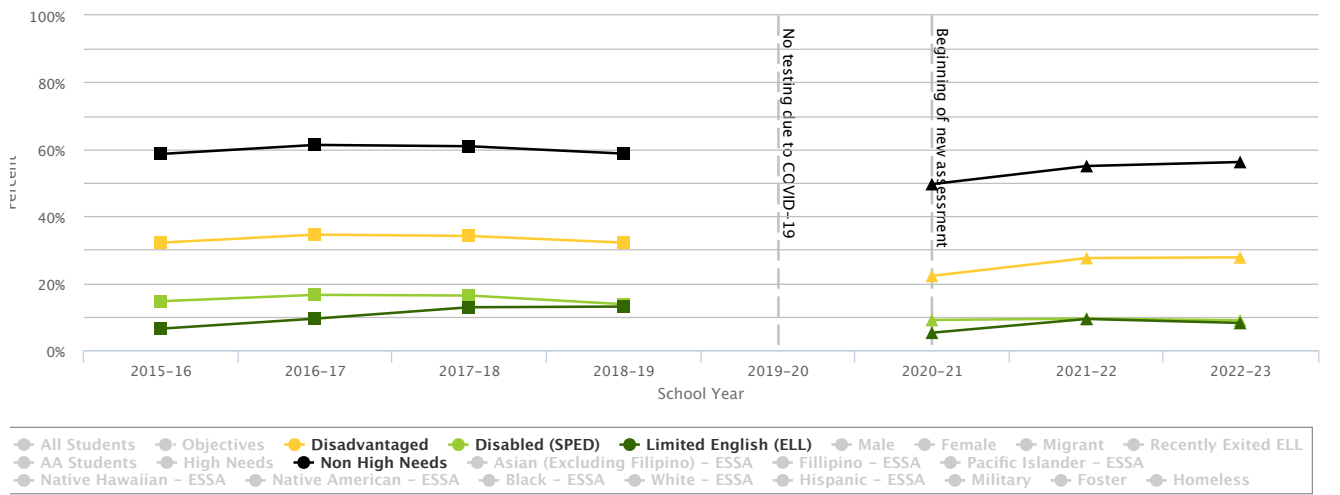
ELA Proficiency 2015-16 to 2022-23



Math Proficiency 2015-16 to 2022-23



Science Proficiency 2015-16 to 2022-23



We advocate allocating sufficient funding to schools so that they can provide appropriate supports for all students.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Our support for this measure represents at least a 75% consensus of our voting membership.

Sincerely,
 Cheri Nakamura
 HE'E Coalition Director

HE'E Coalition Members and Participants

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Castle Complex Community Council
Education Institute of Hawai'i
*Faith Action for Community Equity
Fresh Leadership LLC
Girl Scouts Hawa'i
*HawaiiKidsCAN
*Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance
*Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
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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 3Rs
Head Start Collaboration Office
It's All About Kids
*INPEACE
Joint Venture Education Forum
Junior Achievement of Hawaii
Kamehameha Schools
Kanu Hawai'i
Kaua'i Ho'okele Council
Keiki to Career Kaua'i
Kupu A'e
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Learning First
McREL's Pacific Center for Changing the Odds
Native Hawaiian Education Council
Our Public School

*Pacific Resources for Education and Learning
*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
University of Hawai'i College of Education
YMCA of Honolulu
*Youth Service Hawai'i

Voting Members () Voting member organizations vote on action items while individual and non-voting participants may collaborate on all efforts within the coalition.*

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:50:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynette Cruz	Testifying for Malama Makua	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Malama Makua, whose mission focuses on encouraging dialogues and actions around peace and justice, strongly supports HB 1800, including funding for the Hawaii Correctional Oversight Commission in the budget. People on the Westside of Oahu need assurance that such a Commission will be there for the long term to help kanaka and others who are currently serving time in state prisons to transition out of prison in the most humane and efficient way and to make sure things are done properly and with pono, within the law. You can help the least fortunate of us within the community to live a better life and to succeed. Please do your best to help. As a community of both successful and not-so-successful individuals, we need all the help we can get, and you're in a position to give it.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:56:02 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

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James Naniole	Testifying for Ohana Ho`opakele	Support	In Person

Comments:

March 17, 2024

TO: Senators Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means (WAM)

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Dear Senators Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Henry J.C. Aquino, Troy N. Hashimoto, Lorraine R. Inouye, Dru Mamo Kanuha, Michelle N. Kidani, Donna Mercado Kim, Chris Lee, Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Glenn Wakai, and Kurt Fevella

Aloha!

I am James “Jimmy” Naniole and I am a kupuna with Ohana Ho`opakele.

I speak in strong support of HB1800.

I urge you to protect the budget for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC) in HB1800 of \$462,134.

The Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission is doing good work.

This commission and its staff are helping in changing the prison system from one based upon retribution to one based on rehabilitation. Without funding for staff the commission is limited in what it can do. From those of us who met with the commission and staff when they held a hearing and meetings with us in Hilo, they were very receptive to what the public shared. Without funding, the visits to the neighbor islands and holding of hearings where the public can participate in person will be eliminated.

Please protect the full budget request for this commission.

The correctional system is not the only place that needs changing but is one of the least addressed places where some of the worst contradictions in Hawai`i exist. I have spent some of my effort with Nawahiokalaniopu`u the Hawaiian language immersion school in Keaaau and twenty-five years working for the Department of Education at Kalakaua Intermediate and at Hilo High School. The education system, like that of the correctional system, needs to be addressed from a more humanistic view of what is best for our people here in Hawai`i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!



TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Maria Goellner, Director of State Policy, FAMM

SUBJECT: House Bill 1800, Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: Wednesday March 20 at 10:00am
State Capitol, Room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Maria Goellner and I represent FAMM, a national nonpartisan, nonprofit sentencing and prison reform organization in Washington, DC. Because our national membership includes tens of thousands of incarcerated people and their families, one of our priorities is to increase accountability and transparency in corrections by supporting independent prison oversight nationwide. We are encouraged that Hawai'i has established the Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission), and with the work of the Commission thus far. Hawai'i is an example to the country in this regard.

FAMM urges you to support the request to include the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission in the base budget for appropriation. The Commission's work is impossible without the correct levels of funding and staff to perform the important tasks of inspecting prisons, investigating complaints, liaising with Corrections Division officials to solve and prevent problems, and reporting and distributing the ombudsperson's findings and recommendations to the public and stakeholders.

The Commission must fund staff, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, consultation for special projects, and office equipment. Given that this office is so new, it is important to ensure it is properly funded to fulfill its mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L. In our experience looking at other similarly sized prison oversight bodies in states like Ohio and New Jersey, their budget requests have been reasonable.

Prisons are some of the darkest, least transparent places, and they are responsible for the daily care and safety of thousands of incarcerated people and corrections staff. Prisons operate 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. Legislative committees, audits, and accreditations can examine prisons only sporadically. Properly funded, the Commission can encourage and foster transparency, accountability, and improvement in Hawai'i prisons every day.

Prison oversight is worthy of funding because it benefits everyone. Lawmakers must fund and monitor the Corrections Division but cannot be inside prison facilities on a daily basis. The



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Commission can do continuous, frequent reconnaissance for state lawmakers, verifying or debunking rumors, successes, failures, needed improvements, or use of funds and resources.

Oversight is beneficial for both incarcerated people and corrections staff because unsafe, unhealthy, and unaccountable prisons harm both groups. A trusted, effective oversight body provides a safe place for incarcerated people, their families, and corrections staff to take complaints and concerns when, for whatever reason, they fall on deaf ears, the grievance process breaks down, or there is no other safe place to lodge them.

Oversight benefits Corrections Division administrators by highlighting problems they might otherwise miss and helping to fix problems before they turn into crises or produce expensive law suits for the state. Everyone performs and behaves a little bit better when they know someone is watching them. Oversight encourages professionalism in corrections.

Oversight benefits taxpayers by shedding light on what prisons are really like, how they spend our taxes, and how they treat and rehabilitate our loved ones and neighbors. Taxpayers collectively share the fiscal and moral responsibility for incarceration and restoring those who break the law. Oversight shows taxpayers how our money and our chosen prison policies are helping restore and rehabilitate people inside – or not.

The Commission's request to be included in the base budget is reasonable and should be granted. Oversight does not happen without proper funding, and it is worth funding because it benefits every Hawaiian.

Should you have additional questions, I can be reached at mgoellner@famm.org. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.



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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan Delacruz, Chair

Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00AM

Room 211 & Videoconference

STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 1800 HD1 - INCLUDING THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN THE BASE BUDGET

Aloha Chair DellaCruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki 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 thirty years. This testimony is respectfully offered on behalf of the 3,842 Hawai'i individuals living behind bars¹ and under the "care and custody" of the Department of Public Safety/Corrections and Rehabilitation on March 11, 2024.

We are always mindful that 858 - 44% of the male prison population of 1,964 - 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 (CAP) appreciates this opportunity to testify in strong support HB 1800 HD1 for the Hawai'i Correctional Oversight Commission (HCSOC) that is administratively attached to the Office of the Attorney General (ATG 100).

If CAP had only had one word to say about why the legislature must include HCSOC in the base budget it would be

DEMOCRACY!

As we see what is happening all around us, we should all be pushing for more open government, more democracy, more access to public information, and more inclusion of the public. **THESE ARE THE TIMES WHEN ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL MUST STAND UP FOR DEMOCRACY.**

¹ DPS/DCR Weekly Population Report, March 11, 2024.

<https://dcr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Pop-Reports-Weekly-2024-03-11.pdf>

WHAT HCSOC HAS ACCOMPLISHED:

HCSOC has lifted the veil of secrecy so the public can actually see where our hard-earned tax dollars are spent in the correctional area. CAP has been at the legislature for 30 years and we have never seen this degree of community engagement, accountability, and transparency in any agency...ever. They are responsive to the community and to the people inside who are trapped in the correctional web.

HCSOC operated with no staff and no funding for almost 3 years. After receiving funding and hiring a Coordinator, in less than 2 years they have ...

- released a plethora of reports WITH DATA, including monthly reports, facility-specific reports, 2 strategic plans, and 1 year in review,
- conducted 35 facility visits including those bringing legislators and judges into different facilities,
- held 16 public meetings, and
- saved the state money by working with people - at no cost to taxpayers - to build a case management system.

To say that the Coordinator quickly stood up an agency and hit the ground running would be a gross understatement! Our Coordinator, and the team she has built, is super charged!

The public has been clear and unwavering in our support for finally having an opportunity to know and to voice our concerns about what is going on in this very closed and expensive correctional system where our friends and family live and work.

WHY CORRECTIONAL OVERSIGHT IS SO IMPORTANT:

CAP understands that oversight can help Hawai'i's transition from a punitive system to one that is more therapeutic and rehabilitative. This is a process and we should all welcome the help and expertise of people with experience that can help with this transition.

HCSOC has proven not only that they are up to the task to help with this effort, but that the HCSOC staff will use their experience and their resources to make Hawai'i's correctional system the best it can be!

HCSOC has submitted more than 50 reports to the Department of Public Safety, now the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, based on their observations, experience, state/federal regulations, and best practices. This is crucial, since it is difficult for someone immersed in the system to be objective. It is good to have a neutral entity that can help the department achieve compliance with state and federal regulations and the department's stated goals.

An issue that could have caused major problems for Hawai`i was the department's electronic medical records. **Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Down since June 2022** . On August 10, 2022, the Coordinator learned that the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) had been down since June 2022 causing staff to rely on a paper/pen-based system with no clear indication of when the EMR would be back up for staff utilization. This issue was addressed with the Department of Public Safety with clear urgency. The Coordinator explained that this is a crisis for those in custody because:

- 1) Patient safety and health is at risk without a functioning EMR.
- 2) EMRs are necessary to ensure consistency in care across multiple providers.
- 3) EMRs ensure medications are appropriately administered and documented to lessen risk to patient's health and tracking of medication used, especially when being transferred across facilities.
- 4) From a cost perspective, EMRs reduce time spent on documentation as there are often templates and order sets to improve efficiency.
- 5) Additionally, this is massive liability for the Department.

The state has constitutional mandates regarding the treatment of incarcerated persons, therefore, it is crucial that the state comply with those mandates.

A tour of HCCC found some cells were locked with padlocks - this is not only a violation, it is dangerous and life-threatening if there were a fire or other reason for an emergency evacuation. The Coordinator talked to the staff, the issue was resolved, and a potential disaster was averted before anyone got hurt.

These are only a couple of examples of how HCSOC has alerted the department of problems before they turn into big, expensive issues.

Hawai`i's correctional system needs oversight, especially now, as we work on transitioning to a system that embraces our values of aloha that families, and all of us, hold dear.

We hope that you see the value in oversight of our correctional system and will pass the budget under ATG 100 to fund the Hawai`i Correctional System Oversight Commission and establish a budget line so they can proceed with their excellent work to make Hawai`i's system a model for **BUILDING PEOPLE, NOT PRISONS! PURPOSE; NOT PUNISHMENT!**

Mahalo for listening and providing the hope that the Hawai`i Legislature can put together a budget that serves all of Hawai`i's families, especially in this difficult time.

Your vote will show your commitment to **DEMOCRACY** and to the communities you were elected to serve!

Hawai`i True Cost Coalition

DATE: March 20, 2024
TIME: 10:00AM
PLACE: Via Videoconference and Conference Room 211
BILL: HB1800 HD1, Relating to the State Budget
Committee: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Hawai`i True Cost Coalition (TCC), we are writing in support of HB1800 HD1 relating to the State Budget.

The TCC is comprised of over 50 community based nonprofit organizations, serving over 500,000 of people across the state, that have come together to ensure that government funding adequately and sustainably covers the true costs of providing governmental services by Hawai`i community-based nonprofit organizations.

We support increases to contracts that the state has with community-based nonprofit organizations to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities. Many of these contracts have not been increased for over a decade, while program expenses including wages, utilities and administrative costs have all increased. Despite the rising costs, local nonprofits have continued to provide these critical services, relying on their own resources to fill this gap, which is no longer sustainable. Increased funding for these contracts will help ensure the continuation of these essential programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1800 HD1.

March 18, 2024

To: Chair Dela Cruz, Donovan M., Vice Chair Sharon Y. Moriwaki.,
members of Ways and Means Committee

From: Alice Liu, Program Director; Mothers Against Drunk Driving
(MADD) Hawaii

Re: HB1800 HD1– RELATING TO STATE BUDGET.

I am Alice Liu, offering testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in opposing HB1800 HD1– Relating to State Budget.

MADD Hawaii supports fully funding Victim Service Kokua’s request for state budget funds to ensure that organizations that receive Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) funding do not face drastic cuts that will impact support for Hawaii crime victims.

Federal VOCA funds are coming in at far lower than expected levels, more than 40%. Given that federal funds will be decreased, relying on State funds will be even more relevant. While this should be temporary, the urgent need to provide essential services to crime victims in every community requires the Legislature’s action now.

This shortfall will devastate many organizations that employ over 700 victim services providers nationwide. Removing this budget may eradicate the only DUI and Homicide victim service specialist from MADD Hawaii. Please remember who crime victims are and who they could be—any of us. VOCA funds ensure that crime victims receive emergency assistance, advocacy in the criminal justice process, and much more. If agencies are forced to significantly reduce staffing, it will impair their victim services for years, even if federal funding returns to previous levels.

Please help crime victims, who need every bit of support that can be provided, by ensuring victim advocacy organizations can at least maintain the same level of services currently offered.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Alice Liu,

Program Director

MADD Hawaii



March 18, 2024

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Dela Cruz,

I am reaching out today on behalf the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), to support the necessary funding that HB1800 would provide for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission's (HCSOC). NACOLE is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) association of oversight practitioners, law enforcement officials, and supporters of civilian oversight that works to enhance accountability and transparency in policing and build community trust through civilian oversight. We remain the preeminent organization dedicated to the support of civilian oversight of law enforcement, jails, and prisons.

One of the more important principles guiding effective oversight outlines the need for adequate budget and staffing. Ensuring that an oversight agency has adequate resources to carry out its mandate is crucial to its overall success. Inadequate budgetary levels interfere with the ability to have the number of skilled staff needed to conduct the work in a timely and thorough manner. Beyond allowing for the agency to carry out its mandate, appropriate funding levels signals a commitment to the community that its government supports civilian oversight of law enforcement, jails, and prisons, and the accountability and transparency such mechanisms bring.

Including the HCSOC appropriation in the base budget of the Attorney General' appropriation will ensure that this important and effective mechanism continues to receive funding and, as a result, allow it to focus on its critical role. It is my understanding that the work over the last year alone has proved incredibly beneficial to the correctional system: 50+ recommendations to PSD/DCR, 35 facility visits, 23 public reports, and 16 public meetings. This work helps to identify and provide solutions for existing systemic issues and, as a result, build community trust and create better conditions for both those working and those incarcerated in Hawaii's correctional system.

When there is a lack of independence, adequate funding, and the staff needed to support effective oversight it can send a message that initiatives like the one that brought the current oversight mechanism into existence are no longer being supported. Because of this, NACOLE stands by the need for

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jurisdictions to make sure the principles of effective oversight are being adhered to and is here to act as a resource. I am happy to answer any questions you might have regarding effective, sustainable oversight.

Sincerely,

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Cameron McElhiney
Executive Director
NACOLE



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Michele Deitch, Director • michele.deitch@austin.utexas.edu

March 18, 2024

Re: Support for HB 1800
(Funding for the Correctional System Oversight Commission)

Dear Chair DeLa Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

My name is Michele Deitch, and I direct the Prison and Jail Innovation Lab at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, where I also am a Distinguished Senior Lecturer. The [Prison and Jail Innovation Lab](#) (PJIL) is a national policy resource center seeking to ensure the safe and humane treatment of people in custody. PJIL also operates the [National Resource Center for Correctional Oversight \(NRCCO\)](#), which works with policymakers and advocates to improve oversight of prisons and jails. **I write in strong support of HB 1800, which would provide dedicated funding to support Hawaii's Correctional System Oversight Commission (CSOC).**

By way of background, my research and expertise is in the field of prison oversight. I have written numerous articles on this subject, including "[But Who Oversees the Overseers?: The Status of Prison and Jail Oversight in the United States](#)," and I co-chair the American Bar Association's Subcommittee on Correctional Oversight. I have also served as a federal court-appointed monitor of conditions in the Texas prison system, and I have served as General Counsel to the Texas Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

More than 35 years of working in this field have persuaded me that independent oversight is absolutely critical for the safe and humane operation of prisons. Prisons are among the most opaque institutions in our society, and the public and policymakers have very little idea what actually happens behind the razor wire fences. Insular environments like these put people in custody at risk of abuse, neglect, unsafe or inadequate conditions, poor health measures, and ineffective programming. But independent oversight such as that provided by the CSOC shines a light on what is happening behind bars, and that transparency is necessary for ensuring the safety, well-being, and rehabilitation of people who are incarcerated.

The Oversight Commission is requesting \$462,134 for FY25 which includes four full-time positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, and

office equipment. This is an extremely modest amount for the benefits the state receives from the Commission's work. It is a fraction of the amount appropriated for most of the country's other correctional oversight organizations. And it saves the state money through early identification of problems that can lead to injuries, deaths, and lawsuits.

Hawaii's prison oversight body was a long time in coming. It was finally established by the Legislature in 2019, following a multi-year study by a blue-ribbon task force that recognized the need for more transparency and accountability in how the state operated its prisons. The Oversight Commission operated throughout the COVID years with only volunteer Commissioners, until it finally received some limited funding in 2022 that allowed for the hiring of staff. What the CSOC has been able to do, even with a small budget, has been truly remarkable. In 2023 alone, the CSOC conducted 35 facility visits, issued 23 public reports, held 16 public meetings, and issued more than 50 recommendations to the PSD/DCR. The Oversight Commission has brought attention to critical problems in the state's prisons, been a voice for incarcerated people and their families, and been the eyes and ears of legislators who have responsibility for funding the corrections agency. In just a few short years, Hawaii's CSOC has gained a national reputation for the excellent quality of its work and the effectiveness of the oversight they provide.

Providing the dedicated funding for the CSOC in the AG's budget is essential for the protection of people in custody and for ensuring increased transparency and accountability for what is happening in Hawaii's prisons. I urge your support for this funding by passing HB 1800.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Michele Deitch, J.D., M.Sc.
Director, Prison and Jail Innovation Lab
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TO: Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: March 20, 2024
TIME: 10am
PLACE: Room 211

RE: HB1800 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, manufacturers and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee,

HFIA asks that our State budget be revised to include investments in two vital programs that will bring millions in Federal funds into our state's food system to help food insecure Hawaii residents.

Specifically, we are asking that the budget include funding for the continued administration of the Hawai'i healthy food incentive program, locally known as DA BUX, and to provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and funding for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program.

An investment of roughly 2 million in each of these programs would bring in up to \$22million in Federal funds that will go into Hawaii's food system to help fight childhood hunger, incentivize SNAP users to purchase of healthy local fruits and vegetables, and support our local farmers.

These programs provide a tremendous return on investment. This is a way to combat food insecurity, promote local food production, and make our state more resilient and economically diverse. We strongly encourage these vital allocations of funds to be included in our State Budget and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

COMMENTS ON HB 1800 HD1: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TO: Senate Committee on Way & Means
FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i
Hearing: **Wednesday, 3/20/24; 10:00 am via Videoconference or Room 211.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members, Committee on Ways and Means:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Comments on HB 1800 HD1, the state budget bill, including appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025, and funding for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. I am Rob Van Tassell with Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

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 to the most vulnerable of the people in Hawai'i

We understand that the State is struggling to deal with the disaster on Maui. **We urge you to take a comprehensive overview of all the critical needs of the residents of our state.** Families are struggling with the stress of high rents and food costs. Not only might this end in people moving out of state, it can result in domestic violence and even homelessness. The loss of our workforce also adds to cultural loss. Mental health issues are growing for our youth. The population of homeless elders has almost tripled. Needs are growing in many areas.

The State has depended on community-based agencies to provide essential services to hundreds of thousands of our residents. Now many of these agencies are struggling. **40% of the members of the True Cost Coalition may reduce services or close their doors if funding is not only maintained but increased. Their missions are to serve but they cannot recruit staff or continue to provide services when the State has not increased their funding for over 10 years.** For example, for many of our State contracts, Catholic Charities Hawaii is actually paying 26% of the true cost to provide services. What for-profit vendor of the State would be willing to eat 25% of the cost, to provide a service to the State? What will Hawai'i be like in 5 or 10 years if this continues?

We are a member of the Hawai'i True Cost Coalition, comprised of 50 community-based nonprofit organizations, serving over 500,000 people across the state. We have come together to ensure that government funding adequately covers the true costs of providing governmental services by Hawai'i nonprofit organizations. We urge your Committee to support the Department of Health's and Department of Human Services' budget requests which includes additional funding for rate increases for purchase of service contracts for service providers.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i respectfully urges you to include adequate funding for the true cost to operate health and human services for the people of Hawai'i. If you have any questions, please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson at (808) 527-4813.



HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:42:00 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 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

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of

HB1800 HD1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

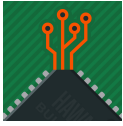
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee.

3D Innovations **supports** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC’s core 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.

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 manufacturing and technology sectors would not see the continued growth and scale that benefits our Hawaii companies.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



Testimony of
Ryan Kawailani Ozawa
Publisher, Hawaii Bulletin
Founder, Hawaii Hui LLC / Kilinahe Foundation

Before the
Committee on Ways and Means
Hawaii State Capitol Room 211
10:00 a.m. HST, Wednesday, March 20, 2024
SB1800 HD1 — Relating to the State Budget

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair; and esteemed members of the committee:

I support HB1800 HD1—which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs—with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC’s core programs in section BED143.

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 journalist and startup founder I have tracked, supported, and benefitted from HTDC's many important initiatives. I believe the HTDC should continue to have your support as an independent and focused public-private entity supporting Hawaii's innovation ecosystem. I am especially keen to see HTDC's important work with the broader community expanded

Core state funding is critical to maintaining the HTDC’s extensive and important role in securing federal and other grant funding for research and development and manufacturing. These funding sources are different from—and should be administered separately from—other grants sought and managed by other agencies and departments like the University of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:57:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia L Warner	Testifying for MorphOptic, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I support this HB1800 and any funding that is beneficial to HTDC and accelertor programs in the State of Hawaii. I work with MorphOptic, a new tech business on Maui, and have had the benefit to witness HTDC and their programs in action. They deliver thorough, thoughtful and well placed support to new and upcoming small, clean businesses in the State. Their efforts, and success of new businesses are bneficial for diversifying the economic base in Hawaii beyond tourism. They have great programs and a great staff. Thank you in advance for please supporting this important bill. Please call, text or email me if you have any questions. Cynthia

Statement of

**Andrew Min
Vice President
Min Plastics & Supply, Inc.**

before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
**HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee.

Min Plastics & Supply, Inc. **SUPPORTS** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core 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.

Min Plastics & Supply, Inc. has had the opportunity to provide our state & local community with industrial & manufacturing grade plastic sheets along with custom fabricated solutions for unique projects over the last 70 years. Program funding for HTDC is very much appreciated to assist in bring competitive products & services to market for the benefit of our local communities, continuing to expand the manufacturing skill & capability of the state, keeping current employees employed and increasing their skills for higher wages, and expanding manufacturing capabilities that bring new innovative solutions to meet today's challenges in environmental impacts, carbon reduction, water usage & sanitation, energy efficiency, and sustainable manufacturing.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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To:

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Members of the Ways and Means Committee

Bill Reference: HB1800

Aloha Chairs Dela Cruz and Moriwaki, Vice Chairs and Committee members,

My name is Les Estrella from Going Home Hawai'i and I am writing to request that you support the budget request from the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC, the Commission). The Commission is requesting \$462,134 for FY25 which includes four full-time positions, travel costs to visit each correctional facility, memberships and conferences, and office equipment.

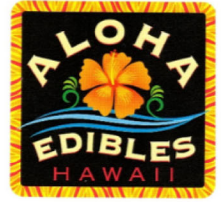
Although the Commission has existed since 2019 with five unpaid volunteer Commissioners, the HCSOC did not gain staff until July, 2022. Since then, the Commission has brought transparency and accountability to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L.

Going Home Hawai'i believes that every individual deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Oversight Commission is a key component in keeping corrections facilities accountable for their care of those they have custody of.

Should you have additional questions, I can be reached at (808)491-2437 or at goinghomehawaii@gmail.com
Mahalo,

Les Estrella
President and CEO
Going Home Hawai'i

Aloha Edibles, Inc



Statement of
Carri Loui
Manager
Aloha Edibles
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee.

Aloha Edibles supports HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core 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.

Aloha Edibles is a small, grass roots company that has had to pivot to survive in Hawaii's economic environment. In the past few years we've had to expand our business operations to include not only food products but health and beauty products as well. Without the help of grants we would not be able to sustain and thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 12:43:26 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James K. Chan	Testifying for Hawaiian Chip Company, LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support HB1800

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/18/2024 2:23:35 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shaun Roberts	Testifying for Malie, Inc.	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My company, Malie, Inc. (www.malie.com), benefited from being awarded and SBIR grant back in 2007. We are now in our 20th year of business, supply over 25 local jobs directly on our payroll and many more in the state indirectly through our multiple vendors.

Recently, this funding has been clipped, giving other entrepreneurs no more opportunity.

I'd like to see the grant funding put back in place.

Sincerely - Shaun Roberts, owner Malie, Inc.

Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance
1776 University Avenue, WA1-102
Honolulu, HI 96822



COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Conference Room 211

Re: Support of HB 1800, HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance supports HB 1800, HD1 relating to the State Budget. With respect to the DOE budget, we would like to highlight the need to continue supporting our DOE summer programs by preserving the funding in this bill for summer learning hubs.

Thanks to the COVID relief funds, our Department of Education was able to increase the offering of summer learning opportunities from 30 schools in 2019 (pre-pandemic) to 258 schools for summer 2024. The 30 schools in 2019 were offering fee-based summer schools for families with the capacity to pay for the services. By leveraging the ESSER funding, our Department increased system capacity and expanded access to summer programs for youth who need them most, offering all summer programs free of cost.

Summer learning programs have the power to significantly impact the development and success of youth. Programs can help students reconnect with peers and caring adults, re-engage in learning, and accelerate students' social, emotional, and academic learning. Summer learning programs can serve as a lifeline, particularly for families who keep kids safe, healthy, learning, and active—and ensure parents are able to work.

According to the [Wallace Foundation](#), high-quality summer programs, particularly those that incorporate both learning and enrichment opportunities, promote positive youth development, college preparation, and career development outcomes. Summer programs also:

- Close the achievement gap by providing students with more time for deeper learning and the extra help they need to recover from learning loss.

- Increase 15% of typical annual gains in math after one summer of high attendance (20+ days) and 20-25% of typical annual gains in mathematics and language arts after two summers of high attendance.
- Address student mental health by connecting young people with caring mentors who are trained to help youth build healthy relationships and heal from trauma.
- Promote physical activity by encouraging physical health and wellness.
- Ensure child safety by offering families a safe place for children to learn, allowing parents to return to work or take time to seek employment.
- Work closely with school teachers as vital partners in providing summer learning opportunities for students.

Moreover, we also would like to highlight that [Hawai'i public schools experiencing 'exceptional' academic recovery](#) compared to most other states. According to the [National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessments](#), this could also be credited to the summer learning opportunities offered by the Department.

The Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance respectfully urges the passage of this bill so our kids, youth, and families continue being supported not only academically but socially and emotionally during the summer months.

Sincerely,

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Written Statement of
Brittany Heyd
Cofounder
Mana Up
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
at 10:00AM
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference.

In consideration of
HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Mana Up **supports** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core 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 2023, this portfolio accounted for \$61 million in annual revenue (with 67% of revenue coming from markets outside Hawaii, bringing new dollars into the State), 595 jobs, and a 33% median growth rate. In analyzing



revenues of graduates before and after the program, Mana Up has helped add \$61 million in annual revenue in 2023 – 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.

HB1800 accelerates economic diversification by building upon HTDC core programs: Accelerator, Hawai'i Small Business Innovation Research (HSBIR) and Manufacturing Assistance Program (MAP). Many Mana Up companies 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.

Brittany Heyd
Cofounder
Mana Up



Written Statement of
Meli James
President
HVCA
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
at 10:00AM
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference.

In consideration of
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RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

HVCA **supports** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core programs.

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The Hawaii Venture Capital Association (HVCA) is a local nonprofit that stands as a nexus for entrepreneurs, capital foundation, and networking opportunities in Hawaii. Our organization helps 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. 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.



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Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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President
HVCA

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:45:06 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Abella	Testifying for 'Imi Ola Support Services	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing as an ABA provider on the Big Island serving Puna. I am submitting testimony in strong support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet).

We currently have a major need serving the community and offering quality services. In line with offering quality to our community, this includes training and being able to offer an adequate hourly rate to maintain Registered Behavior Technicians so we can continue to support our clientele. Allowing an increase in rates would directly support our community by being able to offer more quality training which directly impacts the service we render.

Puna is a region that would highly benefit from this rate increase and families and clients alike would feel the impact if this bill is continuously supported. Mahalo from everyone at 'Imi Ola Support Services for taking the time to hear us out!



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Conference Room 211 &

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State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

**Testimony in Strong Support of
House Bill 1800 H.D.1**

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Edward N. Chu

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 **strong support of H.B. 1800 H.D.1** that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) plays a vital role in the healthcare delivery system for the State of Hawaii. In fiscal year 2023, HHSC's acute discharges for the four HHSC regions were 13,278, which accounts for approximately 12% of all acute care discharges in the State of Hawaii. In fiscal year 2023, HHSC's emergency department visits for the four HHSC regions were 87,879, representing approximately 18.3% 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 81% of all emergency department visits.
- For residents of the County of Kauai, HHSC's facilities cared for approximately 22.5% of all acute care discharges and 38.7% of all emergency department visits.

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STATE OF HAWAII HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE

Statewide Hospital Capacity is Already Strained

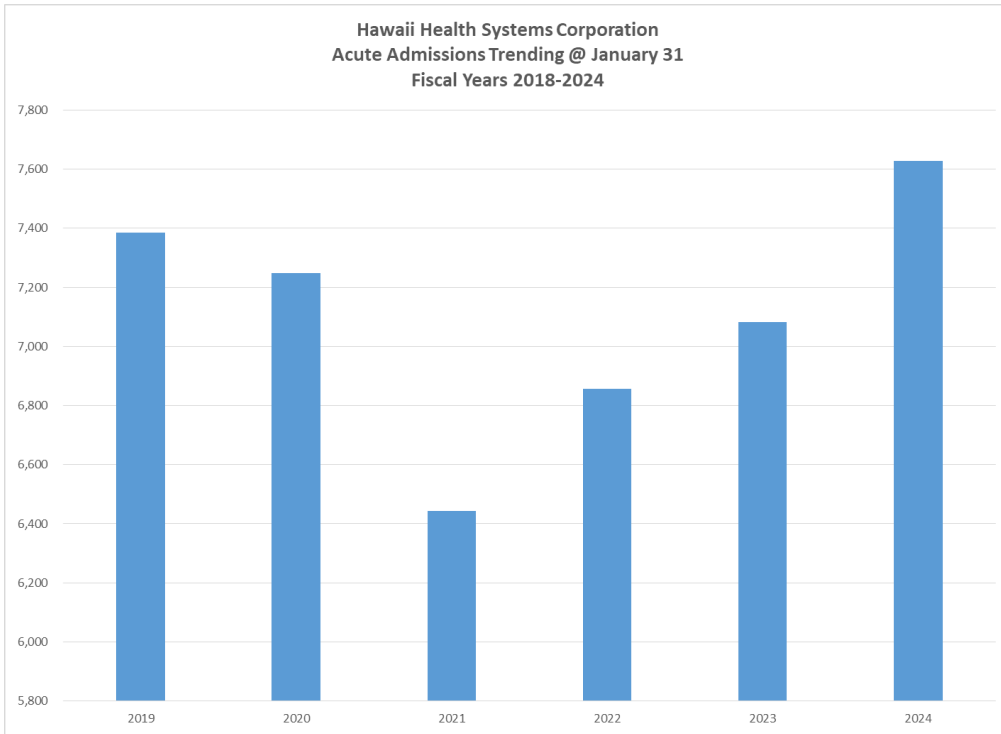
Currently, acute hospital census and emergency room visits across the State of Hawaii are at record levels. The acute hospital census has continued to grow even after the Coronavirus pandemic has ended, as shown in the chart below prepared by the Healthcare Association of Hawaii based on calendar year results.

Time Period	Average Daily Census	Increase/Decrease
CY 2019	1,970	
CY 2020	1,984	0.7%
CY 2021	2,184	10.1%
CY 2022	2,349	7.6%
CY 2023	2,393	1.9%
CYTD 2024	2,429	1.5%

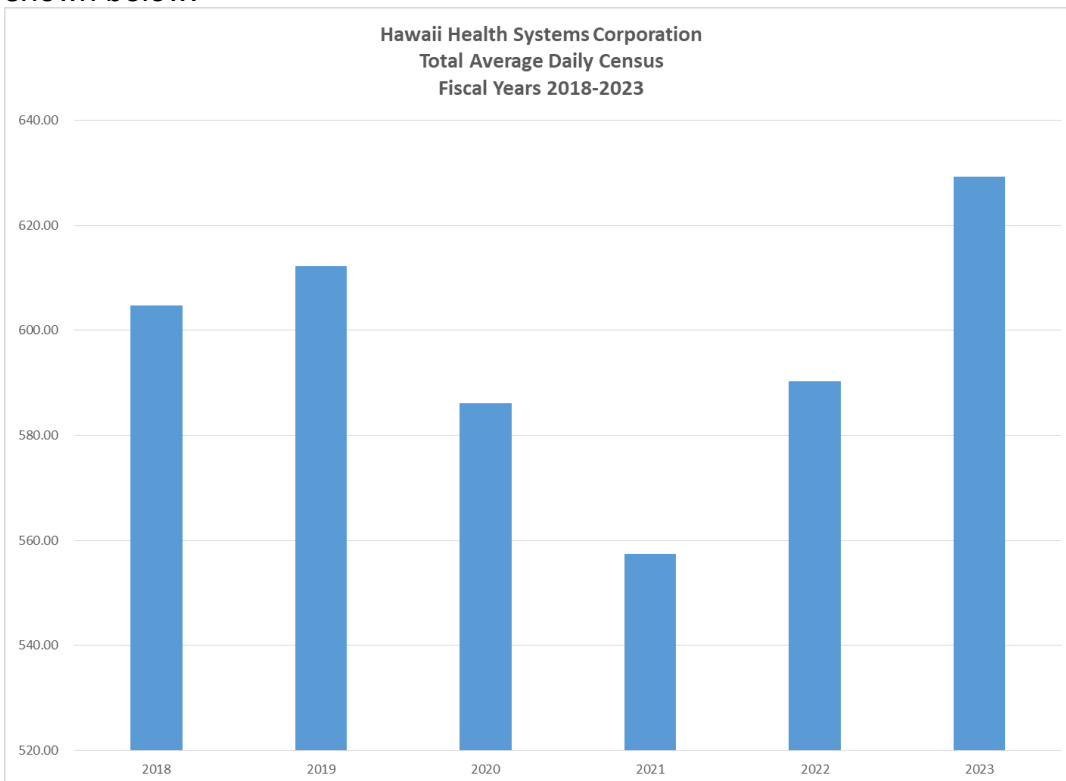
According to the Hawaii Capacity System database, on March 18, 2024, adult acute beds on Oahu were occupied at 94% capacity, and adult acute beds on all other counties were occupied at 75% or higher. Further, emergency department census statewide was at 119% of capacity, with Oahu hospitals at 137% of capacity and Hawaii Island hospitals at 107% of capacity. This indicates that Oahu hospitals already have very little capacity to accept patient transfers from the neighbor islands. The situation on Oahu has been exacerbated by the recent news that Wahiawa General Hospital would have to temporarily close down its emergency department on March 18, 2024 due to critical repairs to its heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. Given the current situation, any diminution of hospital capacity on the neighbor islands would have a severe and harmful impact on the State of Hawaii hospital system.

HHSC Inpatient Beds and Emergency Departments are Already Full

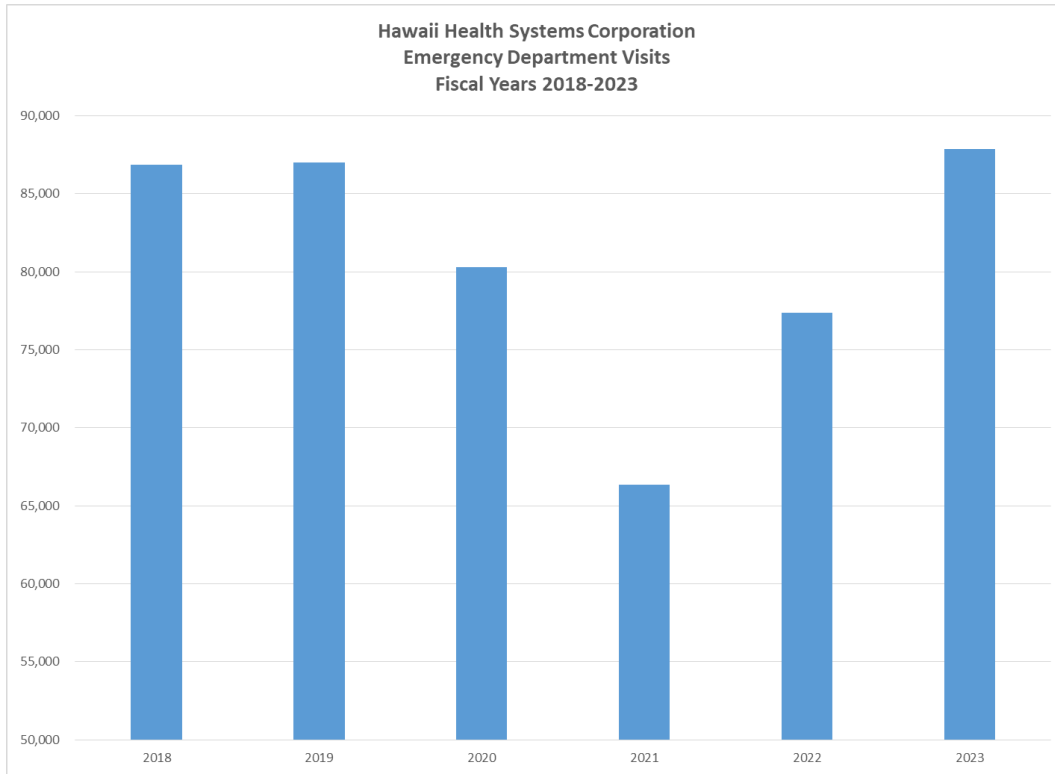
HHSC is in a very precarious position as its facilities dealing with record patient volume levels which necessitate higher staffing requirements while also struggling to fill those positions in the midst of healthcare workforce shortages. Through January 31, 2024, HHSC's acute admissions are the highest they have been for the same period in prior fiscal years since 2019, prior to the Coronavirus pandemic.



In addition, HHSC's total average daily census is at its highest level since fiscal year 2018 as shown below.



Finally, HHSC's emergency department visits have reached their highest level ever, as shown below.



As you can see from the charts above, HHSC's facilities are treating more patients than ever before, both in the inpatient and emergency room settings. In the face of these increasing patient volume levels, HHSC suffered from clinical staffing shortages as a result of the lack of available staff due to economic conditions such as high cost of living and the scarcity of affordable housing, and the limited capacity of Hawaii colleges and universities to accept and graduate nursing students and clinical technicians. As a result, HHSC has had to supplement its staff with contracted nursing and other clinical personnel. In fiscal year 2023, HHSC spent approximately \$42.5 million in contracted nursing and other clinical personnel as compared to \$14.4 million in fiscal year 2021, essentially tripling its cost for contracted clinical personnel over a two-year period. On top of that, HHSC was burdened with an increase in the fringe benefit rate assessed by the State of Hawaii from 52.83% to 64.25%, which would add another \$28.2 million in additional annual operating expenses that HHSC would have to fund from its own operations.

HHSC BUDGET REQUEST

HHSC-Regions Fiscal Year 2025 Supplemental Budget Request (HTH 210 & 212)

Please note that the funding amounts and requests under HTH 212 do not include the Oahu Region of HHSC, as Act 248, SLH 2022, established a new organization code for the HHSC-Oahu Region (HTH 215). As a result, HTH 212 (HHSC-Regions) is now comprised of the HHSC East Hawaii, West Hawaii, and Kauai Regions.

A summary of the amounts appropriated for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the total funding requested by HHSC for fiscal year 2025, recommended by the Governor, and provided in H.B.1800 H.D.1 for fiscal year 2025 are summarized below.

HTH 210, 212: HHSC REGIONS, CORPORATE OFFICE					
Funding Type	Act 164 SLH 2023 FY 2024	Act 164 SLH 2023 FY 2025	HHSC Supplemental FY 25 Request	FY 2025 Gov Rec	HHSC FY 2025 HB1800 HD1
General Fund Appropriations for Operations (A Funds)	160,286,303	160,286,303	160,286,303	160,286,303	160,286,303
CIP APPROPRIATIONS					
General Obligation Bonds	25,947,000	13,500,000	44,800,000	39,000,000	27,700,000
General Funds	64,300,000	15,500,000	15,500,000	15,500,000	15,500,000
TOTAL CIP APPROPRIATIONS	90,247,000	29,000,000	60,300,000	54,500,000	43,200,000

HHSC is in strong support of the funding provided to HTH 210 and HTH 212 in H.B. 1800 H.D.1.

Oahu Region Fiscal Year 2025 Supplemental Budget Request (HTH 215)

A summary of the amounts appropriated for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the total funding requested by HHSC-Oahu Region for fiscal year 2025, recommended by the Governor, and provided in H.B.1800 H.D.1 for fiscal year 2025 are summarized below.

HTH 215: OAHU REGION					
Funding Type	Act 164 SLH 2023 FY 2024	Act 164 SLH 2023 FY 2025	Oahu Region Supplemental FY 25 Request	FY 2025 Gov Rec	Oahu Region FY 2025 HB1800 HD1
General Fund Appropriations for Operations (A Funds)	20,189,000	23,372,000	23,372,000	23,372,000	23,372,000
CIP APPROPRIATIONS					
General Obligation Bonds	2,000,000	500,000	6,700,000	500,000	500,000
General Funds	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
TOTAL CIP APPROPRIATIONS	5,000,000	3,500,000	9,700,000	3,500,000	3,500,000

HHSC-Oahu Region is in strong support of the funding provided to HTH 215 in H.B.1800 H.D.1

Kahuku Medical Center Fiscal Year 2025 Supplemental Budget Request (HTH 211)

A summary of the amounts appropriated for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the total funding requested by Kahuku Medical Center for fiscal year 2025, recommended by the Governor, and provided in H.B.1800 H.D.1 for fiscal year 2025 are summarized below.

HTH 211: KAHUKU MEDICAL CENTER					
Funding Type	Act 164 SLH 2023 FY 2024	Act 164 SLH 2023 FY 2025	KMC Supplemental FY 25 Request	FY 2025 Gov Rec	KMC FY 2025 HB1800 HD1
General Fund Appropriations for Operations (A Funds)	1,800,000	1,800,000	3,227,720	2,032,500	2,032,500
CIP APPROPRIATIONS					
General Obligation Bonds	-	-	5,000,000	1,500,000	-
General Funds	1,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
TOTAL CIP APPROPRIATIONS	1,000,000	5,000,000	10,000,000	6,500,000	5,000,000

Kahuku Medical Center is in strong support of the funding provided to HTH 211 in H.B. 1800 H.D.1.

This testimony addresses only the amounts that would go to HTH 210, HTH 211, HTH 212, and HTH 215. We expect Maui Health Systems (HTH 214) to provide their own testimony in support of the amounts appropriated for those entities in this bill.

CONCLUSION

Despite our progress in financial and operational performance as documented in HHSC's budget briefing, HHSC still struggles to generate sufficient revenues to keep up with unfunded mandates such as State of Hawaii collective bargaining pay raises and fringe benefit rate increases. Based on its current budget projections, HHSC is projected to end fiscal year 2025 with only 34 days cash on hand (the equivalent of living paycheck-to-paycheck) with the funding levels provided in Act 164, S.L.H. 2023. **As a result, HHSC is respectfully requesting that the Committee on Ways and Means support the funding levels for fiscal year 2025 for HTH 210, 211, 212, and 215 that are contained in H.B. 1800 H.D.1.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure **in strong support.**



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1800 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TO: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Morikawa, & Members,
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO
DATE: March 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Parents and Children Together (PACT) supports HB 1800 HD1 Relating to the State Budget.

We submit this testimony as a member of the Hawai'i True Cost Coalition – over 50 community-based non-profit organizations fighting to sustain essential social services for our communities.

Service providers work under the most challenging circumstances and must have specific skills to both engage individuals and navigate complex systems. They must be supported by high-quality organizations that are sustainable and state funding is an important part of that. State contracts that do not increase over time as operating costs increase make this important work unsustainable. We support increases to these contracts.

Founded in 1968, PACT is a statewide community-based organization providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, we help identify, address, and successfully resolve challenges through our 20 programs. Among our services are early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org if you have any questions.



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Statement of
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
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In consideration of
HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee.

Guide Star Engineering, LLC, Kapolei, **supports** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core 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 Kapolei based technology company our objective is to perform research and provide services that benefit us locally and nationally. We have been successful at winning competitive awards from the US Navy Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program. HTDC's programs and efforts directly benefit awardees of the SBIR/STTR programs. It is important to understand that HTDC plays an integral role by supporting small businesses survive the so-called "valley of death" (that is the time between development of a prototype and getting the prototype to a production stage). With your help HTDC can continue to help us work with other small businesses and provide new challenging jobs in our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments in support of HB1800 HD1.

Sincerely,

Seibert Murphy
CEO

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 6:13:50 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Loren Walker	Testifying for Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice	Support	In Person

Comments:

Dear honorable members of the Ways and Means Committee, mahalo for your public service and for considering our strong support for funding the Corrections Oversight Committee's budget included in the Attorney General's request in HB1800 Relating to the State Budget.

[Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice](#) (HFRJ) is a 40+ year nonprofit. We are an educational entity that works to help individuals and organizations live cooperatively & peacefully. HFRJ provides, researches, writes about, and publishes the outcomes of its innovative projects to contribute to best practices and evidence-based knowledge about what can help increase peace, civic engagement, healing and reconciliation for individuals and communities.

Originally, HFRJ was not in favor of establishing the Corrections Oversight Commission because we feared it would be another bureaucratic government agency without value for improving things for people in our state. We are thrilled to have witnessed that we were incorrect. The volunteer Commissioners and its small staff have helped shed light on how the corrections system needs better management, and they have suggested solutions.

It is imperative that the Corrections Oversight Commission be fully funded to review the work of the newly named corrections and rehabilitation department. The department says that it needs over [\\$300 MILLION a year](#) to incarcerate about 4000 individuals while it has a history of high repeat crime rates for people who've spent lengthy periods of time in it's custody; provides a dismal lack of services to people in prison and for reentry; fails to maintain its buildings; etc. This state agency would also like almost [ONE BILLION dollars to build a new jail/prison](#).

Please support full funding for the Corrections Oversight Commission.

Please contact me at lorenn@hawaiiifriends.org if you have any questions about our support for this funding. Mahalo again for your service.

Aloha, Loren Walker, JD, MPH

HFRJ Director

HB-1800-HD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Liam Chinn	Testifying for Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Ways and Means Committee Members,

My name is Liam Chinn and I live in Ewa Beach. As a member of the Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition, I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in HB1800 HD1 that significantly expand mass incarceration.

I support a state budget that increases investments in services and programs that build safe, healthy, and equitable communities. We are respectfully requesting that you significantly increase investments in the following areas, which are proven by research and data to dramatically increase safety by addressing the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

- Vocational/employment training for living wage jobs
- Permanent supportive housing and affordable housing
- Youth programs
- Education
- Mobile crisis responder service for all counties paired with 24/7 drop off centers, and health care services that divert people from the criminal legal system.

According to Hawai'i Department of Public Safety data, at least 40% of all people in jail in Hawai'i are homeless. At both the state and local level, Hawaii's elected leaders have made it a priority to divert homeless and mentally ill residents out of jail. This means the jail population will shrink significantly in the coming years. We are also in a time of fiscal crisis, and alternatives exist to reduce our jail and prison population through data-driven strategies without jeopardizing/or enhancing public safety. Given this reality, please **REMOVE** appropriations for the following projects.

- \$10 MIL for planning and design of OCCC jail
- \$18 MIL perimeter fence for Halawa prison
- \$ 3 MIL for new jail in West Hawaii
- \$3.5 MIL for perimeter fence at MCCC (Maui) jail

- \$20 MIL for planning and design to replace KCCC (Kauai jail)
- \$3 MIL land acquisition and design of Statewide Law Enforcement training center
- \$22.5 MIL HCCC Consolidated Health Care Unit
- \$16 MIL WCCC Kitchen expansion

As our elected representatives, you have the opportunity to finally move our state past the failed approach of investing billions into more policing and incarceration which has not made us safer, toward the proven strategy of funding services and programs that address the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

Mahalo



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Statement of
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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee.

Ai.Fish **supports** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core 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.

Being one of the few companies, not only in Hawaii, but in the world that performs cutting edge Artificial Intelligence development in the marine space, this type of funding is critical for us to attract and keep the necessary talent to perform machine learning and computer vision algorithm development.



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Our work in the marine space using computer vision is perfect for us to remain in Hawaii. We have worked with UH, specifically HIMB (Coconut Island), identifying and classifying different corals from drone footage, the Hawaii Longline Association and NOAA identifying and counting fish on longline boats among many other interesting projects in a space in which we have carved out a nice niche. Among our local projects helping Hawaii's marine life we now receive sole source contracts with the government of Canada to set up and administer their country's Artificial Intelligence fisheries electronic monitoring program. This is along with projects in Alaska, the north east Atlantic (US and Canada) and Costa Rica to name a few.

The SBIR program and HTDC matching grant have been extremely valuable for us. It has enabled us to avoid having to go to ask for venture capital, usually from the mainland which can often lead to a relocation out of Hawaii. We currently employ 15 people with a few of them UH students and are in the process of bringing an AI Engineer and a Full Stack Developer from the mainland to work in Hawaii. **In the current AI space, things are extremely competitive** and for us to stay a thriving company based in Hawaii the support from HTDC is instrumental.

Please don't hesitate to have anyone from your office contact me with any questions a business owner and multiple entrepreneur might be able to answer for you.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jimmy Freese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of "Jimmy" being a large, stylized capital "J".

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March 20, 2024

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Chair Donovan Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Sharon Moriwaki
Members of the Committee
Via Electronic Transmission

Re: The Imperative of Allocating Adequate Funding to Protect Natural Resources
Support HB 1800 HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Aloha!

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 1800 HD1, Relating to the State Budget. Taking care of our 'āina and making funding available for preventive measures to protect, restore and nurture our land and ocean is the best insurance policy against wildfires, floods, and other disasters.

We all saw the devastating effects of the wildfires on Maui last August. No one wants another wildfire, flood or any other disaster in our islands. The Care for 'Āina Now coalition believes it is equally as important for our state to have funds dedicated to protecting and restoring our natural resources to prevent or mitigate the effects of climate events. This proactive, preventive approach to stewardship of our islands requires an investment in our 'āina.

The Maui wildfires have now amplified to every resident, and indeed the world, that no region in the world is immune to the impact of this climate crisis. We are a coalition of individuals and organizations committed to supporting better management of the state's natural resources. We estimate that an additional \$360 million annually is needed to close the current budget shortfall in protecting our islands against climate threats and the impacts of tourism. At its most basic level, this funding is necessary for wildfire prevention strategies.

Natural resources are the lifeblood of our pae 'āina, providing us with the essentials for survival and the foundation for Hawai'i's economy, our very society. These resources include clean air and water, fertile soil, living coral reefs, stable coastlines and beaches, biodiversity and healthy forests. We commend the legislature, cognizant of the local and global threats to these riches, for declaring Hawai'i to be the first state in the nation to declare a climate emergency. Protecting and restoring these resources is a moral, economic, and ecological imperative.

Based on the foregoing, we support this bill and strongly advocate for dedicating a significant portion of revenue to funding for DLNR so that Hawai'i can:

- Remove flammable nonnative plants and restore sites with less flammable native plants.
- Restore coral reefs to help protect our beaches and coastal communities from sea level rise and storm surges, while also protecting the fisheries that draw tourists and sustain local residents.
- Restore watershed forests that protect our water quality and supplies, in addition to reducing the risks of fire.
- Provide grants to local communities to assist them in managing and restoring natural resources, including reducing their fire risks.

Preventing damage to natural resources is often more cost-effective than trying to restore them once they have been degraded. For example, restoring a polluted stream can be far more expensive than preventing pollution in the first place. Wildfire prevention can be significantly more cost-effective than paying for the cost of responding to wildfires and restoring damaged communities and natural resources. Legislators who allocate funding for protection and restoration are, in essence, making a sound long-term investment in their constituents well-being, and the environment.

We have a moral responsibility to protect the natural resources that sustain life on our islands. Future generations depend on the decisions we make today. Legislators have a unique role in shaping policies that reflect our ethical obligation to safeguard the environment for all living beings.

In conclusion, there are numerous compelling reasons why legislators should approve funding to protect, restore, and manage Hawai'i's magnificent and irreplaceable natural resources. Disaster resilience, climate change mitigation, clean water and air, sustainable agriculture, economic benefits, public health, long-term cost savings, biodiversity conservation, and ethical responsibility all underscore the importance of such investments. By allocating the necessary funds, legislators can secure a brighter and more sustainable future for all. It is a responsibility that cannot be ignored, and the benefits far outweigh the costs.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that our natural resources are at the forefront of policy-leaders' minds and that the state budget reflects these priorities.

Mahalo,

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Small Kine Farm **supports** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core 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.

My company is the only USDA certified organic mushroom farm in the State. This grant helped me in the purchase of necessary heavy machinery and upgraded production equipment to increase the scale of production. Ultimately, it also allows my farm to be more competitive in both prices and quality of our mushrooms. I am currently employing 6 full time and 2 part time workers at the farm. Last year revenue was \$430,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



The Thirty-Second Legislature, State of Hawaii
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Honorable Chair Donovan Dela Cruz
Honorable Vice Chair Sharon Moriwaki
Committee Members

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RE: Support for HB1800 HD1 - Relating to the State Budget

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members,

Ma'i Movement Hawai'i **strongly supports HB1800 HD1**, which appropriates funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of public buildings maintained by that department.

Ma'i Movement Hawai'i is a locally grown organization committed to addressing menstrual inequity and ending **period poverty**, or the inability to buy and access menstrual products, due to factors including but not limited to financial constraints, lack of menstrual health education, feelings of societal shame or stigma surrounding menstruation, and inadequate access to clean facilities to maintain proper hygiene. We recognize the all-encompassing societal challenges inherent in tackling the broader issue of period poverty and menstrual inequity that disproportionately affects students, low-income and houseless girls and women, trans and gender non-conforming individuals, and those who are incarcerated. Menstruation is a natural monthly occurrence experienced by nearly half the population and an estimated [302,000](#) menstruators (aged 10-44 years) in the State of Hawai'i, for much of their lives. **Access to period products is a fundamental human right, instrumental to the general health and welfare of those who menstruate.**

Our work focuses on addressing menstrual inequity and period poverty in Hawai'i. Since our founding in 2020, we have seen the demand and need for period products grow in every district and county of the state. We have distributed nearly 1.1 million disposable and reusable period products to individuals and 135+ organizations on all islands except Kaho'olawe.

As examples, we:

- Collaborated with the Hawai'i State Capitol to install dispensers in all Senate bathrooms in 2022 and the House on the third-floor women's bathroom in 2023
- Collaborated with the Hawai'i State Librarian using grants from the [National Foundation for Women Legislators](#) and [Hawai'i People's Fund](#) to install 60 dispensers and free period products in all 51 state libraries.

- Collaborated with the Hawai‘i State Judiciary using grants from the [National Foundation for Women Legislators](#) and [Hawai‘i People’s Fund](#) to install 25 dispensers with 10k products across six courthouses on O‘ahu, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i island, and Maui
- Collaborated with Kaua‘i County to increase access to free period products in public-serving facilities, like a public park and county building
- Supported disaster relief efforts on Maui and distributed nearly 220,000 disposable and reusable period products in the immediate aftermath and to present-day recovery efforts
- Donated to 135+ organizations statewide, such as Neighborhood Place of Puna and Kona, North Hawai‘i Domestic Violence Action Committee, Ka‘u Rural Health Clinic, Hawai‘i Foodbank Kaua‘i, Mālama Pono Health Services, Marshallese Association of Kaua‘i, Food Pantry Lana‘i, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui, Maui Family Support Services, Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center, Moloka‘i Community Health Center, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Center, Hale Kipa, Hui Mahi‘ai Aina, and Ke Ola Mamo.
- Collaborated with students and faculty at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, University of Hawai‘i–West O‘ahu, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Hawai‘i Community College, University of Hawai‘i Maui College, Honolulu Community College, Kapi‘olani Community College, Leeward Community College, Kaua‘i Community College, and Windward Community College to install dispensers and provide period products; and met with students and leaders at private higher education institutions, like Chaminade University of Honolulu, Brigham Young University–Hawaii, and Hawai‘i Pacific University, to start programs on their campuses

In our various pilots, anecdotal evidence suggests that there have been little to no instances of vandalism, product overuse, waste or damage to bathroom facilities. This was evidenced in our school pilot and reported by several of the aforementioned partners, such as at the Hawai‘i State Capitol and Hawai‘i State Judiciary. In cases where there were issues, additional education, and signage with information helped to rectify the situation. Contrary to the assumptions, making period products free and available in public-serving facilities is welcomed and needed. State Librarian Stacey A. Aldrich shared “Hawai‘i’s public libraries enthusiastically embrace this effort to support the health and well-being of our communities”. Additionally, Third Circuit Chief Court Administrator Dawn West commented “While adequate food and shelter readily come to mind as daily necessities, access to these personal hygiene products can be difference makers in the lives of girls and women.”

Furthermore, we regulate and ensure toilet paper and paper towels are available in state office buildings and library restrooms for health and sanitation, and menstrual products should be no different. Access to period products is a matter of public health. It is well-established in research and our [own statewide data](#) that when menstruators have limited access to resources during menstruation, they seek other coping methods. This includes but is not limited to the practice of using unsafe and potentially harmful alternatives, like leaves, paper towels, and socks, using menstrual products beyond the recommended time, or going with none at all. As a result, menstruators face potential medical issues, including preventable infections that make them susceptible to cervical cancer, infertility, and toxic shock syndrome, which are serious and can result in death.

Menstrual products are becoming economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, trans, and gender non-conforming individuals in our State. The [2021 report conducted by Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma‘i Movement Hawai‘i](#) revealed the extent of

the issue in the state. The exceptionally high cost of living and wage gap for women specifically exacerbate period poverty in Hawai‘i. 90% of respondents believe menstrual products are expensive, and nearly 30% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining them, of which cost was the most cited reason. Other state reports, like the [Alice in Hawai‘i: 2022 Fact and Figures report](#), revealed that the number of Hawai‘i households struggling to make ends meet reached a new high in 2022, at 44% households. Equally concerning, 15% of households have income below the federal poverty level, which represented a sharp increase from 9% in 2018. When people struggle to make ends meet, they are more likely to also experience period poverty.

Menstruation also impacts participation in daily activities, with half of respondents in the aforementioned 2021 state report missing school or work because of it. Increased access to period products in state buildings and libraries will likely lead to increased productivity and opportunity for state workers and decreased barriers to visitors. 86% of people who menstruate have started their periods unexpectedly in public, and 34% have needed to leave what they were doing to retrieve menstrual products at home. Such disruptions cost considerable time and resources. Moreover, 46% of adult menstruators reported in a national study, [State of the Period](#), that they are afraid their career growth could be negatively affected if they ask for accommodations. Oftentimes, menstruators suffer through humiliating menstrual moments in public, like bleeding through their clothes or on chairs. Menstrual products are vital for the physical and mental health, well-being, and full participation of menstruators. Failure to consider period needs is a form of sex-based discrimination that disproportionately affects menstruators.

It is easy to blame menstruators for forgetting to bring their menstrual products with them. However, [14% to 25%](#) of women have irregular menstrual cycles, meaning their cycles can vary in length, flow intensity, or symptoms, like painful periods. While menstruators can anticipate the onset of menstruation, there is no way to predict the exact time of onset. In a [study](#) analyzing the time of day of onset of menstruation, only 13% experienced bleeding commencing within the same 3-hour time interval, and almost 50% demonstrated a very wide variation with onset at almost any time of day. Nevertheless, social stigma on menstruation continues to make menstruators feel shame about menstruation. In the United States, [58%](#) of menstruators are ashamed of having a period, and 51% of men believe that it is improper to discuss periods at work. Because of this, menstruators feel shame speaking about their periods and are uncomfortable asking others for help when they have difficulty obtaining them.

There is growing support nationally and globally for expanded access to free menstrual products. As examples from the past few years, [Ann Arbor](#), [Austin](#), [Utah](#), and [Washington DC](#) have passed legislation to make menstrual products free and available in state facilities. Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY) introduced sweeping legislation to address menstrual needs in the federal bill [H.R. 3646 - Menstrual Equity For All Act of 2023](#).

We urge you to support **HB1800 HD1** and welcome you to contact us with any additional questions you may have. Mahalo for your leadership and service to Hawai‘i!

Me ke aloha,
Nikki-Ann Yee
Co-Founder & President
Ma‘i Movement Hawai‘i

ORGANIZATION SUPPORT

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Alternative Structures International (Waimanalo
Emergency Shelter)
Big Island Substance Abuse Council
Family Support Services Association
Hale Kipa
Hawai'i Island Community Health Center
Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center
Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Hui Aloha 808
Kau Hospital Rural Health Clinic
Kahului Hongwanji Buddhist Women's
Lahaina Hongwanji Mission BWA
Lanai Community Health Center
Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement of
Hawaii and the Pacific Islands
Malama I Ke Ola Health Center
Molokai Community Health Center
PERIOD.
Wailuku Hongwanji Buddhist Women's Association



PERIOD.

March 19, 2024

Testimony in support of HB1800 HD1 - RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

Aloha Committee Members,

PERIOD. is writing to testify in strong support of HB1800 HD1, which would allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

This bill takes practical and essential steps to address period poverty for all hawaiians who menstruate while using restrooms in public buildings.

Hawaii has already required free menstrual products in schools, and it is time to ensure free menstrual products are also available in public spaces.

- Research shows that 86% of menstruators get their periods unexpectedly while in public
- Increasing access to menstrual products in public spaces reduces health risks, alleviates the burden of period poverty, and protects the dignity of all people who menstruate.
- Menstrual products are a basic necessity like toilet paper and hand soap.

Establishing wider access to menstrual products would help ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the state.

As a global youth-fueled nonprofit that strives to eradicate period poverty and stigma through service, education, and advocacy, PERIOD. is proud to follow the lead of Hawaii menstrual equity organizations like the [Mai'i Movement](#) in support HB1800 HD1. Our strong network of over 250+ volunteer PERIOD. Chapters around the world support the increased access of free menstrual products in public buildings, and applaud this bill.

We strongly urge all members of this committee to increase access to menstrual products in public buildings and unanimously support HB1800 HD1.

Mahalo,



Michela Bedard
Executive Director
[PERIOD.](#)



Damaris Pereda
National Programs Director
[PERIOD.](#)



SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, March 20, 2024– 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Via Videoconference

HB 1800 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Local Food Coalition **SUPPORTS** HB 1800 HD1, which adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

The Coalition specifically supports the budget request for the Department of Agriculture (HDOA), the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UOH100), which includes the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR).

The recent US Census on Agriculture showed that between 2017 and 2022, Hawaii lost 759 farms, 337 producers and the average age of farmers increased to nearly 61 years of age. The HDOA and ADC need to be able to support the next generation of farmers if the state wants to reduce our reliance on imports and increase local food production.

We support the \$2 million appropriation for the DA BUX program. This program supports healthy eating habits by allowing SNAP-eligible recipients to double their purchasing power to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. In addition to helping local families stretch their purchasing power, this program also leverages federal funding and supports our local farmers. A \$2 million investment by the State would receive a direct match of \$2 million in federal funding and provide a far greater positive economic impact.

CTAHR extension agents provide valuable technical expertise and support to farmers and ranchers across the state. We support the five positions in the current draft, which will allow the state to provide additional support to them. We also support the \$2 million CIP appropriation for the Poamoho Research Station.

The Local Food Coalition is an organization comprising of farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, investors and other organizations working to provide Hawaii's food supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 1800 HD1.

Hawai'i Aquaculture &
Aquaponics Association
Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council
Hawai'i Farm Bureau
Federation
Hawai'i Farmers' Union
United
Hawai'i Food Industry
Association
Hawai'i Food
Manufacturers Association
Kohala Center
Land Use Research
Foundation of Hawai'i
Maui Farm to School
Network (Maui F2SN)
Ulupono Initiative
College of Tropical
Agriculture and Human
Resources - University of
Hawai'i at Manoa



Statement of
Ron Weidenbach
Co-Owner/President
Hawaii Fish Company Inc.
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee.

Hawaii Fish Company (HFC) strongly supports HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core 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.

Established in 1978, HFC is Hawai'i's oldest commercial fish farm, and a federal SBIR awardee and Hawaii SBIR matching grant awardee since 1993. In 2000, HFC was awarded the U.S. Small Business Administration's Tibbitts Award as a national model of excellence for the SBIR program, and a place in the SBIR Hall of Fame. Our continuing SBIR success, with fourteen awards to date, has been made possible by the supplemental research support received from the Hawai'i SBIR matching grant program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB1800 HD1.



COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SUPPORT HB1800 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

We recognize that the State is facing budget issues and want to be sensitive to the community needs, especially the ongoing needs on Maui. **We are submitting in support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet) related to QUEST reimbursement rates for autism services which allocates \$2,690,000 in state funds/\$3,180,000 federal.** If the current budget issues allow room to provide funding for this population (with state dollars having a federal match), it will help to address current provider shortages, increase stable healthcare careers, and allow for decreased costs to the state over the lifetime for supporting individuals with autism.

Applied behavior analysis (ABA) is a medically necessary service provided for QUEST beneficiaries under the age of 21 with an autism diagnosis for intensive behavioral therapy (IBT), as mandated by section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT). Autism is classified as a mental health condition, included in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) and ABA treatment is the leading behavioral health treatment to ameliorate symptoms associated with this diagnosis and focuses on improving independence and decreasing the level of supports and services needed over the lifetime.

The state took great strides in the last legislative session to bring Medicaid payments to 100% of Medicare. Unfortunately for ABA providers, this did not include our services because the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes for ABA services are carrier priced, meaning the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Medicare Physician Fee Schedule \(MPFS\)](#) do not currently set rates for our services. This has resulted in a lack of parity for these intensive behavioral health services in our state.

We thank the legislature for passing the concurrent resolution in 2023 which required the rate study for QUEST ABA rates. As noted in the final report ([DC233](#)), providers across the state have reported that recruiting and retaining a workforce has becoming increasingly difficult. Reimbursement rates for QUEST services were set in 2015 and have not increased, creating a hardship for behavioral health providers. This has resulted in significant delays for beneficiaries to access services, as well as not being

able to meet the full service needs for children and families in our state. Additionally, some providers have reported not accepting QUEST or not taking on any new QUEST patients due to the below market reimbursement rates.

QUEST beneficiaries are too often faced with a lack of access to services across the state, especially on neighbor islands. Providers willing to accept QUEST report having to maintain waitlists, with families sometimes waiting for years to access their medically necessary behavioral health treatment. Research demonstrates that early intensive intervention and provision of services in line with the [professional standards of care](#) for treatment dosage produce the best gains for individuals and can decrease the costs of care over the lifetime. **Investing in access to services when children are young decreases costs needed to support individuals across the lifespan.**

Due to low reimbursement rates and the high cost of living here in the islands, there is a shortage of providers, creating provider network adequacy issues. An increase in reimbursement rates would allow providers to pay livable wages and create additional stable jobs to serve QUEST beneficiaries.

We urge you to pass this bill to address the urgent need for increased rates for applied behavior analysis services for the Medicaid population. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Mahalo,



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HAWAII HARBORS USERS GROUP

Testimony for HB 1800, HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Before the Senate Ways and Means Committee

March 20, 2024

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Harbors Users Group is providing **comments** for HB 1800, HD1, relating to the State Budget.

Special Funds collected, managed and expended by HDOT/Harbors ensure that facilities and services are provided to HHUG members who in turn support commerce and our local economy.

Hawaii's economy, and virtually every aspect of life in our islands, is dependent upon our commercial harbors to ensure the continued and unimpeded flow of cargo. The vast majority of Hawaii's imported goods pass through our commercial harbors, including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel. Given the critical role of our commercial harbors, it is imperative that the state support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling to service our residents and businesses.

Thank you for considering our testimony.



The Thirty-Second Legislature, State of Hawai'i
The Senate
Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony by
Microsoft

March 20, 2024

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee:

Microsoft submits these written comments on H.B. 1800, HD1. We support the addition of funding into AGS 131 - Enterprise Technology Services, for Microsoft 365 G5 – an upgrade from the State's current Office 365 licenses that provides additional cybersecurity, data privacy, and communications functionality. At Microsoft our mission is to empower every individual and organization on the planet to achieve more, and we are proud of our work to empower State of Hawai'i employees to achieve more every day.

Microsoft has been active in Hawai'i communities for many years. In 2023, Microsoft and our employees donated more than \$5 million in cash and in-kind services benefiting 674 Hawai'i non-profit organizations.

Today more than 15,000 State employees in Hawai'i use multiple Microsoft products and services in their efforts to serve the public. The State's most critical systems were developed to rely on Microsoft's email and productivity services. Microsoft's newest service, Microsoft Teams, is used by more than 10,000 State employees every month to facilitate seamless communications, collaboration, whether in Honolulu or working in communities across the islands.

Hawai'i's Information Technology Strategic Plan published by ETS prioritizes enhancements to the State's cybersecurity posture, optimizing sustainable operations, and developing the workforce. Microsoft is proud to be working with ETS to advance these priorities, and we have proposed several solutions that would modernize the State's past IT purchases, increase the security of its residents' data, and help employees find additional capacity by benefitting from the latest artificial intelligence technology. Here are the key reasons we believe Microsoft's proposed services presents value to Hawai'i:



- **Enhanced communications.** Microsoft is a leader in productivity, collaboration, and communication tools. Today more than 45 states rely on Microsoft 365. Every day, State employees use familiar Microsoft tools including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint to develop documents and collaborative tools like OneDrive for Business, SharePoint Online, and Teams. The current budget adjustment for G5 includes funding to migrate the state's telephone system to Microsoft Teams, bringing one more communications tool into the environment where State employees already work. By using tightly integrated tools, employees have a seamless experience working across their technology products and can focus more time on serving the public.
- **Greater cybersecurity preparedness and protection.** The G5 budget adjustment includes Microsoft's latest cybersecurity tools, which provide enhanced abilities to prevent, detect, and mitigate cyber threats. These tools also reduce the risk that sensitive citizen data is unintentionally released. Because these new tools will be built-in to the Microsoft 365 platform, they require less work than purchasing additional multiple third-party security tools and attempting to operate them cohesively.
- **Improved IT customer service.** By upgrading to the most modern Microsoft tools including Microsoft Windows 11 Enterprise and M365, over time ETS will benefit from improved user self-service tools, enhanced auto deployment tools, and fewer legacy issues that will lead to a reduction in user support calls. Additionally, ETS will be able to increase flexibility by delegating key maintenance and operations decisions to departments, allowing the technology to meet department needs while still upholding State-wide cybersecurity and data management standards.
- **Empowering employees with AI.** Today many state governments struggle to recruit and retain all of the workers needed to fulfill their missions. With this adjustment, Microsoft will bring its Microsoft 365 Copilot service to the State of Hawai'i, allowing employees to responsibly and securely benefit from the power of artificial intelligence (AI) technology. This new functionality will help employees find more time in their day by helping to draft emails and memos, analyze data, and pull together insights from across the State's existing data. In a survey of users eight months after they began using Copilot, 70% said the tool helped them be



more productive, and 68% said it improved the quality of their work. Overall, users were 29% faster in a series of tasks (searching, writing, and summarizing)¹. The proposed adjustment includes funding for 1,000 employees to begin using this technology, which we will support through trainings and implementation support.

We hope this information is useful to you and the Senate as it considers its budget and investments in ETS and we welcome the opportunity to address your questions. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the State of Hawai'i and we look forward to our continued work with ETS to empower the State of Hawai'i to achieve more.

Regards,

Colleen Kerr
Government Affairs Senior Director, State of Hawai'i
Microsoft Corporation

¹ [What Can Copilot's Earliest Users Teach Us About Generative AI at Work? \(microsoft.com\)](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/early-users)



Hawaii Women's Coalition

TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Honorable Chair Donovan Dela Cruz
Honorable Vice Chair Sharon Moriwaki
Committee Members

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 10:00 am

FROM: Hawai'i Women's Coalition

RE: **Support for HB1800 HD1 - Relating to the State Budget**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Women's Coalition is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls. Members currently include 29 organizations and agencies (private, public, membership), as well as individuals. The coalition encourages the inclusion of interested parties and in achieving equitable representation.

The Hawai'i Women's Coalition respectfully submits testimony **in strong support of HB1800 HD1**, and specifically the appropriation to Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of public buildings maintained by that department. The free provision of menstrual products is vital for ensuring the health, dignity, and full participation of menstruators. Women, māhū, trans men, gender non-conforming, and non-binary people who menstruate deserve to have their basic needs met.

Local data from the [2021 survey conducted by Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i](#) explored the extent of period poverty and menstrual inequity in the state. Nearly 30% of respondents reporting that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products, **of which high cost was the most cited reason**. 84.7% believe menstrual equity is a real problem, like food and housing insecurity.

By providing menstrual products in public-facing buildings, Hawai'i helps ensure those who menstruate have equal access to public facilities, irrespective of their gender or economic status. It is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity in Hawai'i and promotes common goals of public health, basic equity, and gender equality for girls, and transgender and non-binary people. For all of these reasons, the Hawai'i Women's Coalition is pleased to support **HB1800 HD1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Hawai'i Women's Coalition



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Soojin Jun
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before the
House Committee on Finance
Tuesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB1800 HD1
**RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET AND HAWAII TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HTDC)**

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa and Members of the Committee on Finance.

Jun Innovations **supports** HB1800 HD1 that authorizes HTDC to issue HSBIR grants to federal grant awardees of up to fifty percent of the amount of the award or contract funded by the private sector or government sources outside of the program.

Jun Innovations founded by Dr. Soojin Jun in 2015 has developed a proprietary supercooling technology that preserves perishable materials at below-freezing temperatures without the formation of ice crystals. The company were awarded with USDA SBIR Phase I and II grants, NIH SBIR Phase I grant, and State matching funds. Recently the company successfully completed tech demonstrations to interested parties including Samsung, LG, and Whirlpool home appliance manufacturers.

HTDC has provided HI SBIR matching grants to cover our labor costs, local manufacturing, and continuing R&D, which creates jobs in Hawaii. Grant would help us to offer comparable salaries to keep talented young local brains in Hawaii and State (or UH)-owned technologies. Patent cost (exceeding \$35,000 these days) and other lawyer fees associated with intellectual property (IP) protection is in general unallowable in federal grants although IP protection must be highly prioritized for our business activities. HTDC's SBIR grants provide a perfect solution to support our IP protection strategy and financial needs.



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According to HTDC for every dollar invested through this program, Hawaii companies have attracted 20 federal dollars in return to the state, plus commercialization funding. The Hawaii SBIR program supports projects with vetted technology backed with federal funds. The state matching funds are critical to winning later phase awards and getting some of the technologies to market.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.





Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 am
Conference Room 211

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Vice Chair Sharon Y. Moriwaki

From: Hilton R. Raethel
President and CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
HB 1800 HD 1, Relating to Health

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, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. 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 more than 30,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of this measure, which funds critical functions at the state that support healthcare organizations. We would urge this committee to consider supporting targeted measures around healthcare workforce, including the programs listed in HB 1827. That measure would fund three critical pieces needed to build our healthcare workforce pipeline—supporting high schoolers to get certified and transition to employment support for in key roles with a large shortage; helping current entry-level healthcare workers to further their practical nursing education and career while being able to earn a living; and creating modern, state-of-the-art facilities for our future healthcare leaders to train.

These programs were initially supported with seed funding from private sources and the federal government to test and refine models to best recruit and retain talent in the state to fill critical healthcare roles. Our high school certification programs have helped to connect employers with high school students who do not plan to pursue further education right away—which is nearly 50% of our state's high school students—and hire them into jobs with competitive pay, purpose, and the chance for further career progression. This measure would also help to renovate classrooms to become state-of-the-art facilities, attracting more teachers and students into the healthcare pathway.

Further, the certified nurse aide (CNA) to licensed practical nurse (LPN) program has been a resounding success, with 31 individuals graduating in our pilot cohort in December of 2023. Prior to these programs, any CNA would have had to leave their job in order to further their nursing career. Through a hub and spoke model with UH Maui College serving multiple islands and the support of employer partners such as Kaiser and Ohana Pacific Health, these 31 individuals were able to continue to stay in the workforce and make a living while working towards their LPN certification. Getting this LPN certification meant a 50% increase in wages.

Encouraging students to enter into the healthcare field must start as early as possible, and we believe that further investment is needed to ensure that we build a strong pipeline. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for this measure, and for the legislature's continued support in building the next generation of healthcare workers.



ALOHA SHOYU COMPANY

Statement of
David Y. Morikawa
Vice President - Operations

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:30 A.M.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol & Videoconference**

In consideration of
**HOUSE BILL 1800, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

The Aloha Shoyu Company, Ltd. **supports** HB 1800, HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for core programs of the HTDC.

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.

Our company has received the benefit of partial funding through the manufacturing grant program resulting in plant equipment expansion and upgrades. If the program is extended, we intend to continue utilizing grant funding for equipment upgrades and provide more products to Hawaii and to the mainland.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 am

State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

in consideration of

HB 1800 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA) offers comments on HB1800, HD1. We respectfully request that the two CIP requests in the FY2025 Administration budget in House Bill 1800 be reinserted. The two CIP line items are: 1) \$5,000,000 in general obligation bonds to complete an exploratory potable freshwater well in West Hawaii; and 2) \$17,932,000 for the construction of two roads at the Hawaii Ocean Science and Technology Park (HOST Park).

The \$5,000,000 is being requested for the for drilling, casing, and testing of an exploratory potable freshwater well. This is a joint project with the Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation (HHFDC). The water and development costs will be shared equally between NELHA and HHFDC. NELHA and HHFDC have made significant progress in securing approval from the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) for modifications to the special conditions. We have had discussions with stakeholders of over 90 individuals representing over 30 organizations and companies over the past six months. We have developed proposed modifications that have not received any objections from our discussions

with stakeholders. We are on the CWRM agenda for Tuesday March 19, 2024, to provide an informational briefing. The funding for the freshwater well is necessary to develop the remaining 250 acres of land at NELHA as well as provide water for an additional 2,000 much needed affordable housing units that HHFDC is developing at Kamakana Villages in Kona. Development cannot proceed until additional water resources are secured.

The \$17,932,000 is being requested for the construction of two new roads: Kahilihili Street extension from Makako Bay Drive to our southern boundary and is 0.26 miles (\$7.632M); and Pao'o Street is 0.37 miles (\$10.3M). Of the two roads, the \$10.3M for Pao'o Street is very high priority. It will provide access to over 50 acres of undeveloped land and one of the key proposals for this area is a County of Hawaii Low Carbon-Zero Emission (hydrogen and electric) Public Transportation production, storage, fueling, and maintenance facility. The full deployment of hydrogen technologies and infrastructure for the Island of Hawaii is specified in HRS Section 196-10 (7) (8). The County has already received approximately \$15M from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration and an additional \$10M from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Low-Carbon Transportation Materials grants program was recently announced by Senator Schatz. Requests to our congressional delegation for an additional \$10M in earmarks for this project were recently submitted.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Statement of
Dr. Michael Reiley
President, HNu Photonics, LLC
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee.

HNu Photonics **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core 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.

My company, HNu Photonics headquartered on Maui, has been an innovation leader in the aerospace industry for 17 years. We have deployed research payloads on SpaceX rockets, Blue Origin launches and the International Space Station. We have developed laser, telescope, and electro-optic systems for the Maui Space Surveillance Site and have current and past contracts with NASA, DARPA and the Air Force Research Laboratory.

We also have worked closely for over a decade with the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and the Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies. We were a key contributor to the PEARL microgrid and HTDC has supported several of our successful Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) awards including awards from NASA, DARPA, and the Department of Defense.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

March 19, 2024

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

RE: HB1800 HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members,

YWCA O'ahu supports HB1800 Relating to the State Budget which includes an appropriation to the Attorney General's budget. This particular budget covers the FY2025 budget for the Correctional System Oversight Commission in the amount of \$462,134.

We are proud to assist women in reentry through programming including community-based work furlough, transitional housing and Dress for Success. The work of the commission has been helpful to us as they bring awareness and encouragement for all of us involved in justice-related work to continue to improve not only what we do but also how we do what we do.

Considering the size of the correctional system across our state, the four full-time positions and other expenses related to their operations seem modest and reasonable. As we continue the discussions on how to create the best environment and to improve ways to care for those who are incarcerated, many of whom carry a history of trauma, we believe the commission will continue to play a key role in our community.

We thank you for your support of HB1800 that includes funding to support the work of the oversight commission.



Noriko Namiki
CEO

Statement of
Nelson Kanemoto
President & CEO
Referentia Systems
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB1800 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee.

Referentia Systems **supports** HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core 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.

Referentia Systems is a technology company with headquarters in Honolulu, Hawaii. Referentia Systems has received great support from HTDC including the HSBIR program. Over the past 15 years, HTDC's HSBIR grant funding has supported and enabled Referentia to develop proprietary technologies that are being commercialized within the State and on the U.S. mainland through a technology spin-off process.

The support and augmented funding from HTDC for HSBIR has helped our local small business to compete through marketing, the commercialization of HSBIR technologies and has positioned Referentia to secure large HSBIR Phase III contracts including a \$30M Air Force project that we are performing for our 5th year.

Referentia has yet to be a recipient of a MAP grant from HTDC, we see many benefits for the State of Hawaii. Modernization of our manufacturing infrastructure on the islands is critical, especially being so remote from the rest of the mainland US and the rest of the world.

We greatly appreciate all the work the HTDC team has been doing for the State of Hawaii, and the growth of our Tech economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



Community hospitals affiliated with KAISER PERMANENTE.

March 18, 2024

**Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee**

**RE: HB 1800, HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Hearing Date - March 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony regarding our budget appropriation requests for the 2025 fiscal year. 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.

As you may be aware, I officially joined MHS as the Chief Executive Officer on January 1, 2024. I have worked closely with our team over the last few months to understand the terms of the Transfer Agreement and the current financial position of Maui Health. I am honored to be here and serving the Maui and Lana'i communities.

We are grateful for the support provided by the Governor and the State Legislature in sustaining the health care system on Maui and Lana'i. Since our public/private partnership began, we have reduced our total state funding by over \$120 million.

Unforeseen challenges, including the global pandemic, a 52-day labor strike and the devastating wildfires on Maui, have impacted the speed of our progress. While our pace has been slowed, the goal remains to provide high quality, reliable and accessible health care on Maui and Lana'i without taxpayer support.

Each year we care for over 50,000 patients in our emergency departments across central Maui, upcountry Kula, and Lana'i. In 2023, Maui Health expanded its services to apply for Level II Trauma Care, enhancing our ability to deliver critical lifesaving services locally. Achieving this level of care delivery increased expenses, mostly for physician services, by over \$9 million. In addition, Maui Health is the sole provider of inpatient psychiatric care on the island and absorbs the cost of those services. Despite progress, we face ongoing economic challenges and seek your continued support as we continue to move towards economic self-reliance and sustainability. The economic outlook

after the wildfire disaster remains uncertain. Maui Health's immediate emergency disaster response incurred substantial expenses, including the forgiveness of over \$3.0 million in patient account balances for Lahaina residents. In the aftermath, displaced fire victims have frequently experienced increased and longer hospital stays where reimbursement does not cover the cost of providing care.

Our commitment extends to caring for over 100 kupuna in long-term care and skilled nursing in Kula and Lana'i, managing both hospitals at near full capacity. In 2023 we reduced the number of kupuna waiting for access to long-term care or skilled nursing beds by 30%, but continue to have over 40 patients living in the hospital, utilizing an acute care bed when they need long term care. On Maui, adequate long term care beds are available but remain empty, reportedly because there are not staff available to provide care. We absorb approximately \$4 million in costs while awaiting long-term care availability.

Extended lengths of stay for individuals without a safe discharge plan increase the cost of care in Maui by \$7 million per year. These patients include those who are houseless, have co-occurring substance use disorders, under treated mental illness, those needing an inpatient hospice bed, short term rehabilitation or those who simply need access to life saving antibiotic infusions that are unavailable in remote eastern Maui.

Looking ahead to State Fiscal Year 2025, hospital reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and Commercial Insurance companies is increasing by less than 3% while the cost of medical supplies and drugs are forecasted to increase between 3% and 8%. These facts require that we become more efficient to continue to progress toward our goal.

While these challenges are substantial, we believe they are solvable with sustained effort, funding and collaboration with other agencies. Maui Health is committed to doing our part in this ongoing work to solidify health care services for our community. Your continued support is appreciated as we navigate these challenges and strive for a sustainable and self-reliant health care model.

Given the information noted above, Maui Health respectfully requests the state's assistance in continuing to provide care to the people of Maui and Lana'i by providing an operating subsidy of \$17.4 million for Fiscal Year 2025. We appreciate your consideration and will be available to answer questions at your request.

In kindness and appreciation,

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Lynn Fulton

Chief Executive Officer

North Shore Hydrological Services

Matt Rosener, MS, PE, Principal

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**Testimony Presented Before the Ways and Means Committee
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

by

Matt Rosener, Hydrologist/Water Resource Engineer, North Shore Hydrological Services

HB 1800 HD1 – RELATING TO HYDROLOGIC DATA COLLECTION

North Shore Hydrological Services is a consulting and design firm working on projects around Hawaii Nei to better manage, conserve, and improve Hawaii's precious water resources. In the work that I do, as the owner of North Shore Hydro, I use weather and water data very often, so I know its availability is critical to developing effective solutions to the challenges we're currently facing. By now, we know that our climate is changing. This is impacting the islands' water cycle now and will continue to do so in the future. Because of this, extension of weather and climate records from existing monitoring stations is extremely important at this time, to ensure high-quality data is informing the mitigation strategies that will be essential to our continued way of life in Hawaii.

Likewise, expansion of our monitoring efforts seems wise given the context of our current situation. A rain gage I installed and operate at Waipā (near Hanalei) on Kaua'i captured 55 inches of rain in 28 hours during the April 2018 rain bomb storm that caused incredible damage and hardship in this area. This rainstorm shattered the previous 24-hour national record for rainfall, and it affected my thinking about how climate is changing in our environment. Low-lying communities like Hanalei are already vulnerable to flooding, and with sea level rising and rainfall becoming more erratic, the floods will be worse. For many years, the standard method to predict a 100-year flood was based on historical records and the assumption that the future will be like the past. Now we know that this is not true, and we must adapt. All the historical records are still of great importance, but we need to increase our monitoring efforts in these changing times.

The enhancements to Hawai'i's climate and hydrologic monitoring capacity proposed in this bill will greatly assist us in fulfilling our mission as stewards responsible for managing water and environmental resources effectively. Therefore, **North Shore Hydrological Services strongly supports HB 1800 HD1.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Matt Rosener, M.S., P.E.
Hydrologist/Water Resource Engineer

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HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 11:24:38 AM
Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chenoa Farnsworth	Testifying for Blue Startups, LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Blue Startups supports HB1800 HD1 that adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs with an emphasis on appropriations for HTDC's core programs.



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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) SUPPORTS: HB1800 HD1

Wednesday, February 20, 2024 10:00 a.m. Conference Room 221

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki & members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

I am writing to offer testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action in strong support of HB1800, which aims to fully fund the Campaign Spending Commission. Our organization is deeply committed to upholding transparency, integrity, and fairness in Hawaii's political processes, and we believe that adequately funding the Campaign Spending Commission is essential to achieving these goals.

The Campaign Spending Commission plays a vital role in safeguarding the integrity of our democratic system by enforcing campaign finance laws, promoting transparency in political spending, and holding candidates and political committees accountable for their financial activities. However, in recent years, the Commission has faced significant challenges due to budget constraints, which have hindered its ability to fulfill its mandate effectively.

HB1800 proposes to address this issue by providing the necessary funding to ensure that the Campaign Spending Commission has the resources it needs to carry out its responsibilities efficiently and comprehensively. By allocating adequate funding to the Commission, and adding two fully funded positions to their team, we can enhance its capacity to investigate potential violations, enforce campaign finance laws, educate the public on disclosure requirements, and provide guidance to candidates and committees.

Investing in the Campaign Spending Commission is not only a matter of ensuring compliance with existing laws but also a crucial step towards fostering greater trust and confidence in our electoral process. When voters have access to accurate and timely information about campaign contributions and expenditures, they can make more informed decisions at the ballot box, leading to a healthier and more vibrant democracy.

Furthermore, fully funding the Campaign Spending Commission is an investment in transparency and accountability, values that are fundamental to the integrity of our political system. By supporting HB1800, you will demonstrate a commitment to promoting transparency, combating corruption, and strengthening democracy in Hawai'i.

In conclusion, I urge you to support HB1800 and provide the necessary funding to fully support the Campaign Spending Commission and add two fully funded positions to their team. Thank



you for considering our testimony and for your dedication to upholding the principles of democracy in our state.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Anne Frederick
Executive Director

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HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:51:34 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Shimei	Testifying for Indivisible Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please add funding for two positions at the Campaign Spending Commission.

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HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:55:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa H. Gibson	Testifying for Indivisible Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support. Please add funding for the two positions at the Campaign Spending Commission.



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Hawai'i Drug & Alcohol-Free
Coalitions

Hawai'i Farm to School Hui

Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition

Hawai'i Public Health Training Hui

Healthy Eating + Active Living

Kūpuna Collective/Healthy Aging &
Community Living

Public Health Workforce
Development

Date: March 19, 2024

To: Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB 1800 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Hrg: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 10:00 AM

Healthy Eating + Active Living (HEAL) Coalition, convened by the Hawai'i Public Health Institute¹ appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **Support for sections of HB 1800 HD1**, which would appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2023-2025.

Departments need staffing.

Across our state, many public service employees work tirelessly to ensure our communities have the resources they need to be successful. Educators shape our future generations, health workers help others to navigate the complexities of public assistance programs, and the engineers ensuring our roads are safe, each role is critical to the overall picture of community well-being. Although budget constraints are incredibly tight this year, cutting positions to free up funding is a short-term fix that creates long term negative implications on the most vulnerable of our residents. Experiences during the pandemic have illustrated the dire consequences of under-resourced public services, revealing that the cost of inadequate staffing is acutely felt by many in our community. Reinforcing the resiliency of our state departments, to achieve a strong public service sector is crucial for the vitality of our communities.

Investments for healthy communities.

The Hawai'i Healthy Food Incentive program, DA BUX, provides a 50% discount on Hawai'i-grown produce for SNAP recipients. Incentivizing SNAP dollars for local fruits and vegetables stretches food dollars for families, especially with increasing food costs. The money the state invests into the program is eligible to be matched by federal funds. Through this program, SNAP participants can bring home healthy, local food; local farmers gain new customers and increase income; and more money goes into and grows our local economy - a "triple win." Please ensure that the Hawai'i Healthy Food Incentive program is awarded the \$2 million it needs to continue to bring positive fiscal and health impacts to our state.

Sincerely,

Nate Hix
Social Impact Policy Manager
Hawai'i Public Health Insititute

¹ The Healthy Eating + Active Living (HEAL) Coalition, formerly known as the Obesity Prevention Task Force, was created by the legislature in 2012 and is comprised of over 60 statewide organizations. The HEAL Coalition works to make recommendations to reshape Hawai'i's school, work, community, and health care environments, making healthier lifestyles obtainable for all Hawai'i residents.

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: **HB 1800 HD 1 – Relating to the State Budget**

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211 and Videoconference
Wednesday, March 20, 2024; 10:00AM

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Hawai'i Children's Action Network (HCAN) Speaks!, mahalo for the opportunity to testify on **House Bill 1800 HD 1 – Relating to the State Budget**.

As an advocacy organization committed to ensuring the health and well-being of Hawai'i's keiki, we believe that investing in preventive measures is a moral imperative and a sound fiscal decision. We strongly encourage you to preserve the budget for preventive programs and services for Hawai'i's keiki, such as:

- Department of Education (weighted student formula)
- Early Intervention Services
- Executive Office on Early Learning
- Investments in public preschool
- Preschool Open Doors
- Rural medical air transportation

Preventive programs and services are critical in ensuring our most vulnerable populations' health, safety, and development. By providing access to early childhood education, healthcare, and social support systems, these programs serve as a lifeline for countless families facing adversity, particularly our [ALICE families](#). They alleviate immediate hardships and contribute to long-term societal benefits by reducing the need for costly interventions later on.

Cutting funding to these vital services will devastate individuals and families who rely on them. It will exacerbate existing inequalities, widen the opportunity gap, and perpetuate cycles of poverty and instability. Moreover, it will undermine Hawai'i's collective well-being, as any community's health and prosperity are intrinsically linked to the welfare of its most vulnerable members.

Further, we urge you to reconsider any proposal prioritizing passing tax breaks for the wealthy over preserving essential social services. Tax breaks to a select few will come at the expense of critical investments for the majority of the population in Hawai'i. Sacrificing the welfare of our keiki and working families to bolster the wealth of the already affluent and preserve their intergenerational wealth is counterproductive to the health and well-being of Hawai'i's communities and economy.

Instead of pursuing austerity measures that disproportionately burden those least able to bear them, we implore you to prioritize the needs and well-being of Hawai'i's communities by maintaining and expanding funding for preventive programs and services. By doing so, we can create a more equitable and sustainable Hawai'i for all.

Mahalo for considering our testimony. We urge you to prioritize Hawai'i's future—our keiki.

Mahalo,

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Chevelle Davis, MPH
Director of Early Childhood and Health Policy



T E N
T O M O R R O W

Statement of
Summer Shiigi
Owner
Ten Tomorrow

In consideration of
HB1800 HD1

RELATING TO HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ten Tomorrow **supports** HB1800 HD1 that appropriates funds for 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.

We are a modern women's clothing brand here in Honolulu. Our business has been a graduate of the Innovate Hawaii incubator program, a recipient of the MAP grant, and we've attended several of the programs HTDC provides to small businesses. This is our 10th year in business and as we reflect on our progress, we wouldn't still be here today without the assistance that HTDC has given us. The culmination of their support has allowed us to grow our team, invest in technology otherwise unattainable, and increase revenue each year since we've launched our first collection.

We hope you decide to continue funding for these efforts. Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

Sincerely,



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Committee: Ways and Means
Hearing Date/Time: Wednesday, March 19, 2024, at 10:00 am
Place: Conference Room 211 & Via Videoconference
Re: **Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in Opposition to Carceral Expansion in H.B. 1800 H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget**

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Committee Members:

ACLU of Hawai'i supports a **Peoples' Budget** that protects the civil rights and civil liberties enshrined in our federal and Hawai'i Constitutions, and invests in healthy, safe, and equitable communities.

Our Decriminalizing Houselessness, Reimagining Public Safety and Smart Justice campaigns focus on diverting people from the criminal legal system, reducing the number of people in our jails and prisons, eliminating racial disparities, shrinking the prison system, and shifting wasteful spending away from incarceration. We advocate for reinvestment in things that keep our communities safe: housing, health care, jobs, education, violence prevention programs and restorative justice.

The Proposed Budget Grossly Expands the Carceral Expansion, Instead of Investing in Data-Driven Strategies to Address Root Causes of Crime.

Hawai'i continues to spend millions of taxpayer dollars on incarceration. **We spend over \$90,000 per year to incarcerate one adult but less than \$10,000 to educate a keiki in our public schools.**

Even with millions spent on incarceration, we still have a 50-60% (and increasing) recidivism rate. This aptly demonstrates that our correctional system continues to focus far more on punishment vs. accountability, rehabilitation, and redemption.

Criminal justice reforms have proven successful in other states by significantly reducing the pretrial population by 30-40% and the total number of incarcerated people, without compromising public safety and while saving taxpayer dollars. Eliminating our cash bail system or reforming it – is one way of diverting people from incarceration by 20-40%, as demonstrated in other states.

In Hawai'i, criminal justice reforms, have proven successful. Over the past 17 years, we have reduced the number of youth detained or incarcerated by more than 80%. Contrary to a popular myth, juvenile crime did not go up!

Diverting and reducing the juvenile population did not just happen by chance. A lawsuit by the ACLU of Hawai'i and an investigation by the Department of Justice spurred the State to address egregious anti-gay and anti-transgender abuse and harassment of youth at the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility.¹ In turn, this led to collaborative efforts by State and community stakeholders to divert youth from Hawaii's juvenile justice system, using evidence-based practices, and culturally appropriate trauma-informed care.

This collaborative evidence-based approach can work for our adult system too. We need to focus on the root causes that propel people into the criminal legal system and invest in proven community-based resources in under resourced communities to stop the revolving door to our jails and prisons.

Against this backdrop of success with our juvenile justice system, **we are disappointed that the Legislature's proposed budget appropriates over \$100 million dollars for jail and prison expansion, including \$10 million for the continued planning to replace OCCC.**

PSD900 General Administration (Department of Public Safety/Dept. Total: \$100.5 MILLION

Corrections and Rehabilitation (p. 214)

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| 1. PSD FAC-Wide Repairs, Deferred Maintenance, Related Support and Improvements, Statewide (address code violations and /or Citations affecting PSD facilities, statewide) ² | \$3,000 |
| 2. PSD General Administration, Lump Sum CIP Statewide Design, construction and equipment for urgent and immediate Repairs, rehabilitation, renovations, mechanical and electrical systems, Security and operational equipment and cited code violations impacting PSD facilities statewide. Total funding AGS ³ | \$7,500 |
| 3. Halawa Correctional Facility, Consolidated Health Care Unit, Oahu Plans, designs, construction, and equipment to construct a new Consolidated health care unit section at the Halawa prison | \$22,500 |
| 4. Women's Community Correctional Center Kitchen Expansion and Related improvements (plans, designs, construction, and equipment For the expansion and modernization of the Women's prison kitchen | \$16,000 |

¹<https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/hawaii-youth-correctional-facility-pay-over-half-million-dollars-relentless-campaign>

² The ACLU of Hawai'i does not oppose PSD's item no. 4 lump sum statewide CIP request for urgent and immediate repairs to address cited code violations.

³ The ACLU of Hawai'i does not oppose PSD's item no. 4 lump sum statewide CIP request for urgent and immediate repairs to address cited code violations.

Services and related support and educational services, facility wide

5. Women’s Community Correctional Center, laundry expansion and Related improvements	C
6. Request for Proposals for the Solicitation and Delivery of a New OCCC Facility, Oahu. Due diligence and plans for a new facility, including Consideration of lease buyback and other options. AGS	\$10,000
6.1 Halawa Prison, Perimeter Security Fence and Related Structural Repairs and improvements AGS	\$18,000
6.2 Maui Community Correctional Center - MCCC Perimeter Security Fence And related repairs	\$3,500
6.3 New Kauai Community Correctional Center and Community Transitional Center	\$20,000

The estimated price tag for the new OCCC is close to 1 billion dollars and this does not include long term operational costs. This exorbitant amount will only line the pocketbooks of consultants and make our communities poorer, not safer. This is a lose-lose situation and lives up to the status quo of Hawaii’s wastefulness when it comes to tax-payer dollars and resources.

Amidst an affordable housing crisis, high rates of homelessness, shortage of healthcare workers in Hawai’i, children and families still reeling from COVID-19, recovery from the Maui fires, and more Native Hawaiian and local families leaving our beloved Hawai’i because they cannot afford to live here, appropriating \$70 million for jail and prison expansion is unconscionable.

Department of Law Enforcement

In 2023, the Department of Public Safety split into two Departments – the Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The proposed budget for Operational costs for the Department of Law Enforcement substantially increased in 2023-2024 and will further increase in some categories in 2024-2025.⁴

We ask that the State Legislature carefully review this Department’s budget appropriation considering other needs in Hawai’i. We are concerned about the proposed appropriation of \$3 Million for the Statewide Law Enforcement Training Center and staunchly oppose this appropriation if the intention is to create a “Cop City” under the guise of a Statewide Law Enforcement Training Center.

⁴ The Department of Public Safety requested the following: Adds 70.00 permanent full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for both fiscal years, \$9,933,594 for FY 24 and \$9,708,355 for FY 25 for the operational costs, salary, lease and other requirements of the new Department of Law Enforcement.

I. **Public Safety/Dep. Of Law Enforcement (p. 213)** **2024-2025**

Law 900 General Administration

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| 0.1 | DLE Sheriff's Division Relocation, Keawe Street Station, Oahu | \$6,000 |
| 0.2 | Statewide Law Enforcement Training Center, Oahu
Plans, Land Acquisition and Design including a site selection study | \$3,000 |

We Support Amendments to Strike Appropriations for Law Enforcement and Carceral Expansion, and Request Justice Investments in Under resourced Communities and Strategies Proven to Increase Public Safety.

We implore the Hawai'i to reallocate proposed funding for carceral expansion to affordable and recovery housing, healthcare, education, work force development and alternative crisis response teams trained in de-escalation and harm reduction techniques. In doing so, we will pivot away from the status quo of sending armed police officers to respond to mental health crises, which has led to an increase in use of force and providing the services that people in crisis need.

In summary, we ask that you increase investments in the following to meet the needs of our communities:

- Affordable Housing – Housing first program, rapid re-housing program and permanent supportive housing, 'Ohana zones
- Education – Early, Public Schools, Charter Schools, Higher Education
- Youth Programs
- Workforce Development
- Counselors, Behavioral Health Specialists and Mentors in Schools and Communities
- Drop- In Centers 24/7 on every island
- Crisis Response Systems
- Harm Reduction Programs
- Health Care
- Drug Treatment On Demand
- Libraries
- Family Resource Centers
- Diversion services
- Re-entry and Reintegration Programs
- Language Access
- Immigration Support Services

Full Funding for the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission is Necessary for the
Commission to Fulfill Its Statutory Mandate.

Of note, we request full funding, including an investigator position for the **Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission**, in the State's budget. The Oversight Commission is fulfilling its mandate to promote transparency and accountability in our jails and prisons and provides opportunities for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to remedy violations under federal and state laws, and correctional standards – prior to federal intervention from the Department of Justice for unconstitutional conditions of confinement.⁵

In closing, we respectfully request a budget that Reimagines Public Safety and builds safe, healthy, thriving, and equitable communities.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony and proposed amendments relating to **H.B. 1800 H.D.1**.

Sincerely,

Carrie Ann Shirota

Carrie Ann Shirota
Policy Director
ACLU of Hawai'i
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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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TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair

LATE

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

FROM: AF3IRM Hawai'i

RE: HB 1800 SD1 RELATING TO THE BUDGET - MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HB 1800, SD 1. AF3IRM Hawai'i **SUPPORTS this measure** to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries. This measure is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty, and protecting the dignity of all menstruating people.

Providing menstrual products in all bathrooms is a key part of menstrual equity. Many AF3IRM members are also service providers and/or work for social service nonprofit organizations. Sharing free period products broadens access to those who need it, and also strengthens community care and understanding of period poverty as an issue that we can solve together.

In the same way that public goods such as education, libraries, and parks are for the people of Hawai'i, may we normalize and prioritize addressing the needs of our people. Through Ma'i Movement's years of advocacy, community members had a space to share their lived experiences with period poverty. They have inspired folks to also take action to address these needs through advocacy and collaborations with other nonprofit organizations, business, schools, and government leaders can continue to do their part in ensuring no one gets left behind.

Ma'i Movement's work has shed light on how period poverty and menstrual inequity result directly from socioeconomic, gender, and racial injustices. In the 2021 report, Hawai'i's "exceptionally high cost of living and wage gap for women specifically exacerbate period poverty in Hawai'i. In addition, 90% of respondents believed that menstrual products are "expensive" with nearly 30% of respondents reporting that they or someone in their households experienced difficulty obtaining menstrual products.

Please pass HB 1800 to ensure equity and dignity to girls, women, and menstruators / menstruating people. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2024 12:01:56 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Airabella Molina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Airabella, and I am a resident of Kaneohe.

I am writing to express my strong support for HB1800 HD1, which aims to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

As a young woman who has grown up in Hawaii, I have encountered firsthand the challenges and stigma associated with menstruation. There have been numerous occasions where access to period products has been limited or even nonexistent, leading to feelings of discomfort and embarrassment. These experiences have underscored the pressing need for accessible and equitable menstrual hygiene solutions for all individuals, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

I believe that access to period products is a basic necessity and a matter of dignity. No one should have to experience the anxiety and inconvenience of not being able to access these essential items when needed. Moreover, ensuring access to period products promotes inclusivity and supports the well-being of all individuals in our community.

I am particularly passionate about this issue because of a personal experience I had while studying at a state library. One day, during an important study session, I unexpectedly started my period and realized I did not have any supplies with me. I felt embarrassed and anxious, and it disrupted my ability to focus on my studies. This experience left a lasting impact on me and reinforced the importance of ensuring that period products are readily available in public spaces.

By allocating funding to provide period products and dispensers in state buildings and libraries, HB1800 HD1 has the potential to make a significant difference in the lives of many individuals across our state. This bill not only addresses a practical need but also sends a powerful message about the value of inclusivity and compassion.

In conclusion, I urge the Committee to support HB1800 HD1 and prioritize the well-being and dignity of all individuals in our community. Thank you for considering my testimony and for your commitment to addressing this important issue.

Mahalo,

Airabella

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Submitted on: 3/17/2024 1:37:55 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emi Shigekane	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Emi Shigekane, and I am a freshman in college from Kailua, O'ahu.

I am testifying in support of HB1800 HD1 to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

Menstrual products are a hygienic necessity. For bleeding people, menstrual products are as important as toilet paper in our state bathrooms. Please think of all the women that will benefit from these allocated funds, and support this bill to lift up Hawai'i.

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

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Submitted on: 3/17/2024 2:16:27 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lea Minton	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lea and I am a resident of Hauula, HI.

I am testifying in support of HB1800 HD1 to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

This service is vital for people who experience menstrual bleeding, as not having the products available can reduce their ability to participate in society and their livelihood.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill. Please pass HB1800 HD1.

March 18, 2024

TO: Senators Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means (WAM)

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Dear Senators Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Henry J.C. Aquino, Troy N. Hashimoto, Lorraine R. Inouye, Dru Mamo Kanuha, Michelle N. Kidani, Donna Mercado Kim, Chris Lee, Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Glenn Wakai, and Kurt Fevella

Aloha!

I am Bruce W. Mathews and I am a resident of Hilo where I have worked for the past 31 years.

I strongly support of HB1800. I urge you to protect the budget of \$462,134 for the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC) in HB1800. During the past year I learned about the excellent work performed by the HCSOC.

The HSCOC and its staff are helping to change the prison system to one placing greater efforts on rehabilitation which allows for better outcomes both within prison and once prisoners are paroled or released. Without funding for staff, the HSCOC is limited in what it can accomplish. I was impressed with the comments from the HSCOC representatives when they attended a community forum on restorative justice that was held at UH Hilo on February 29th. The professional interactions of the HSCOC with the public, including former prisoners and UH Hilo and Hawai'i Community College students were highly valued. Without funding, HSCOC visits to the neighbor islands and holding of hearings where the public can participate in person will be eliminated. Please protect the full budget request for the HSCOC as their efforts are in the best interest of Hawai'i's people and a better functioning correctional system.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to submit testimony!

Bruce W. Mathews

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Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:09:45 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Andrea Ng and I am a resident of Kaimuki.

I am testifying in support of HB1800 HD1 to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

I support this because I have experienced numerous times whereby I needed menstrual products at school but could not find any. As a student especially, it is difficult to make ends meet in Hawai'i, and menstrual products add a heavy burden onto student budgets. Menstrual products are a basic necessity, toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products, but are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people, and prevent people from going to school or work.

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

Andrea

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Submitted on: 3/17/2024 8:40:48 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois Torikawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I respectfully urge you to vote in favor of this budget bill. This bill adds the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission into the ATG base budget FY 2024-2025, and at full funding of \$462,134.

I retired from the State of Hawai'i at 42 years of service. I was with the Dept.of Public Safety (now Dept of Corrections & Rehabilitation) for a total of approximately 38 years as a clerk and then social worker, retiring in Dec 2022.

Over the decades, I had observed the Dept eventually fall into a general state of entropy regarding care and support of the inmates and the staff. Now, I have observed the Commission and their staff implementing positive change and holding the DCR accountable towards achieving the therapeutic, rehabilitative models set forth in Act 179.

Sometimes, components of facility operations have been done one way for so long, it becomes part of the routine and then after a while no one thinks about it. But it's actually a detrimental thing that's occurring. Here is just one example - during a Hawai'i Community Correctional Center site visit, the Commission discovered that female inmates were not being given sanitary pads for their menstrual periods. The Commission staff navigated through various roadblocks to help resolve this essential issue. If the Commission had not brought this issue up - based on the Dept's general historical pattern, it would likely have continued until perhaps it hit the media, or possibly legal action. Sometimes it takes "fresh eyes" and an objective third party to notice things. This is just part of what the volunteer Commissioners and its paid staff does for Hawai'i's inmates and the Dept.

The Commission and staff has brought a wealth of national and international knowledge and resources to the table for Director Tommy Johnson to choose to utilize. Whereas national correctional resource organizations such as NIC could provide assistance, with the Commission & its staff we now have a Hawai'i-based resource whose sole focus is to improve Hawai'i's correctional system. Historically, change in the Dept (& millions of dollars over the years) has been brought on by litigation, class action lawsuits, and consent decrees. Let's use this once in a lifetime opportunity of having the Commission and their staff to help make things right for DCR once and for all.

New facilities, renovations, and hiring/retaining staff will certainly help. This will take many months and even years. The Commission staff can assist the Dept in making purposeful, systematic, effective changes now and in the following months. What can be worked on now for long term positive change is the heart of the Dept - how the inmates and staff are assisted, treated and supported, towards an effective correctional system.

Please vote in support of this bill, which fully funds the Hawai'i Correctional Oversight Commission for FY 2024-2025. Allow the Commission to continue and expand on the work they have already started - for the inmates, their families, the community to which they will be returning, and DCR staff.

Sincerely, Lois Torikawa

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Submitted on: 3/17/2024 9:43:28 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauralee Dice	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lauralee Baoy and I am a resident of Makiki.

I am testifying in support of HB1800 HD1 to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

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

HB1800 HD1- RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Moriwaki, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Thank you for this opportunity to provide personal testimony in **strong support of HB1800 HD1** relating to adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs such as the University of Hawai‘i, at Mānoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR).

Extension Agent Faculty (5.0 FTE) Positions

To disseminate research based information to the public at large; each land grant university has a federally mandated Cooperative Extension (CE) associated with its institution. CTAHR serves as the land grant college of the University of Hawai‘i (UH).

Historically, individuals, organizations, and communities have turned to the CTAHR for assistance in developing solutions to their critical and emerging problems. CTAHR’s goal is to develop an educated community, healthy population, and sustainable food system and environment that strengthens the well-being and economic development of the people of Hawai‘i. Its mission is to provide exceptional transdisciplinary education, research, and extension in tropical agriculture, natural resources, and human well-being to local and global communities.

The UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension serves four counties in Hawai‘i, which are located on 5 islands within the Hawaiian island chain. Agents are limited in numbers, geographically separated and must deal with diverse conditions unique to each location. Research that applies to the continental United States is not always applicable to Hawai‘i’s conditions. Continued applied research on farm field trials, demonstrations and educational programming in rural areas are needed to provide alternatives and answers to emerging and re-occurring issues.

This bill helps to establish five much-needed full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) Extension faculty positions across the state.

Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) Funds- Poamoho Research Station

Local food sustainability is vital as Hawai‘i remains one of the most geographically isolated locations in the world. Increased food self-sufficiency and security is a priority for a state which relies on 85-90% of imports as its primary food source.

Since 2012, the State of Hawai‘i acquired and purchased 1,723 acres of the Galbraith Estate, and over 2000 acres in Whitmore which is currently under the management of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) and OHA. Much of these newly acquired lands have the same soil classification (Oxisol: Wahiawā Soil Series) as the Poamoho Research Station (PRS).

Agricultural research conducted at other research stations is not always applicable to the Wahiawā soil series type of conditions (weathered, low pH, manganese issues, etc). Investment

into Poamoho Research Station is critical to supporting the largest diversified ag production area on O'ahu with area specific, science-based information.

Poamoho Research Station serves as a research and Extension education facility for UH/ CTAHR researchers, specialist Extension agents, staff and students. PRS supports the work of undergraduate and graduate level field trials. The site also serves as a testing site for the IR-4 Minor Crop Registration Program. The IR-4 field trials conducted at Poamoho Research Station addresses pest management needs of specialty crops by obtaining essential residue data needed to determine pesticide tolerance. IR-4 project aids with the registration of new plant protection chemistries with state-wide and national benefits i.e. Coffee Berry Borer.

PRS is a hub for specialty vegetable cultivar screening and development, seed production for ADSC, long term soil health evaluations, post-harvest technologies, and sustainable and organic pest management field trials.

This bill helps to provide \$2 million for FY 24-25 in CIP funds to support the sustainability of this vital and aged facility. The estimated cost for repair, maintenance, and demolition of buildings is approximately two million dollars.

Legislative support is desperately needed to support the sustainability of CTAHR's research and Extension educational programs and its off-campus facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong personal support for HB1800 HD1.

Jari Sugano, UH CTAHR, O'ahu County Administrator

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 5:14:59 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Genevieve Jaser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Genevieve and I am a resident of NYC, in the United States.

I am testifying in support of HB1800 HD1 to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

I support this because in my current job, I have worked with hundreds of state and county buildings and libraries who serve communities where free period products are a necessity. Just like toilet paper, period products are a basic necessity. It is essential that public places offer equal and equitable access to all visitors - including those with any without periods, and menstrual products should not be forgotten.

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

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March 18, 2024

TO: Committee on Ways and Means
RE: HB 1800, HD 1
HEARING: Wednesday, March 20, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
ROOM: Conf. Room 211 and via video conference
POSITION: Strongly support appropriation for Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the committee:

I strongly support HB 1800 HD 1's appropriation for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission.

I served as Vice-Chair of the HCR 85 Task Force on Prison Reform and was the principal author of the Task Force's final report to the 2019 Legislature which, among other things, recommended that the State of Hawaii create an independent commission to oversee the Department of Public Safety.¹ Independent oversight is a correctional best practice and is an absolutely essential element of a safe and effective correctional system. As the Task Force pointed out:

Prisons and jails are closed institutions, both literally and symbolically, and they operate far away from public view. In such closed environments, abuse is more likely to occur and less likely to be discovered. Staff members and inmates with malicious intent often find they can act with impunity, while those with more benign objectives may find their plans thwarted by a lack of resources or an institutional culture that is unsupportive of their efforts or content with the status quo. Insular environments tend to put prisoners at risk of abuse, neglect,

¹ "Creating Better Outcomes, Safer Communities, Final Report of the House Concurrent Resolution 85 Task Force on Prison Reform to the Hawaii Legislature, 2019 Reg. Sess. p. 37.

and poor conditions, and the lack of outside scrutiny provides no challenge to this treatment.²

Hawaii's Oversight Commission has broad responsibilities. It oversees a statewide correctional system that has an annual budget of \$274 million and is responsible for the health and welfare of more than 4,000 incarcerated men and women, and in addition to its general oversight responsibilities, it is statutorily required to:

- (1) Investigate complaints from prisoners, staff, and the public;
- (2) Facilitate the correctional system's transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model;
- (3) Establish maximum inmate population limits for each correctional facility;
- (4) Formulate policies and procedures to prevent the inmate population from exceeding the capacity of each correctional facility;
- (5) Work with the Department to monitor and review the comprehensive offender reentry program, including facility educational and treatment programs, rehabilitative services, work furloughs, and the Hawaii paroling authority's oversight of parolees; and
- (6) Ensure that the comprehensive offender reentry system under HRS §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.

Despite a lack of funding for its first two years, and limited funding thereafter, the Commission has done a remarkable job. It played a critical role in protecting inmates during the COVID-19 pandemic by establishing capacity limits for all of the State's correctional centers. It has published detailed reports on conditions in virtually all of our jails and prisons, and it has made more than 50 important recommendations on ways to improve our correctional system.

The Commission has also made important recommendations on the development of a new jail to replace OCCC, it has participated in the planning of a public symposium to help

² "Creating Better Outcomes," supra, quoting Michael Mushlin and Michele Deitch, "Opening Up a Closed World: What Constitutes Effective Prison Oversight?" 30 Pace L. Rev. 1383 (2010): 1384. <https://digitalcommons.pace.edu/plr/vol30/iss5/>.

educate the public on issues facing our correctional and criminal justice systems, and it is currently providing support for the Legislature's HCR 23 Task Force on parole policies and practices.

Other significant accomplishments can be found in the Commission's Annual Reports which are online at <https://hcsoc.hawaii.gov/annual-reports/>

Although the work of the Commission has greatly improved Hawaii's correctional system, much more remains to be done, and for that reason I strongly support the funding provided in HB 1800, HD 1.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this important budgetary matter.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:07:55 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zoe Ryan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the budget requested, to approve spending necessary for Corrections Oversight to effectively operate. Any amount of money we can put forth will ultimately save us money!! We have signed a contract with a private prison which has an allegiance to its shareholders, at the expense of our loved ones!! I am experiencing this first hand. Lack of nutrition, mental health issues due to the abusive use of solitary confinement, difficulties getting medical care, false accusations by hungry detectives, mistreatment by officers who are power hungry. What a tragic, painful waste of human life!!! There's a better way!! Incarceration doesn't work, it harms!! It's way past time for us to learn from others,,,,, we are capable of changing our approach. I understand it's complicated, and counterintuitive, but positive treatment and projects to engage the mind are far more effective and beneficial than locking a human in a cage and torturing them day after day after day after day and expecting them to reform.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:58:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharon Rowe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki & Members of the Committee,

My name is Sharon Rowe and I am a resident of Makiki.

I am testifying in support of HB1800 HD1. I can think of no woman I know who has not experienced needing period products at an inopportune time. I am especially concerned for those young women who may have not been properly educated in these matters, or who cannot afford these products. In old Hawai'i young women were educated. There was a place where they could go where they would have support and the care they would need. It may seem like a small trauma but at least it is a small trauma for women that we can easily eliminate. How much more productive we will make our society with this small effort.

Please allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services sufficient to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 10:23:36 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carla Allison	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair DellaCruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committee. My name is Carla Allison and I live in Honolulu. I strongly support the work of the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission and ask that you do the same by supporting HCSOC's budget request as you consider HB1800. Since gaining staff in July 2022, the Commission has brought transparency and accountability to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to fulfill their mandated requirements set by Hawai'i Revised Statute 353L. Please ensure the excellent work of the HCSOC continues by supporting passage of the budget under ATG 100 to fund the HCSOC with an established budget line. Hawaii needs the continued transparency and accountability HCSOC brings to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and to all who care about our Hawaii families and friends.

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 10:34:53 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicholle S L Konanui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in strong support of HB 1800 HD1.

As a female that has experienced not readily having menstrual products available when immediately needed I would like to have funding allocated to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries. This measure is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty and protecting the dignity of all menstruating people.

Please support HB 1800 HD1 to help establish wider access to free menstrual products for all throughout the state.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration!

Nicholle S. L. Konanui, Paho, Hawai'i Island

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 11:25:47 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jenny Brown	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jenny and I am a resident of Honolulu, HI.

I am testifying in support of HB1800 HD1 to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

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

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 12:04:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eric Keli'i Beyer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members:

*My name is Eric Keli'i Beyer and I live in Volcano, Hawaii Island. I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in **HB1800 HD1** that expands mass incarceration. Budgets are moral documents, where we invest and prioritize funds reveals what and who we care about.*

*The proposed budget seeks to invest **over \$90 MILLION in capital improvement projects** currently slated for jail and prison construction and expansion on O'ahu, Kauai, and Maui. Having a People's Budget in Hawai'i means reallocating **that \$90+ MILLION in capital improvement projects** that center youth and education programs, affordable housing, job training, family strengthening and violence interruption programs, community based health, treatment and reintegration programs rooted in evidence based practices and restorative justice to help us build communities that are safe, healthy and equitable. Mahalo for your time and consideration*

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 12:27:46 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tia pearson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*My name is Tia Pearson and I live in Wahiawa. I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in **HB1800 HD1** that expands mass incarceration. Budgets are moral documents, where we invest and prioritize funds reveals what and who we care about.*

Crime usually follows poverty. Fix the housing and food shortages and a lot of crime will disappear. Fix the greed from corporations that pass on their price gauging to the consumer (that's the real crime!) Fix child care challenges and early childhood education. Give more to DOE to give better education to the older students. All these things impact people becoming criminals.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 12:57:13 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tadia Rice	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members:

My name is Tadia Rice and I live in Kailua. I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in HB1800 HD1 that expands mass incarceration.

Hawai'i can create true public safety by reinvesting in our communities. Now is the time to take the first steps toward building a public safety system that ensures the safety and well-being of all.

The proposed budget seeks to invest over \$90 MILLION in capital improvement projects currently slated for jail and prison construction and expansion on O'ahu, Kauai, and Maui.

Having a People's Budget in Hawai'i means reallocating that \$90+ MILLION in capital improvement projects that center youth and education programs, affordable housing, job training, family strengthening and violence interruption programs, community based health, treatment and reintegration programs rooted in evidence based practices and restorative justice to help us build communities that are safe, healthy and equitable.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 1:09:26 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Hoohuli	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I live in Waipio Gentry, and I support rate increases for ABA.

Mahalo,

Kim S. Hoohuli



Aloha e Committee Chair- Senator Dela Cruz, Vice Chair- Senator Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to voice my support for the inclusion of the budget line item Structure #060203050000, specifically the House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis, as outlined on page 235 of the budget worksheet.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Ely". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne Ely
Head of School

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 2:01:26 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William P Hardrict	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members:

*My name is William Hardrict and I live in Kapolei I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in **HB1800 HD1** that expands mass incarceration. Budgets are moral documents, where we invest and prioritize funds reveals what and who we care about.*

*The proposed budget seeks to invest **over \$90 MILLION in capital improvement projects** currently slated for jail and prison construction and expansion on O'ahu, Kauai, and Maui. Having a People's Budget in Hawai'i means reallocating **that \$90+ MILLION in capital improvement projects** that center youth and education programs, affordable housing, job training, family strengthening and violence interruption programs, community based health, treatment and reintegration programs rooted in evidence based practices and restorative justice to help us build communities that are safe, healthy and equitable. Mahalo for your time and consideration.*

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 3:10:24 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and WAM Committee Members:

As a public health professional and community member living in Honolulu, I write in opposition to provisions in **HB1800 HD1** that expands mass incarceration. Budgets are moral documents, where we invest and prioritize funds reveals what and who we care about.

The proposed budget seeks to invest **over \$90 MILLION in capital improvement projects** currently slated for jail and prison construction and expansion on O’ahu, Kauai, and Maui. Having a People’s Budget in Hawai’i means reallocating **that \$90+ MILLION in capital improvement projects** that center youth and education programs, affordable housing, job training, family strengthening and violence interruption programs, community based health, treatment and reintegration programs rooted in evidence based practices and restorative justice to help us build communities that are safe, healthy and equitable.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)



MALAMA
P O N O
AUTISM
CENTER

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz & Kidadni,

I am the CEO of the largest healthcare provider for children and families impacted by autism in Mililani. We have been here for over a decade and employ a wide range of healthcare professionals. **I am writing in support of the budget line-item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet).**

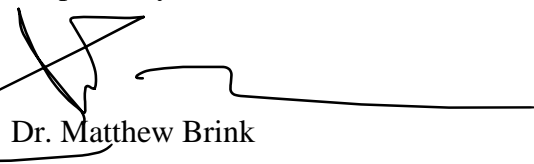
Children with special needs such as autism are among the most vulnerable in our communities. Funding and support for children with autism has remained stagnant in the State of Hawai'i for over a decade and has left our current Medicaid rates among the lowest in the country.

As healthcare providers we are conducting business in the most expensive state in the country, among the highest taxes and labor costs. The only way to sustain a business in this climate is to prioritize the highest funding sources. Medicaid is currently the lowest funding source and as such those families are placed on waiting lists and denied access to much needed healthcare.

Many families choose Mililani for the schools, more affordable housing, and a family environment. Sadly, due to lack of Medicaid funding by the state, many of those families are unable to access adequate healthcare for their children with autism.

Thank you for your support of the vulnerable children with autism in our community. **Thank you for your support of the budget line-item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet).**

Respectfully,



Dr. Matthew Brink

CEO

Malama Pono Autism Center

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 3:56:49 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Texeira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support HB1800 HD1.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:05:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristian Guynes	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Kapolei resident, I am writing in support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet). I support increases for ABA services so more children can access the services they need."

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Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberly Dark	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members:

*My name is Kimberly Dark and I live in Pahoa. I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in **HB1800 HD1** that expands mass incarceration. Budgets are moral documents, where we invest and prioritize funds reveals what and who we care about.*

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:32:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leilani Artaho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Aiea resident, I am writing in support of the budget line-item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet). I support increases for ABA services so more children can access the services they need."

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 4:34:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patricia Blair	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Create public safety by reinvesting in our communities.



COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

HEARING DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

TIME: 10:00 AM, Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

STRONG OPPOSITION OF ALL PRISON/JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Dear Honorable Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

The Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice strongly oppose spending any more money on jail and prison construction. Bill HB1800 HD1 includes approximately \$90 million for planning and for actual jail/prison construction, which we are staunchly against.

Our state needs to stop funding capital investments to incarcerate people. Instead, we need to invest in creating peaceful and equitable communities that support [criminal desistance](#). The National Institute of Justice, which funds and disseminates corrections and criminology evidence-based research, recognizes the futility of using incarceration to prevent crime. It found that [incarceration can cause crime](#), e.g., O'ahu's recent "acid throwing" case where a young woman was randomly and seriously harmed after [an incarcerated person was allegedly recruited](#) to commit the terrible crime.

Our small non-profit has developed one of the most researched reentry planning processes in the entire nation. It is a process that can increase criminal desistance. Over 20 academic papers, a book, theses, and dissertations have been published on the innovative process known as "reentry planning circles," "huikahi circles," or formerly "restorative circles." This process was funded twice by our state legislature in [2007](#) (see pages 26 – 28) and again in [2022](#). (Both times our state corrections department, under some of the same top leadership as today, rejected funding this program. The funding was only \$200,000 in 2022 and \$202,000 in 2007.) Solutions exist, but building a costly new prison is not one of them.

Hawai'i's current rate of incarceration is similar to what it was in 2007. We appreciate the corrections department changing its name and adding a rehabilitation section, but funds should go into furthering that work and not further construction of prisons.

Instead of doing what we've always done and getting what we've always gotten (since 2007 and at an exorbitant price), we strongly urge the committee to please vote against all appropriations for further prison/jail construction in HB1800 HD1. Instead, we encourage you to fund helpful resources and programs for our community, including equitable education of all children, community housing, job training, restorative justice, and more.

Mahalo, Leela Bilmes Goldstein, PhD
Chair, Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 6:03:45 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in **HB1800 HD1** that expands mass incarceration. Budgets are moral documents, where we invest and prioritize funds reveals what and who we care about.*

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 6:35:23 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANDREW ISODA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members:

*My name is Andrew Isoda and I live in Lahaina. I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in **HB1800 HD1** that expands mass incarceration. Budgets are moral documents, where we invest and prioritize funds reveals what and who we care about.*

*The proposed budget seeks to invest **over \$90 MILLION in capital improvement projects** currently slated for jail and prison construction and expansion on O'ahu, Kauai, and Maui. Having a People's Budget in Hawai'i means reallocating **that \$90+ MILLION in capital improvement projects** that center youth and education programs, affordable housing, job training, family strengthening and violence interruption programs, community based health, treatment and reintegration programs rooted in evidence based practices and restorative justice to help us build communities that are safe, healthy and equitable. Mahalo for your time and consideration."*

Written Testimony

Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 / 10:00 am
Conference Room 211, Hawai'i State Capitol

By

Christine K. Walton, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA
President, Behavior Analysis No Ka Oi, Inc.

Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Senator Sharon Moriwaki, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I am writing in support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet).

I am the President of Behavior Analysis No Ka Oi, Inc., a Kaka'ako-based clinic serving people with autism for over 15 years. At our clinic, we provide applied behavior analysis (ABA), a medically necessary, empirically validated treatment approach for children diagnosed with autism and other related disorders. Since the passing of Luke's Law in 2015, which requires health insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism, there has been no change to the Medicaid fee schedule for ABA.

The operational costs of running a clinic have increased significantly since 2015. Specifically, costs related to rent, health insurance for employees, other employee benefits, and the IRS standard mileage reimbursement rate for employees who commute to the families' homes or other community sites have all increased.

As a direct result of no increases to the Medicaid fee schedule for ABA, we have been struggling with hiring. Interviewees request competitive wages, comparable to school-based services, which reimburse at a higher rate. We struggle not only with recruiting the best providers but also with retaining our most qualified providers, where several have relocated to the mainland, where the cost of living is lower, and fee schedules are higher. We are simply unable to serve clients due to the challenges of recruiting and retaining providers, resulting in a current wait list for services of approximately 3 years. While the passage of Luke's Law was a monumental advancement in securing services for the people of Hawai'i, it is not impactful if those it was meant to ensure services for cannot find providers.

In conclusion, in order to provide medically necessary services, funding for the Med-Quest division for non-covered or under-covered behavioral health services for Med-Quest beneficiaries must be increased.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 7:58:39 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marilyn Mick	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

*Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members:
My name is Marilyn Mick and I live in Honolulu.*

*I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in **HB1800 HD1** that expands mass incarceration. Budgets are moral documents, where we invest and prioritize funds reveals what and who we care about.*

*The proposed budget seeks to invest **over \$90 MILLION in capital improvement projects** currently slated for jail and prison construction and expansion on O'ahu, Kauai, and Maui. Having a People's Budget in Hawai'i means reallocating **that \$90+ MILLION in capital improvement projects** that center youth and education programs, affordable housing, job training, family strengthening and violence interruption programs, community based health, treatment and reintegration programs rooted in evidence based practices and restorative justice to help us build communities that are safe, healthy and equitable.*

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 8:30:59 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Colleen Rost-Banik	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Colleen Rost-Banik and I live in Honolulu. I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in HB1800 HD1 that significantly expand mass incarceration.

I support a state budget that increases investments in services and programs that build safe, healthy, and equitable communities. I am respectfully requesting that you significantly increase investments in the following areas, which are proven by research and data to dramatically increase safety by addressing the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

- Vocational/employment training for living wage jobs
- Permanent supportive housing and affordable housing
- Youth programs
- Education
- Mobile crisis responder service for all counties paired with 24/7 drop off centers, and health care services that divert people from the criminal legal system.

According to Hawai'i Department of Public Safety data, at least 40% of all people in jail in Hawai'i are homeless. At both the state and local level, Hawaii's elected leaders have made it a priority to divert homeless and mentally ill residents out of jail. This means the jail population will shrink significantly in the coming years. We are also in a time of fiscal crisis, and alternatives exist to reduce our jail and prison population through data-driven strategies without jeopardizing/or enhancing public safety. Given this reality, please **REMOVE** appropriations for the following projects.

- \$10 MIL for planning and design of OCCC jail
- \$18 MIL perimeter fence for Halawa prison
- \$ 3 MIL for new jail in West Hawaii
- \$3.5 MIL for perimeter fence at MCCC (Maui) jail
- \$20 MIL for planning and design to replace KCCC (Kauai jail)
- \$3 MIL for land acquisition and design of Statewide Law Enforcement training center

As our elected representatives, you have the opportunity to finally move our state past the failed approach of funding more policing and incarceration which has not made us safer, toward the proven strategy of funding services and programs that address the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

Mahalo,

Colleen Rost-Banik

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 9:11:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kahaleno Kamalani	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Honorable Members of the Committee,

Aloha, my name is Kahaleno Kamalani, and I am a proud member of the Native Hawaiian community and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) service provider, as well as a lifelong constituent of Mililani. I am writing in **support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000** House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet). This budget item plays a crucial role in ensuring adequate reimbursement for ABA services in Hawaii. This legislation is of utmost importance to our community, and I would like to share insights from both a cultural and professional perspective. As a Native Hawaiian community member, I have witnessed the increasing need for ABA services to support individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) within our community. Hawaii, with its unique geographical isolation, presents challenges that require specific attention when it comes to healthcare services. We must address the pressing issue of lengthy waitlists for ABA services, hindering timely access to crucial interventions for our children. The demand for ABA services is high, and without proper reimbursement rates, we risk leaving many families without the support they desperately need. The geographical isolation of our islands poses an additional challenge in attracting and retaining qualified ABA service providers. It is essential that reimbursement rates are increased to a level that allows providers to afford living and working in Hawaii. By doing so, we not only support the sustainability of existing services but also encourage experienced providers to stay in our state, bringing their expertise to benefit our community. Moreover, the Native Hawaiian culture places significant emphasis on 'ohana' (family) and 'kokua' (help). Adequate reimbursement for ABA services under HB2712 aligns with these cultural values by ensuring that families in need receive the support required to help their children thrive. It is an investment in the well-being of our community and an acknowledgment of the unique challenges we face in our isolated setting. By advocating for increased reimbursement rates, we are not only addressing the immediate needs of those on waitlists but also fostering an environment that attracts skilled professionals. This, in turn, empowers our community to build a sustainable network of ABA services that will benefit generations to come. In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to support HB2712 and its mission to provide adequate reimbursement for ABA services in Hawaii. By doing so, we take a significant step towards ensuring that our Native Hawaiian community has access to the essential services needed for the well-being and growth of our children.

Mahalo nui loa for your attention and commitment to the well-being of our community.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 10:35:42 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diana Bethel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee

I am writing to strongly support continued funding for the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission (HCSOC) and making it a permanent line item in the State's budget. An attempt to reduce funding for the Coordinator's position was made in the Senate last month and is another example in a series of efforts to undermine and completely eliminate the Oversight Commission.

The conclusion of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs (PSM) was that endangering the retention of the Coordinator and defunding the Oversight Commission would once again bring intense scrutiny to Hawaii's correctional system from the federal government and possibly lawsuits from civil rights organizations.

Defunding the Oversight Commission would also halt the efforts of the Commission to identify and help address the many violations of federal corrections law that create illegal and inhumane conditions in our correctional facilities. These conditions are counterproductive and in no way bring us closer to the goal of reducing recidivism.

The Oversight Commission brings desperately needed transparency and accountability to the operation of our correctional system. The Oversight Coordinator arrived less than two years ago, but has done an immense amount of work, including conducting 35 facility visits and 16 public meetings, and writing 23 public reports including monthly reports, facility specific reports, 2 strategic plans, and 1 year in review report.

Perhaps some legislators and corrections officials may be uncomfortable with this new close examination of our correctional facilities. But defunding the Oversight Commission would have serious consequences for the State. Not only would there be no one to point out and help inform corrections officials on federal violations, but also there would be no one to help save the State money from having to settle lawsuits seeking compensation for medical neglect, suicides, safety violations, lack of sanitary and humane conditions, etc. And perhaps more importantly, progress toward fulfilling the mandate of the Commission to transition the correctional system to a more rehabilitative model would be delayed and recidivism would continue unabated.

Please support continued full funding for the Oversight Coordinator and work of the Commission to continue its important work. Also, it is in the best interests of the State to make

the Oversight Commission's funding a line item in the State Budget so those who oppose transparency and accountability will no longer be able to impede the work of the Commission.

Mahalo,

Diana Bethel, Honolulu

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Submitted on: 3/18/2024 10:39:47 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alyssa Kano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Mililani resident, I am writing in support of the budget line-item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet). I support increases for ABA services so more children can access the services they need.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 2:04:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Wiech	Testifying for ABC Group Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

19 March 2024

Re: HB1800

I am writing in support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet).

My name is Dr. Amy Smith Wiech, I am a Board

Certified Behavior Analyst at the Doctoral Level and I have been an ABA practitioner for over 30 years. Ifounded ABC Group in 2006, and we have been providing life-changing Applied Behavior Analysis(ABA) treatment to the children and families of Oahu for nearly the last 20 years. Approximately 50% of our clientele are MedQuest/Medicaid patients, with even more on our over 1 year long waitlist!

High quality, medically-necessary ABA treatment ameliorates the symptoms of autism by teaching toleration skills for difficult routines or tasks, teaching communication skills to replace maladaptive behavior, teaching pre-employment skills and life (such as social skills, conversational skills, following directions and written task completion skills) so that children/adolescents can be employable by the time they reach age 18 or 21, and as independent as possible. Amelioration of these symptoms can also push a kid back into general education classrooms to participate with their typically developing peers. They can have sleepovers and best friends, join Boy Scouts, and get jobs to support themselves!

20 years ago, in 2004, I started working with TRICARE as a sole BCBA provider here on Oahu to provide ABA treatment to military dependents. The rates 20 years ago for BCBA were \$37.50 (15 minutes), or \$125 an hour. The rates for “tutor” were \$12.50 (15 minutes) or \$50/hour (the term “tutor” would become what we know as an RBT when the BACB adopted this level of practitioner and created the first credential for RBTs in 2015).

In 2015, when MedQuest announced the ratesfor ABA treatment, MedQuest and commercial payers adopted these same publicly available published rates that were borrowed from the 2002-2004 TRICARE rates.

These ABA rates in Hawaii that were set on the 2002-2004 TRICARE rates, have remained nearly the same for the last 20 years, despite the cost of living in Hawaii skyrocketing over 68% in that same time. Additionally, Medical care inflation per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has increased 2% to 4% per year since 2004 for a cumulative increase of 88% over the last 20 years. These current rates do not leave us much left with to pay our overhead expenses at our clinic, provide staff pay increases to keep up with inflation, or much of a profit. Our electric bill was just provided to us by our landlord and it is over \$7000 for last month alone!

Unique to the medical field, ABA providers are also burdened with the cost of training the candidates to become RBTs, training them on the job, whether an easy kid or a really challenging kid.

There is no Remington College or Heald College for RBTs, so the burden of training up certified staff is on the provider. When BCBA's or RBTs come to us asking for a raise, it is heartbreaking to hear that they cannot afford gas, or food for their families, so they need to go look for other work. Hence the reason for high turnover in ABA, another variable adding to the costs that we endure. The cost to an organization for losing an RBT is \$5000-7000 per RBT who leaves.

This mirrors the attrition of BCBA's who cost an organization \$10,000-\$15,000 (or about 10-15% of their salary).

Burnout is real folks. Staff are leaving the industry of ABA because this is DIFFICULT work. Our reimbursement rates have not increased substantially in the last 20 years and the lack of meaningful increases in reimbursement rates leaves the industry unable to adequately compensate these dedicated, hardworking individuals!

How many of you could go without a pay raise for 20 years? At ABC Group, we are hitting a cost ceiling. Our net margins are abysmal. We are at a critical juncture.

Over the last 20 years we have been providing 1st Class Seats (or even seats in our Private Jet!) for the Economy Fares that MedQuest reimburses, and unfortunately we will be forced to change our high quality care model if you do not pass these rate increases!

This will force us to:

1. Discontinue paying our staff for quality-related non-billable time that allows us to make treatment more efficient, and more effective, therefore allowing for titration faster. It will just

take us longer to get to the titration finish line. This will cost MedQuest and the State more money in the long run.

2. Discontinue intake of the most challenging patients that no other providers will intake, since intaking a severe kid requires the allocation of staff resources (much of those that are non-billable). It requires the allocation of RBTs who can “handle” those crisis behaviors when they arise, and is also a variable for staff burnout. When they are in crisis it costs us more money to staff that patient especially when they present with severe physical and severe behavioral challenges. These are your patients who unfortunately are on a future path to residential treatment which will cost the State of Hawaii upwards of \$350k per year per individual. This will cost MedQuest and the State more money in the long run.

3. Discontinue the intake of those challenging patients who cannot tolerate routine medical exams or treatment, dental treatment, or have self- imposed dietary limitations that impact their daily health. The costs of mitigating these health challenges may be priceless to families. This will cost MedQuest and the State more money in the long run.

4. Discontinuing the items above will create a network adequacy issue for MedQuest as no other providers will take these patients now, and we already know there is a delay with waitlists where EPSDT requires services be provided without delay. Sadly this would force providers like us to just only take the easy patients. This will cost MedQuest and the State more money in the long run.

The cost of doing business in Hawaii is the highest in all of the United States. Taxes, insurance, workers comp, mandated health insurance coverage, and costs of commercial real estate skyrocketing are forcing us to reexamine our business model unless we are able to persuade you to vote in support of this bill HB 1800.

This is make it or break it for us as ABA provider, the children we serve and the families across our state.

Please pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Amy Wiech, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA

Board Certified Behavior Analyst Since 2004

ABC Group Hawaii

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 6:10:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy Torres	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet).

As an employee of an ABA provider, I can see and feel that we will not be able to continue offering the level of care that so many of our children and their families need simply because the cost of doing business has risen while our reimbursement rates have not. I'm also afraid that I'll lose my job if my employer can no longer stay afloat. When ABA providers like us are forced to close, our children will lose services and there aren't enough providers as it is to service everyone in need.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 6:42:56 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karla Silva-Park	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Period poverty impacts our entire community. Every female and female identifying individual deserve to have access to menstrual products. Access for all helps to care for the overall health of our entire community.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:15:30 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaitlin Preciado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet).

As a dedicated Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and an advocate deeply involved in the practice of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), I lend my full support to the legislative proposal aimed at enhancing QUEST rates for ABA services. My support is based on thorough observations of the positive outcomes ABA therapy offers children with autism and the difficulties faced by their families and the Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) who provide this essential care. The necessity for this bill is clear: to overcome the significant barriers in the recruitment and retention of proficient ABA professionals and to ensure they are compensated equitably, thereby increasing the reach of indispensable services to a greater number of children with autism.

The rates for ABA services, unchanged since 2015, have severely restricted our ability to offer the highest quality of care and to fairly compensate our committed professionals, including both RBTs and fellow BCBA's. The continual rise in the cost of living magnifies these challenges, threatening our resolve to uphold the exceptional standard of care required.

In my professional capacity, I have been privileged to witness the extraordinary effects of ABA on children and the profound sense of relief and optimism it brings to their families. Accessibility to these services is critical. Enhancing the rates would widen the scope for numerous families to benefit from ABA, thus providing countless children with the essential support necessary for a brighter and more hopeful future.

Backing this bill is more than a fiscal endorsement; it is a testament to our dedication to the developmental needs of our children and an acknowledgment of the tireless dedication of our professionals. Advancing this bill is a key step towards diminishing waitlists and guaranteeing timely access to ABA services, which will substantially benefit children with autism and their families.

I appeal to you to support the initiative to increase QUEST rates for ABA services, which will help forge a more inclusive and caring environment for children with autism and celebrate the commendable work of ABA professionals.

Your support for this critical initiative is indispensable, and I look forward to discussing how we can collaborate to make a significant, positive difference. Thank you for considering this crucial proposal.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:24:56 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caitlin Prieto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet)."

I have been working in the office of an ABA provider for 12 years and in my time we have received the same reimbursement from HMSA, despite the rise in the cost of living. Our office has increased the pay for our staff over the years to keep them from quitting, and for us to continue to provide medically necessary ABA for our clients. Hiring and retaining staff has become increasingly difficult as we have reached our maximum and worry that without a rate increase from HMSA we could lose our precious staff! I fully support efforts to increase the Quest rates for ABA!!!

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:40:05 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Sato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of the budget line item Structure #060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet).

Aloha, My name is Sara Sato and I was born and raised in Hawai'i. I have worked with individuals with disabilities in a variety of capacities since 1999 and have worked in the DOE, home, community, and clinic environments. I currently serve as the Clinical Director of an ABA agency in Honolulu, Hawai'i that employs approximately 30 staff. There are many reasons why a rate increase is so important to us.

First, as the minimum wage rates have risen and many other jobs out there are also raising their starting rates, we need to receive reimbursement at a rate that would allow us to attract top talent. The job of a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) is TOUGH. RBTs are implementing procedures day in and day out with learners who can engage in severe challenging behaviors such as head banging, aggression, Pica, self-injury, and elopement. Our RBTs are put through intensive training, required to implement procedures with fidelity, and ensure the safety and dignity of their learners while also ensuring their well-being. Our staff are dedicated, want to make a difference, and are so passionate about the success of our learners, but as I mentioned above, it is HARD work. From an objective stance, I can understand wanting to seek better pay in a job that requires less of you, to make ends meet. However, we want to retain staff who are passionate, want to put in the hard work, and truly make a difference.

To provide quality care, we need to be reimbursed at an acceptable rate. To provide quality care, there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes. Some tasks need to be completed when the client isn't present. For example, creating materials that will make it easier for the learner to understand. We need to meet as teams to discuss client progress, what can be better, and how to ensure consistency across team members. If additional training is needed that can't solely be accomplished in session with the learner, we are committed to paying for that time so that our staff are well trained and feel supported. These are just a few examples of where the reimbursement rate alone, doesn't cover it.

Finally, there is an overall shortage of ABA providers in the state. There are waitlists across agencies to provide services. We need to attract more people to the field so we can meet the needs of individuals with autism and their families. If the rates are not increased I am afraid that those providing ABA services in Hawai'i will decrease and this in turn will create an even bigger issue of more individuals and their families NOT receiving care at a critical point. This will put further strain on the state to provide care for an aging population. Please allocate funding to this worthy cause. Please help us provide the best quality care possible so we can truly make a difference.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:07:49 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
lydia ching	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet). As a clinical BCBA, I love the work I do, but it's difficult with the cost of living. Please support this bill to increase rates for ABA.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:16:02 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimberlynn Galapon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Waipahu resident, I am writing in support of the budget line-item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet). I support increases for ABA services so more children can access the services they need to progress towards their independence.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:25:50 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carmen Gualpa Lliguichzuhca	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Kapolei resident, I am writing in support of the budget line-item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet). I support increases for ABA services so more children can access the services they need and can move off of waitlists to access the services they need.



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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SUPPORT HB1800 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet) related to QUEST reimbursement rates for autism services.**

BAYADA is a not-for-profit health care company committed to serving our community. We provide services across the state, with behavioral health services for QUEST members on Oahu and Maui. Sadly, we had to close our Big Island and Kauai insurance-based services, despite ongoing community need, due to losses based on unsustainable rates for serving primarily QUEST members.

As a behavioral health service provider, we have struggled to meet the needs of children with autism on Med-QUEST due to the increased costs of operating a business without increased rates for our services. QUEST rates for the coverage of intensive behavioral therapy (IBT) for treatment of children under 21 years of age with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), also referred to as applied behavior analysis (ABA), were set in 2015 and have not increased, despite the increased costs of living and increased costs for employers over the last 8 years. Wages have gone up nearly 30% since 2015 in Hawai'i, forcing businesses to shoulder the cost without proportionate rate increases, making it harder to attract candidates and businesses to the field of supporting individuals with autism and their families.

We appreciate the efforts taken in 2023 to pass the resolution and complete a rate study of ABA QUEST rates. During the rate study process, we participated in stakeholder meetings and completed the provider survey. Our experience in these meetings and the subsequent results of the rate study echoed our experience as an ABA provider in the state—**our rates do not allow us to serve the children with**



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autism and their families who need us. As an organization, our values are compassion, excellence, and reliability; however, due to difficulties in attracting and retaining staff we find ourselves troubled that we cannot consistently deliver these values to our clients. We're receiving more applications than ever, and offering more conditional offers, however we're seeing lower position acceptance or transition to hired. We have experienced increases in turnover due to staff needing to find higher paying jobs, often shifting to tourism instead of healthcare, to support themselves and their families. We also see more and more staff who want to continue being an ABA provider choose to leave the state where they can make more and have a lower cost of living.

Currently, **we must maintain a waitlist for clients to access services because there is more demand than we are able to meet with our current providers.** At our Oahu location, 40% of those on our waitlist are QUEST members. At our Maui location, 66% are QUEST members. These waitlists are only representative of our organization and are similar across providers.

We respectfully request the Committee pass this bill in support of increasing rates for what we believe are under-covered behavioral health services.

Mahalo,

Josliene Miller
BAYADA Behavioral Health

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:38:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janell Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of the budget line item Structure # 060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analysis (pg. 235 of the budget worksheet). I am a BCBA directly working with children on the Autism spectrum and I see the difficulties with keeping staff while at the same time providing effective service to our learners. The cost of living has gone up continuously in our state yet the pay is not able to increase to match the cost which puts a strain on everyone. This also leads to loss of staff and discharge of clients. Children continue to have to wait sometimes years to access these services that they are in dire need of. Research shows that earlier access to ABA services is what is best and that those who receive these services earlier make the most progress which hopefully leads to a more independent life and less need for intensive services later on in life. I support rate increases for ABA so more children with autism can move off of waitlists to access the services they need.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:39:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacquelyn Esser	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Jacquelyn Esser and I reside in Kailua. As a member of the Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition, I'm here to testify in **opposition** to provisions in HB1800 HD1 that significantly expand mass incarceration.

I support a state budget that prioritizes investments in services and programs aimed at building safe, healthy, and equitable communities. I respectfully urge you to increase investments in the following areas, which research and data have shown to effectively address the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence:

- Vocational/employment training for living wage jobs
- Permanent supportive housing and affordable housing
- Youth programs
- Education
- Mobile crisis responder services for all counties paired with 24/7 drop-off centers, and healthcare services that divert individuals from the criminal legal system.

According to data from the Hawai'i Department of Public Safety, at least 40% of all people in jail in Hawai'i are homeless. Both at the state and local levels, Hawaii's elected leaders have prioritized diverting homeless and mentally ill residents out of jail and into services.

Consequently, the jail population is expected to decrease significantly in the coming years. Additionally, amidst a fiscal crisis, there are alternatives available to reduce our jail and prison population through data-driven strategies without compromising public safety. Hence, I urge you to **REMOVE** appropriations for the following projects:

- \$10 million for planning and design of OCCC jail
- \$18 million for perimeter fence for Halawa prison
- \$3 million for new jail in West Hawaii
- \$3.5 million for perimeter fence at MCCC (Maui) jail
- \$20 million for planning and design to replace KCCC (Kauai) jail
- \$3 million for land acquisition and design of Statewide Law Enforcement Training Center

As our elected representatives, you have the opportunity to lead our state beyond the ineffective approach of funding more policing and incarceration, which has failed to improve public safety.

Instead, I urge you to prioritize funding services and programs that tackle the underlying causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:57:43 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren Marumoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lauren Marumoto and I am a resident of Kaka'ako.

I am testifying in support of HB1800 HD1 to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

As a woman, I have experienced where my period may come unexpectedly, some times in public. Being able to quickly grab a product, such as a pad or tampon, would be so helpful for someone like me to be able to continue on with my day and accomplish what I need to accomplish. Our periods are a wonderful part of our lives, but getting it unexpectedly and out in public should not hinder us from achieving our daily goals and tasks.

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

Sincerely,

Lauren Marumoto

March 20, 2024

TO: Chair Dela Cruz
Vice-Chair Moriwaki
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Kate Stanley, Chair
Retired

Sean Tajima, Vice-Chair
Complex Area Superintendent, Campbell/Kapolei

Committee on Weights XIII

SUBJECT: HB 1800 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means, we request that you support the addition to the State Budget, in EDN 100, of \$6,000,000 to implement the Committee on Weights XIII recommendations. These additional funds support small and remote schools and provide funds for the WSF reserve fund.

The Department of Education (DOE) requested these funds, but they were not included in the Governor's budget.

During the summer of 2023, the DOE convened the Committee on Weights XIII, known as COW XIII, to review the Weighted Student Formula (WSF) for the school year 2024-2025 and beyond as authorized by Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), 302A-1303.6.

The WSF and the Committee on Weights were created by Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004. The WSF is an allocation of funds method based on the characteristics of students at any given school. The COW's responsibility is to review the weights of each characteristic and make recommendations for any change or other actions to strengthen the WSF. Other actions may include adding other characteristics or requesting additional funds be added to the WSF for specific purposes.

In response to HCR 116 SD1, adopted by the Legislature in 2023, Urging the Committee on Weights to Recommend and the Board of Education to Adopt a Weighted Student Formula that Gives Equal Consideration to Small and Remote Schools, the COW XIII made the following recommendations specifically related to the WSF:

- Adding 3.5 million to the WSF program to support small/and or remote schools.
 - These funds will be used to continue to provide \$250,000 to each of the eight remote schools (Kau High and Pahala Elementary, Hana High and Elementary School, Kaunakakai Elementary School, Lanai High and Elementary School, Molokai High School, Molokai Middle School, Kilohana Elementary School, Maunaloa Elementary)
 - In addition, these funds will provide \$250,000 to six additional identified small schools (Kaaawa Elementary School, Waiahole Elementary School, Keolu Elementary School, Ha'aheo Elementary School, Honaunau Elementary School, Hoboken Elementary School)

- 2.5 million for the WSF program to support schools needing assistance from the WSF Reserve Fund.
 - The Reserve funds are awarded through an application process to specific types of schools, including combination schools, remote schools, low enrollment schools, and cases of extraordinary circumstances.

We urge the committee to follow the COW XIII recommendations and support the \$6,000,000 added in HB 1800 HD1 to the WSF fund .These funds will support small and/or remote schools and schools facing extraordinary circumstances.

These schools need this additional support so that they may serve the children in their communities. If these schools only receive funds through the WSF allocation method, many of these remote and small schools could not afford certain positions such as counselors, programs, curriculum, services, equipment, and professional development.

The COW XIII report may be found at: <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/Reports/COWIIIreport.pdf>

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

March 19, 2024

Representative Scott Saiki, Chair, Finance Committee
Representative Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair, Finance Committee

Re: House Bill 1800, HD 1, Related to the state budget

Dear Chair Saiki, V-Chair Kitagawa and Members of the Finance Committee

I am Gail Breakey, RN, MPH, **testifying in strong opposition to HB**, and noting the clear and relevant testimony of the Hawaii ACLU which is an excellent presentation

A budget is the most realistic, honest statement of policies and priorities. It is very sad to see that the priorities reflected in this bill do not address the most critical needs of the people of Hawaii.

The people of this state have been/are going through too many life-threatening hardships due to forces way beyond their control.

- The economic downturn of 2009 caused many hardworking families to lose their homes.
- Hawaii has extremely high housing costs, overall high cost of living and low wages for the majority of residents. **Forty percent of our people live below the poverty line or are ALICE** (asset limited, Income constrained, employed).
- The cost of housing has increased dramatically over the past 50 years, becoming astronomical, and way beyond the reach of a majority of families here. Many factors are causing this; people cannot cope.
- Hawaii has the second largest homeless population in the nation; those most affected are the Hawaiians and Pacific islanders. Las Vegas is becoming "little Hawaii" ... is there no shame???
- The Covid epidemic resulted in lost jobs, more evictions and longer term mental health problems, especially for young children.

It is time to put people first... we can deal with other needs later!

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:24:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carolyn Eaton	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and members of the Committee,

My name is Carolyn Eaton and I am a resident of Honolulu. I strongly support full funding of the annual budget of the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission's salaried Coordinator, Christin Johnson, her staff and its work. The transparency and collaborative work, listening, gathering data, reporting and advocating for compliance and reform of DCR are what Hawaii needs. This funding is part of the budget of the Attorney General.

Mahalo for your hard work and your thoughtfulness toward the leadership and the staff of our Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation and all individuals they serve, Hawaii's communities both "inside" and "outside."

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:45:12 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Polk	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of the inclusion of including the Hawai'i Correctional Oversight Commission in the base budget. This Commission is important, and needs to be part of the on-going budget, rather than an *ad hoc* add on.

This Commission is essential to the work of transitioning from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation--going from a system that was primarily punitive to one that works toward rehabilitation. This is a difficult transition, and needs the expertise of people outside the system. In addition, the Public needs a way to learn about what is and isn't happening in the process of this transition, in order to provide support for the process.

Please include this commission in the base budget.

March 19, 2024

Please accept this written testimony in support of HB1800 Relating to the State Budget, which I understand includes (as part of the Attorney General's budget) an appropriation to fund the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission ("Oversight Commission"). I believe it is essential that the Oversight Commission receive sufficient funding to do the critically important work the Legislature has mandated that it do.

I would note that I write this testimony in the wake of the passing of former Oversight Commissioner Ted Sakai. Mr. Sakai served as the Director of the Department of Public Safety under two Governors, and then served as a member of the Oversight Commission from its inception until his resignation for health reasons shortly before his death. His professional life was spent in public service, and he brought to the Oversight Commission a wealth of knowledge and experience regarding the Hawaii correctional system. And he was not alone in this regard. Mr. Sakai and the other four Oversight Commissioners with whom he served collectively had over 100 years of experience with Hawaii's criminal justice and correctional systems. And, these public servants brought this extraordinary wealth of experience to bear on improving Hawaii's correctional system without any compensation!

It is important to note that all three branches of government – the Legislature, the Executive, and the Judiciary – have recognized that Hawaii's correctional system is in crisis and needs fundamental change. After all, it was the foundational work of the House Concurrent Resolution 85 Task Force on Prison Reform that led to the creation of the Oversight Commission. And importantly, the Legislative mandate for the Oversight Commission included, preeminently, the hard job of "facilitating a correctional system transition to a rehabilitative and therapeutic model." Indeed, the Legislature already had provided a relatively robust framework of statutes, regulations, and rules that potentially provide the foundation for a correctional system with a rehabilitative and therapeutic focus; yet, these laws and regulations have been largely ignored, allowing an antiquated and punitive correctional system to persist. Without adequate funding, the Oversight Commission will be unable to promote and catalyze the mandated transition to a rehabilitative correctional system.

For convenient reference, here is the Oversight Commission's broad statutory mandate (HRS § 353L-3), which covers most aspects of meaningful correctional system reform:

(b) 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;
- (3) 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 Hawai'i paroling authority's oversight of parolees. The commission may make recommendations to the department of public safety, the Hawai'i paroling authority, and the legislature regarding reentry and parole services; and

(4) 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 minimum terms have been served instead of delaying the release for lack of programs and services.

During its brief existence, the Oversight Commission has struggled to bring transparency to Hawaii's correctional system. These efforts only gained significant traction and needed attention after a well-qualified Oversight Coordinator was finally brought on board. Working closely with the Oversight Commission, the Oversight Coordinator has shone a bright light into a dark system that has been ignored for decades. The Oversight Commission's investigations and findings have documented "horrendous conditions" that reflect a "system failure." And now, with strong support from Governor Green and the leadership of the Oversight Commission, meaningful change may finally be possible.

In the past 44 years, Hawai'i's prison population increased 479% while the general population increased 55%. Hawai'i's incarceration rate – i.e. the number of prisoners per 100,000 population – is 292, which is higher than 85% of the countries in the world, including every Western European country. Despite spending hundreds of millions of dollars on corrections, Hawai'i has an unacceptably high recidivism rate that is substantially in excess of 50%. In other words, more than half of the prisoners who are released from Hawai'i's prisons will be rearrested, have their parole revoked, or be found in criminal contempt of court within 36 months of release. The costs associated with this broken correctional system are staggering, both in terms of public funds and human suffering. A well-funded and supported Oversight Commission, supervised and administered by a highly qualified Oversight Coordinator, can lead the way towards real systemic change that will save untold millions while making our correctional system more humane and effective and our communities safer.

If Hawaii is serious about correctional reform, we must support the Oversight Commission and the Oversight Coordinator. I urge you to appropriate the funding that will enable the Oversight Commission to do the job you have asked it to do.

Thank you,

Michael Livingston

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:57:28 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy MacPherson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

I am in SUPPORT of HB1800 HD1. The allocation in the amount of \$400K to the Department of Accounting and General Services is an important step towards menstrual equity for members of our community who cannot afford to pay for period products. Not everyone will need these products at no cost, but we should ensure that those who do need them have access.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 11:53:59 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chuck Taylor	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawai'i can create true public safety by reinvesting in our communities. Now is the time for our elected public officials to take the first steps toward building a public safety system that ensures the safety and well-being of all.

LATE

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 12:01:32 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michelle Fei	Testifying for Reimagining Public Safety	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Michelle Fei and I live in Kaimuki. As a member of the Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition, I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in HB1800 HD1 that significantly expand mass incarceration.

I support a state budget that increases investments in services and programs that build safe, healthy, and equitable communities. We are respectfully requesting that you significantly increase investments in the following areas, which are proven by research and data to dramatically increase safety by addressing the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

- Vocational/employment training for living wage jobs
- Permanent supportive housing and affordable housing
- Youth programs
- Education
- Mobile crisis responder service for all counties paired with 24/7 drop off centers, and health care services that divert people from the criminal legal system.

According to Hawai'i Department of Public Safety data, at least 40% of all people in jail in Hawai'i are houseless. At both the state and local level, Hawai'i's elected leaders have made it a priority to divert houseless and mentally ill residents out of jail. This means the jail population will shrink significantly in the coming years. We are also in a time of fiscal crisis, and alternatives exist to reduce our jail and prison population through data-driven strategies without jeopardizing/or enhancing public safety. Given this reality, please **REMOVE** appropriations for the following projects.

- \$10 MIL for planning and design of OCCC jail
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- \$20 MIL for planning and design to replace KCCC (Kauai jail)

- \$3 MIL for land acquisition and design of Statewide Law Enforcement training center

As our elected representatives, you have the opportunity to finally move our state past the failed approach of funding more policing and incarceration which has not made us safer, toward the proven strategy of funding services and programs that address the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

Mahalo,

Michelle Fei

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HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 12:35:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Culbertson	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators!

Please ADD two *long overdue* positions to the Campaign Spending Commission this session!

Good government is worth it!

Respectfully,

R A Culbertson

Honokaa

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HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 12:46:21 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB1800 and to urge you to fully fund the Campaign Spending Commission. As a concerned citizen deeply invested in the integrity of our democratic processes, I believe that these measures are essential for ensuring transparency, accountability, and fairness in our political system.

I strongly advocate for the full funding of the Campaign Spending Commission. The Commission plays a vital role in enforcing campaign finance laws, investigating violations, and promoting compliance among candidates and political organizations. However, without adequate funding, the Commission's ability to fulfill its mandate is severely compromised, leaving our electoral system vulnerable to abuse and corruption.

By fully funding the Campaign Spending Commission, we can strengthen the integrity of our elections and uphold the principles of democracy. Investing in robust enforcement mechanisms is essential for deterring misconduct, maintaining public trust, and preserving the integrity of our democratic institutions.

In conclusion, I urge you to support HB1800 and to ensure that the Campaign Spending Commission receives the funding it needs to effectively carry out its mission. Our democracy depends on it.

me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo, Mō'ili'ili, O'ahu

LATE

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:32:12 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bryan Kim, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear WAM Chair and Committee Members:

I am writing to most strongly support the Governor's proposed funding of \$210,000 to the UH Hilo's mental health counselor training program (aka Master of Arts Program in Counseling Psychology [Specialization: Clinical Mental Health Counseling]). We are seeking additional permanent positions and funds to expand our training of mental health counselors and add a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) Concentration. This funding request is included in the Governor's FY 25 Supplemental Budget Requests and reflected in HB 1800 and SB 2234. The specific funding is labeled MA in Counseling Psychology at UH Hilo.

Our mental health counseling program is the only program in the UH System that trains mental health counselors, and receives approximately 90 applications per year. The program's curriculum meets the requirements for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor in Hawai'i. The program is nationally accredited and is offered to students throughout the state via distance education technology. We currently have students on O'ahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawai'i Island; we've also had students on Molokai in the past. We also have student internship sites on all of these islands. The program has graduated over 200 mental health counselors since 2007 and has over 90% graduation rate.

There is a dire need for more mental health counselors in Hawai'i. Currently, 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- to 14-year-old children and 25- to 34-year-old adults. Additionally, the need for mental health counselors has increased significantly due to the opioid abuse epidemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of drug overdose deaths increased by 30% from 2019 to 2020. An important benefit of adding the CSAC concentration to our mental health counseling program is that students will be trained to treat both substance use disorders and mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and suicidality. This is important because 50% of persons suffering from substance addiction have a co-occurring mental health condition.

Two faculty positions and one Program Coordinator are necessary to expand the current Master's program from 20 to 30 graduates per cohort. The majority of students in this program are from Hawai'i and stay in Hawai'i. Our alumni work in various mental health settings throughout the state including the Department of Education and Department of Health, and non-profit agencies such Care Hawai'i, Child and Family Service, Hale Kipa, Hawai'i Behavioral Health, Hope

Services, and Hospice. Your help in providing permanent funding to support the UH Hilo's MA Program in mental health counseling will help provide needed professionals to address the state's mental health and substance abuse crisis.

Sincerely,

Bryan Kim, Ph.D.

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (HI MHC 196)

Professor of Psychology

Core Faculty in the MA Program in Counseling Psychology (Specialization: Clinical Mental Health Counseling)

UH Hilo

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:49:31 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doris Segal Matsunaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a Neighbor Island and grandmother, I support HB1800 HD1 because it will help assure clean elections and elected officials

Doris Segal Matsunaga, Waimea, Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 1:52:10 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Martha Nakajima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill but insist that funding for two new positions on the Campaign Spending Commission be added. Thank you. Martha Nakajima, Honolulu

Beverly Gotelli
6286 Opaekaa Road
Kapaa, HI 96746

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

HB 1800 Relating to the State Budget

Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and members of the Committee,

My name is Beverly Gotelli, I am testifying in strong support of HB1800 HD1. This measure adjusts and requests appropriations for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 funding for the Executive Branch agencies and programs. EOA's operating budget is outlined in the Program Appropriations section on page 35 line 3-12, under No. 25 HTH 904 of HB1800.

EOA's budget includes funding for the Hawai'i Healthy Aging Partnership (HAP). HAP improves the overall health and wellbeing of the state's aging population by reducing health disparities. 84.9% of people in Hawai'i, 60 and older, live with one or more chronic conditions. HAP offers two evidenced-based health promotion programs: Enhance Fitness and Better Choices Better Health—Ke Ola Pono. BCBH and EF programs have shown significant impact on quality of life, and independence, while saving on overall healthcare costs. These two evidence-based programs are important and effective public health interventions.

HAP is important to me because as a participant for more than 5 years. It's been a rewarding experience. During the pandemic, our instructor continued keeping us engaged via Zoom. This program has strengthened my balance and flexibility.

Investing in programs like HAP is necessary to secure the health, safety, and independence of kupuna.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 2:32:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isis Usborne	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Isis Usborne and I live in zip code 96815. As a member of the Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition, I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in HB1800 HD1 that significantly expands mass incarceration.

I support a state budget that increases investments in services and programs that build safe, healthy, and equitable communities. We are respectfully requesting that you significantly increase investments in the following areas, which are proven by research and data to dramatically increase safety by addressing the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

- Vocational/employment training for living wage jobs
- Permanent supportive housing and affordable housing
- Youth programs
- Education
- Mobile crisis responder service for all counties paired with 24/7 drop off centers, and health care services that divert people from the criminal legal system.

According to Hawai'i Department of Public Safety data, at least 40% of all people in jail in Hawai'i are homeless. At both the state and local level, Hawaii's elected leaders have made it a priority to divert homeless and mentally ill residents out of jail. This means the jail population will shrink significantly in the coming years. We are also in a time of fiscal crisis, and alternatives exist to reduce our jail and prison population through data-driven strategies without jeopardizing/or enhancing public safety. Given this reality, please **REMOVE** appropriations for the following projects.

- \$10 MIL for planning and design of OCCC jail
- \$18 MIL perimeter fence for Halawa prison
- \$ 3 MIL for new jail in West Hawaii
- \$3.5 MIL for perimeter fence at MCCC (Maui) jail

- \$20 MIL for planning and design to replace KCCC (Kauai jail)
- \$3 MIL for land acquisition and design of Statewide Law Enforcement training center

As our elected representatives, you have the opportunity to finally move our state past the failed approach of funding more policing and incarceration which has not made us safer, toward the proven strategy of funding services and programs that address the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

Mahalo,

- Isis Usborne, 96815

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HB-1800-HD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
FRED K YUEN	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of the budget line item structure #060203050000 House adjustment for healthcare payments for behavior analyst (pg. 235 of the budget sheet). As a provider and a representative of a provider agency, I am in support of HB2712. With the cost of living already too high (increasing), inflation, and the decreased employee pool, it has become very difficult to staff qualified providers to support children with special needs (autism in particular for this purpose) through ABA. Due to the reimbursement rates staying low, Medicaid has set a precedence to pay providers a lower rate than providers can achieve working in other industries. Providers in this industry have resorted to hiring staff that are not dedicated to staying in Hawaii and are not dedicated to making this industry a career move rather than a temporary job. I urge the representatives and law makers of Hawaii to improve our industry standards and improving the quality of services by improving the quality of employment for ABA. Help keep dedicated ABA providers here in Hawaii and help service the children of Hawaii. Mahalo.

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HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 2:54:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Kern	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 19, 2024

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in strong support of HB1800 HD1 to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

In 2021, Ma'i Movement Hawaii and the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women published a study to better understand the ways that period poverty affects the menstruators of our state. The study found that 50% of respondents had missed school or work due to their periods and that nearly 30% of respondents had difficulty obtaining period products due to various barriers including cost, knowledge, accessibility, and stigma. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities and reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs. This bill also protects the dignity of all menstruating people and promotes greater menstrual equity in the State.

Menstruation is a bodily function that is just as important as any other bodily function. It is a biological process, and people who menstruate cannot simply “opt out” of having their periods. Thus, menstrual products are a basic necessity like toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products, but are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people. The state currently provides soap, toilet paper, and paper towels in its bathrooms (and continues to stock them when vandalism or theft occurs) because those are basic necessities that people need to address their bodily functions. The state doesn't expect non-menstruators to provide their own rolls of toilet paper in each of its buildings, yet it currently does expect menstruators to provide

their own menstrual products. This is unfair and has been the status quo for far too long. The State of Hawaii can do better, and the people of Hawaii deserve better.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Mahalo nui loa,

Sarah Kern

CHARMAINE HIGA-MCMILLAN, PHD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, #1010
HILO, HI 96720

In Consideration of HB 300

LATE

March 19, 2024

Subject: In support of HB 1800 HD1

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 1800 HD1. I support HB 1800 HD1, specifically the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's budget request which in part supports the Masters' Program in Counseling Psychology. ***This request will allow the program to expand by 50% and will create a new Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) Concentration.***

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.

The UH Hilo mental health counseling program is the only program in the UH System that trains mental health counselors, and it currently receives approximately 90 applications per year. The program's curriculum meets the requirements for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor in Hawai'i. The program is nationally accredited and is offered to students throughout the state via distance education technology. The program has students on O'ahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawai'i Island and has graduated over 200 mental health counselors with a 90% graduation rate.

There is a dire need for more mental health counselors in Hawai'i. Currently, 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- to 14-year-old children and 25- to 34-year-old adults. Additionally, the need for mental health counselors has increased significantly due to the opioid abuse epidemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of drug overdose deaths increased by 30% from 2019 to 2020. An important benefit of adding the CSAC concentration to the UH Hilo mental health counseling program is that students will be trained to treat both substance use disorders and mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and suicidality. This is important because 50% of people suffering from substance addiction have a co-occurring mental health condition.

Two faculty positions and one Program Coordinator are necessary to expand the current program from 20 to 30 graduates per cohort. The majority of students in this program are from Hawai'i and stay in Hawai'i. Program alumni work in various mental health settings throughout the state including the Departments of Education and Health, and non-profit agencies such as Care Hawai'i, Child and Family Service, Hale Kipa, Hawai'i Behavioral Health, Hope Services, and Hospice. ***Your help in providing permanent funding to support the UH Hilo's MA Program in mental health counseling will help provide needed professionals to address the state's mental health and substance abuse crisis.***

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

Sincerely,
Charmaine Higa-McMillan, Ph.D.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 3:13:01 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessie Mitchell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 1800 HD1, specifically the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s budget request, partly supporting the Master’s Program in Counseling Psychology. ***This request will allow the program to expand by 50% and create a new Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) Concentration.***

The UH Hilo mental health counseling program is the only program in the UH System that trains mental health counselors, and it currently receives approximately 90 applications per year. The program’s curriculum meets the requirements for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor in Hawai‘i. The program is nationally accredited and is offered to students throughout the state via distance education technology. The program has students on O‘ahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawai‘i Island and has graduated over 200 mental health counselors with a 90% graduation rate.

There is a dire need for more mental health counselors in Hawai‘i willing to remain in the islands and provide services.

Mahalo

Jessie Mitchell

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 3:22:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephanie Dodge	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

3/19/24

Subject: In support of HB 1800 HD1

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

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The UH Hilo mental health counseling program is the only program in the UH System that trains mental health counselors, and it currently receives approximately 90 applications per year. The program’s curriculum meets the requirements for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor in Hawai‘i. The program is nationally accredited and is offered to students throughout the state via distance education technology. The program has students on O‘ahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawai‘i Island and has graduated over 200 mental health counselors with a 90% graduation rate.

There is a dire need for more mental health counselors in Hawai‘i. Currently, 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- to 14-year-old children and 25- to 34-year-old adults. Additionally, the need for mental health counselors has increased significantly due to the opioid abuse epidemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of drug overdose deaths increased by 30% from 2019 to 2020. An important benefit of adding the CSAC concentration to the UH Hilo mental health counseling program is that students will be trained to treat both substance use disorders and mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and suicidality. This is important because 50% of people suffering from substance addiction have a co-occurring mental health condition.

Two faculty positions and one Program Coordinator are necessary to expand the current program from 20 to 30 graduates per cohort. The majority of students in this program are from Hawai‘i

and stay in Hawai'i. Program alumni work in various mental health settings throughout the state including the Departments of Education and Health, and non-profit agencies such Care Hawai'i, Child and Family Service, Hale Kipa, Hawai'i Behavioral Health, Hope Services, and Hospice. Your help in providing permanent funding to support the UH Hilo's MA Program in mental health counseling will help provide needed professionals to address the state's mental health and substance abuse crisis.

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

Sincerely,

Stephanie Dodge, PhD

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 3:22:45 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maria A Mitsioura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 1800 HD1. I support HB 1800 HD1,

specifically the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s budget request which in part supports the Masters’

Program in Counseling Psychology. This request will allow the program to expand by 50% and will create a new Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) Concentration.

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Additionally, the need for mental health counselors has increased significantly due to the opioid abuse epidemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of drug overdose deaths increased by 30% from 2019 to 2020. An important benefit of adding the CSAC concentration to the UH Hilo mental health counseling program is that students will be trained to treat both substance use disorders and mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and suicidality. This is important because 50% of people suffering from substance addiction have a co-occurring mental health condition.

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

Best,

Maria

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 3:49:57 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pualililehua Carriaga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

03/19/2024

Subject: In support of HB 1800 HD1

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There is a dire need for more mental health counselors in Hawai'i. Currently, 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- to 14-year-old children and 25- to 34-year-old adults. Additionally, the need for mental health counselors has increased significantly due to the opioid abuse epidemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of drug overdose deaths increased by 30% from 2019 to 2020. An important benefit of adding the CSAC concentration to the UH Hilo mental health counseling program is that students will be trained to treat both substance use disorders and mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and suicidality. This is important because 50% of people suffering from substance addiction have a co-occurring mental health condition.

Two faculty positions and one Program Coordinator are necessary to expand the current program from 20 to 30 graduates per cohort. The majority of students in this program are from Hawai'i and stay in Hawai'i. Program alumni work in various mental health settings throughout the state including the Departments of Education and Health, and non-profit agencies such Care Hawai'i, Child and Family Service, Hale Kipa, Hawai'i Behavioral Health, Hope Services, and Hospice. Your help in providing permanent funding to support the UH Hilo's MA Program in mental

health counseling will help provide needed professionals to address the state's mental health and substance abuse crisis.

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

Sincerely,

Pualililehua Carriaga

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 5:33:01 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Richmond	Testifying for Indivisible Windward	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please add funding for 2 positions in the Campaign Spending Commission.

This is an important and necessary expansion to administer current rules as well as to administer future public funds for campaigns. We must make this effort to move Hawaii forward from the disgrace related to very recent political corruption. It is a first step toward beginning politicians in their profession without the shackles of indebtedness to special interest. As they advance their careers they at least have the possibility of doing so without the addition of those encumbrances.
Mahalo

March 19, 2024

Subject: In support of HB 1800 HD1

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

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The UH Hilo master's in counseling psychology is the only UH System program that trains mental health counselors. It meets the requirements for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor in Hawai'i and is a nationally accredited program offered to students throughout the state via distance and hybrid learning. Since the inaugural cohort graduated in 2007, the program has graduated over 200 mental health counselors with a 90% graduation rate.

The program's evolution has reached a pivotal point and has the chance to fulfill another massive need in our community by expanding training to include a CSAC concentration. This is important because 50% of people struggling with substance use disorder and addiction have a co-occurring mental health condition. The addition of the CSAC concentration addition is coming at a crucial time, as the need for mental health counselors has increased significantly due to the opioid abuse epidemic and the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of drug overdose deaths increased by 30% from 2019 to 2020.

As part of the first graduating cohort from the program, I have seen the benefits and need for this program. It prepares students to enter the mental health profession and has an exceptional track record. As a practicing licensed mental health counselor in Hawai'i, a member of various mental health and counseling-related boards and associations, and a counselor educator and supervisor, I fully support and implore this committee to approve funding that supports the expansion of the UH Hilo master's in counseling psychology. The program has provided a much-needed service to our islands and has taken on the responsibility of preparing future mental health counselors. In seeing the dire need of our community for more trained mental health counselors with experience and training in co-occurring, substance, and addiction-related disorders, the program endeavors to improve training opportunities to equip future counselors. This training is a needed service and requires funding to support this expansion.

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

Sincerely,



Christine M. Park, PhD, LMHC, REAT, NCC

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 7:40:35 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Winternitz	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Committee Members:

*My name is Elizabeth and I live in Kula, Maui. I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in **HB1800 HD1** that expands mass incarceration. Budgets are moral documents, where we invest and prioritize funds reveals what and who we care about.*

*The proposed budget seeks to invest **over \$90 MILLION in capital improvement projects** currently slated for jail and prison construction and expansion on O'ahu, Kauai, and Maui. Having a People's Budget in Hawai'i means reallocating **that \$90+ MILLION in capital improvement projects** that center youth and education programs, affordable housing, job training, family strengthening and violence interruption programs, community based health, treatment and reintegration programs rooted in evidence based practices and restorative justice to help us build communities that are safe, healthy and equitable.*

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Elizabeth Winternitz

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:10:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amma King	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 19, 2024

Subject: In support of HB 1800 HD1

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Additionally, the need for mental health counselors has increased significantly due to the opioid abuse epidemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of drug overdose deaths increased by 30% from 2019 to 2020. An important benefit of adding the CSAC concentration to the UH Hilo mental health counseling program is that students will be trained to treat both substance use disorders and mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and suicidality. This is important because 50% of people suffering from substance addiction have a co-occurring mental health condition.

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Your help in providing permanent funding to support the UH Hilo's MA Program in mental health counseling will help provide needed professionals to address the state's mental health and substance abuse crisis.

As a recent graduate of the UH Hilo Counseling Psychology program, I can attest to the quality of this program as well as its importance to the state of Hawai'i. The addition of the CSAC credential is crucial to the state, as it will allow more graduates to support Hawai'i residents suffering from substance abuse-related mental health conditions. Funding will allow the UH Hilo Counseling Psychology program to produce more counselors ready to address prevalent issues within various communities.

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

Sincerely,

Amma King

M.A. Counseling Psychology

JABSOM Telepsychiatry Program Support Associate

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:18:39 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara J. Service	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB 1800 contains an allotment for an Executive Office on Aging program known as the Healthy Aging Partnerships . HAP has two evidence-based components: one is a physical exercise program (EnhanceFitness) that has been conducted on Zoom and also in person. The other is Chronic Disease Management (which primarily addresses diabetes) offers dietary and other advice. The programs are shown to reduce the need for medical visits and improve health outcomes . They make an important difference in the lives of Kupuna who participate.

Thank you for opportunity to submit testimony.

Barbara J.Service MSW

Child Welfare Services (ret.)

Kupuna Advocate

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:29:50 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Heidi Holloran	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Heidi Holloran, and I am a resident of Wailuku, Maui.

I am testifying in support of HB1800 HD1 to allocate funding to the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products and dispensers at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction, including all libraries.

This measure is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty, and protecting the dignity of all menstruating people.

Menstrual products are a basic necessity, similar to toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products. Sadly, these products are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people, and prevent people from going to school or work.

The State of Hawaii must establish wider access to free menstrual products that would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings and libraries meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity throughout our islands.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 8:55:14 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tamar Kreps	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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health counseling will help provide needed professionals to address the state's mental health and substance abuse crisis.

As a current student in the program, I know how much this program has already contributed toward addressing the immense need for mental health providers in our state, and how well the program prepares graduates to provide quality care. Funding an expansion of the program would be a fantastic way to invest in the future of our state and the well-being of its people.

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

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 9:23:55 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristen Young	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Kristen and I live in Honolulu. As a member of the Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition, I'm testifying in opposition to provisions in HB1800 HD1 that significantly expand mass incarceration.

I support a state budget that increases investments in services and programs that build safe, healthy, and equitable communities. We are respectfully requesting that you significantly increase investments in the following areas, which are proven by research and data to dramatically increase safety by addressing the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

- Vocational/employment training for living wage jobs
- Permanent supportive housing and affordable housing
- Youth programs
- Education
- Mobile crisis responder service for all counties paired with 24/7 drop off centers, and health care services that divert people from the criminal legal system.

According to Hawai'i Department of Public Safety data, at least 40% of all people in jail in Hawai'i are homeless. At both the state and local level, Hawaii's elected leaders have made it a priority to divert homeless and mentally ill residents out of jail. This means the jail population will shrink significantly in the coming years. We are also in a time of fiscal crisis, and alternatives exist to reduce our jail and prison population through data-driven strategies without jeopardizing/or enhancing public safety. Given this reality, please **REMOVE** appropriations for the following projects.

- \$10 MIL for planning and design of OCCC jail
- \$18 MIL perimeter fence for Halawa prison
- \$ 3 MIL for new jail in West Hawaii
- \$3.5 MIL for perimeter fence at MCCC (Maui) jail
- \$20 MIL for planning and design to replace KCCC (Kauai jail)

- \$3 MIL for land acquisition and design of Statewide Law Enforcement training center

As our elected representatives, you have the opportunity to finally move our state past the failed approach of funding more policing and incarceration which has not made us safer, toward the proven strategy of funding services and programs that address the root causes of poverty, crime, and violence.

Mahalo,

Kristen

HB-1800-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/19/2024 10:10:05 PM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leslie Gonzales	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the HB 1800 HD1. I support HB 1800 HD1, specifically the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s budget request which in part supports the Masters’ Program in Counseling Psychology. This request will allow the program to expand by 50% and will create a new Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) Concentration.

The UH Hilo mental health counseling program is the only program in the UH System that trains mental health counselors, and it currently receives approximately 90 applications per year. The program’s curriculum meets the requirements for licensure as a Mental Health Counselor in Hawai‘i. The program is nationally accredited and is offered to students throughout the state via distance education technology. The program has students on O‘ahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawai‘i Island and has graduated over 200 mental health counselors with a 90% graduation rate.

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Two faculty positions and one Program Coordinator are necessary to expand the current program from 20 to 30 graduates per cohort. The majority of students in this program are from Hawai‘i and stay in Hawai‘i. Program alumni work in various mental health settings throughout the state including the Departments of Education and Health, and non-profit agencies such Care Hawai‘i, Child and Family Service, Hale Kipa, Hawai‘i Behavioral Health, Hope Services, and Hospice. Your help in providing permanent funding to support the UH Hilo’s MA Program in mental health counseling will help provide needed professionals to address the state’s mental health and substance abuse crisis.

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

Sincerely,

Leslie Gonzales

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Submitted on: 3/19/2024 10:48:45 PM

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Noelani I Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of HB 1800 HD1

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I am currently a student in this program and believe my experience would have been greatly improved by having more professors, a larger cohort, and the CSAC concentration. I truly hope that the legislature expands funding to help this program grow. It is more needed than ever.

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

Noelani Anderson

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Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaui Burgess	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kau`i Burgess and I am a resident of Waipahu/Kunia, Hawaii. Because of my strong beliefs of ending menstrual inequity, I also serve as the Board Chair of Ma`i Movement Hawai`i, an organization with a goal to end period poverty and menstrual inequity in Hawai`i.

I'm submitting testimony in **support** of HB1800 HD1, and I am especially in full support of the allocation of funds to DAGS to provide period products and dispensers at no cost, to those in need when they're in state buildings that are under the jurisdiction of DAGS, including all state libraries.

I believe that supporting menstruators in gaining access to period products - especially young menstruators, attending school, whose families experience challenges purchasing period products (including low income and homeless children) - not only prevents personal embarrassment, but also supports and strengthens self-identity and dignity, whereby supporting and uplifting the next generation of women leaders in Hawai`i.

To gain more insight and learn about the struggles of those who have challenges purchasing period products, please view our website at: www.maimovement.org/talk-story.

At Ma`i Movement, we believe that all individuals of menstruation age in Hawai`i have the right to access menstrual products and education without financial burden, shame or stigma.

Thank you in advance for your support of HB1800 HD1, for your support of such a need by many in Hawai`i's menstruating population, and mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha,

Kau`i N. Burgess, Board Chair of Ma`i Movement Hawai`i

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Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

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YiLin Fang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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

Sincerely,

YiLin Fang

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Submitted on: 3/20/2024 6:18:34 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/20/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Pierce	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Full support for the part of the budget that allows for permanent funding to University of Hawaii at Hilo to support graduate level mental health program expansion. An excellent and effective way for the state to increase the availability of mental health providers in the community.