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## HAWAI'I STATE SENATE 7TH DISTRICT

HĀNA, EAST AND UPCOUNTRY MAUI,  
MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I AND KAHO'OLAWÉ



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### MESSAGE FROM KALANI

Tomorrow, the 2014 Legislature will adjourn sine die. We have had a productive session and Maui County will receive many projects, Grants-in-Aid and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Our Senate team worked hard to secure these items and we will continue to work with the administration to get them implemented.

In this issue, we highlight some of the projects in the State budget, we list the projects allocated to my district and take a quick peek at the Hawai'i State Capitol's annual Kūpuna Power day.

### LAWMAKERS AGREE ON STATE BUDGET

**HB1700** EMPHASIZES THE LEGISLATURE'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND HAWAI'I'S PEOPLE

The Senate and House concluded negotiations on the state budget bill, agreeing upon and passing a fiscally responsible \$12.1 billion budget for fiscal year 2014-15. Bill **HB1700** includes funding for core services such as education, health, the University of Hawai'i, human services, the environment, public safety, and supporting and caring for the lives of Hawai'i's people.

Midway through the session, on March 11, the Council on Revenues reduced its projected general fund tax revenue growth, from 3.3 percent to zero percent in FY2013-2014 and 7.4 percent to 5.5 percent in FY2014-2015. Combining this with the Department of Budget and Finance's estimated reduction of general fund non-tax revenue growth, it's projected that there will be a cumulative total of \$491.8 million less in general funds over the current fiscal biennium.

Funding for capital improvement projects (CIP) amounted to just over \$5 billion, of which \$2.3 billion is funded in general obligation (GO) or reimbursable bonds. This number includes the lapse and re-authorization of \$339 million in GO Bonds for the State Educational Facilities Improvement (SEFI) Fund. The budget includes \$40 million for grant-in-aid (GIA).



The CIP budget was crafted prioritizing two essential goals: continue the progress begun over the last few years in renovating, repairing and maintaining existing state-owned facilities to utilize our current resources and reduce general fund expenditures in the future, and designate funds for projects needed to address future capacity needs and economic growth.

"My colleagues in the Senate and I worked diligently with our counterparts in the House to create a financially responsible budget," said Sen. English. "This year, we were able to balance the interest of the community with the availability of funds. HB1700 emphasizes the Senate's commitment to public school education, the Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i. The biggest winners this session are our keiki. We invested money in the weighted student formula, athletics, the Strive-HI program and UH collective bargaining agreements, among others."

## LAWMAKERS AGREE ON STATE BUDGET CONTINUED

Highlights of the budget include:

### Education

- \$15 million for the weighted student formula, which are funds given to schools based on enrollment and other factors.
- \$2 million for school athletics.
- \$1.925 million for Strive-HI performance system, which was designed to measure and better understand school performance and progress, and to help tailor rewards, supports and interventions for school improvement.
- \$600,000 for the educator evaluation system.
- \$579,208 for the professional development management system.
- \$256,000 for teacher induction and mentoring program.
- \$200,000 for a contract with Teach for America.
- \$3 million for early learning through the prekindergarten program.
- \$9 million to cover the shortfall in utility costs.
- \$592,000 in general funds for sabbatical leave for teachers.

### Charter Schools

- \$800,000 for additional funding to mitigate charter school commission costs.
- \$134,802 for charter school per-pupil allotment.

### Public Libraries

- \$685,000 for electricity budget shortfall in libraries statewide.
- \$200,000 to increase security services at libraries statewide.
- \$600,000 to maintain computers and other technological services offered by Hawai'i State Public Libraries System to patrons.

### Health

- \$5 million for the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.
- \$2 million for the Hilo Medical Center primary care residency program.
- \$750,000 for Hawai'i Health Information Exchange for operational and technical support.

### University of Hawai'i

- 89 positions and \$4 million for the University of Hawai'i West Oahu campus.
- \$1 million for community college outcome based funding.
- \$19.5 million in general funds for UHPA employees' salary increases.
- Increase of the special fund ceiling by nearly \$46 million to support UH-Manoa campus operations and programs.
- 50 positions to support UH community colleges operations.

### Agriculture

- 4 positions and \$96,309 for the pesticides branch.

### Human Services

- \$5.5 million for foster care payment rate increase.
- \$200,000 for Hawai'i Health Information Exchange for Medicaid services.
- \$500,000 for the REACH program.

### Environment

- \$577,000 for operating expenses for conservation and resources enforcement officers.
- 12 temporary positions and \$800,000 for community fisheries enforcement units.
- \$100,000 in general funds and \$3.9 million in special funds for the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation 2016 Congress.

### Public Safety

- 10 positions and \$259,930 for hospital and suicide watch posts.
- 6 positions and \$155,958 for hospital and suicide watch posts.
- 20 positions and \$786,718 for mental health treatment at correctional facilities.

### CIPs

- HB1700 provides nearly \$900 million to fund projects that continue the progress begun over the last few years in renovating, repairing and maintaining existing state-owned facilities to utilize our current resources and reduce general fund expenditures in the future. Including:
- \$700 million for the Department of Education and \$90 million for the UH system
  - Remainder allocated to hundreds of other projects, mainly in the Department of Health, DLNR and DAGS.
  - Major funding in the amount of \$1.9 billion is provided to the Department of Transportation for highways, harbors and airports, including an additional \$280 million for the new Mauka concourse at Honolulu International Airport.

- HB1700 addresses future capacity needs and economic growth. Including:
- Funding for the much anticipated UH Hilo College of Pharmacy in the amount of \$33 million.
  - Allied Health and Administration Building for the growing UH West Oahu campus at Kapolei in the amount of \$28 million.
  - Following last year's major investment in technology infrastructure, the budget this year includes an investment of \$100 million in state and matching federal funds for Kolea, the new eligibility system for public assistance programs.

## KAHULUI AIRPORT RECEIVES CIP FUNDING

Maui's Kahului Airport will receive \$305,500,000 in capital improvement projects (CIP) funding appropriated by the legislature. The Governor released funds for the construction of a new multi-level consolidated car rental facility and roadway improvements at Kahului Airport.

The car rental facility will include a customer service building, quick turnaround, ready return vehicle parking spaces, four 15,000-gallon fuel storage tanks, a people mover system to and from the terminal, site improvements, roadway connections to airport terminal roadways, additional employee parking spaces and potential flat-plate, non-reflective photovoltaic panels. A new

access road to the facility will run from Hāna Highway to Airport Loop Road.

"Right now customers have to drive through the terminal roadway system to get to the existing rental car facilities, causing congestion in front of the terminals," said Sen. English, "A new access road from Hāna Highway to Airport Loop will help to alleviate traffic congestion at the airport."

## \$226,074,000.00 TOTAL FOR 7TH DISTRICT 2014/2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### MAUI

**TOTAL: \$ 212,604,000.00**

<p><b><u>Ha'iku Elementary School</u></b> (Plans, design &amp; construction of 2 portable classrooms) <b>700,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Kalama Intermediate School</u></b> (Design, construction &amp; equipment for outdoor covered play court) <b>1,500,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>King Kekaulike High</u></b> (Design &amp; construction for a new auditorium &amp; reroofing and for upgrades to the track &amp; field) <b>18,000,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Hale Maha'olu Ewalu</u></b> (Construction for a senior affordable rental housing campus at the Kulamalu Town Center) <b>4,000,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Ka Lima O Maui</u></b> (Construction for a new program, administrative &amp; support facility) <b>500,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Hāna Health</u></b> (Plans, design and construction to replace 3 large cesspools) <b>200,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Upcountry Agricultural Park</u></b> (Land acquisition, design &amp; construction for the development of an agricultural park) <b>6,000,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Upcountry Watershed</u></b> (Land acquisition, design &amp; construction for installation of a pipeline) <b>6,000,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Assoc.</u></b> (Construction for phase 2 of the community center and park) <b>1,500,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Hale Makua Health Services</u></b> (Plans &amp; construction for a new nurse call system) <b>150,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Kula Forest Reserve</u></b> (Plans, design &amp; construction for reconstruction/resurfacing of the access road) <b>250,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Ahihi Kina'u Natural Reserve</u></b> (Plans, design &amp; construction for improvements at Kanahena parking area &amp; installation of fee parking machine) <b>360,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Hāna Highway Kailua Stream Bridge</u></b> (Rehabilitation and/or replace) <b>1,100,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Kīhei-upcountry Highway</u></b> (Land acquisition for a new 2-lane highway) <b>72,600,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Kahului Airport Land Acquisition</u></b> (Land acquisition of parcels near the airport) <b>50,000,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Hāna Highway Widening at Ka'ahumanu Avenue</u></b> (Land acquisition for widening and other improvements and beautification) <b>2,064,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Hāna Highway Puohokamo Stream Bridge</u></b> (Rehabilitation and/or replace) <b>910,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Hāna Highway Kopili'ula Stream Bridge</u></b> (Rehabilitation and/or replace) <b>1,105,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Hāna Highway Makanali Stream Bridge</u></b> (Rehabilitation and/or replace) <b>1,115,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Hāna Highway Mokulehua Stream Bridge</u></b> (Land acquisition, rehabilitation and/or replace) <b>1,000,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Hāna Highway 'Ula'ino Stream Bridge</u></b> (Rehabilitation and/or replace) <b>950,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Hāna Airport, Code of Fed Reg. 139 compliance</u></b> (Construction for 139 compliance improvements for a new aircraft rescue &amp; fire-fighting station) <b>6,350,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Haleakalā Highway Improvements</u></b> (Construction to Install Right Turn Lane on West Bound Haleakalā Highway, Install walkways &amp; paved shoulders) <b>2,500,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Haleakalā Highway, Intersection Improvements at Makawao Ave.</u></b> (Construction to extend the left turn lane &amp; construct pedestrian facilities) <b>3,250,000</b></p>
<p><b><u>Hāna Harbor Improvements</u></b> (Plans for environmental requirements for improvements &amp; plans, design &amp; construction for capital improvements) <b>20,500,000</b></p>	<p><b><u>Kahului Airport, Access Rd.</u></b> (Construction for a new access road from Hāna Highway including: site work, paving, electrical drainage, utilities &amp; other related improvements) <b>10,000,000</b></p>

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**\$226,074,000.00 TOTAL FOR 7TH DISTRICT  
2014/2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CONTINUED**

**LĀNA'I**

**TOTAL: \$1,750,000.00**

**Lāna'i Community Health Center**

(Construction for new community health center)

**1,750,000**

**MOLOKA'I**

**TOTAL: \$ 9,220,000.00**

**Moloka'i Homestead Farmers Alliance**

(Design, construction and equipment for repairs and improvements of the renewable energy systems for the Lanikeha Center)

**1,750,000**

**Moloka'i Athletic Complex**

(Plans to design & construction of a gym, football field, tennis courts and baseball field)

**400,000**

**Kamehameha Highway, Makakupaia Stream Bridge**

(Rehabilitation and/or replace)

**599,000**

**Kalaupapa Settlement Improvements**

(Design & construction to close solid waste landfill and other improvements)

**521,000**

**Moloka'i Irrigation System**

(Plans, design & construction for improvements to the system)

**2,200,000**

**Guardrail & Shoulder Improvements on State Hwys**

(Design & construction to build paved shoulders & upgrade guardrails)

**1,000,000**

**Maui Community College, Moloka'i Education Center**

Design, construction & equipment for expansion, renovation, repair & maintenance)

**2,250,000**

**Moloka'i Ohana Health**

(Design & construction for renovation & relocation of the Moloka'i Community Health Center)

**500,000**

**KAHO'OLAWÉ**

**TOTAL: \$2,500,000.00**

**Kaho'olawe Island Reserve**

(Plans, design & construction for a renewable energy system at basecamp)

**2,500,000**

**KŪPUNA POWER**

The public was invited to attend Kūpuna Power Day on Wednesday, April 16 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda at the Hawaii State Capitol.

Kūpuna Power Day was for and about seniors and empowers them through education, entertainment and exercise. More than 30 organizations provided information to Hawaii's Kūpuna on health, safety and

well-being. The program included live entertainment and guest speakers. Those who attended Kūpuna Power Day received information on planning for long term care. This event was an opportunity for the public to talk with representatives of various service providers, start planning for one's financial future, take charge of one's health, and learn about Medicare and Medicaid options.

