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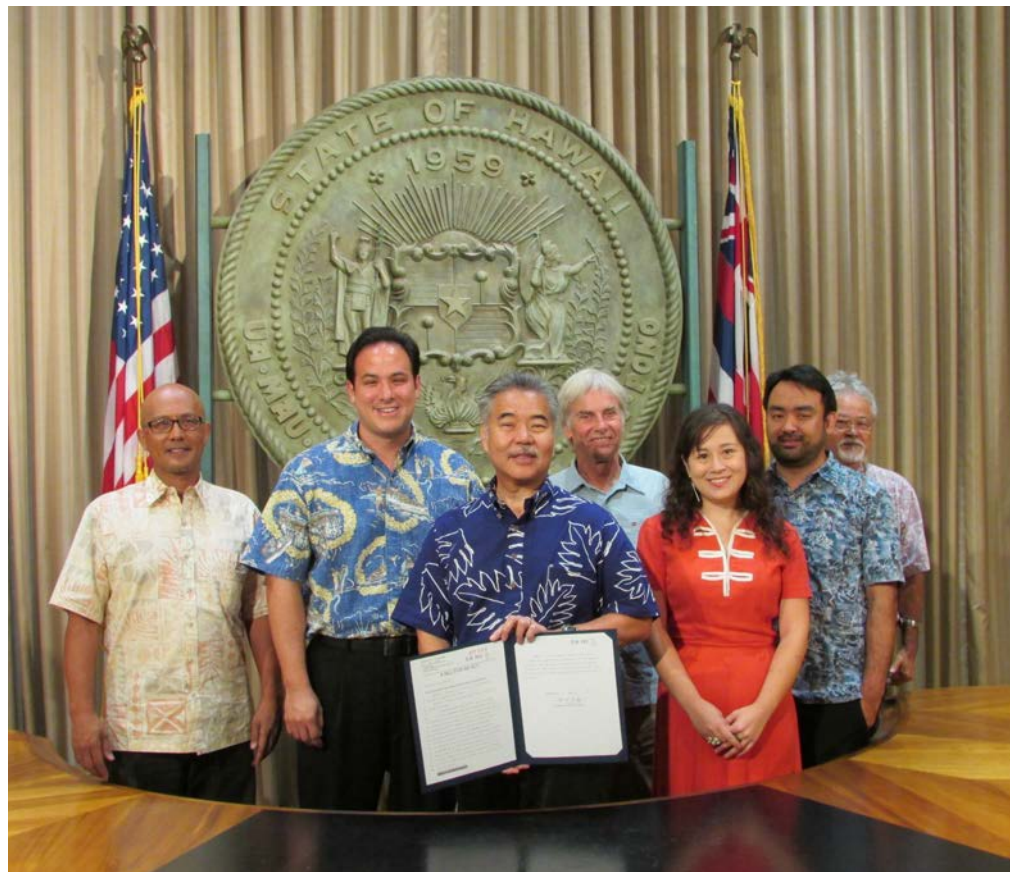
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## Governor Ige Signs Bills Into Law

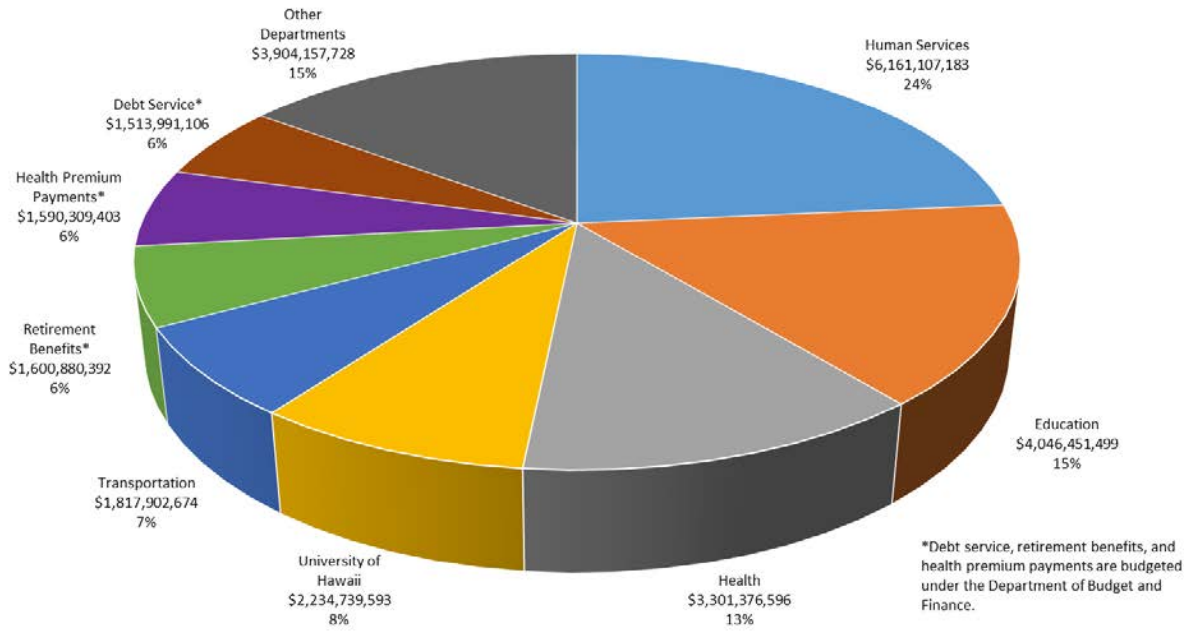


**Left:** Senators Glenn Wakai, Will Espero and Representative Derek Kawakami join Governor Ige to sign Senate Bill 1001, Relating To Manufacturing, into law. The new law will provide the high technology development corporation an opportunity to give out grants to Hawaii manufacturers for a variety of activities. This bill is one of many that will help to stimulate and strengthen existing sectors in our economy.

**Right:** Senate Bill 555, Relating to Tax Credits, will increase the existing food tax credits available to low-income families. Hawaii is noted for having some of the highest costs of living and this years legislature felt it was necessary to increase the available credits to some of Hawaii's most hardest working, yet poorest families, providing immediate and measureable relief. Single and joint filers will be able to claim up to \$110 in tax credits, dependent upon adjusted gross income. Pictured: Senator Will Espero, Representative Aaron Johanson and community advocates.



Fiscal Biennium 2015-2017 (All Means of Financing)  
 By Departments (Except for Debt Service\*, Health Premium Payments\*, Retirement Benefits\*)  
 \$26,170,916,174 = 100%



(Left) - On time and on target. State lawmakers this session passed a fiscally prudent biennial budget ahead of the legislative decking deadline. The budget reflects the depth and magnitude of the State's financial obligations while balancing the need to fund public

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