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### **State Funding for Projects on Hawaii Island Creates Jobs and Stimulates Economy**

HONOLULU -- Governor Abercrombie is releasing Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding for the Waimea to Kau areas on the island of Hawaii.

“I would like to thank the Governor for releasing the funding for these much needed projects,” said Senator Malama Solomon, who represents District 1, encompassing Waimea, Hamakua, North Hilo, Hilo and Keaukaha. “The projects will greatly impact and improve the lives of our residents who live in the area by providing work and accelerating our economic recovery.”

“There are people who are under-employed and unemployed in the trades industry on Hawaii island, and these capital improvement projects will provide jobs that they so urgently need,” said Senator Gilbert Kahele, who represents District 2, encompassing Kau, Puna and Hilo.

Here are the following projects receiving funding:

- \$1,000,000 Waimea Hydropower Plant: install a hydropower plant in the Waimea Irrigation System
- \$874,925 Surveillance of Water-Side Threats to Critical Infrastructure at Hilo, Kawaihae, Nawiliwili and Port Allen Harbors: design/build construction for surveillance systems
- \$210,000 Hawaii Belt Road Drainage Improvements, Vicinity of Hakalau Bridge: drainage improvements
- \$3,200,000 State Lower Hamakua Ditch Watershed Project: land acquisition, design and construction to repair the flumes, ditches, reservoirs, and tunnels
- \$300,000 State Lower Hamakua Ditch Watershed Project: construction to repair the flumes, ditches, reservoirs, and tunnels
- \$2,000,000 Waimea Transfer Ditch Improvements: construction and improvements
- \$4,150,000 Paauilo Rendering Plant and Slaughterhouse: building renovation, infrastructure improvements and equipment replacement
- \$113,000 Information and Communication Services Division – Anuenue Radio Sites and Towers: design and construction engineering of Waiakea radio facility

- \$2,500,000 Keaau Middle School: additional construction, works of art and equipment of a new classroom building
- \$500,000 Kau Irrigation System Improvements: plans and design for improvements, including renovation of the existing water tunnel system in the Kau area
- \$284,000 Kau Hospital: installation of solar powered parking lot lights, replacement of hospital doors, renovation of entrance ramps and installation of a wireless repeater for advanced communications
- \$4,000,000 University of Hawaii at Hilo Living Learning Community: construction and equipment
- \$16,000,000 University of Hawaii at Hilo, Student Housing Developments Phase 1: construction
- \$550,000 The Arc of Hilo: construction of the gymnasium

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