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November 5, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President  
and Members of the Senate  
415 South Beretania Street  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker  
and Members of the House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Hawai'i State Department of Education Annual Report on Federal Impact Aid, United States Department of Defense Funds, and Federal Indirect Overhead Reimbursements

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

For your information and consideration, a copy of the annual Federal Impact Aid, United States Department of Defense Funds, and Federal Indirect Overhead Reimbursements report is being transmitted, pursuant to Section 29-25(d), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). In accordance with Section 93-16, HRS, the report may be viewed electronically at:  
<https://hawaiipublicschools.org/data-reports/legislative-reports/>

Should you have any questions, please contact Ken Kakesako, Director of the Policy, Innovation, Planning and Evaluation Branch, Office of Strategy, Innovation and Performance, via email at [ken.kakesako@k12.hi.us](mailto:ken.kakesako@k12.hi.us) or by phone at (808) 282-3430.

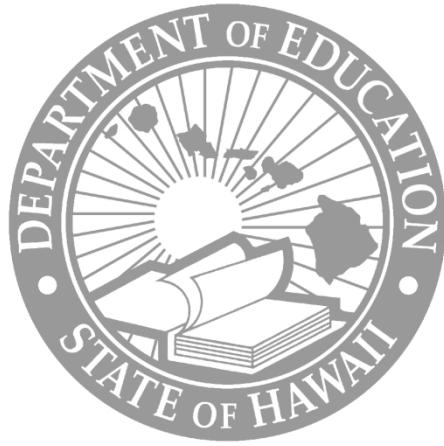
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Oyadomari-Chun".

Tammi Oyadomari-Chun  
Deputy Superintendent of Strategy and Administration

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State of Hawai‘i  
Department of Education

# **Annual Report on Federal Impact Aid, United States Department of Defense Funds, and Federal Indirect Overhead Reimbursements**

November 2025

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## Section 29-25(d), Hawai'i Revised Statutes

## Federal Impact Aid, United States Department of Defense Funds, and Federal Indirect Overhead Reimbursements

## INTRODUCTION:

Section 29-25(d), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, requires the Hawai'i State Department of Education (Department) to annually report the exact amount and specific nature of federal Impact Aid, United States Department of Defense (USDOD) funds, and federal indirect overhead reimbursements received. Federal Impact Aid is authorized by Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and has been allocated since 1950. The purpose of Federal Impact Aid is to provide formula grants to local school districts financially impacted by the presence of nontaxable federal land and installations to help cover a portion of the additional costs associated with the federal presence. The federal government provides aid to school districts that have: (a) lost tax revenues (income, sales, and property tax) due to a federal presence; and (b) incurred the cost of providing educational services for federally-connected students. A federally-connected student is a student whose parent(s) work on and/or live on federal property (i.e., low-income housing, military installations, Native American lands, national parks, research facilities). Federal Impact Aid funds support approximately two percent of the Department's operating costs each year.

## **ANALYSIS OF THE DATA:**

The Department received the following amounts during fiscal year (FY) 2024-25:

## Federal Impact Aid:

Basic Support Payments-Regular Education \$46,540,483

Disabilities Payment-Special Education \$ 1,368,684

Total \$47,909,167

## USDOD Funds:

Department of Defense Impact Aid \$4,104,643

Financial Assistance Payments for  
Children with Severe Disabilities \$1,750,785

Total \$5,855,428

Federal Indirect Overhead Reimbursements \$2,321,203

Federal Impact Aid amounts received in FY 2024-25 totaled \$47.9 million, a decrease of \$5.4 million compared to the \$53.3 million received in FY 2023-24. The annual Impact Aid receipts fluctuate from year to year as the award is subject to congressional appropriation; the total enrollment count of federally-connected students in school districts nationwide that meet the eligibility requirement; the total number of survey cards filled out by parents of the Department's federally-connected students; and the United States Department of Education's ability to verify, audit, and compute awards for all eligible school districts in a timely manner.

The USDOD FY 2024-25 collections decreased by \$1.3 million compared to FY 2023-24. The Department's USDOD allocation is subject to congressional appropriation, the total enrollment count of military-connected students in school districts nationwide that meet the eligibility requirement, and the total number of military-connected parents that submit responses to the Impact Aid survey.

The FY 2024-25 federal indirect overhead reimbursements increased by \$1.2 million compared to FY 2023-24. The level of reimbursements is determined by the rate that is negotiated with the federal government and the level of eligible expenditures.

### **FINDINGS:**

The level of Federal Impact Aid and USDOD funds appropriated and allocated by the federal government is volatile and cannot be assumed as guaranteed on an annual basis. The high degree of uncertainty with the federal government's commitment to maintain funding for the Federal Impact Aid and USDOD Supplement to Impact Aid programs has persisted, particularly as the new Executive Branch Administration and Congress continue to weigh across-the-board versus targeted budget cuts.

### **THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE:**

The Department will continue participating in organizations such as the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools and the Military Impacted Schools Association and will encourage Hawai'i's Congressional delegation to support maintaining and increasing Impact Aid and USDOD appropriations to provide supplementary funding for our public schools and students.