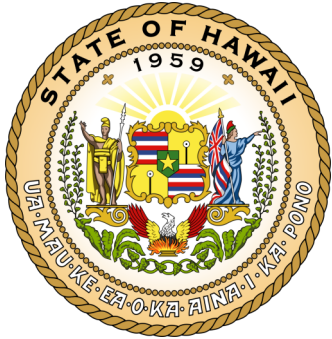


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STATE SENATE PASSES DRAFT OF CIP BUDGET

The Senate passed the State Budget bill, HB1259 SD1, which appropriates funds for fiscal biennium 2019-2021 for capital improvement projects costs of the State. Working with my Senate colleagues over the past few weeks, I'm pleased to announce that we unanimously voted, with 25 ayes, to pass this measure.

This measure includes projects that will have statewide benefit such as highway improvements, airport modernization, lower and higher education, and recreation. Furthermore, this bill includes funding for district projects that will support schools and economic development.

For District 22, the Senate Draft includes critical projects that will benefit the Mililani Complex:

- Projects at **Mililani High School** including **\$1.65 million** to design and construct a girl's athletic locker room and **\$1.68 million** for design and construction improvements for the softball field
- **Mililani Middle School** was allotted **\$490,000** for the expansion and widening of all campus sidewalks

With the completion of the new building and the transition to a single-track calendar, Mililani Middle School will have 1,900 students on campus every day. For the health and safety of the students, the Senate is proposing to expand and widen all campus sidewalks so the school can accommodate the increased traffic.

In addition to funding for education, the Senate is prioritizing economic development for Central Oahu. Therefore, the draft of the state budget also includes **\$55 million** for infrastructure development for the **First Responders Tech Campus & Cyber Security Data Center**. Currently, the Phase II parcel has no water, sewer, and electricity infrastructure that is necessary for the project. The installment of infrastructure will allow agencies to move one by one and relocate to Mililani potentially bringing hundreds of jobs within the area.

I look forward to working further on this measure during conference with our colleagues in the House. Please remember this is the Senate's draft on HB1259, SD1 and these figures are not final until the Legislature passes the state budget. I will be giving a full update when the final version passes.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov or at 808-586-6090 should you have any questions.