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Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 190, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) divisions. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports this measure.

OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii responsible for improving the well-being of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. OHA's budget bill requests state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to support OHA's budget plans for the upcoming biennium. These general funds are vital to fulfilling OHA's mandate of serving Hawaiians since the pro rata share that OHA receives from the public lands are for the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians, as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA). DHHL appreciates OHA's continued support in serving HHCA beneficiaries.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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OVERVIEW

A. Background and Mission

1. Background

Upon statehood in 1959, Section 5(f) of the Admission Act directed the State to hold lands in trust for five purposes, one of which was “the betterment of the conditions of Native Hawaiians,” as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. In 1978 a Constitution Convention reviewed and revised the responsibilities of Hawai‘i’s government. Among the provisions incorporated into the new State constitution was the establishment of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), as a public trust with mandates to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians and Native Hawaiian community in general. In 1979, the legislature enacted Chapter 10 of the Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) which created OHA as a semi-autonomous self-governing body. Subsequent legislation has defined the amount of the revenue streams accruing to OHA. OHA’s Board of Trustees is composed of nine trustees, five of whom represent specific island districts. OHA’s key administrators include a Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and five Departmental Directors (www.oha.org).

Hawai‘i is an ethnically-diverse state. Currently, one in five (21.67%) of our island population define themselves as Native Hawaiian. Native Hawaiian households typically consist of larger, multi-generational families with more children, yet have less income per person than other populations residing in the State of Hawai‘i (American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, 2015). Native Hawaiians live in each county, with greater density in rural areas than metro cities.

2. Mission

OHA’s mission is to mālama (protect) Hawai‘i’s people, environmental resources and assets, toward ensuring the perpetuation of the culture, the enhancement of lifestyle, and the protection of entitlements of Native Hawaiians, while enabling the building of a strong and healthy Hawaiian people and nation, recognized nationally and internationally. According to Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 10, OHA is the principal public agency in the State of Hawai‘i responsible for:

- Betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians;
- Performance, development, and coordination of programs and activities relating to Native Hawaiians;
- Assessing the policies and practices of other agencies impacting Native Hawaiians;
- Conducting advocacy efforts for Native Hawaiians; and,
- Serving as a receptacle for reparations.

OHA carries out its mission through the strategic allocation of its limited resources. Consistent with best practices among foundations and endowments, and with the purpose of ensuring the continued viability of its Native Hawaiian Trust Fund (NHTF), OHA’s Board of Trustees adopted its first Spending Policy in 2003. This Policy limits its annual spending to 5% of the rolling 20

quarter average of the NHTF to help ensure sufficient resources are available for future generations. FY 2018 is used as an example to depict OHA's net assets and core operating budget.

Figure 1. OHA's FY 2018 Net Assets (unaudited) = \$662,915,500

OHA's Spending Policy limits the amount of annual withdrawals from its investment portfolio for operations.

For FY 2018 the spending limit was \$17,555,826, which was an increase of \$256,762 from FY 2016 of \$17,299,064.

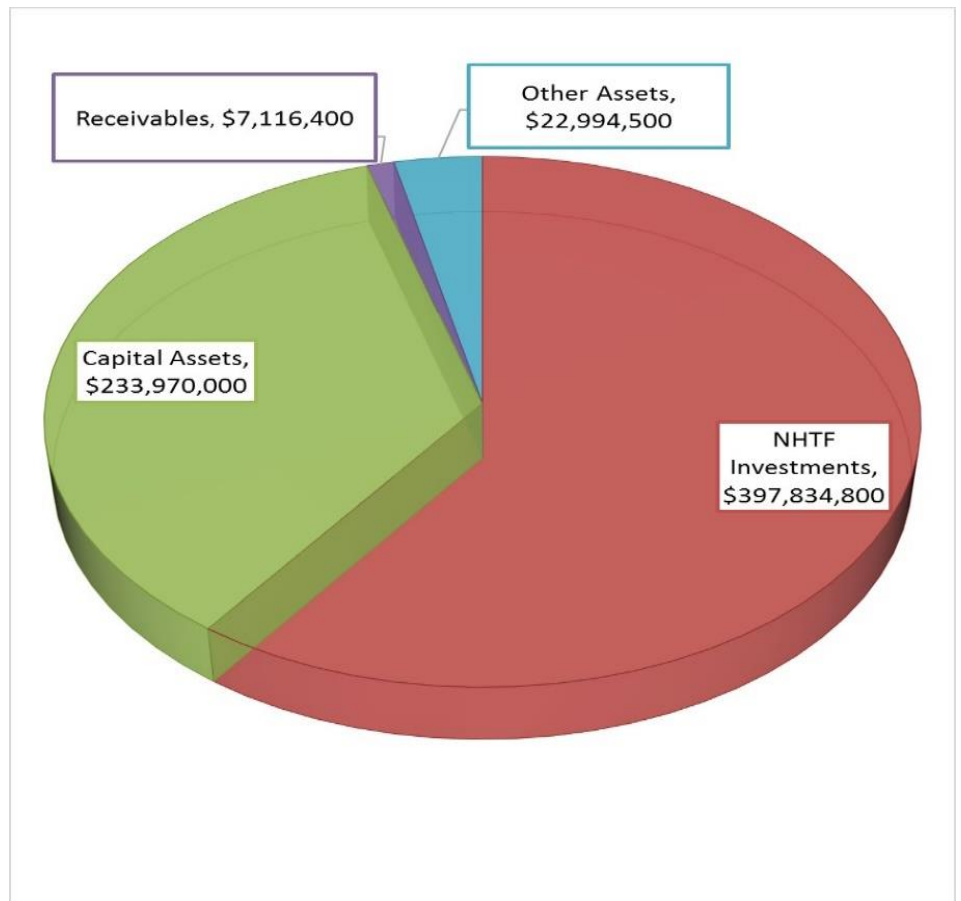


Figure 2. OHA's FY 2018 Funding Sources for Core Operations = **\$36,127,702**

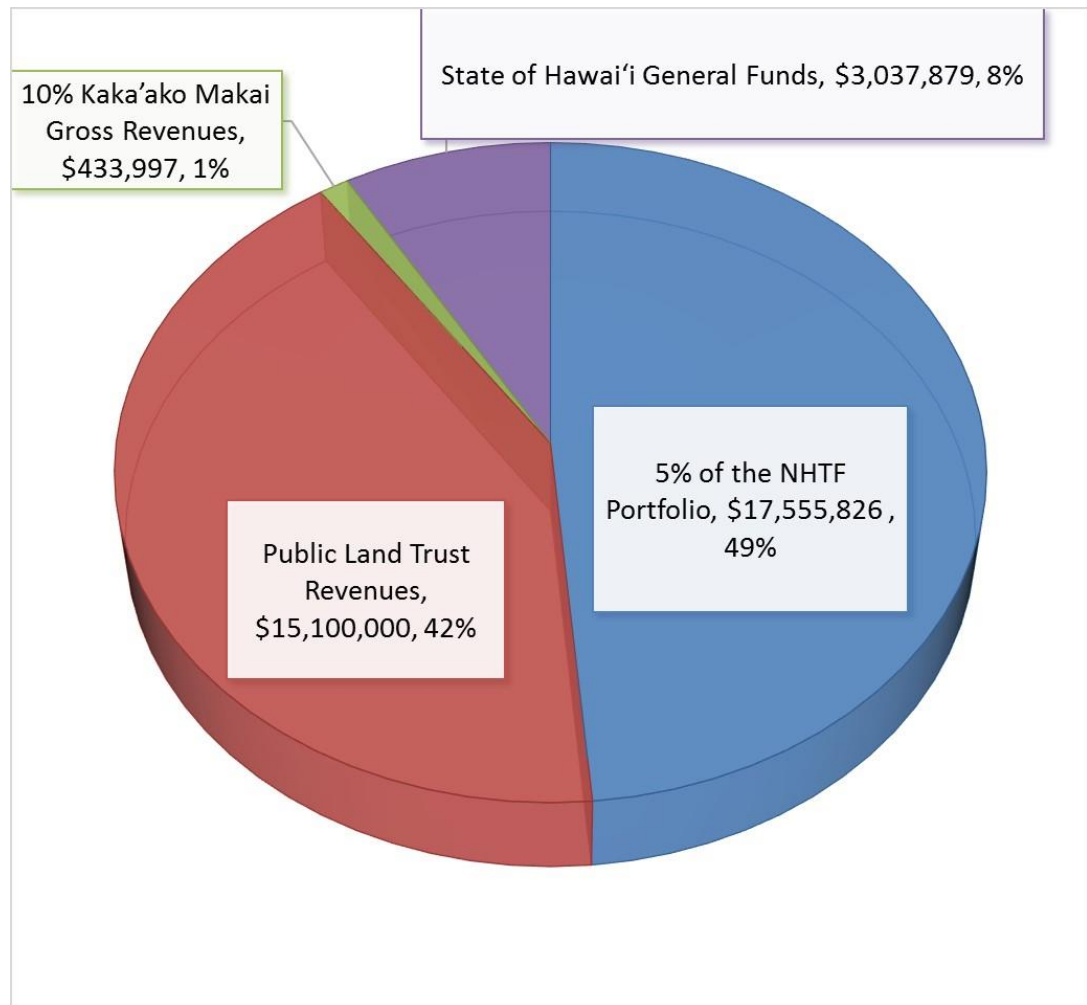
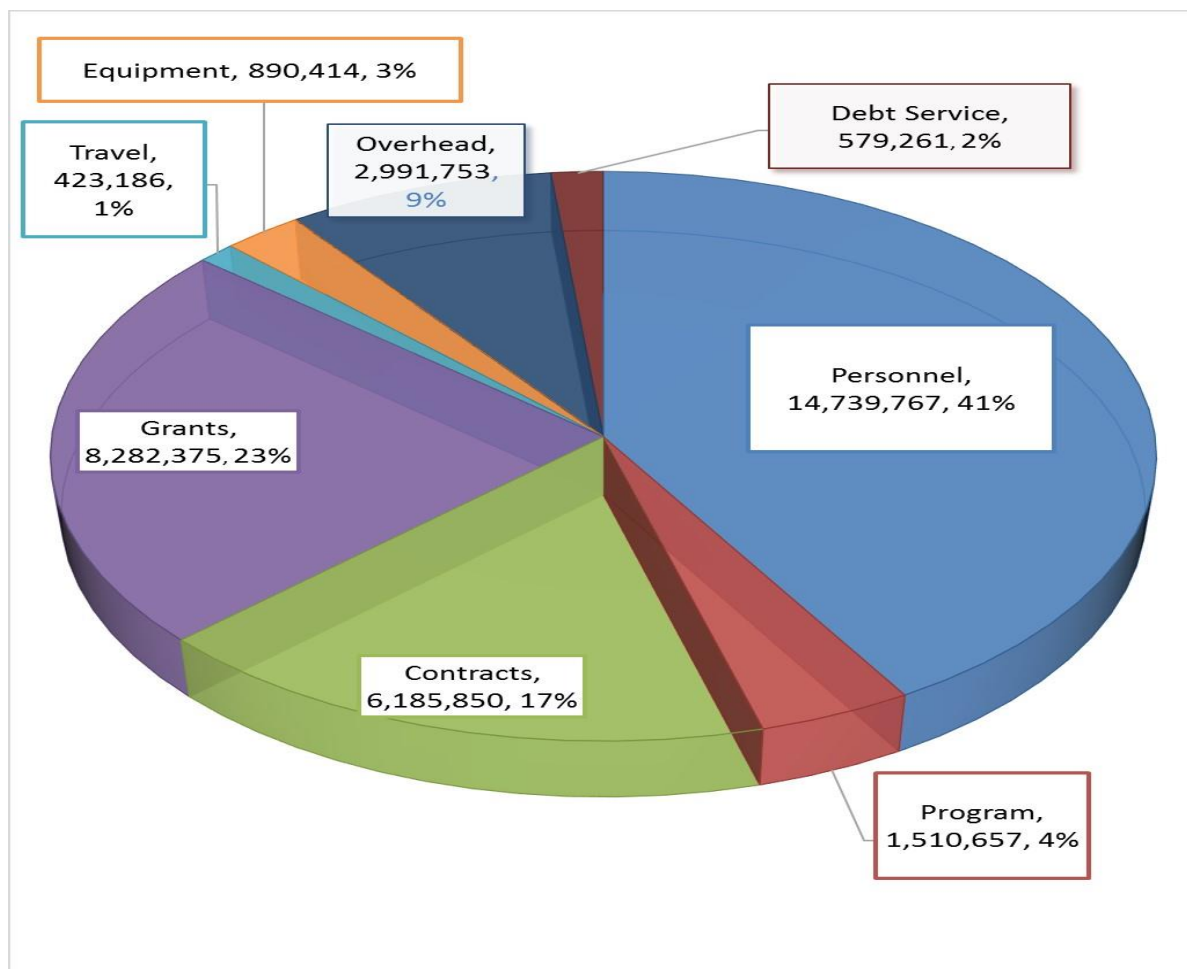


Figure 3. OHA's FY 2018 Core Operating Budget = \$35,603,263



Each year, OHA publishes its activities and financial performance in its Annual Report. This year's report illustrates how the organization continues to make inroads on our three main goals: providing resources, advocating for Native Hawaiians on a range of issues, and facilitating collaboration among key stakeholders.

We encourage you to review the 2018 Office of Hawaiian Affairs Annual Report. The complete report can be downloaded from www.oha.org/about/annual-reports/.

OHA's 2010-2018 Strategic Plan guides the achievement of its vision and mission. **Table 1** outlines the progress made on key strategic indicators related to the priorities and expected future outcomes outlined in this request. OHA has begun the challenging process of updating the Strategic Plan. Administrative staff has presented the Board of Trustees with the key steps and timetable for the update process. Developing the content of the plan will require interaction between the Board and staff, with final approval of the plan resting with the Board.

Table 1. Key Education, Economic, Health and Legal Indicators

Target Area	➤ Strategic Indicator ○ Related Measure/Evidence from OHA funding	Progress FY 17 - FY18	Future Progress	\$ Requested from State
EDUCATION				
Adults	➤ Increase number of degrees or certificates earned by Native Hawaiians from the UH System by 12%	97.8% FY2018	Maintain	\$ 0
	○ Number of OHA scholarships provided	384 awarded / yr	Maintain	
K-12	➤ Increase the percentage of Native Hawaiian student that meet or exceed math standards*	26% SY2018*	Increase	\$ 615,000
	➤ Increase the percentage of Native Hawaiian student that meet or exceed reading standards*	38% SY2018*	Increase	
	○ Number of Native Hawaiian students OHA assisted	3,428 students / yr	Maintain**	
ECONOMIC				
Income	➤ Increase Native Hawaiian median family income to 92% or greater of the total State median family income	87.7% FY2016	Increase	\$ 0
	⊖ Number of Native Hawaiians assisted	170 families / yr	Maintain**	
Housing	➤ Increase Native Hawaiian homeownership rate to 58%	50.3% FY2016	Increase	\$ 500,000
	➤ Decrease the percent of Native Hawaiians who pay more than 30% of Income on rental housing cost to 55%	51% FY2016	Decrease	
	○ Number of Native Hawaiians assisted	894 families / yr	Maintain**	
Social Services	○ Number of Native Hawaiians assisted	924 individuals / yr	Maintain**	\$ 415,000
Income/ Housing/ Social Services	○ Number who completed Financial Literacy Training to secure OHA economic assistance	757 individuals / yr	Maintain**	\$ 0
HEALTH	➤ Reduce the rate of obesity among Native Hawaiians to 35%	45.6% FY2016	Decrease	\$ 0
	○ Number of Native Hawaiians who lost weight	535 individuals / yr	Maintain**	
LEGAL	○ Number of Native Hawaiians who received legal services including representation	580 individuals / yr	Maintain**	\$ 524,400
TOTAL ANNUAL PROGRAMMATIC REQUEST:				\$2,054,400

Note. * = Due to changes in the Department of Education's state standards and related assessments, these results are incomparable with previous years and with OHA's strategic target developed in 2009. In alignment with the DOE's updated targets, an update to OHA's strategic target is currently under consideration.

** = Future progress expected to be consistent with the ratio of funding provided to meet each strategic indicator.

B. Current Economic Conditions & Notable Performance

1. Impact of Current Economic Conditions

Budget cuts on the State and Federal levels, combined with a volatile stock market have significant indirect impact to OHA's operational funds, programs and/or needs of OHA's beneficiaries in a number of ways.

- **Reductions.** In general, any loss of government funding to beneficiary programs and the organizations that serve them will cause an increased demand for supplemental funding from OHA to ensure that the health, education, legal, housing, and other daily needs of our beneficiaries are met. Reduced State appropriations have created a reduction in beneficiary assistance, from non-OHA programs, including but not limited to reductions in: 1) emergency financial assistance programs, 2) case management services which assist beneficiaries to access community resources, 3) clinicians providing mental health and substance abuse counseling and support, and 4) health monitoring/navigation programs that assist those with chronic disease to get needed medical care.
- **Reduced Program Funds.** Trust funds available to OHA increased in FY2018 but OHA notes a decrease in the first half of FY2019 due to the current volatile stock market.
- **Beneficiaries.** Due to many factors, Hawai'i continues to experience increases to costs of living (i.e. housing and food) that exceed increases in wage and income. This has exacerbated Native Hawaiians' housing instability, high rates of homelessness, and higher rates of poverty. Additionally, although Native Hawaiians participate in the labor force at higher rates than the state average (66.7% versus 65.3%), Native Hawaiian per capita income is substantially lower than the state population, \$24,188 compared to \$33,882 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018; U.S. Census Bureau, 2018).
- **Bottom Line.** State and federal budget cuts may have reduced services and programs that previously serviced OHA beneficiaries. When there are cuts beneficiaries often turn to OHA to fill the gap. Also, increasingly non-profits and other social services organizations have looked to other avenues to support their work and have turned to OHA for support.

2. Notable Performance, Results and Expected Outcomes

Enhanced performance measures. In the quest to improve conditions for Native Hawaiians, OHA continues to work closely with many community-based partners who continue to play a critical role in the successes presented in Table 1. OHA remains encouraged by visible signs of progress in helping Hawai'i's citizens improve their health; improve their economic self-sufficiency; secure stable housing; improve skills in reading and math; and protect legal rights. Within the last year OHA has continued to align its funded projects with its strategic priorities, increased its grants monitoring, strengthened its grants performance measures, and streamlined its grant processes with input from past and current providers. Additionally, trustees

have adopted new guidelines for its Kulia grants program and are in the process of amending trustee allowance policies and its fiscal reserve policy. Currently, all OHA community grant applications, from each county and for every grant type, are submitted online at OHA's updated website - www.oha.org. Finally, OHA's Board approved a policy amendment that requires Board approval for all grants and sponsorships and therefore these decisions will be made in open public meetings.

Significant Return on Investment via OHA and Community Commitment. For FY18 and FY19 OHA successfully leveraged \$3,347,660 of general funds into \$14,160,959 in the areas of social services, legal services, education, and income, a 4.23 : 1 total impact.

Strong demand continues for OHA grant money to help tackle priority issues. Community partners increasingly tailor marketable services to OHA priorities to meet critical needs across the State. Organizations contribute a minimum 20% cash match in each grant request. In turn, OHA anticipates that it will be as successful as it was in this past fiscal biennium, and through continued partnerships with the State and many well-connected organizations, we will leverage OHA funds as much as 8.4 : 1 (in the area of housing).

Bottom Line. State General Funds are highly leveraged through its partnership with OHA, as evidenced by an impressive overall **4.23 : 1 total impact** as depicted in Table 2.

In other words, OHA will turn **\$4.1 million** into **\$17.4 million** to strengthen Hawai'i families and communities

Table 2. Summary of FB 20/21 Projected State Leveraged Impact by Priority Area: State Funds Leveraged 4.23:1

Priority Area	Requested State General Funds	Projected OHA Matching Funds	Projected Minimum 20% Community Match	Other OHA Trust Funds [A]	Total Investment [B]	Leveraged Impact [C]	Estimated # of Individuals to be Served	Estimated # of Native Hawaiians to be Served
Social Services	830,000	830,000	332,000	0	1,992,000	2.40	1,847	1,847
Legal Services	1,048,800	1,048,800	676,218	0	2,773,818	2.64	1,160	1,160
Education	1,230,000	1,230,000	200,000	1,540,000	4,200,000	3.41	9,687	6,856
Housing (inc \$6M DHHL)	1,000,000	1,000,000	400,000	6,000,000	8,400,000	8.40	4,432	3,576
TOTAL:	4,108,800	4,108,800	1,608,218	7,540,000	17,365,818	4.23	17,126	13,439

Notes:

[A] Housing includes \$3M/year to DHHL.

[B] Additional Funds through OHA Partnership: \$13,257,018 [= \$17,365,818 (Total Investment) - 4,108,800 (State General Funds)]

[C] Leveraged Impact = Total Investment / State General Funds; Projected State General Funds leveraged through OHA Partnerships: 4.23 : 1

Above does not include OHA in-kind salary & administrative support

FEDERAL FUNDS

C. Impending Loss of Direct Federal Funds

OHA currently administers one (1) Federally-funded pass-through program and one (1) Federally-funded direct program. As of this time, these awards have not lost, or are not at risk, of losing federal funding. They are summarized as follows:

<u>Federal Grantor / Pass-through Grantor / Program Title</u>		<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>
U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highways --		
Pass-through Program: Department of Transportation, State of Hawai'i Interstate Route H-3		20.205
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services --		
Direct Program: Native American Program, Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Program		93.612

1. The Hālawā Luluku Interpretive Development (HLID) Project is a pass-through from the State's Department of Transportation. Its three basic goals are compliance, mitigation, and community support relating to the adverse impacts as a result of construction of Interstate Highway H-3.
2. The Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF), whose mission is to enhance access for all persons of Native Hawaiian ancestry to credit, capital, and financial services to create jobs, wealth, and economic and social well-being for all the people of Hawai'i, issued its first loan in 1989.

The Native American Programs Act (NAPA) of 1974, as amended, requires the Administration for Native Americans to submit an Annual Report to the Congress on the NHRLF. The most recent report, submitted in March 2016, noted that through FY 2015 (June 30, 2015), "OHA has successfully revolved the Fund twice by lending a cumulative \$57 million to more than 2,000 Native Hawaiians. More importantly, the Fund has contributed to the economic self-sufficiency of Native Hawaiians." The report continues by informing the Congress of joint efforts to develop a Three-Year Business Plan that "will demonstrate that the \$26 million Fund can be self-sustaining and continue to advance the economic and social self-sufficiency of Native Hawaiians."

NON-GENERAL FUNDS

D. Reports to the Legislature on Non-General Funds pursuant to HRS 37-47

Please see Appendix C.

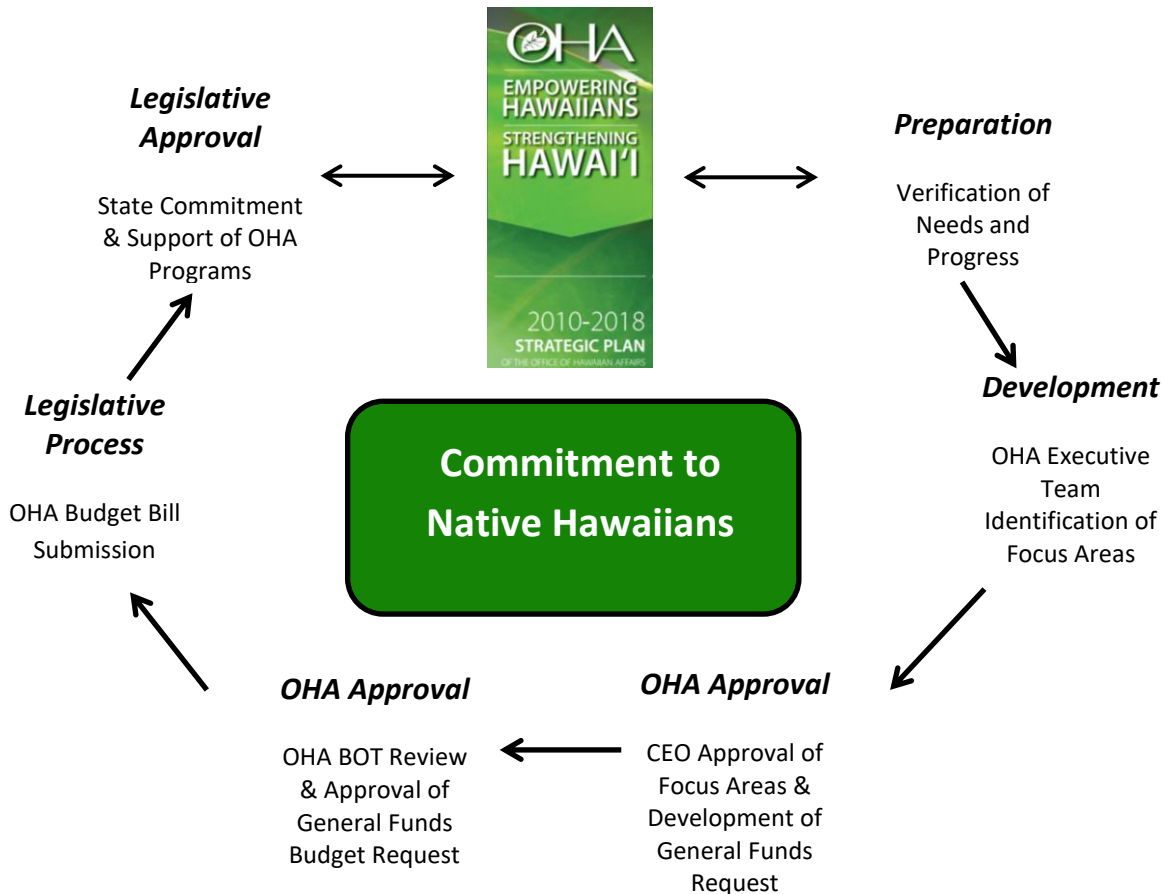
BUDGET REQUEST

E. Budget Development Process and Priority Requests

1. Budget Development

As documented in Figure 4, OHA's request centers on both the State and OHA's commitment to Native Hawaiians. The process involves an assessment of priorities, previous progress and needs by OHA's Executive Team prior to Board Approval and eventual Legislative Submission.

Figure 4. OHA's General Funds Biennial Budget Development Process



2. Summary of Priority Requests

Historical Funding. OHA has received State General Funds since 1981 for a portion of its personnel and operating cost and to provide services. Through its FY 2018 - FY 2019 appropriations, OHA currently supports services to beneficiaries in the priority areas of **Social Services, Legal Services, Education, and Income**. OHA considers all of its programmatic request (Social Services, Legal Services, Education, and Housing) as well as support provided for personnel and operations as priorities.

Budget Changes. OHA is requesting an increase in programmatic support totaling \$500,000/year in the areas of Housing, as well as an increase in personnel support totaling \$562,130/year as explained in Section E. Significant Adjustments and Related Outcomes below.

In summary, OHA requests **\$7,921,158** including **\$4,108,800** for **programmatic support** plus **\$3,852,358** for **personnel and operations** during the next biennium. OHA hopes to leverage State's General Funds provided for programmatic support of **\$4,108,800** to a projected **\$17,365,818** or **4.23:1**, as summarized in Table 2.

As of this time, OHA considers all budget requests, including changes, as a priority since these funds will be used as leverage to heavily invest over the next two years in addressing four specific priority areas that are ultimately about helping statewide efforts to strengthen families and communities.

F. Significant Budget Adjustments and Related Outcomes

OHA's FB 20/21 State General Funds request includes the following significant adjustments:

Budget Adjustments/Changes

HOUSING:

- **Increase** request for the combined areas of \$500,000/year.

INCOME:

- **Decrease** request of \$119,430/year.

PERSONNEL:

- **Increase** request totaling \$562,130/year and \$1,124,260/FB 20/21.

OHA is one of few State agencies whose primary source of funding is non-State-General Funds. Therefore, OHA has and will continue to be severely impacted by the large and unexpected increase in the State's fringe rate. Increased General Funds would allow OHA to more easily absorb the impact of the fringe rate increase and continue to service. As stated previously in this testimony, State and federal budget cuts have reduced services and programs that previously serviced OHA beneficiaries. As a result, these beneficiaries often turn to OHA to fill the gap. Also, increasingly non-profit and other social services organizations have looked to other avenues to support their work and have turned to OHA for support. Strong demand continues for OHA grant money to help tackle priority issues.

Community partners increasingly tailor marketable services to OHA priorities to help them stay afloat and meet critical needs across the State. Organizations contribute a 20% cash match in each grant request. In turn, OHA funding will allow many well-connected organizations to leverage OHA funds as much as 8.4 : 1 (see Table 2. Leveraged Impact, under “Housing”).

Changes for the upcoming FB 20/21 biennium are summarized in **Table 3** below:

Table 3. Overview of OHA’s Budget Request by Priority Area (per year)

Purpose	FB 18/19 (per year)		FB 20/21 (per year)		Adjustments	
	General Funds	Trust Fund Match	General Funds	Trust Fund Match	General Funds	Trust Fund Match
1. Social Services	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
2. Legal	524,400	524,400	524,400	524,400	0	0
3. Education	615,000	615,000	615,000	615,000	0	0
4. Housing	0	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
5. Income	119,430	619,430	0	0	-119,430	-619,430
Sub-Total Programs:	\$ 1,673,830	\$ 2,173,830	\$ 2,054,400	\$ 2,054,400	\$ 380,570	\$ -119,430
A. Personnel	1,067,175	3,959,000	1,629,305	3,959,000	562,130	0
B. Operations	296,874	296,874	296,874	296,874	0	0
Sub-Total Non Programs:	\$ 1,364,049	\$ 4,255,874	\$ 1,926,179	\$ 4,255,874	\$ 562,130	\$ 0
Totals:	\$ 3,037,879	\$ 6,429,704	\$ 3,980,579	\$ 6,310,274	\$ 942,700	\$ -119,430
FB 20/21 (2-year) Programs Total:			\$ 4,108,800	\$ 4,108,800	*Same as Table 2, 1:1 match	
FB 20/21 (2-year) Overall Total:			\$ 7,921,158	\$12,620,548	*Overall 1.6:1 match	

Although OHA requests State General Funds each year, OHA’s support to the State and its programs far exceeds its ask. During the same period of time (FY 11-FY 19) in which OHA committed over **\$54 million in support of State agencies and its University**, it received less than half that amount, or **\$25 million** in State General Funds, as summarized in **Table 4** to the right.

The infographics on the pages following summarize OHA’s overall budget request as well as its projected leveraged impact as it relates to the four priority areas.

Table 4. State General Funds to OHA FY 11-FY 19

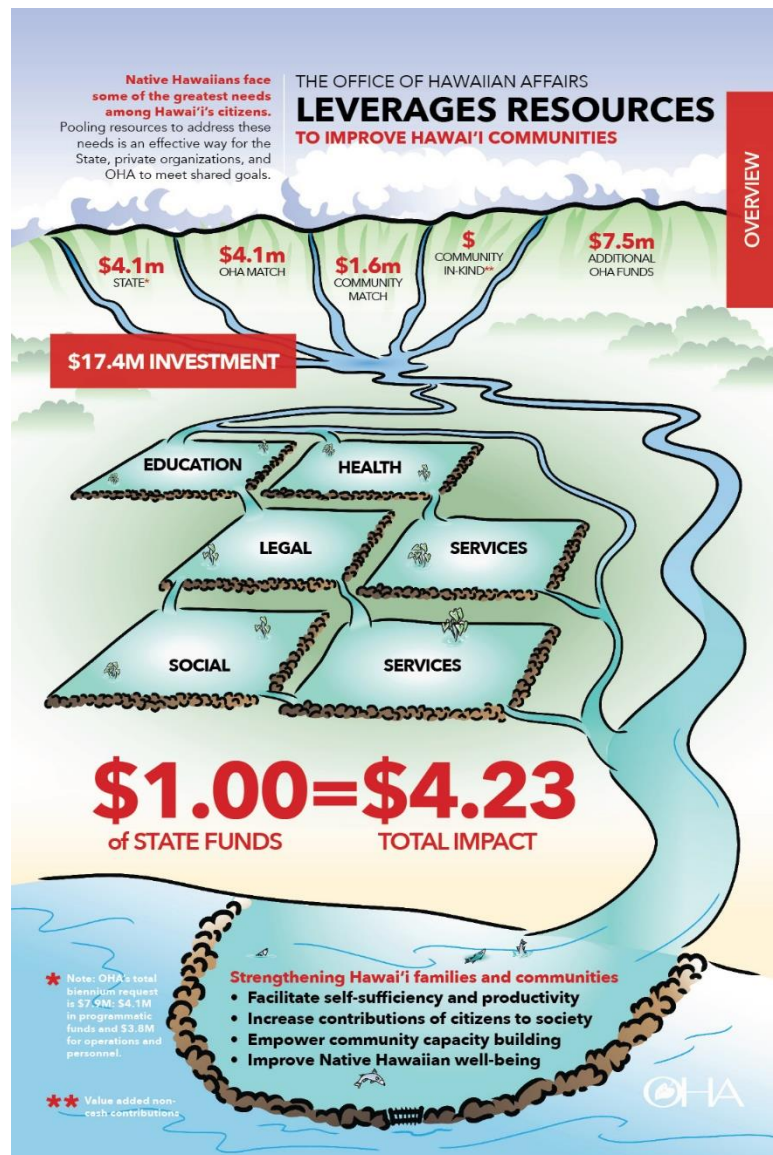
Fiscal Year	General Funds Amount
FY 2011	2,469,659
FY 2012	2,370,872
FY 2013	2,370,872
FY 2014	3,141,574
FY 2015	2,741,574
FY 2016	2,991,004
FY 2017	2,991,004
FY 2018	3,037,879
FY 2019	3,037,879
Total:	\$ 25,152,317

Summary of OHA's Budget Request and Projected State Leveraged Impact

In its quest to improve the conditions of Native Hawaiians, OHA has worked closely with a number of community-based partners to bring attention, needed resources, and advocacy to address the many urgent issues facing the Native Hawaiian community and the State as a whole. OHA remains encouraged by signs of progress in Native Hawaiians' ability to secure stable housing, improved socioeconomic conditions, increased financial stability, and greater awareness of and ability to protect their legal rights. In the months and years ahead, the immediate challenge will be maintaining and building upon this progress.

Strong demand remains for OHA grant money to help tackle these issues and OHA has seen community partners increasingly tailor their services to align with OHA's priorities. Many of these community partners have already proved their value in enhancing OHA's efforts to help create a solid future for Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i residents.

Figure 5. Summary Infographic (See Appendix A-1 for larger image)



OHA's grants program has substantially enhanced its community impact by requiring projects to align with OHA's strategic priorities, and by closely monitoring grant projects to ensure adequate progress toward specific, measurable outcomes. Therefore, it is with optimistic enthusiasm that OHA is now requesting \$4.1 million (over half of OHA's \$7.9 million total budget request) in programmatic state funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal biennium. OHA hopes to leverage \$4.1 million in State funds into a \$17.4 million investment in four specific areas that further existing State efforts to strengthen Hawai'i's families and communities.

OHA is committed to further leveraging the requested state funds by requiring a 20% cash match by all providers awarded funds under OHA's community grants program.

1. Social Services

In partnership with the State, OHA hopes to continue to provide support and funding for social services to at-risk Native Hawaiians. Through its grants program, OHA works with and funds organizations that serve Native Hawaiians who may be struggling financially or facing unexpected crises.

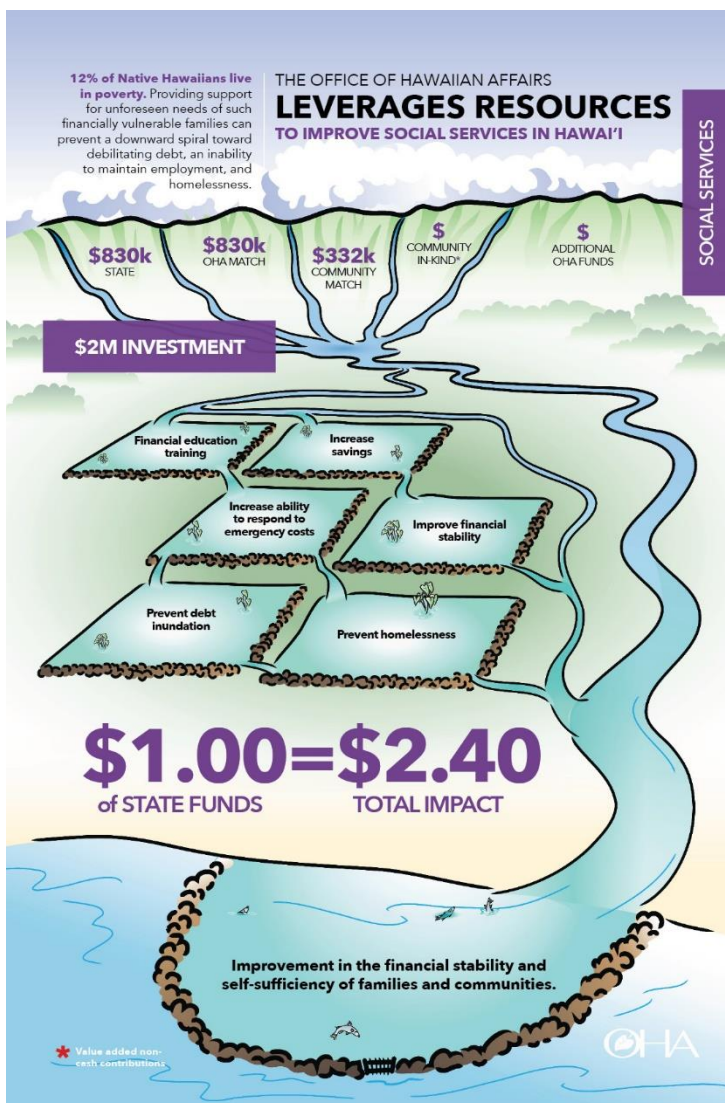
Unfortunately, the need for social services support within the Native Hawaiian community remains high. The most recent data from 2017 reveals that 12% of Native Hawaiian individuals and 10% of Native Hawaiian families live in poverty (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018). These rates are nearly 2.4% points higher than that of the total state population (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018). In fact, although Native Hawaiians participate in the labor force at higher rates than the state average (66.7% versus 65.3%), Native Hawaiian per capita income is only 71% of that of the total state population, \$24,188 compared to \$33,882 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018; U.S. Census Bureau, 2018).

For many in our communities who are already living paycheck-to-paycheck and struggling to survive financially, emergency situations such as natural disasters, sudden unemployment, medical issues, or family

crises, exacerbate their already dire financial situation. In 2018, we saw many Native Hawaiian families affected by extreme flooding in Wainiha and Hā'ena, and by lava flows in Kalapana-Kapoho and Pāhoā.

OHA's emergency assistance program, funded through our social services proviso, collaborates with community partners to provide relief to struggling Native Hawaiians faced with unforeseen circumstances by providing funds to pay for necessities like rent and utilities, helping to ensure that they do not fall deeper into poverty, lose employment, or become homeless. Financial literacy training remains a condition for this emergency assistance, which is part of a larger effort to encourage financial self-sufficiency.

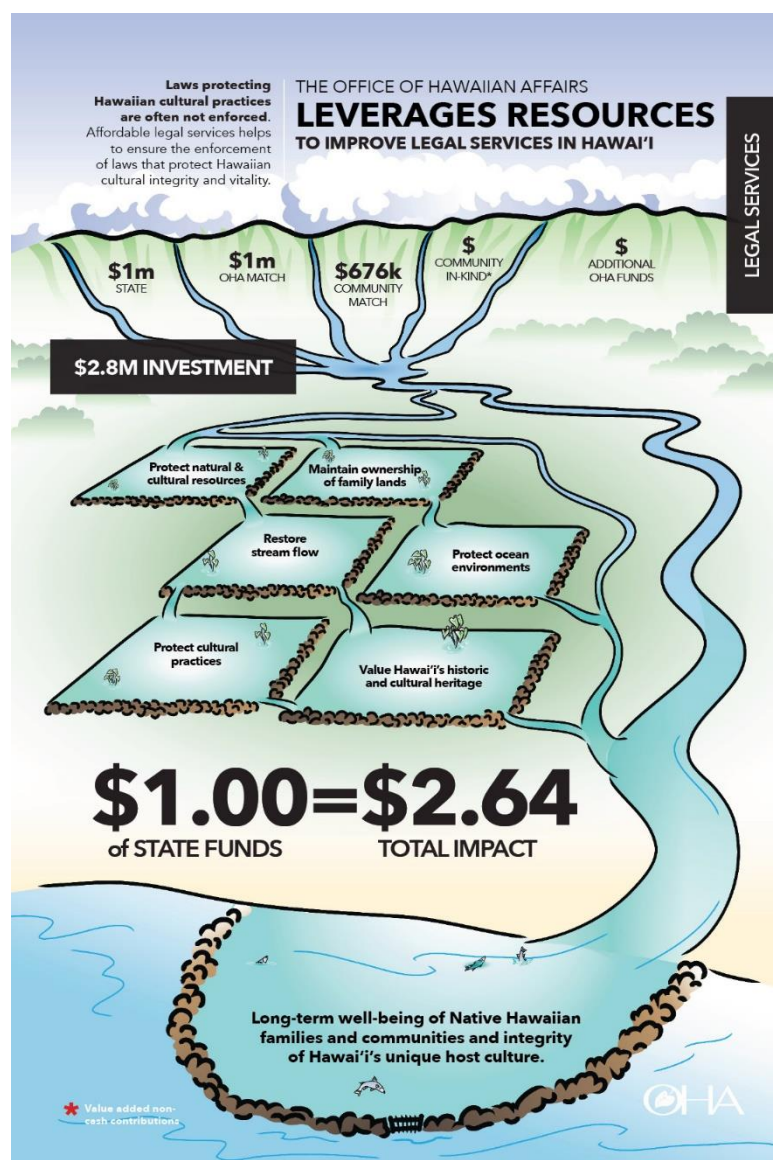
Figure 6. Social Services Infographic (See Appendix A-2 for larger image)



2. Legal Services

Over the next two years, OHA will continue to support access to justice for Native Hawaiians seeking to perpetuate their culture, and maintain a connection to their ‘āina, their communities, and their ‘ohana. The Legislature has found that the “historic and cultural heritage of the State is among its important assets” and has declared that it is the policy of the State to “provide leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic and cultural property . . . in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship for future generations.” However, Native Hawaiians continue to have unique legal needs relating to issues such as quiet title, land title, traditional and customary practices, protection of significant places, and protection of natural and cultural resources. Accordingly, OHA’s legal services program provides funding that ensure state laws passed by the Legislature are upheld and Native Hawaiians have access to affordable legal services.

Figure 7. Legal Services Infographic (See Appendix A-3 for larger image)



OHA hopes to leverage \$1,040,800 in state funds over the next two years for a total investment of \$2.77 million in legal services that can improve and consistently uphold state laws that are meant to protect Native Hawaiians' rights and interests.

3. Education

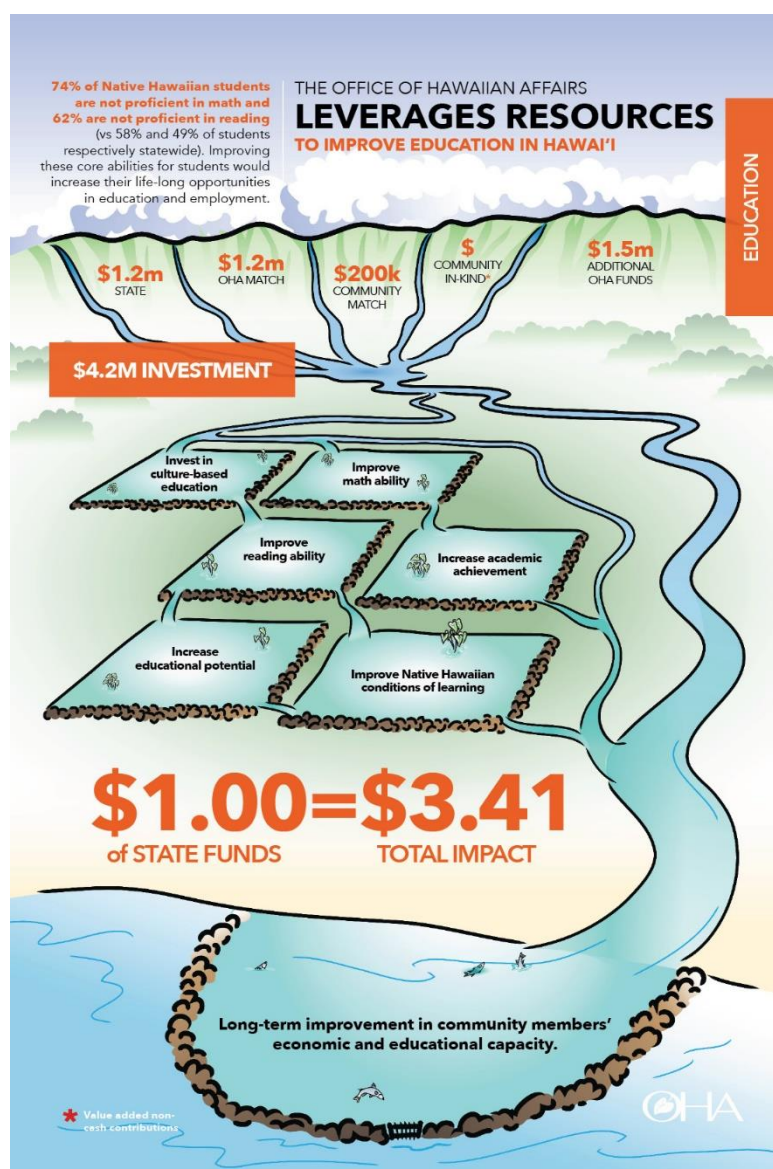
In the year ahead, OHA will continue to focus on closing the persistent achievement gap between Native Hawaiian students and their peers across the State, particularly in math and reading. OHA recognizes the need to reverse this trend, which threatens to undermine the future success of Native Hawaiian students. Last school year, 2017-18, 74% of Native Hawaiian students were not proficient in math and 62% were not proficient in reading (vs 58% and 46% of all students respectively) (DOE, 2018).

In order to close this gap, OHA seeks to support programs that provide Native Hawaiian students with learning opportunities that are culturally-based, that strengthened students' sense of well-being, and that provide specific strategies to help them understand the math and reading concepts with which they are struggling. Research shows that teaching environments using a culture-based education approach positively influence

key student outcomes, including improved community connections and cultural relationships, increased self-efficacy and a sense of belonging, and increased college aspirations. (Kanaiaupuni et al., 2017).

In addition, OHA believes that successful educational outcomes for all students, are critical to supporting the State's economy, overcoming our present and future social and environmental challenges, and maintaining a culturally enriched and socially conscious island society.

Figure 8. Education Infographic (See Appendix A-4 for larger image)



OHA is hoping to continue to partner with the state and other organizations to leverage an anticipated \$1,230,000 from the State, to invest in closing educational achievement gaps and ensuring a brighter future for Native Hawaiian students. With the requested state funding, OHA and its partners will be able to invest an additional \$2.97 million into educational programs designed to help Native Hawaiian students succeed academically. These students will also graduate with the skills needed to obtain well-paying jobs and/or pursue a college education.

4. Housing

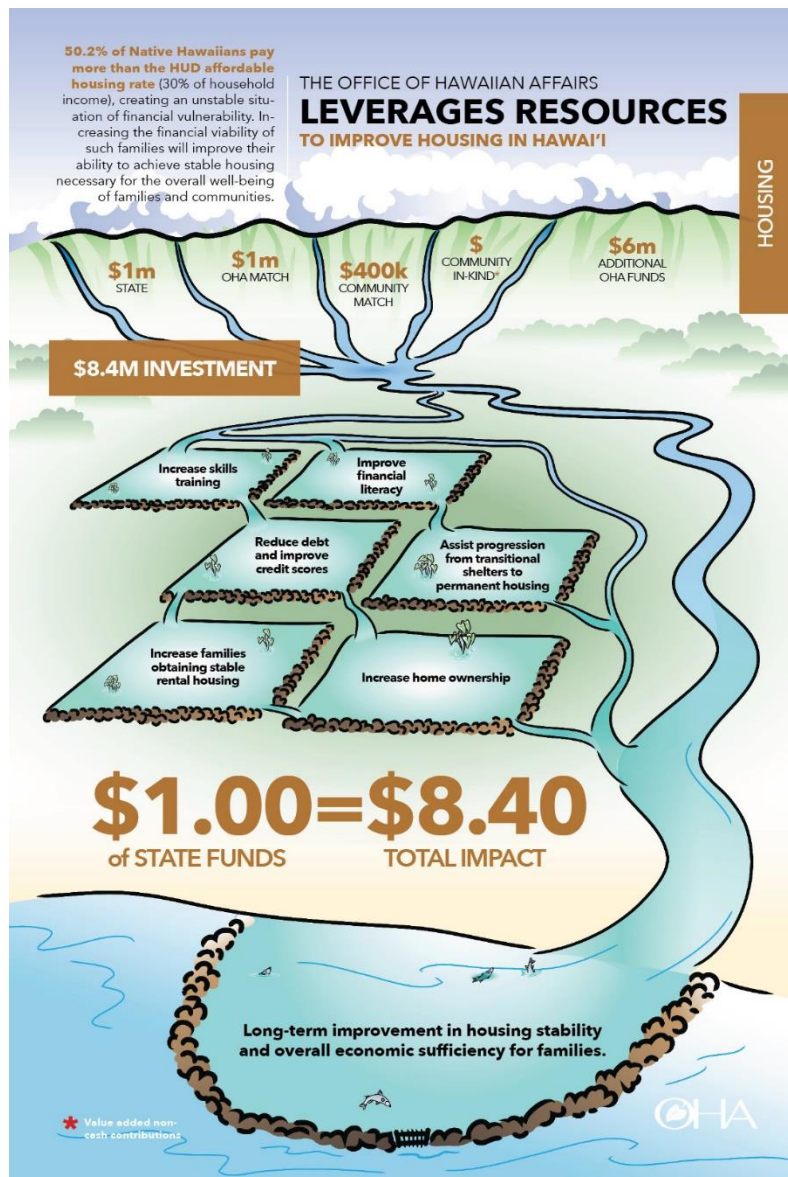
OHA continues to focus on helping more Native Hawaiians achieve housing stability, as many continue to struggle to achieve homeownership, afford adequate rental housing, and avoid homelessness. According to the latest available figures from 2017, only 54% of Native Hawaiians reside in owner-occupied housing, compared to 58.5% of residents of the state/State (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018). Of Native Hawaiian households planning to buy a home, the average amount available for a down payment was half that of non-Hawaiian households, \$24,440 compared to \$59,225; Native Hawaiians' median affordable monthly mortgage payment was \$1,000 less (HHFDC, 2016).

Meanwhile, more than half of Native Hawaiian renters live in homes they are struggling to afford, and many may also live in overcrowded situations to reduce rental payments (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018). In fact, one in four Native Hawaiian homes are occupied by two or more families in order to share housing costs and 14% include "hidden homeless" persons. These rates are more than two times that of non-Hawaiian households (10% doubled-up and 4% with hidden homeless). (HHFDC, 2016). In addition to being burdened by the same unaffordable housing costs as the rest of Hawai'i, Native Hawaiians also earn substantially less—nearly \$10,000 less—than that of the per capita income of the State (U.S. Census Bureau, 2018).

Among the State's homeless populations, Native Hawaiians represent the largest ethnic group, comprising 27% of all clients receiving homeless services statewide (Yuan & Cauci, 2018) and 32% of surveyed homeless on O'ahu (PIC, 2017). In fact, 25% of emergency shelter clients and 32% of transitional housing clients are Native Hawaiian (Yuan, 2017). Additionally, 22% of Native Hawaiian households are at-risk of becoming homeless (HHFDC, 2016).

In response to this data, OHA is advocating for appropriate affordable housing policies, and hoping to leverage \$500,000 from the State over the next two years to improve housing stability. OHA is accepting grants to assist Native Hawaiians improve housing stability, including Native Hawaiians that are currently homeless, at risk of homelessness, in transitional housing, in unstable or unaffordable rentals, and/or those pursuing homeownership.

Figure 9. Housing Infographic (See Appendix A-5 for larger image)



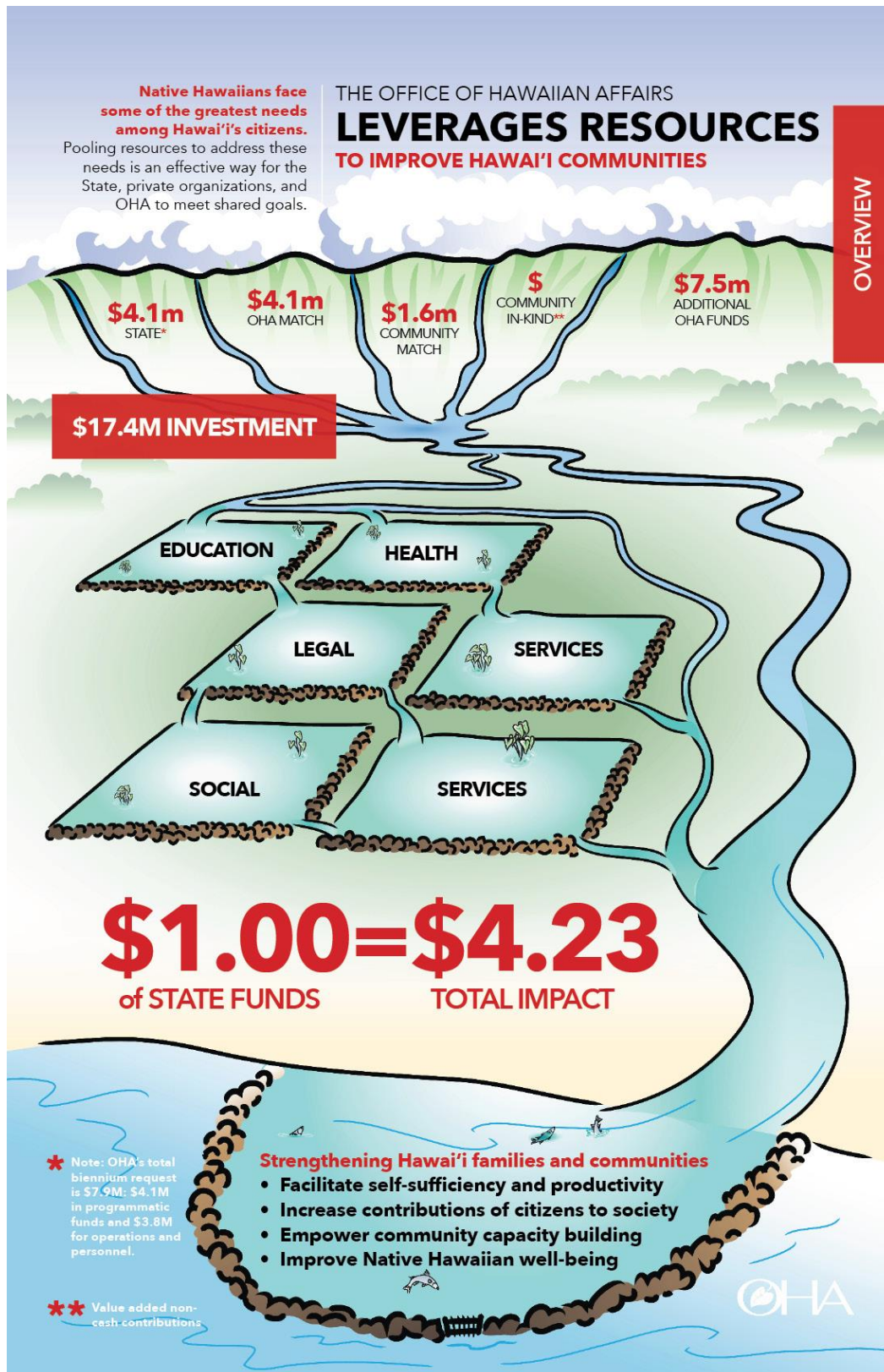
OHA and community partners expect to invest \$8.4 million into helping Native Hawaiians achieve housing stability, become more creditworthy, improve financial management, and increase their home ownership rate.

OHA has already seen real results through past grantees that have successfully helped Native Hawaiians, including homeless families and renters, become more economically self-sufficient and housing secure across the State.

Appendix A

OHA's Full Size Infographics

Figures A-1 Overview



Figures A-2 Social Services

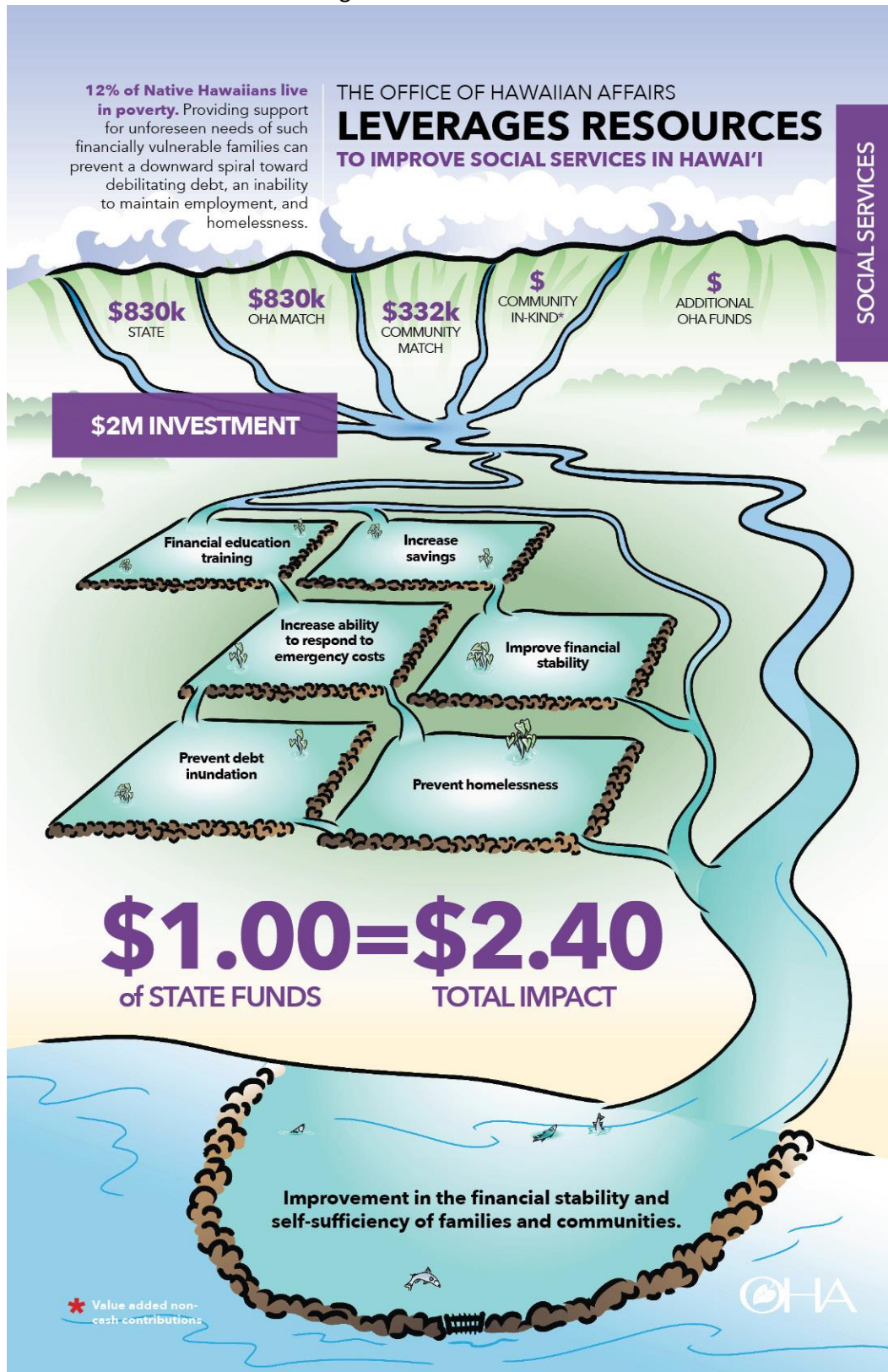


Figure A-3 Legal Services

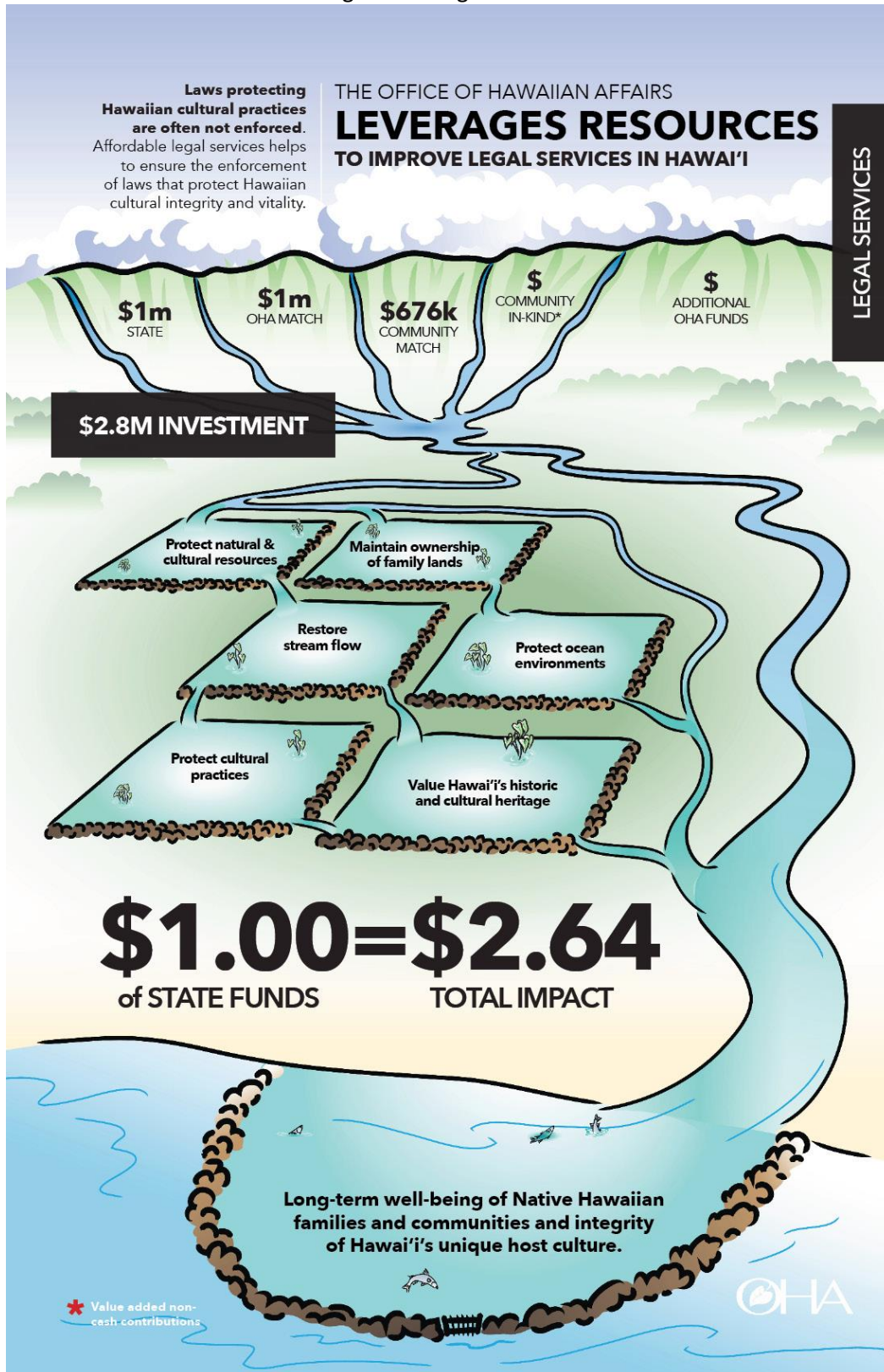


Figure A-4 Education

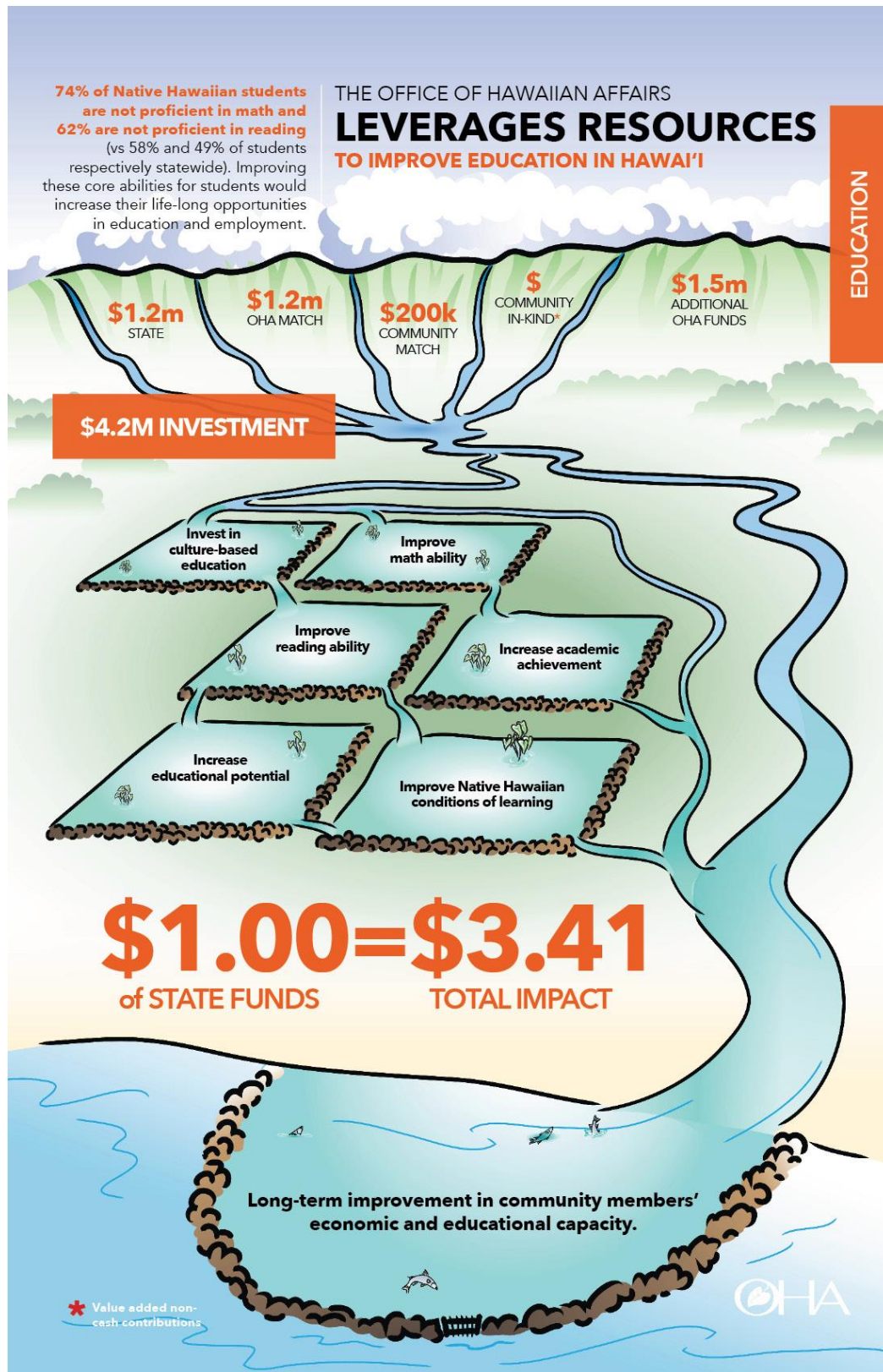
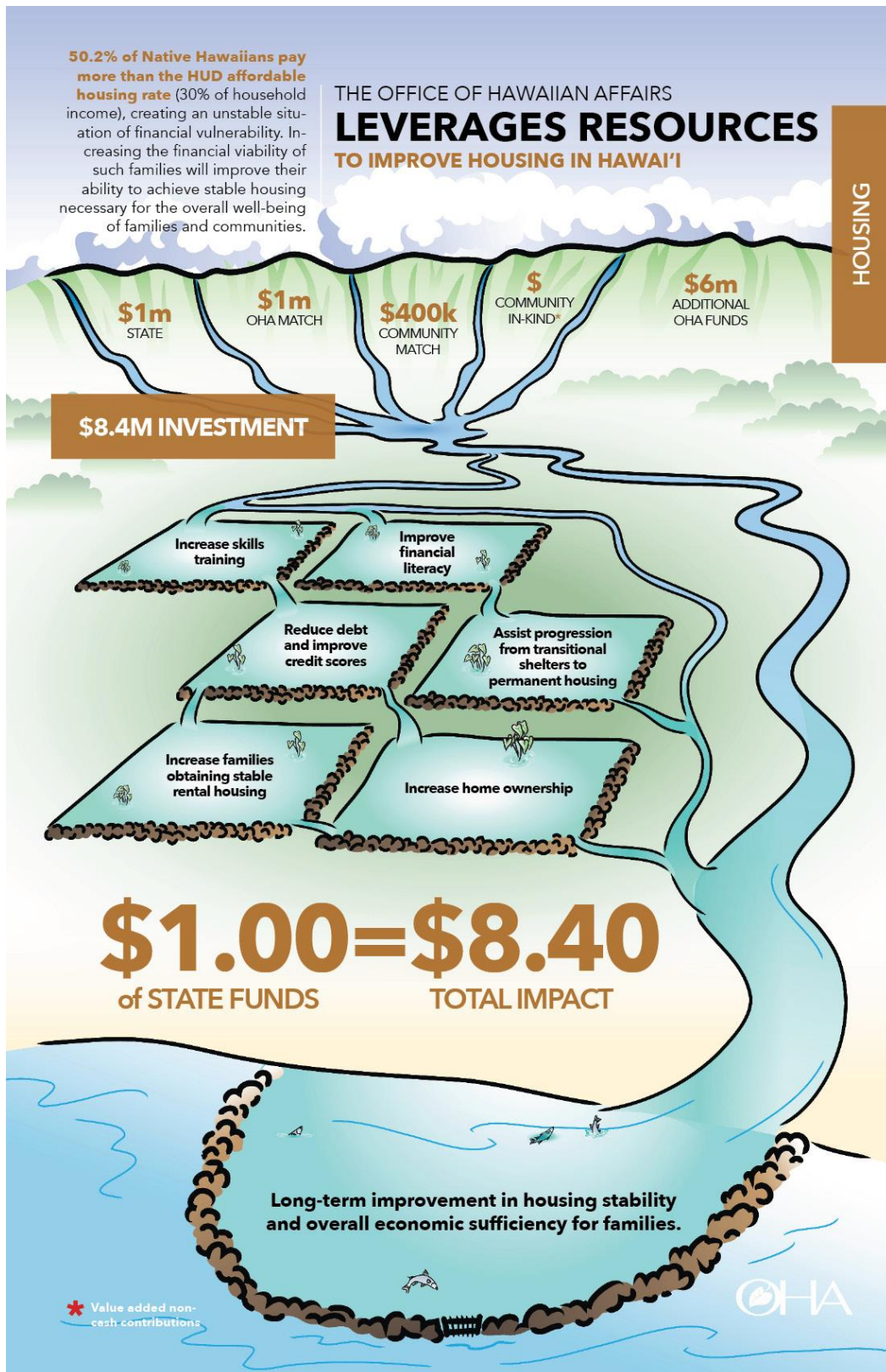


Figure A-5 Housing



SB-190

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:



BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
February 7, 2019

Senate Bill 190
Relating to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee,

KPAC submits the following testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 190 that appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021.

OHA provides scholarships and grants upon which many in the Kanaka Maoli community depend.

KPAC would like to see increased funding for Beneficiary Advocacy for programs like Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Healani Sonoda-Pale
Chair, KPAC

**Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
Moku o Keawe – Hawai‘i Council**
P.O. Box 7164
Hilo, HI 96720

**LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY
IN SUPPORT OF SB 190
RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.**
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, February 7, 2019 1:15PM Room #016

Aloha Hawaiian Affairs Chair Shimabukuro and honorable committee members,

Moku o Keawe – Hawai‘i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is one of five Councils of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. Moku o Keawe – Hawai‘i Council **SUPPORTS SB190.**

A semi-autonomous state agency, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) was established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai‘i, and is mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai‘i’s indigenous, native people. OHA’s budget bill requests state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to support OHA’s budget plans for the upcoming biennium to fulfill its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs.

1. From 2011-2018, OHA awarded over \$110 million in programmatic funding, grants, and sponsorships, that address our state’s most crucial issues that include environmental stewardship, food security, housing and homelessness, education, and health care.
2. Since 2011, OHA has awarded over \$25 million on land and culture related grants and contracts, which include substantial funding to support Native Hawaiian traditional and cultural practices that rely heavily on balanced use of our streams, such as taro farms, fishponds, and forest restoration.

We support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund these critical programs and strongly urge to support SB190.

Mahalo,



Shane Palacat-Nelsen
AHCC – Moku o Keawe
Pelekikena

SB-190

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Ivy Kelling	Testifying for Ke Kula ?o Samuel M. Kamakau, LPCS	Support	No

Comments:

SB-190

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doreen Gaspar	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

SB-190

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Testimony for HWN on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bianca Isaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee members,

I strongly **SUPPORT** SB190, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i's indigenous, native people. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. OHA's budget bill requests state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to support OHA's budget plans for the upcoming biennium.

In the last six fiscal years (2011-2018), OHA awarded over \$110 million in programmatic funding, grants, and sponsorships, that address our state's most critical issues, including environmental stewardship, food security, housing and homelessness, education, and health care.

Of those funds, since 2011, OHA has awarded upwards of \$25 million on land and culture related grants and contracts, which include substantial funding in support of the Native Hawaiian traditional and cultural practices that rely heavily on balanced use of our streams, such as mahi 'ai kalo.

I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund these critical programs and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee.

Yours,

Bianca Isaki

SB-190

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:10:38 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl corbiell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund these critical programs and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee.

SB-190

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurencia Burdett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund these critical programs and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee.

SB-190

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
aaron	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly **SUPPORT** SB190, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i's indigenous, native people. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. OHA's budget bill requests state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to support OHA's budget plans for the upcoming biennium.

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I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund these critical programs and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee.

SB-190

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:00:01 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian from the Puna Moku on the island of Kaua`i and I strongly SUPPORT SB190 which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2020 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund critical issues, including food security, housing and homelessness, education, and health care and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee.

Mahalo,

Donna K. Santos

SB-190

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Correa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-190

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Testimony for HWN on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Kapela Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a formerly convicted Native Hawaiian who is homeless and currently attending a UH- College campus full time; pursuing an Associates degree in Applied Science and as a beneficiary of the Office Hawaiian Affairs, I **strongly SUPPORT SB 190, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).** OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i's indigenous, native people, for individuals like me. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. OHA's budget bill requests state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to support OHA's budget plans for the upcoming biennium. In Fall 2018, I achieved a G.P.A. of 3.54, and I have been invited to become an active member of the Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. I have also been selected for Kilohana Student of the Month (February 2018) by my home campus. These accomplishments would not have been possible for me to attain without the support from OHA. I look forward to accepting my degree in spring 2020, but a lapse in the OHA budget might curtail my goal of improving my quality of life, and standard of living. Therefore, I adamantly support the continued partnership between the State of Hawai'i and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to fund these critical and much needed programs that will benefit us all. As such, I respectfully request that SB 190 be accepted as to form, and be passed out of this committee to ensure appropriate funding for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity - Kapela.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
SB190, Relating to the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing: February 7, 2019, 1:15 p.m., Room 016

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair

Welina mai ke aloha Honorable Chairs Shimabukuro and Kahele and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

I strongly **SUPPORT** SB190, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i's indigenous, native people. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. OHA's budget bill requests state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to support OHA's budget plans for the upcoming biennium.

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Of those funds, since 2011, OHA has awarded upwards of \$25 million on land and culture related grants and contracts, which include substantial funding in support of the Native Hawaiian traditional and cultural practices that rely heavily on balanced use of our streams, such as mahi 'ai kalo.

I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund these critical programs and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee.

'O au iho nō me ka ha'aha'a,
Māpuana de Silva

SB-190

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Testimony for HWN on 2/7/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
S. Joe Estores	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly **SUPPORT** SB190, which appropriates funds for Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 for operations of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency established by the constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, and mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i's indigenous, native people. OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. OHA's budget bill requests state general funds for each of the next two fiscal years to support OHA's budget plans for the upcoming biennium.

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I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA to fund these critical programs and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

To: The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

From: Meghan Kenney, Social Work Student

Re: Strong Support for SB190, RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

Hrg: Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 1:15pm at Conference Room 016

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of SB190, which appropriates the funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

As a student social worker working with the Native Hawaiian population, I support the work OHA does to address our state's most critical issues, including environmental stewardship, food security, housing and homelessness, education, and health care.

Funding Native Hawaiian initiatives is important to me, as I have benefited greatly, both personally and professionally from working with the Native Hawaiian community. The work OHA does and the funding they provide are crucial to driving Native Hawaiian programs forward and providing opportunities for the indigenous, native people of the State of Hawai'i.

I support the continued partnership between the State and OHA and humbly request that this measure be passed out of this committee. Mahalo for your support of SB190.

LATE

From: [Keahi Renaud](#) on behalf of [Sen. Maile Shimabukuro](#)
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Affairs Committee-Chair** yes
Shimabukuro

**Dear Senate Hawaiian
Affairs Committee-Vice** yes
Chair Kahele

**Dear Senate Hawaiian
Affairs Committee-Senator** yes
Ihara

**Dear Senate Hawaiian
Affairs Committee-Senator** yes
Keohokalole

**Dear Senate Hawaiian
Affairs Committee-Senator** yes
Fevella

My name is Branden Manosa

My email is bmanosa@gmail.com

I reside at Kamalo, Molokai

**I am-Kanaka Maoli aka
Native Hawaiian** yes

**I am-Registered to vote in
Hawaii.** yes

**I SUPPORT SENATE BILL
1495-Kuleana lands were
granted to Kanaka Maoli
tenant farmers between
1850 and 1855 and include** yes
**gathering, access, and
agricultural rights as well as
the right to build a dwelling.**

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL

1495-Only 8,205 Kanaka Maoli received Kuleana lands that account for less than 1 percent of Hawaiian Kingdom lands. Many of these awards were adversely possessed by corporations like sugar and pineapple plantations but a precious few are still in the same families today keeping their ancestral tie to their lands.

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Affairs Committee-Chair** yes
Shimabukuro

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Affairs Committee-Vice** yes
Chair Kahele

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Affairs Committee-Senator** yes
Ihara

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Shimabukuro**

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Fevella**

My name is Frank Kekino

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I reside at Kamalo, Molokai

**I am-Kanaka Maoli aka
Native Hawaiian yes**

I am-Not registered to vote. yes

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Additional Comments: They give me hard time for vote. I'm a Hawaiian descendant and a ranch is stealing our land. They do nothing for us but take because they get plenty money. This kine guys need to be stopped. You can make the difference for us. Help us protect our lands. Mahalo!

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Shimabukuro

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heart** yes, Hawaiian at heart

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Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee-Vice Chair Kahele	yes
Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee-Senator Ihara	yes
Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee-Senator Keohokalole	yes
Dear Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee-Senator Fevella	yes
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I am-Kanaka Maoli aka Native Hawaiian	yes
I am-Registered to vote in Hawaii.	yes
I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-Kuleana lands were granted to Kanaka Maoli tenant farmers between 1850 and 1855 and include gathering, access, and agricultural rights as well as the right to build a dwelling.	yes
I SUPPORT SENATE BILL	

1495-Only 8,205 Kanaka Maoli received Kuleana lands that account for less than 1 percent of Hawaiian Kingdom lands. Many of these awards were adversely yes possessed by corporations like sugar and pineapple plantations but a precious few are still in the same families today keeping their ancestral tie to their lands.

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-Having paid fees and taxes for these lands for over 170 years many of these families don't have the yes economic means of hiring attorneys for costly court cases to defend their lands.

I SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1495-Mandatory mediation and consolidation of quiet title actions helps to reduce yes costs for Kanaka Maoli Kuleana land owners.