



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2017

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1232**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 10, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

HB335 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE  
OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
**ACT 131 (17)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



1 positions and a pound sign for temporary full-time equivalent  
2 positions.

3 "Program ID" means the unique identifier for the specific  
4 program and consists of the abbreviation for the Office of  
5 Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) followed by the organization number for  
6 the program.

7 **PART II. PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS**

8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS. The following sums, or so much  
9 thereof as may be sufficient to accomplish the purposes and  
10 programs designated herein, are hereby appropriated or  
11 authorized from the means of financing specified to the Office  
12 of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1,  
13 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The total expenditures and the  
14 number of permanent and temporary full-time equivalent positions  
15 established in each fiscal year of the biennium shall not exceed  
16 the sums and the position ceilings indicated for each fiscal  
17 year, except as provided elsewhere in this Act or as provided by  
18 general law.



PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

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ITEM NO.	PROG. ID	PROGRAM	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS			
				FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018	M O F	FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019	M O F
Hawaiian Affairs							
1.	OHA150	OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES					
	OPERATING		OHA	0.47*		0.47*	
			OHA	58,323A		58,323A	
			OHA	4.53*		4.53*	
			OHA	275,687T		275,687T	
2.	OHA160	ADMINISTRATION					
	OPERATING		OHA	5.03*		5.03*	
			OHA	1,124,042A		1,124,042A	
			OHA	31.97*		31.97*	
			OHA	2,861,727T		2,861,727T	
3.	OHA175	BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY					
	OPERATING		OHA	1.47*		1.47*	
			OHA	1,855,514A		1,855,514A	
			OHA	18.53*		18.53*	
			OHA	3,292,290T		3,292,290T	



1                                   **PART III. PROGRAM PROVISIONS**

2           SECTION 4. Provided that the general fund appropriations  
3 in part II of this Act shall be expended by the Office of  
4 Hawaiian Affairs.

5           SECTION 5. Provided that of the funds appropriated for  
6 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$415,000 in general  
7 funds and \$415,000 in trust funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
8 the same sums for fiscal year 2018-2019 shall be expended to  
9 provide for social services, including referral services and  
10 case management, to at-risk Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
11 beneficiaries to immediately address unexpected crises; provided  
12 further that program activities shall be designed with an  
13 overall objective to provide financial assistance to improve  
14 stability during emergency situations; and provided further that  
15 notwithstanding section 10-17(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes, any  
16 expenditures for the purposes of this section shall be in  
17 accordance with chapter 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
18 as appropriate.

19           SECTION 6. Provided that of the funds appropriated for  
20 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$615,000 in general  
21 funds and \$615,000 in trust funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 and



1 the same sums for fiscal year 2018-2019 shall be expended to  
2 provide for educational improvement programs for Native Hawaiian  
3 students; provided further that program activities shall be  
4 designed to help Native Hawaiian students meet or exceed  
5 educational standards; and provided further that notwithstanding  
6 section 10-17(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes, any expenditures for  
7 the purposes of this section shall be in accordance with chapter  
8 103D or 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or a competitive grants  
9 process, as appropriate.

10 SECTION 7. Provided that of the funds appropriated for  
11 beneficiary advocacy (OHA175), the sum of \$524,400 in general  
12 funds and \$524,400 in trust funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 and  
13 the same sums for fiscal year 2018-2019 shall be expended to  
14 provide for legal services and legal representation to Office of  
15 Hawaiian Affairs beneficiaries for:

- 16 (1) The assertion and defense of quiet title actions;  
17 (2) Assistance with ahupua'a and kuleana tenant rights,  
18 including rights of access and rights to water;  
19 (3) Land title assistance, including review of title and  
20 genealogy;  
21 (4) Preservation of traditional and customary practices;



1 (5) Protection of culturally significant places; and  
 2 (6) Preservation of Native Hawaiian land trust  
 3 entitlements;  
 4 provided further that notwithstanding section 10-17(e), Hawaii  
 5 Revised Statutes, any expenditures for the purposes of this  
 6 section shall be in accordance with chapter 103D or 103F, Hawaii  
 7 Revised Statutes, as appropriate.

8 **PART IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

9 SECTION 8. Provided that whenever necessary, the board of  
 10 trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or the board's  
 11 designee may transfer sufficient funds and positions between  
 12 programs for operating purposes; provided further that these  
 13 transfers shall be consistent with legislative intent; and  
 14 provided further that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs shall  
 15 submit a report to the legislature of all uses of this authority  
 16 for the previous twelve month period from December 1 to November  
 17 30, no later than twenty days prior to the regular sessions of  
 18 2018 and 2019.

19 SECTION 9. If any portion of this Act or its application  
 20 to any person, entity, or circumstance is held to be invalid for  
 21 any reason, the legislature declares that the remainder of the  
 22 Act and each and every other provision thereof shall not be  
 23 affected thereby. If any portion of a specific appropriation is



1 held to be invalid for any reason, the remaining portion shall  
2 be expended to fulfill the objective of such appropriation to  
3 the extent possible.

4 SECTION 10. If manifest clerical, typographical, or other  
5 mechanical errors are found in this Act, the board of trustees  
6 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is authorized to correct these  
7 errors. All changes made pursuant to this section shall be  
8 reported to the legislature at its next session.

9 SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

APPROVED this 10 day of JUL , 2017



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII





HB No. 335, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

  
President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate