



January 24, 2024

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Senate President
415 South Beretania Street
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Financial Audit of the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division

Dear President Kouchi and Speaker Saiki:

The audit report on the financial statements of the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, was issued on December 15, 2023. The Office of the Auditor retained Accuity LLP to perform the financial audit. For your information, we are attaching a copy of the two-page Auditor's Summary of the financial audit report.

You may view the financial audit report and Auditor's Summary on our website at:

https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2023_Audit/DOT_Harbors_2023.pdf; and

https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2023_Audit/DOT_Harbors_Summary_2023.pdf.

If you have any questions about the report, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Leslie H. Kondo
State Auditor

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Attachment

cc/attach (Auditor's Summary only): Members of the Senate
Members of the House of Representatives
Carol Taniguchi, Senate Chief Clerk
Brian Takeshita, House Chief Clerk

Auditor's Summary

Financial Audit of the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division

Financial Statements, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023



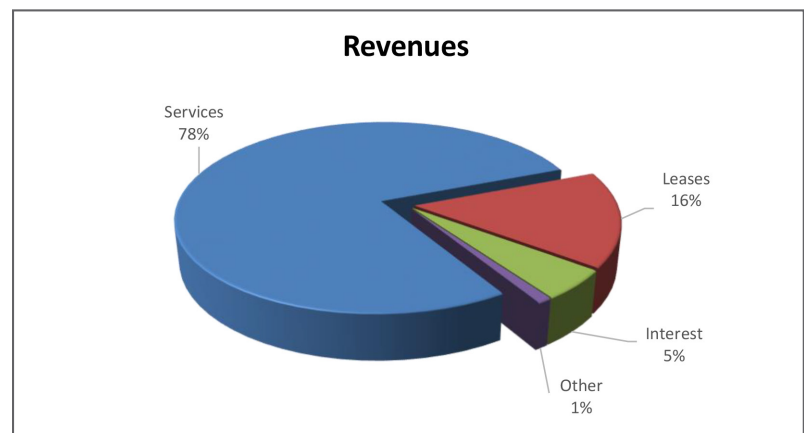
***THE PRIMARY PURPOSE** of the audit was to form an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the financial statements of the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The audit was conducted by Accuity LLP.*

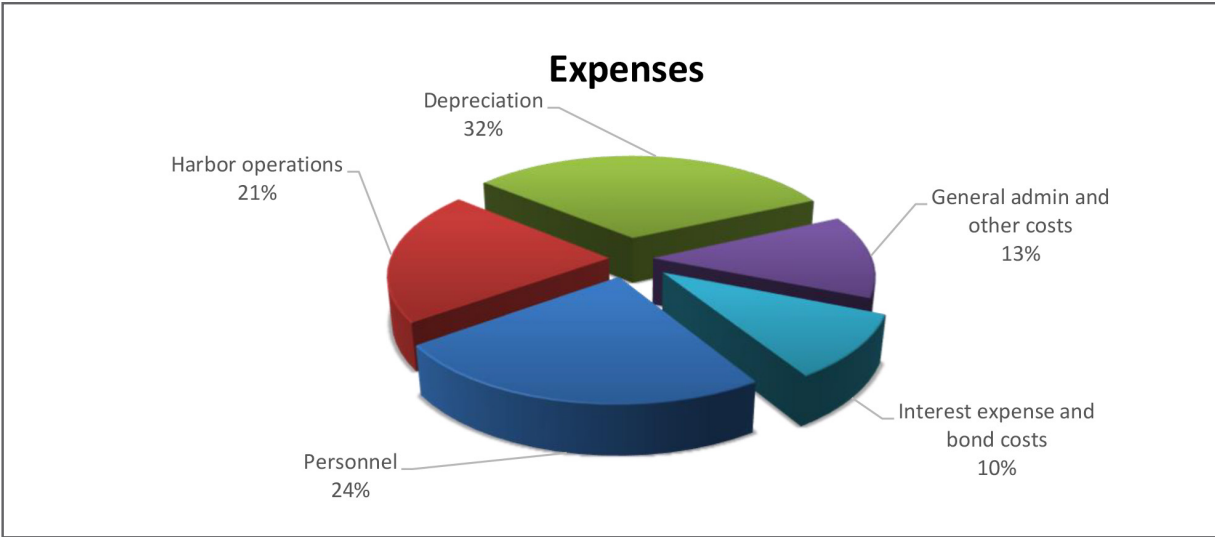
About the Division

The Department of Transportation, Harbors Division (DOT—Harbors) is responsible for Hawai'i's statewide system of commercial harbors consisting of ten harbors on six islands. Major activities include maintenance and operation, the construction of new harbor facilities, and the management of vessel traffic into, within, and out of Hawai'i's harbors. The Division is self-sustaining. Pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes, rates and charges imposed and collected pay for the costs of operations, maintenance, and repairs, as well as debt service on revenue bonds and other outstanding obligations. A capital improvements program is funded by the revenue and proceeds from harbors system revenue bonds.

Financial Highlights

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ended June 30, 2023, DOT—Harbors reported total revenues of \$229.5 million, total expenses of \$118.1 million, and capital contributions of \$29,000 from federal grants restricted for capital asset acquisition and facility development, resulting in an increase in net position of \$111.4 million. Total revenues consisted of (1) \$178.4 million in services, (2) \$36.1 million in leases, (3) \$12.5 million in interest income, and (4) \$2.5 million in other revenues.





Total expenses consisted of (1) \$38.2 million in depreciation, (2) \$25.2 million in harbor operations, (3) \$11.2 million in interest, (4) \$28.3 million for personnel, and (5) \$15.2 million in administration and other costs.

As of June 30, 2023, the agency reported total assets and deferred outflows of resources of \$1.96 billion, comprised of (1) cash and cash equivalents of \$631.9 million, (2) receivables of \$84.4 million, (3) net capital assets of \$1.23 billion, and (4) other assets and deferred outflows of resources of \$21 million. Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources totaled \$604.8 million, comprised of (1) \$377.3 million in revenue bonds payable and related accrued interest payable, (2) \$11 million in general obligation bonds payable, (3) \$21.6 million in financed purchase obligation and related accrued interest payable, (4) \$5.2 million due to other State agencies, (5) \$27.6 million in accounts and contracts payable, and (6) \$162.1 billion in other liabilities and deferred inflows of resources.

Auditors' Opinion

DOT – HARBORS RECEIVED AN UNMODIFIED OPINION that its financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Findings

THERE WERE NO REPORTED DEFICIENCIES in internal control over financial reporting that were considered to be material weaknesses and no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.



For the complete report and financial statements, visit our website at:
https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2023_Audit/DOT_Harbors_2023.pdf