

Aloha South Maui,

It's wrap for the 2021 legislative session! I'm excited to see important bills make it to the Governor's desk, including two bills that I authored: HB424 which promotes electric vehicles and SB615 Lexi's Law.

Thank you to everyone who gave written and Zoom testimony throughout the legislative session, it really does make a difference! I also appreciate everyone who called my office, and hope to keep talking with constituents as I start preparing for 2022.

I want to encourage everyone to get their Covid-19 vaccine. It is safe and we won't be able to get past this crisis unless we reach herd immunity. Do it for your kids so we can get back to school and back to work!

*Mahalo,
Tina*



2021 Maui State House Delegation
From left: Rep. Tina Wildberger, Rep. Angus McKelvey, Rep. Kyle Yamashita, Rep. Justin Woodson, Rep. Lynne DeCoite, Rep. Troy Hashimoto

HHARP Virtual Preparedness Fair

Join us on FB live
Facebook.com/SMauiHHARP

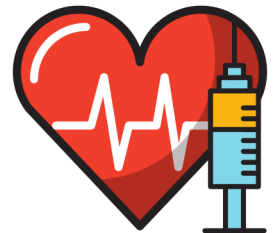
May 22, 2021
4-5pm

Get to know our HHARP team and learn how to prepare for the upcoming Hurricane Season!



Vaccine Update

Maui Health has begun to accept walk-in vaccine appointments at the Maui Memorial Medical Center (Mon - Fri) and the Grand Wailea Resort (Weds & Fri only).



Find your closest point of distribution at www.vaccines.gov or visit the websites of the following locations:

- Maui Memorial Medical Center
- Kaiser Kihei
- Longs/CVS
- Safeway Pharmacy
- Costco
- Walmart
- Walgreens

www.mauihealth.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine

Let us know if you'd like to receive newsletters by email instead! (808) 586-8525 repwildberger@capitol.hawaii.gov

2021 Legislative Highlights

Full details on all bills can be found by typing the measure number in the box at capitol.hawaii.gov

The Good

PASSED: HB200 The State Budget was balanced with minimal job losses & Department cuts. This bill also allocates funding to save South Maui's water source, Na Wai Eha, from private acquisition.

PASSED: HB1298 & HB1299 These bills consolidate special funds that were obsolete or poorly managed, a significant government reform measure that was long overdue.

PASSED: HB1278 Greatly reduces how much employers are required to pay into the unemployment compensation fund, providing much-needed relief for local businesses.

PASSED: HB58 Suspends for 2 years certain tax exemptions & increases conveyance tax on properties over \$4M.

PASSED: SB1350 Defers salary increases for executive, legislative, & judicial branch from June 2021 to Dec 2022.

PASSED: HB424, HB552, & HB1142 All three of these measures help facilitate the transition to electric vehicles.

PASSED: SCR151 Encourages the Department of Education to implement Restorative Justice practices in schools.

PASSED: SB615 Lexi's Law. Requires all moped & scooter rentals to provide a helmet unless conditions are met.

FAILED: HB1286 Would have instituted statewide travel rules allowing anyone with a negative COVID test to bypass quarantine. Also prohibited Counties from opting out or enacting stricter mandates.

The Bad

PASSED: HB862 Was both a success and a disappointment. It reigns in the Hawaii Tourism Authority budget in an attempt to better manage spending on tourism marketing, but it also slashes the amount of Transient Accommodations Tax that Maui County receives by two thirds from \$22million to \$8.5million—and only if the county decides to surcharge 3% on top of the 10.25% the state already takes and will now keep.

FAILED: SB56 Would have increased personal income taxes from 11% to 16% for high income filers.

FAILED: HB858 Would have added electric hydrofoil surfboards (e-foils) to the list of thrill craft that are banned in South & West Maui during whale season.

FAILED: HB446 Would have increased the penalty for theft of vehicle catalytic converters and required both buyers and sellers of catalytic converters to provide certain information.

The Ugly

PASSED: HB 499 Allows 40-year lease extensions of ceded lands for development.

FAILED: SB614 Would have retroactively exempted Unemployment benefits from State income tax. Our office received almost 4,000 emails supporting this bill, but it still stalled in the House after passing through the Senate.

FAILED: All bills increasing our State minimum wage.

-**SB 676** Would have increased the minimum wage from \$10.10/hour to \$12.00.

-**HB 1201** Would have increased the minimum wage to \$15 and provided a robust sliding-scale tip credit.

FAILED: All bills legalizing & taxing responsible, adult use of cannabis.

-**SB 767** Would have regulated through the Department of Taxation (no expungement).

-**HB 7** Would have regulated through the Department of Taxation & provided expungement.

-**HB 421** Would have put the legalization question on the ballot for voters to decide.

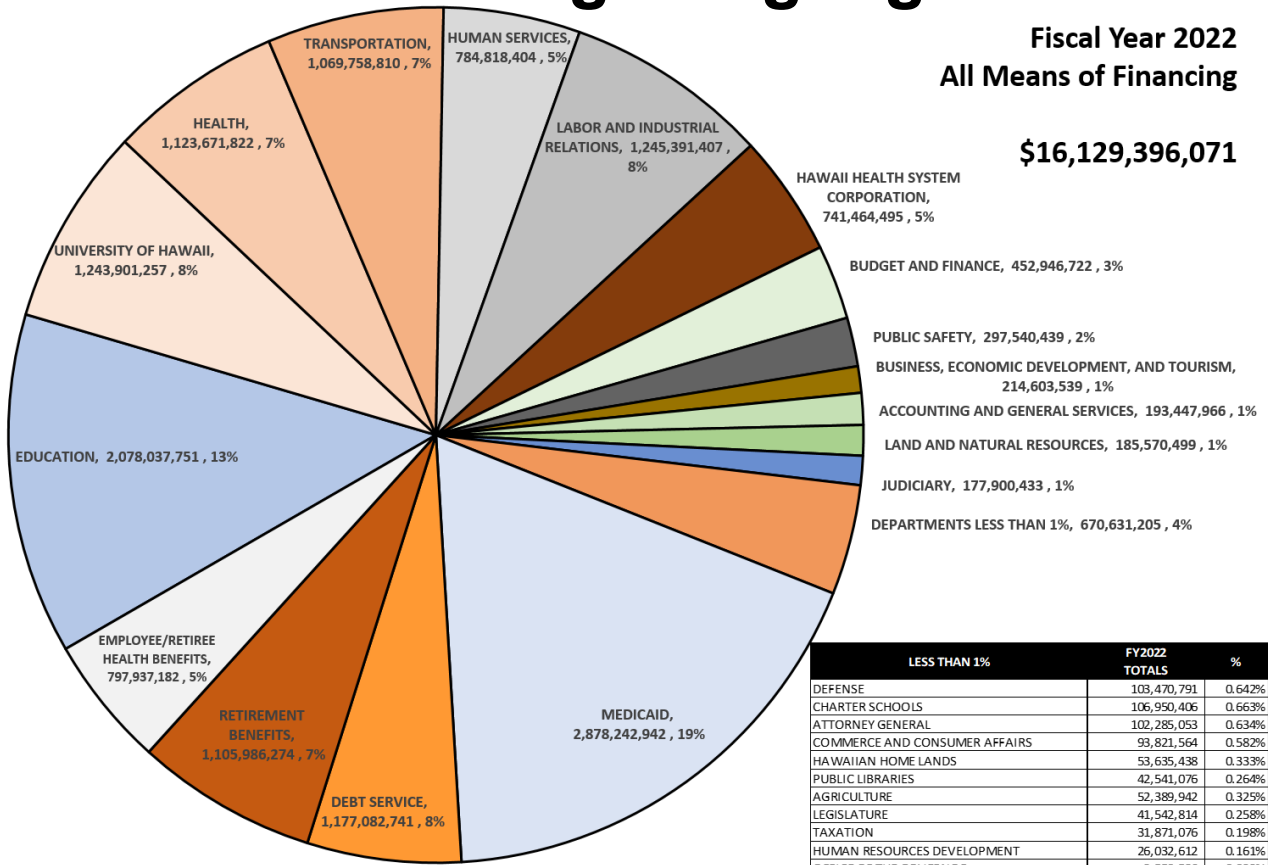
-**HB 1202** Would have regulated through the Department of Commerce & Consumer Protection. This was the most comprehensive and ideal for our islands, including social equity components & brand protection.

FAILED: SB 726 Would have eliminated 'no-knock' warrants like the one resulting in the tragic death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky.

2021 Budget Highlights

Fiscal Year 2022
All Means of Financing

\$16,129,396,071



LESS THAN 1%	FY2022 TOTALS	%
DEFENSE	103,470,791	0.642%
CHARTER SCHOOLS	106,950,406	0.663%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	102,285,053	0.634%
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS	93,821,564	0.582%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	53,635,438	0.333%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	42,541,076	0.264%
AGRICULTURE	52,389,942	0.325%
LEGISLATURE	41,542,814	0.258%
TAXATION	31,871,076	0.198%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	26,032,612	0.161%
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	3,550,536	0.022%
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	955,793	0.006%
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS	8,684,104	0.054%
SUBSIDIES	2,900,000	0.018%
TOTAL	670,631,205	4.16%

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South Maui Food Distribution Sites

Mon - Fri 9:00am-2:00pm:


Calvary Chapel S. Maui 320 Ohukai Rd. Ste. 420
(808) 463-2099

Mon - Fri 5:00pm-6:00pm, Sat & Sun @ 4:30pm:

Hale Kau Kau - St. Theresa's Church 25 W. Lipoa St.
(808) 875-8754

Every Friday 9:00am-10:00am:

Keolahou Church 177 S. Kihei Rd. (808) 879-4693

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2021 End Of Session Survey

Name _____

Email _____

Save a Stamp!
Take the survey online:
<https://forms.gle/egpuRaYUjoqJaFmx8>

1. What is your top legislative priority, or concern for our district?

2. Do you support legalization of responsible, adult-use cannabis?

YES Undecided NO

Comments:

3. Do you support a moratorium on luxury development in S. Maui?

YES Undecided NO

Comments:

4. Do you support a grade-separated underpass pedestrian crossing at Waipu'ilani Gulch for Kīhei High School?

YES Undecided NO

Comments:

5. Do you support pausing all development until Pi'ilani Hwy is widened to 4 lanes and the N-S Collector Road is completed?

YES Undecided NO

Comments:

If you want to shield your responses from public view, **fold** along the dotted line (rather than cut) and tape your answers inside before mailing.