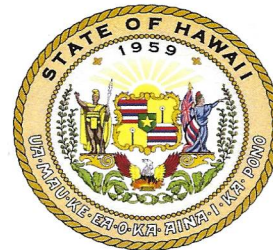


# 2021 Legislative Session Wrap Up

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The 2021 legislative session held in the middle of a pandemic and vaccination rollout was difficult but very responsive to critical needs in our community. With the assistance of the federal government, we were able to balance the State budget and:

- \* pay off the \$700 million dollar debt the State took on to pay the unemployment benefits of 133,000 workers;
- \* allocate over \$100 million toward affordable housing and infrastructure and \$20 million in public housing capital improvements;
- \* allocate \$14.3 million for homeless services, including Housing First, Rapid Re-housing, and Family Assessment Centers; and
- \* restore Governor's proposed budget cuts to key safety net programs such as general assistance payments to the disabled, sex assault treatment, hepatitis C treatment, and Hawai'i Promise Program.

I'm so pleased that many of the bills I introduced on behalf of Kaua'i constituents passed and are headed to the Governor for his approval. These include: a study into reclassification of emergency dispatchers, right to farm in CPR lots, framework for regulating e-scooters, giving DLNR Parks Division the flexibility to establish fees, allowing the Chief of Police to designate county employees to issue parking citations, establishing a self-help housing Homeownership Revolving Fund, and Kapa'a's Homestead water tank and well funding. It was truly a productive session.

I also helped to craft a bill to help families by creating an eviction diversion program and funding mediation programs in each county that begins after the Governor lifts the eviction moratorium.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to share your thoughts and concerns with me throughout the session.

I truly appreciate the honor of serving you in the House of Representatives.

Mahalo piha,

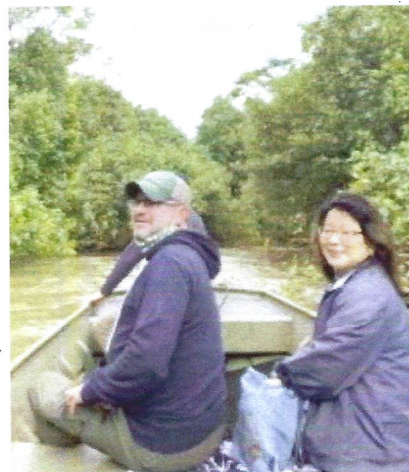
*Nadine K. Nakamura*



Celebrating the passage of Rep. Nakamura's dynamic park pricing bill HB1276 with Senate and House colleagues.



Conferring with House Committee members on proposed amendments to Rep. Nakamura's affordable homeownership revolving fund bill, HB79.



Crossing the Hanalei river following the landslide and observing the overgrown hau bushes blocking the full use of the river and causing erosion along riverbank.

# 2021 Legislative Session Bill Highlights

## Addressing Homelessness and Affordable Housing

**HB200**—Over \$100 million in the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund for affordable housing and infrastructure financing.

**HB200**—\$14,300.00 for homelessness services, including the Housing First Program, Rapid Re-Housing Program, Family Assessment Centers, Homeless Outreach and Civil Legal Services, and the Stored Property and Debris removal Program.

**HB79**—Establishes an affordable homeownership revolving fund in HHFDC to provide loans to nonprofit community development financial institutions and nonprofit housing development organizations for the development of affordable homeownership housing projects.



## Educating Our Youth

**HB200**—\$2,482,554 for the Hawai'i Keiki Program, promoting healthy keiki and reducing amount of absences statewide.

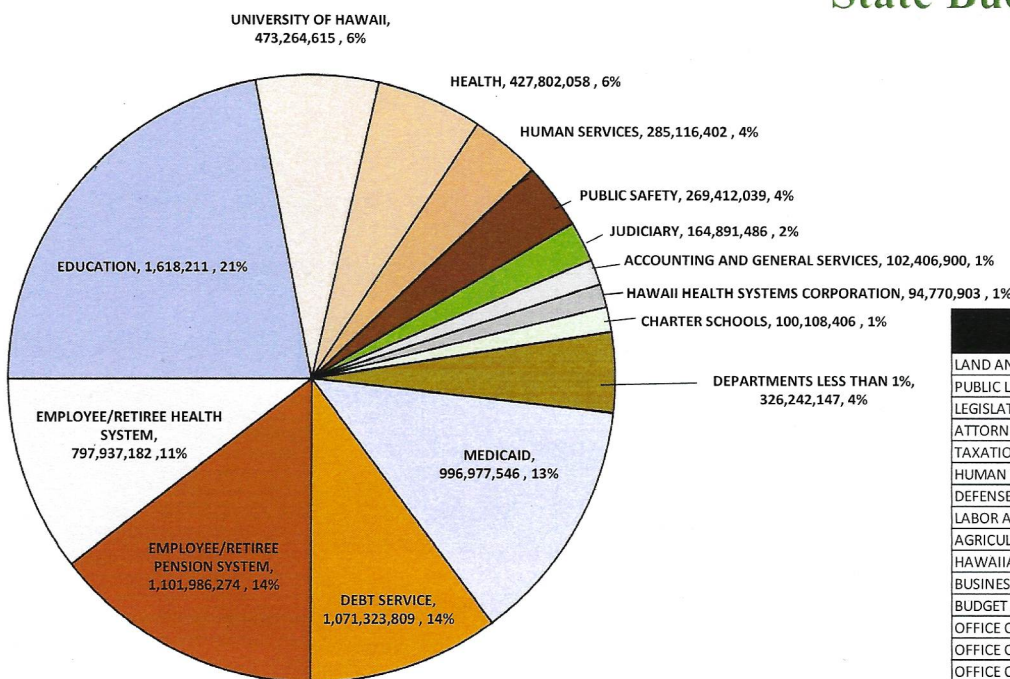
**HB200**—\$2,594,198 for the Early College Program which offers over 400 classes for 43 high schools statewide and \$3,129,000 for the Hawai'i Promise Program.

**HB1362**—Strengthens Hawai'i's early learning system by establishing the Hawai'i Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program to address the shortage of early childhood education educators and requiring the adoption of a uniform assessment for public and charter school kindergarten students.



## State Budget General Funds Fiscal Year 2022

**\$7,627,306,104**



LESS THAN 1%	FY2022 TOTALS	%
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES	66,208,602	0.868%
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	37,175,832	0.487%
LEGISLATURE	35,242,814	0.462%
ATTORNEY GENERAL	32,976,791	0.432%
TAXATION	25,062,628	0.329%
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT	19,583,703	0.257%
DEFENSE	19,442,287	0.255%
LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS	15,986,927	0.210%
AGRICULTURE	13,647,499	0.179%
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS	14,751,668	0.193%
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM	13,527,230	0.177%
BUDGET AND FINANCE	25,875,437	0.339%
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	3,550,536	0.047%
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS	2,254,400	0.030%
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	955,793	0.013%
SUBSIDIES	0	0.000%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>326,242,147</b>	<b>4.28%</b>

# 2021 Legislative Session Bill Highlights

## Helping Our Most Vulnerable

**HB200**—\$5,400,000 to maintain general assistance payments, help prevent homelessness, and increase health and safety for unemployable individuals with disabilities.

**HB200**—\$2,380,000 to restore sex assault treatment purchase of service contracts to continue 24 hour, 7 days a week stabilization information and referral services, case management, counseling services, and late-night services.



## Strengthening Our Green Economy

**HB1176**—\$5,000,000 for the green job youth corps program, providing work and training opportunities in natural resource management, agriculture, conservation, renewable energy and other sustainability professions.

**SB932**—Supports investment in clean energy technology, including electric vehicles, electric vehicle charging systems, and infrastructure. \$50,000,000 to provide loans or other financial assistance to eligible borrowers for clean energy investments.

**HB1191**—\$5,000,000 to establish the Hawai'i Broadband and Digital Equity Office and the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program to award grants to applicants to extend deployment of infrastructure used to provide broadband service to unserved and underserved areas of the State.

**HB817**—Requires and establishes benchmarks for each state department that purchases produce to ensure that by 2050, 50% of the produce purchased consists of fresh local agriculture products or local value-added, processed, agricultural, or food products.



## Addressing Climate Change

**HB552**—Establishes clean ground transportation goals for state agencies to achieve 100% light duty passenger car zero-emission fleet by Dec. 31, 2030.

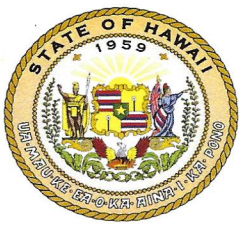
**HB932**—Establishes the Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund to provide low-cost loans to eligible borrowers for clean energy investments.

**HB243**—Requires the Office of Planning to identify existing facilities that are vulnerable to sea level rise, flooding impacts, and natural hazards, and assess a range of options to mitigate these impacts.



## Supporting Unemployed Workers

**HB200**—Appropriates \$700,252,391 in fiscal year 2022 and \$5,091,175 in fiscal year 2023 in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to repay the loan principal and interest of the unemployment insurance program. The State borrowed funds in 2020 to help unemployed workers when funds were depleted.



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## District 14 State Capital Improvement Projects Funded

<b>Wailua-Kapa'a Water System</b> .....	<b>\$19,700,000</b>
<i>Design and construction for new well site development and connecting pipeline infrastructure; Kapa'a Homesteads 313 ft tanks (two million gallons in total); ground and site improvements, and equipment and appurtenances.</i>	
<b>Kuhio Highway, Hanalei Bridge Repair</b> .....	<b>\$8,000,000</b>
<i>Construction for the repair of Hanalei Bridge, including replacing deteriorated steel truss members, and cleaning and painting of the structure.</i>	
<b>Kuhio Highway Intersection Improvements at Kolo Rd / Kalamania Rd</b> .....	<b>\$4,000,000</b>
<i>Land acquisition and construction for intersection improvements, which may include signalization or roundabout solutions.</i>	
<b>Kuhio Highway, Slope Stabilization at Lumahai Hillside</b> .....	<b>\$400,000</b>
<i>Construction for slope stabilization at Lumahai Hillside.</i>	
<b>Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements on State Highways, Kaua'i</b> .....	<b>\$4,000,000</b>
<i>Construction for installing and/or upgrading of guardrails, end terminals, transitions, bridge railings, bridge endposts and crash attenuators, and reconstructing and paving of shoulders.</i>	