



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE JO JORDAN

HOUSE DISTRICT 44 · WAIANAE, MAKAHA, MAKUA, MAILI · 2016 SESSION

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## Aloha Neighbors,

The 2016 legislative session adjourned on May 5 and the purpose of this newsletter is to inform you about funding included in the State Budget as detailed on page two. Education is still the State's top priority accounting for over \$1.5 billion or 22% of the general funds. I'm also excited to report that \$100 million in new projects to benefit our community received funding as explained in the article to the right of this column.



This newsletter also highlights some of the important measures that have become law or are poised to become law in the areas of affordable housing, education, fiscal transparency, health, transportation and working families. The legislature took up many important matters this year including funding \$100 million for air conditioning, heat abatement and related energy efficiency measures at public schools, funding \$150 million to the Rainy Day fund, and funding \$37 million to the state highway fund.

Please join me at the Legislative Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 from 7-8:30pm at the Waianae District Park in the Multi-Purpose Room with refreshments to be served from 6:30pm.

I look forward to continuing to work together on these and other issues. It is a privilege to continue to serve you. Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Mahalo,

Jo Jordan,  
District 44 Representative

## Community Receives Over \$100 Million in New Projects

I am glad to report that our district is fortunate to be receiving funds for a number of projects that will improve our community. The additional funding provided in this year's supplemental budget for Waianae High School, the Waianae Small Boat Harbor, and UH West Oahu builds



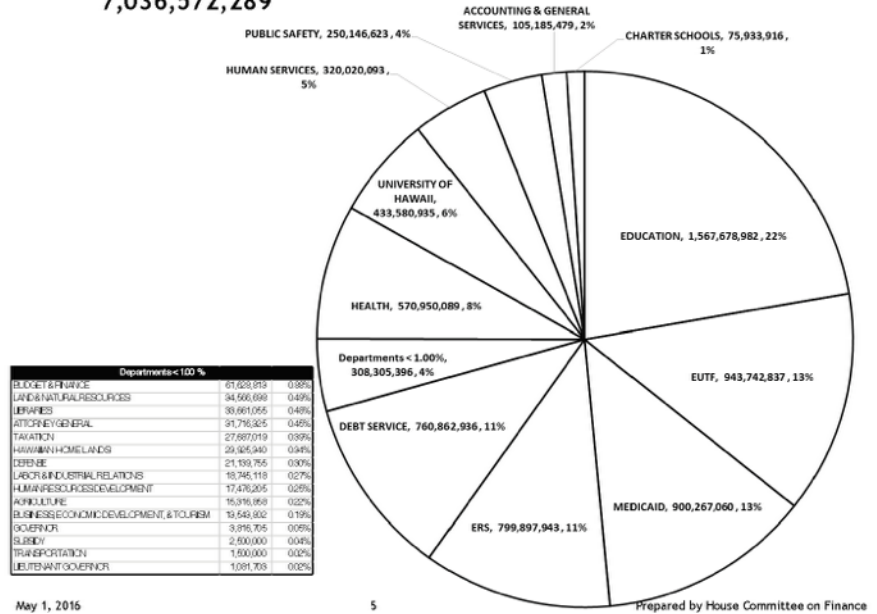
upon initial funding included in the budget in prior years as outlined below. Furthermore, the budget provides funds to finance affordable housing. Below is a list of projects that were funded by the Legislature:

- **\$8.2 million for construction and equipment to connect two existing Searider Productions Media Buildings (SP and T) at Waianae High School.** This is in addition to the \$2 million appropriated last year and \$500,000 included in the second fiscal year of the 2013 biennium budget.
- **\$3 million for design and construction to replace piers at the Waianae Small Boat Harbor.** This is in addition to the \$2.5 million appropriated last year, the \$2 million for construction for road, parking repairs and perimeter fencing on the western end of the boat harbor included in the 2014 budget, and \$500,000 for improvements included in the 2011 budget.
- **\$35 million for design, construction and equipment for the New Science, Technology and Creative Media Facility for UH West Oahu.**
- **\$25 million for construction to provide an infusion of funds to finance additional affordable housing, statewide and \$36.6 million for construction to finance additional affordable rental housing, statewide.** This is in addition to the \$40 million for affordable rental housing statewide appropriated last year.

# THE STATE BUDGET

HB1700 HD1 SD1 CD1, the state budget bill, appropriates approximately \$7 billion in general funds for FY2017, including more than \$1.1 billion for capital improvement projects (CIP) funded by general obligation bonds and approximately \$2.5 billion for CIPs funded by all other means of financing. In crafting the budget, lawmakers included \$81.9 million to pay down unfunded liabilities for state retiree post-employment benefits and \$2.5 million to support Wahiawa General Hospital.

## FY 17 General Fund Total 7,036,572,289



### Education

- \$16.5 million for the Weighted Student Formula
- \$5.2 million for electricity costs
- \$6.9 million for public school transportation services

### Health

- \$160 million in CIP for construction for the Hawaii State Hospital
- \$3 million for Kupuna Care

### Human Services

- \$12 million for homeless programs
- \$1.1 million for rental assistance services housing vouchers
- \$10 million for Preschool Open Doors

### Transportation

- \$2.2 billion in CIP for DOT, including \$469 million for highways statewide

### Agriculture

- \$26 million in CIP for water irrigation system repairs

### Hawaiian Home Lands

- \$17.1 million for administrative and operating expenses for the current fiscal year
- \$23.9 million for administrative and operating expenses for next fiscal year.

## Affordable Housing

**Affordable Rental Housing Goal (SB2561):** Establishes a goal of developing or vesting the development of at least 22,500 affordable rental housing units ready for occupancy between 1/1/17 and 12/31/26 and a temporary special action team on rental housing to make recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and other parties to achieve this goal.

### Regional Infrastructure Improvements (HB2305):

Authorizes HHFDC to provide grants and loans to finance regional infrastructure improvements, including regional sewer, water, drainage, roadways, and telecommunications and broadband in areas of planned growth.

# TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 2016 LEGISLATURE

## Education

**Public Schools (SB3126):** Provides \$100 million for air conditioning, heat abatement and related energy efficiency measures at public schools.

**Technology in Schools (HB2267):** Support digital learning and the use of technology in public schools by defining curricular materials to include both printed and digital material and clarifying that moneys for curricular materials can be used for digital formats.

**Energy (HB2569):** Requires the DOE to expedite the cooling of all public school classrooms and to establish a goal of becoming net-zero with respect to energy use by 1/1/35.

## Fiscal Transparency

**Non-general funds (HB2415):** Repeal, reclassify, or abolish selected non-general funds as recommended by the Auditor.

**Repeal special fund (HB2416, Act 27):** Repeal Chapter 201N, which includes the renewable energy facility siting special fund, as recommended by the Auditor.

## Health

**Kupuna (HB1878):** Appropriates \$1.7 million for Aging and Disability Resource Centers and \$32,000 for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly.

**Health Care Professionals (HB2233):** Requires every health care professional to provide the applicable licensing authority with a current electronic mail address when applying for or renewing a license for purposes of public health and safety.

**Birth Defects (SB2885, Act 20):** Authorizes the use of birth defects data for education of health care providers to reduce morbidity or mortality and to increase

physicians' knowledge of resources available for families of persons with birth defects.

## Transportation

**State Highway Fund (HB2086):** Appropriates \$37 million to the state highway fund as a subsidy and requires the Governor to provide a plan to sustain the state highway fund.

**Interisland and Intra-island Ferry System (SB2618):** Requires the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study of establishing an interisland and intra-island ferry system in order to address traffic congestion and other transportation-related problems in the State.

## Working Families

**Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative (HB1997):** Implements the recommendation of the Hawaii Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board to create an agriculture workforce development pipeline initiative to conduct training on all islands for teachers and school administrators in agricultural self-sufficiency.

**Employment (HB1739):** Prohibits employers from requiring, requesting, or coercing employees or potential employees to provide access to their personal social media accounts, subject to certain exemptions. <



**Rep. Jordan** with **Jeffrey Jones**, 2016 Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii Youth of the Year.

**Representative Jo Jordan**

House of Representatives

415 S. Beretania St., Room 323

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**Legislative Town Hall Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 28, 2016**

**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

*Refreshments to be served from 6:30 p.m.*

**Waianae District Park**

**Multipurpose Room**

**85-601 Farrington Highway**

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