

Presentation to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and House Committee on Finance

January 23, 2023

County of Hawai`i



Our Mission

To foster a sustainable community where everyone thrives

Partnerships with the State

- Broadband capital improvement and digital equity
 - Focus on remote sites and rural populations
- Early childhood education capital improvements
 - Childcare facilities and mixed delivery programs
- Hydrogen hub application
 - $\,\circ\,$ USDOE hydrogen planning award





Economic Environment

- By the numbers, the island's economy has recovered to 2019 levels. However, food insecurity and jobs continue to be concerns for island residents.
- Hawai`i County has suffered several natural disasters, with the 2022 Mauna Loa eruption being the most recent. A key lesson has been the resilience of our island's communities.



Operational Priorities

- Streamline building code and related process
- Improve wastewater systems
- Extend agricultural and other leases early
- Partner on sea-level rise/climate change adaptation
- Support hospital capital improvements
 - Focus on access and availability



Fiscal Year 2023 **General Fund Revenues:**

Accommodation Tax, Public

Intergovernmental Revenue

Previous year fund balance

Service Company Tax)

Licenses & Permits

Charges for Services

Miscellaneous revenues

Total Revenues \$597,324,945

(grants)

75.6%

15.8%

4.7%

1.6%

1%

1.3%

100%

- Licenses & Permits **Previous Year Fund** \$9,655,716 Charges for Services Balance \$5,622,351 1.6% \$27,906,048 1.0% 4.7% Miscellaneous Federal & State Revenues Grants \$7,695,887 \$94,634,962 1.3% 15.8% Taxes (Real Property Tax, Transient Taxes \$451,809,981 75.6%
- Note: The GET Surcharge is appropriated to the General Excise Tax Fund and is not included in the General Fund

Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Expenditures:



Continued needs of the County Pending capital projects total approximately \$1.4 Billion



 Hawaii County appreciates the support the state legislature provided during the pandemic and more recent natural disasters.
Assistance for our island's non-profit sector and small businesses continues to support our island residents, who are dealing with increased costs for electricity, transportation, food, housing, and childcare.

 The opportunities to place our island at the forefront of sustainable and equitable practices will help ensure the revitalization and resilience of our economy and community. The Honorable Senators Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Ways and Means Committee Chair, and Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Ways and Means Committee Vice Chair The Honorable Representatives Kyle T. Yamashita, Finance Committee Chair and Lisa Kitagawa, Finance Committee Vice Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and House Committee on Finance

Thank you for your interest and your continuing support!

The Honorable Mitchell D. Roth, Mayor and Lee E. Lord, Managing Director County of Hawai`i

