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## MAY 2022 COMMUNITY REPORT

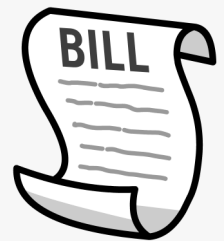
May 5th, also known as Sine Die at the Legislature, marked the end of the Legislative Session. Both chambers voted on bills for Final Reading and adoption of resolutions. Next, the bills will be transmitted or "enrolled" to the Governor for his consideration.

It was a successful and historic session - tackling issues concerning keiki, kupuna, affordable housing and homeless, funding for Native Hawaiians, minimum wage & refundable earned income tax credit to help many low to middle income families. It was definitely an intense session and a lot of work. Needless to say, I am proud of the accomplishments made and everyone working together for the betterment of our state.

My office will continue to be here to serve you. If you have any questions or feedback, feel free to email or call me.

### Bills that Passed

- ⇒ **SB 514:** Rebates of \$300 to people earning less than \$100,000 and each of their dependents and \$100 to people earning over \$100,000 and their dependents.
- ⇒ **HB 2510:** Incrementally increases the minimum wage to \$12.00 on October 1, 2022; \$14.00 on January 1, 2024; \$16.00 on January 1, 2026; and \$18.00 on January 1, 2028; increases the tip credit \$1.50 per hour over a six-year period.
- ⇒ **HB 2510:** Makes the earned income tax credit permanent and refundable.
- ⇒ **SB2819:** Promotes both the recruitment and retention of qualified and senior teachers by addressing certain existing salary inequities.
- ⇒ **SB 2821:** Makes available free menstrual products for students at all public schools.
- ⇒ **SB2679:** Extends the renewal period from two years to four years for licensees who are 72 years of age or older but younger than 80 years of age.
- ⇒ **HB 2511:** Establishes the Hawaiian home lands special fund and appropriates \$600 million. Funds also will be used for down payment assistance and mortgage payment assistance to beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.
- ⇒ **HB 2512:** Appropriates \$15 million and extends the Ohana Zone pilot program until 2026 to provide temporary shelter, permanent transitional housing and services including health care, social support services and transportation.
- ⇒ **HB 1570:** Bans the sale of flavored tobacco products and mislabeled e-liquid products.
- ⇒ **HB 1567:** Eliminates the use of monetary bail and requires defendants to be released on their own recognizance for certain nonviolent offenses, subject to certain exclusions.
- ⇒ **SB 2162:** Establishes ranked choice voting for special federal elections and special elections of vacant County Council seats.



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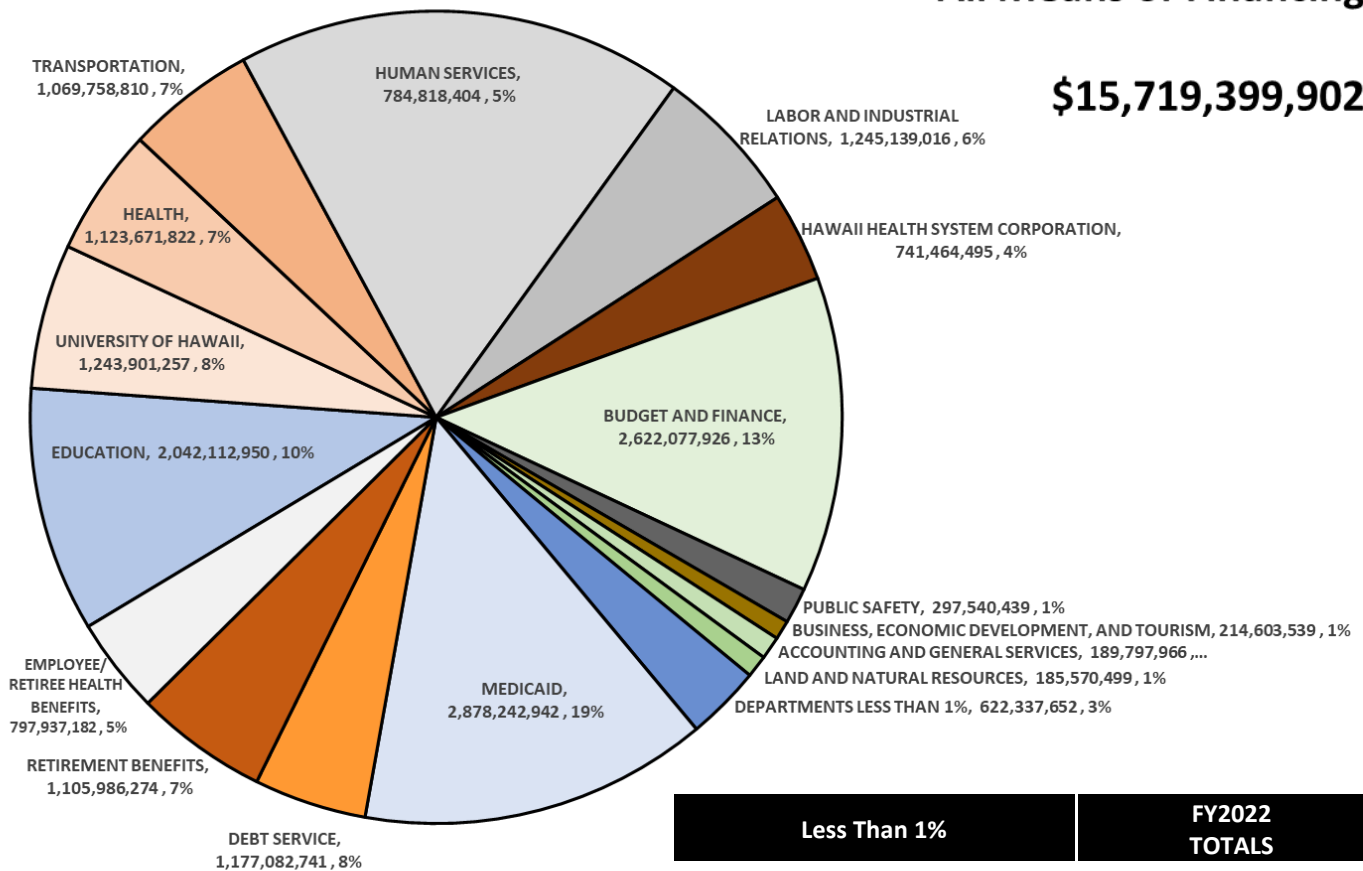
# 2022 Legislative Session Highlights

The Senate and the House worked against a tight deadline to get legislation out of conference committees and decked for final passage on May 3. The House Finance and Senate Ways and Means Committees approved the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2023, which begins July 1. It totals a record \$8.7 billion. The committees also approved a \$6 billion construction budget that will help our construction industry and local economy. The state budget benefited this year from an unexpected boom in tax collections as the economy rebounded from the pandemic, creating a budget surplus of \$2 billion in state and federal money.

The budget includes funding for several capital improvement projects (CIP) in our district including our public schools as well as Grants-In-Aid (GIA) to help our community organizations. You can view a full list of them on the next page.

## Fiscal Year 2022 All Means of Financing

**\$15,719,399,902**



Less Than 1%	FY2022 TOTALS
AGRICULTURE	52,389,942.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL	102,285,053.00
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	93,821,564.00
DEFENSE	103,470,791.00
CHARTER SCHOOLS	106,950,406.00
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	44,474,441.00
HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS	53,635,438.00
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	26,032,612.00
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	3,550,536.00
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	955,793.00
SUBSIDIES	2,900,000.00
TAXATION	31,871,076.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>622,337,652.00</b>

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## *Capital Improvement Projects & Grant-in-Aid (GIA)*

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
AIEA ELEMENTARY	Covered walkways and parking lot solar canopy	1,910,000
AIEA HIGH SCHOOL	Culinary program and multipurpose room in cafeteria	6,200,000
AIEA INTERMEDIATE	Outdoor gathering area	2,000,000
BISHOP MUSEUM	Site improvements and operating costs	17,500,000
DE CORTE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND KALIHI DISTRICT PARK	Site improvements	1,000,000
DOLE MIDDLE	Outdoor coverings and cafeteria improvement	2,000,000
DOLE MIDDLE	Innovation learning lab	2,000,000
FARRINGTON	Phase 2 of master plan CRS/MUSIC PE/GYM	58,000,000
H1 OLA LANE/VINEYARD BLVD	Construction of an additional lane on the H1 east-bound from middle street to vineyard blvd	55,000,000
KALAKAUA MIDDLE	Portable classrooms	1,100,000
KALAKAUA MIDDLE	Demolition of buildings	450,000
KALIHI ELEMENTARY	Covered playcourt repairs	500,000
KALIHI ELEMENTARY	Facilities improvement	720,000
KALIHI WAENA ELEMENTARY	Sidewalk improvements	3,000,000
KAPALAMA ELEMENTARY	Parking drop off and site improvements	700,000
KOKUA KALIHI VALLEY	Renovation of medical clinic to improve patient care	200,000
LANAKILA ELEMENTARY	Improve student pickup and repave parking lot	700,000
LANAKILA PACIFIC	Outreach and recruitment for job search support for people with disabilities	81,000
LINAPUNI ELEMENTARY	Playground structure	200,000
MOANALUA ELEMENTARY	Multipurpose Innovation center	4,000,000
MOANALUA GARDENS FOUNDATION	Kamamanui road repairs	350,000
MOANALUA HIGH	Softball and baseball field and facilities improvements	2,200,000
PALAMA SETTLEMENT	Renovations and upgrades	590,000
PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER	Provide youth development services KPT in Kalihi and Puuwai Momi housing in Aiea	626,536
PUAHALA HOMES MODERNIZATION	Upgrade and renovate public housing	600,000
RED HILL ELEMENTARY	Covered playcourt	700,000
SHAFTER ELEMENTARY	Ground and site improvements	82,000,000
THE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF THE PACIFIC	Purchase and install tech system to enhance patient care	600,000
WEBLING ELEMENTARY	Covered walkways	1,000,000
WEBLING ELEMENTARY	Expansion of buildings	500,000

# Community Updates

## Instant Motor Vehicle Registration Renewal

Hawaii DMV Now is a self-service DMV kiosk that offers a fast and easy way to renew your vehicle registration. You don't need to take a number or sit and wait; the average transaction takes less than two minutes. After a successful renewal, a new registration document and emblem prints immediately.



### REQUIREMENTS:

- Kiosks accept credit or debit card payments
- Your vehicle must be registered in the same county that the kiosk is located in.
- You must have received a renewal notice and are renewing between 45 days prior and 10 months after the expiration date.
- Your vehicle cannot be classified as a heavy vehicle.
- Your renewal notice must show your current mailing address.
- Your renewal cannot show an expired vehicle inspection.
- Your renewal notice

cannot show outstanding traffic violations.

- Your renewal notice cannot show requirements to submit additional forms listed in the SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

### LOCATIONS

**Foodland in Waipi'o** 94-1040 Waipio Uka St.  
**Safeway in Honolulu** 848 Ala Liliko'i St.  
**Safeway in Honolulu** 1234 S Beretania St.  
**Safeway in Honolulu** 888 Kapahulu Ave.  
**Safeway in Honolulu** 377 Keahole St.  
**Safeway in Kaneohe** 46065 Kamehameha Hwy.  
**Safeway in Kapolei** 590 Farrington N. 400  
**Safeway in Aiea** 98-1277 Kaahumanu St.

## Dept. of Community Service Interest-free Home Loan Program

Qualified Oahu homebuyers can take advantage of a city program offering interest-free loans to help with a down payment.

The city's Department of Community Services has \$380,000 left in its Down Payment Loan Program for this year.

Under the program, households earning 80% or below of the area median income can get up to \$40,000 interest-free. For a family of four, the qualifying level for income is \$96,000.

The program is federally funded and a great opportunity for local households to build wealth.

Loans are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

More information can be found at [www.honolulu.gov/dcs](http://www.honolulu.gov/dcs) or by calling 808-768-7076.

