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FISCAL BIENNIUM 2018-2019 STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET

The Legislature passed a \$14.4 billion State budget that includes operating monies to run the State government through fiscal year 2019.

HB1900 HD1 SD1 CD1, the State budget bill, includes funding for homelessness and housing, critical health and human service needs, support for keiki and kupuna caregivers, and protection of our culturally important natural resources.

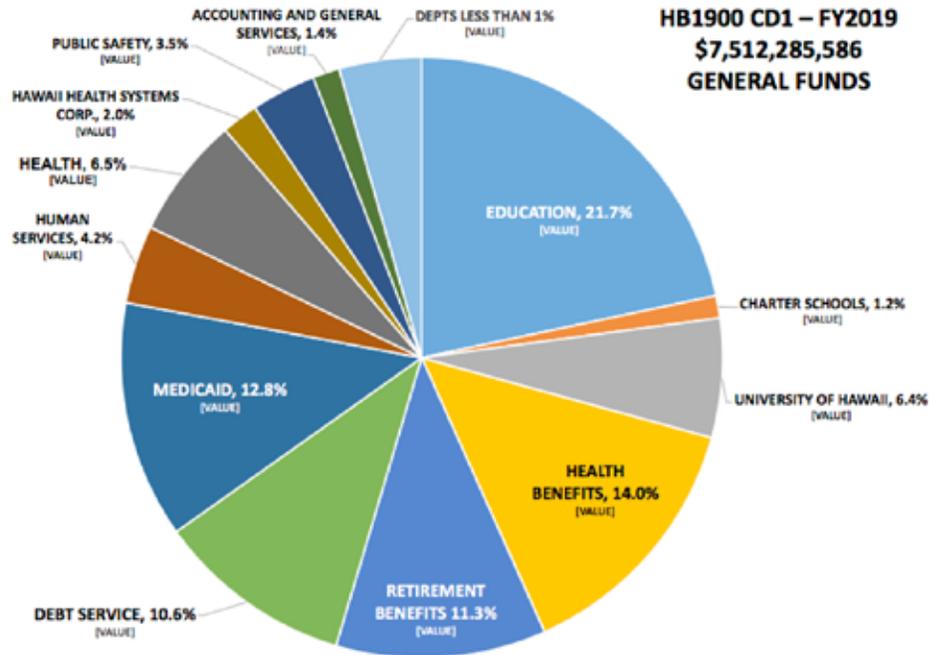
MESSAGE FROM KALANI

The 29th Legislature is done. We have had a very productive session, with many progressive measures - such as a sunscreen ban, a pesticides ban, and carbon trading provisions - passing.

Our \$14.4 billion budget is balanced, and I present a detailed breakdown for you in this edition of our newsletter. I am especially thankful to all the organizations that work in our district, and I highlight those that were awarded Grant-in-aid in this budget.

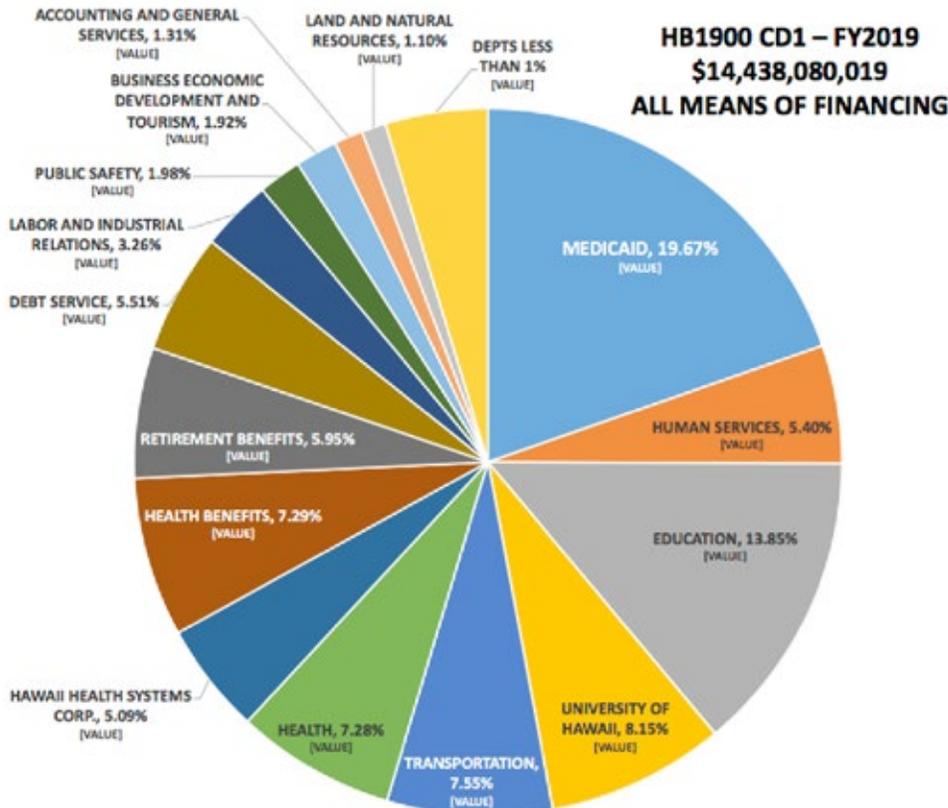
Let us be thankful for what we have, for the abundance of nature and each other.

**HB1900 CD1 – FY2019
\$7,512,285,586
GENERAL FUNDS**



In addressing homelessness as a top priority for this Legislative Session, state lawmakers approved the allocation of \$15 million to fund homeless programs and services.

Investing in our children, an additional \$500,000 was allocated for the Early College Program; \$400,000 for Teacher Certification Stipend Program to help increase the number of qualified public school teachers, and \$1.1 million for the Alternative Teacher Route Program to help with recruitment and certification of potential public school teachers. To help students in higher education, \$300,000 was appropriated for the Student Success Initiative to help support the students at UH Mānoa and \$750,000 for the Student Success Initiative at Community Colleges statewide.



To support our seniors, \$3.8 million in additional funds were appropriated for Kupuna Care and \$1.2 million for the Kupuna Caregivers Fund.

In recognizing the need to grow our economy, \$1.5 million was included for the Excelsior Program to aid development of local businesses and \$200,000 for the Creative Lab Hawaii expansion to the neighbor islands.

Lawmakers included funding for our natural resources by including \$800,000 in funding to combat the spread of Rapid Ohia Death and \$500,000 to support fire response activities of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife statewide. \$734,000 was allocated for the State Historic Preservation District and \$270,000 for State Forest Reserves resource protection and visitor access.

Some of the areas addressed in the \$2.4 billion budget for Capital Improvement Projects include \$6.5 million for the construction of a First Responders Technology Campus and Cyber Security Data Center, \$3.5 million for health and safety improvements at libraries statewide, \$9.6 million for improvements and renovations to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation facilities statewide, \$6.5 million for the protection and restoration of watersheds statewide, \$40 million for the construction of new consolidated housing and other related improvements at the Women's Community Correctional Center.

The grant-in-aid awards are an integral part of the executive budget. The following are awards that were either made to organizations in the 7th District or are awards beneficial to district residents:

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, MAUI, INC. (HHM) was awarded \$300,000 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for affordable housing in Hāna. HHM is an anti-poverty, ecumenical nonprofit organization that builds affordable housing for low-income people on Maui and Lāna'i. They have been building homes for Maui's families for the last eighteen years. Since 2003, Habitat has completed over 100 projects on Maui, Lāna'i and Moloka'i.

HHM will use the funds to help purchase 25 lots known as the Kawaipapa Project in Hāna. The project will solely be for families and individuals with incomes below 80% of the median income for Maui County. The need for this project is essential because there has been little or no affordable housing built in Hāna. The houses will be single family homes. Each home will come with a refrigerator and range.

The Kawaipapa project has been approved by the Maui County Council. All requirements for this project has been completed by the developer. They will provide pad-ready lots to Habitat at a discount price.

HALE MAKUA HEALTH SERVICES (HMHS) received an award of \$175,000 for new resident wander management systems to help keep elders and disabled individuals safe and secure. HMHS was established in 1946 on Maui to care for frail, vulnerable elders who needed 24 hour care and support, and who had no family to care for them or resources to provide the care. Since its founding, HMHS has grown from a single 24-bed residential home to include two nursing homes with rehab centers, a home health care agency, an adult day health center, and an adult residential care home.

The new management system replaces the current system that is no longer supported by the manufacturer and for which parts are no longer made. The new system will keep individuals at Hale Makua nursing homes safe by providing a fully functioning wander guard system.

2018 MAUI GRANT-IN-AID AWARDEES CONTINUED

KA LIMA O MAUI, LTD. (KOM) was awarded \$250,000 for facilities. Ka Lima is Maui County's largest employer of individuals with disabilities and is the only provider of placement in integrated and competitive jobs through vocational rehabilitation contracts.

For more than 60 years KOM has assisted people with disabilities to join the mainstream of society by having earnings, participating in the economy, making good decisions and realizing hopes and dreams. Recent programmatic growth has resulted in expansion that cannot be solely supported and sustained by the current size of KOM's physical plant.

The new construction will include a base yard building with program space on the second level. This will address the need to have a structure to safeguard and protect landscaping vehicles and equipment as well as provide space for repairs and maintenance. The upstairs will house KOM's employment programs. This will consolidate all of Ka Lima O Maui's services into one location.

LA'AKEA FOUNDATION received \$125,000 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for housing low income and intellectually/developmentally disabled (IDD) adults. In 2010, La'akea commenced services as a Department of Health (DOH) licensed agency to provide a residential community where youth and adults with disabilities can work, learn and live as part of a thriving 'ohana.

La'akea owns and operates one licensed group home, manages three apartments supporting intellectually/developmentally disabled clients where they live independently, and serves additional day program clients. La'akea also has secured and operates a 12-acre farm, along with a country store. They have grown as a valued part of the larger Pā'ia and Maui community, as many community members visit the farm weekly for fresh-grown fruit, vegetables and meaningful interaction.

Since affordable housing on Maui is non-existent, finding accommodations for vulnerable citizens, who desperately need an integrated, community-centered place to live is challenging. La'akea's goal is to meet this challenge by building a housing community on land that Maui County donated to the La'akea Foundation in 2006. The State of Hawai'i has already awarded a Capital

Improvement Grant of \$300,000 to La'akea. However, they need an additional \$2.1 million for its capital campaign. The funds awarded this year will enable them to reach their goals and objectives to provide safe and affordable housing for Maui's most at risk citizens.

WAIHOLI HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADERS ASSOCIATION, INC. (WHHA) received an award of \$450,000 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for improvements at the community center and park facilities. The project at Waiohuli will solidify economic initiatives for the homestead and surrounding communities in Kula.

In 2005, the WHHA created a strategic plan for its community that includes: growing wealth and cultural awareness for present and future generations; fulfilling their civic responsibilities through a sense of pride in self, place and community; being a community where people feel safe and respected; and promoting open dialogue and sharing mana'o among residents. To achieve these goals, WHHA has worked to create a Community Center and Park.

WHHA has already completed a certified commercial kitchen; established an open space for walking and an initial community garden; a hale has been completed that serves as the focal point for cultural exchanges; an amphitheater with capacity for 600 was built; the State Department of Health and Maui County approved a septic system with leach field for future comfort stations to support public use of completed park facilities; and finished an area for sports and seating for up to 200 spectators.

The Association is working on a new open patio fronting the commercial kitchen, expansion of the parking area, establishment of health and wellness component, and improved overall site accessibility.

KA 'OHANA O KALAUPAPA was awarded \$80,000 in operational funds for "The Kalaupapa Legacy Project." A full-time Executive Director will be hired to assist with development of a Strategic Plan for the next three years to ensure that the goals of the project are met.

The biggest project of the 'Ohana is to establish The Kalaupapa Memorial which will list the names of everyone taken from their families and isolated there. Of the estimated 8,000 people sent to Kalaupapa, fewer than

1,000 have identifiable tombstones. The Memorial will ensure that everyone's name is forever remembered, paying tribute to the people of Kalaupapa while providing a place of pride and healing for the thousands of descendants who live in Hawai'i and beyond.

MOLOKA'I CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PATHWAYS (MCAPP) received an award of \$80,000. MCAPP was launched in 2013 by the Consuelo Foundation as an exploratory pilot program to address childhood sexual violence on Moloka'i through primary prevention education (PPE). Since 2017, a newly formed MCAPP is charged with developing an independent base of funding and its own organizational administration.

MCAPP's overarching goal is to restore and sustain a culture of safety, wellbeing and protection for children and families on Moloka'i. During the award period MCAPP staff will teach curriculum to children and youth in Moloka'i on an ongoing basis reaching over 500 students; improve prevention curriculum using feedback from students and teachers; build strategic partnerships and deepen existing ones; hold engagement events outside of the formal classroom; and hold parent and educator trainings.

"I am pleased that many of the grant-in-aid awards were given to organizations in our district," said Sen. English. "I have worked hard to ensure that the organizations receive the necessary funds to continue to do their good work and serve our communities."

FUNDS RELEASED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

\$925,000 in funds were released to Maui Youth & Family Services for construction of a new comprehensive substance abuse and mental health facility.

\$37,067 was released to finance additional construction for amphitheater improvements at King Kaulike High School.

\$250,000 was released for construction and equipment for Hāna Highway crosswalk improvements at Piliāloha Street.

\$13,733 was released to finance design and construction for landscaping of the Pukalani Elementary School campus.

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END OF SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Sen. English rises to speak on a measure during the final third reading of bills. May 1, 2018.



Senate Communications Director Jill Kuramoto speaks with Sen. English during a floor session recess. May 1, 2018.



Above: Sen. English on the floor of the Senate following the conclusion of the final session, *Sine Die*. May 3, 2018.

Left: Sen. English joins Jill Kuramoto during a taping of 'Ōlelo's weekly show, "Live At The Legislature". April 30, 2018.

Lower left: Maui Senate Delegation with Sen. Jill Tokuda. May 3, 2018.

Below: Senate President Ron Kouchi and Sen. English during a press conference following the final floor session. May 3, 2018.



Sen. English joined Speaker Saiki and Chad Blair for Civil Beat Legislative Wrap-Up Panel Discussion. May 2, 2018. Click here to view video: <https://bit.ly/2Lgznnu>

