



GOV. MSG. NO. 9

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

March 28, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

✓ The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura,
Speaker and Members of the House
of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura and Members of the Legislature:

Transmitted herewith are proposed changes to the FB 2025–27 Executive Budget for the operating and capital improvement program (CIP) budget requests, as applicable, for the Departments of Education and Transportation.

Your favorable consideration would be appreciated for the following budget requests to amend the FB 2025–27 Executive Budget.

1. Adjustments to the Operating Budget Request:

The following additional budget requests are being proposed to update amounts requested in the operating budget:

Department of Education

School Support – Food Services (EDN 400/MD)

Add \$20,000,000 in general funds for FY 26 for the Food Services Program shortfall due to increased costs to provide students meals. The projected deficit can be attributed to a multitude of factors, including increased operating costs, rising food prices, and steady school meal prices charged to students.

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Department of Transportation

Highways Administration (TRN 595/DB)

Add \$2,400,000 in special funds for FY 26 and \$2,800,000 in special funds for FY 27 to maintain and expand the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector System, including seeking additional locations to expand to the neighbor islands, and provide staffing for the county Office of the Prosecuting Attorneys and the four county police departments.

2. Adjustments to the CIP Request:

The following additional budget request is being proposed to update amounts requested in the CIP budget:

Department of Transportation

Airports Administration (TRN 195)

Add \$1,373,000 in special funds for FY 26 and FY 27 to Airports Division Capital Improvement Program Project Staff Costs, Statewide, Item C-11, for additional plans, design, and construction. House Bill No. 300 currently includes \$6,127,000 in special funds and \$200,000 in other funds for FY 26 and FY 27. An additional \$1,373,000 in special funds for both fiscal years are to fund wages and fringe for nine new project-funded staff positions to create a new airfield section to implement military airfield reconstruction.

Mahalo,



Josh Green, M.D.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

Attachment

c: Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz
Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita

OPERATING

The following operating budget amendments to the FB 2025–27 Executive Budget are requested:

Department of EducationSchool Support – Food Services (EDN 400/MD)

Add \$20,000,000 in general funds for FY 26 for the Food Services Program shortfall due to increased costs to provide students meals. The projected deficit can be attributed to a multitude of factors, including increased operating costs, rising food prices, and steady school meal prices charged to students.

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Other Current Expenses	\$20,000,000 A	0 A

Department of TransportationHighways Administration (TRN 595/DB)

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	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Other Current Expenses	\$2,400,000 B	\$2,800,000 B

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The following capital improvement program budget amendment (amounts are in thousands) to the FB 2025–27 Executive Budget is requested:

Department of Transportation

TRN 195 AIRPORTS ADMINISTRATION

House Bill No. 300, Part IV, Section 14, is amended:

By amending Item No. C-11 as follows:

“11.00 AIRPORTS DIVISION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT
STAFF COSTS, STATEWIDE

PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR COSTS RELATED TO WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR PERMANENT PROJECT FUNDED STAFF POSITIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S AIRPORTS DIVISION. PROJECT MAY ALSO INCLUDE FUNDS FOR NON-PERMANENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM RELATED POSITIONS (OTHER FUNDS FROM PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGES).

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
PLANS	[506] 575	[506] 575
DESIGN	[2,145] 2,625	[2,145] 2,625
CONSTRUCTION	[3,676] 4,500	[3,676] 4,500
TOTAL FUNDING TRN	[6,327] 7,500 B	[6,327] 7,500 B
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