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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

As we move into the conference portion of this legislative session, I am reminded of how our past and future come together in defining and preserving what we treasure most about Hawai'i. During our last two weeks in April, the Senate faces the formidable task of confirming the governor's nominees to the various departments, boards and commissions, passing a balanced State budget and completing conference hearings on 197 Senate and 135 House bills before May. Like the Hōkūle'a, preparing for its greatest challenge by venturing out of the Pacific Ocean and into new territorial waters, so too are we traveling into an uncertain period while relying on our heritage, expertise, instinct and values to create best policies for Hawai'i.

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SENATE HONORS HŌKŪLE'A'S 40 YEAR HISTORY

ORIGINAL CREWMEMBERS FROM THE 1976 VOYAGE TO TAHITI

In an historic gathering in the Senate chambers, Hawai'i's State Senators recognized the Polynesian Voyaging Society and the twelve living crew members from the Hōkūle'a's maiden voyage to Tahiti in 1976. It is the first time all living members of the Hōkūle'a's original crew were together since the inaugural voyage.

Recognizing the impact the Hōkūle'a and the Polynesian Voyaging Society has made on the state of Hawai'i, Senators honored the 40th anniversary of the legendary sailing canoe and its birth of the revival of traditional voyaging and wayfinding.

"Generations of Polynesians have been inspired by this dedicated crew," said Sen. English. "Hōkūle'a is a symbol, shared by the people of Hawai'i, the Pacific and the world to perpetuate and protect our most cherished values from disappearing forever. We extend our best wishes to the Hōkūle'a and her crew for safety and success on their Mālama Honua, the Worldwide Voyage."

"Forty years is a long time and it raises the question: 'Is something like a voyaging canoe relevant? Does it still have meaning and value to our society?'" said Nainoa Thompson, Pwo navigator, president of PVS and crewmember of the 1976 maiden voyage. "We are grateful to have our governmental body take the time to celebrate the worldwide voyage and to me, it shows that Hawai'i is still with us, that the canoe still matters. As the voyage now heads into the Indian Ocean, which is much more dangerous, it gives us the strength to set sail."

Honored on the Senate floor:

Ben Finney, Ph.D. - In 1973, Finney co-founded the Polynesian Voyaging Society with Herb Kāne and Tommy Holmes. He served as PVS's first president.

Milton "Shorty" Bertelmann - Bertelmann first learned traditional, observational navigation from Mau Pailug during the sail from Hawai'i to Tahiti. He served as captain on Hōkūle'a in 1980 and 1985.

Richard "Buffalo" Keaulana - Often referred to as the "Mayor of Makaha," Keaulana is the winner of the 1960 Makaha International.

John Kruse - Kruse is a pillar of the canoe community on Kaua'i and continues to lead work on the Garden Isle's own sailing canoe, Namahoe.

William "Billy" Richards - Richards serves as a director on several public service organizations, Native Hawaiian and educational boards, including Paepae O He'eia, Bishop Museum Association Council, and 'Aha Kāne. He is presently the Director of Communications for Partners in Development Foundation, a public not-for-profit company that serves the Native Hawaiian community through social and educational programs.

Charles Nainoa Thompson - Thompson is the first Hawaiian to practice the art of wayfinding on long distance ocean voyages since such voyaging ended in Hawai'i around the 14th century. He now teaches a system of wayfinding that he developed by synthesizing traditional principles of ancient Pacific navigation and modern science.

Abraham "Snake" Ah Hee - Ah Hee is a vet-
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SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE PROPOSES FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BUDGET

The State Senate Ways and Means (WAM) Committee passed a proposed budget that reflects the depth and magnitude of our financial obligations while balancing the need to fund public priorities and overtaxing Hawai'i's residents and businesses.

"This year we have crafted a fiscally responsible budget that reflects tough decisions based on sound justifications," said Sen. English. "We had to take a disciplined approach to budgeting to continue to support the residents and families of Hawai'i."

The Senate Draft (HB 500 HD1 SD1) is lower than the level proposed by the Executive branch:

For FY2015-2016, an additional \$403 million in general funds was appropriated, which fell \$3.6 million below the Executive request. The total general fund budget for FY2015-16 in the SD1 amounted to \$6.6 billion.

For FY2016-2017, an additional \$720 million in general funds was appropriated, which fell \$11.1 million below the Executive request. The total general fund budget for FY2016-17 in the SD1 amounted to \$6.9 billion.

In this budget, the Senate WAM Committee is using responsible budgeting in exercising one of its legislative duties. An additional \$862,161 in Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) payment in FY2016 has been included as a result of the six month delay in hire decisions imposed throughout the Senate Draft of the budget. In discussions with the Department of Human Resources Development, it was clear that in establishing these new positions, filling them would not take place prior to the first half of the year. Rather than appropriating these funds and not using them, the Senate has taken the prudent approach and applied these funds towards paying down our debt.

The Senate remains committed to transparency and efficiency, especially in the delivery and procurement of programs and services. Concerns were raised when WAM saw the significant number of separate requests from all of the executive departments and agencies to fund information technology projects, and the scale of these requests. Commonality of systems and technology, an effort to streamline and find both operational and fiscal efficiencies across departments, as well as general oversight and management controls were clearly lacking. As such, the Senate Draft reflects a transfer of authority over the funding for information technology and business modernization systems to the Office of the Governor.

Operating Budget highlights include:

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

• Transfer-in one (1) Solutions Architect position and \$112,000 in general funds in each FY along with:

1. \$10,000,000 in each Fiscal Year in general funds,
2. \$1,800,000 in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and \$1,600,000 in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in special funds,
3. \$7,700,000 in fiscal year 2015-2016 and \$15,200,000 in fiscal year 2016-2017 in federal funds,
4. \$100,000 in fiscal year 2015-2016 and \$80,000 in fiscal year 2016-2017 in revolving funds, and
5. \$600,000 in fiscal year 2015-2016 in other federal funds to establish a central point of contact to determine the priority and immediacy of technology related projects and provide centralized, holistic guidance in matters of information technology procurement and deployment

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

• Add one (1) attorney and \$100,000 in general funds in each FY to support

Open Data policies

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I

• Add \$6,800,000 in FY2016 and \$6,400,000 in FY2017 in general funds for system wide support through performance based funding, requiring the President and Board of Regents to establish and implement metrics with rigor in FY17 that reflect a commitment to student achievement, access, degree attainment and articulation

• Add \$723,000 in FY2016 and \$1,100,000 in FY2017 in general funds for the Violence Against Women Act and Title IX mandates

• Add \$500,000 in general funds in FY2016 for student employees

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

• \$2,000,000 in general funds in FY2016 for agricultural loans

• \$250,000 in each FY for the prevention and treatment of Macadamia Felted Coccid

• \$220,000 in funds and adding four (4) positions for increased pesticide enforcement, surveillance, and education

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

• Add four (4) positions and \$113,000 in FY2015 and \$227,000 in FY2016 in special funds for State Foundation on Culture and the Arts

• Add \$500,000 in revolving funds in each FY for the replacement of motor vehicles

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

• Add \$500,000 in general funds in each FY for vacancy savings reductions that will allow the department to fill vacancies in a timelier fashion, resulting in more responsive service for clientele

• Add \$132,000 in general funds in each FY to establish the Hawai'i Sexual Assault Response and Training Program

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

• Support low-cost financing of clean energy technology by adding five (5) positions and \$1,000,000 in special funds in each FY

• Add one (1) position and \$29,000 in FY2016 and \$60,000 in FY2017 in general funds to protect State interests through a Transit-Oriented Development planner

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

• Add one (1) position and \$44,919 in FY2016 and \$84,499 in FY2017 in trust funds to support Wellness programs to improve health outcomes for employees and reduce costs associated with overtime and health insurance payments

• Add the following amounts for debt-service, health benefits, retirement benefits, UHPA Collective bargaining, and OPEB 6-month delay:

• Debt Service:

• \$3,392,426 FY2016; \$55,579,086 FY2017

• Health Benefits

• \$87,423,284 FY2016; \$216,250,075 FY2017

• Retirement Benefits

• \$65,461,245 FY2016; \$99,799,291 FY2017

• UHPA CB

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE PROPOSES FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BUDGET CONTINUED

- \$18,790,387 FY2016; \$36,045,294 FY2017 in general funds
- \$2,134,819 FY2016; \$3,921,267 FY2017 in non-general funds
- OPEB 6-month delay addition
- \$862,161 in FY2016

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

- Add five (5) positions and \$258,000 in FY2016 and \$516,000 in FY2017 in special funds for mortgage loan originator and service regulation support
- Add three (3) positions and \$169,000 in FY2016 and \$316,000 in FY2017 in special funds to support public utility regulatory activity as well as \$3,500,000 in FY2016 and \$731,000 in special funds to complete the renovation and expansion of the PUC offices

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

- Add six (6) positions and \$219,000 in FY2016 and \$347,000 in FY2017 for the Hawai'i Air National Guard Campus
- Add \$778,000 in general funds and \$1,600,000 in other federal funds in FY2016 for the state's veterans cemetery
- Add \$1,500,000 in general funds in FY2016 to replenish the Major Disaster Fund

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Add \$9,000,000 in general funds in each FY for utilities.
- Add \$3,600,000 in general funds in each FY for hard-to-fill positions
- Add \$2,400,000 in general funds in FY2016 and \$8,000,000 in general funds in FY2017 for the weighted student formula
- Add \$5,100,000 in general funds in FY2016 and \$4,600,000 in general funds in FY2017 for the school food services
- Add \$7,400,000 in general funds in FY2016 and \$5,000,000 in general funds in FY2017 for school transportation services

CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Add \$5,800,000 in FY2016 and \$5,500,000 in FY2017 in general funds for per pupil funding for charter school students
- Create a new program ID, transfer-in positions and \$2,004,550 in federal funds, and add \$1,400,000 in each FY in general funds for the State Charter School Commission in accordance with Act 122, SLH 2014

EARLY LEARNING

- Add seven (7) positions for the Early Learning Prekindergarten Program for programmatic support

LIBRARIES

- Add one (1) position and \$847,000 in FY2016 and ten and a half (10.5) positions and \$441,000 in FY2017 in general funds for the new state-of-the-art Nanakuli Library, scheduled to open in 2016
- Add \$500,000 in each FY in general funds to address the backlog of critical health and safety maintenance and repair for all libraries statewide

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

- Add \$4,400,000 in general funds in each FY for compensation of 80 positions in DHHL
- Add \$2,200,000 in general funds in each FY for fringe benefits to employees
- These appropriations are intended to meet the constitutional requirements for sufficient funds, allowing DHHL to utilize their trust funds in ser-

vice to their beneficiaries.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

- Add \$3,000,000 in general funds in each FY for the maintenance and operations of the state elderly and family public housing facilities
- Add \$4,100,000 in general funds in each FY for Autism Spectrum Disorders treatment for keiki covered by Medicaid
- Add \$11,500,000 in general funds in each FY for Medicaid recipients with the chronic Hepatitis C virus infections
- Add \$1,200,000 in FY2016 and \$342,000 in FY2017 for increase support for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families work programs and contracted services for eligible families

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Add \$4,100,000 in general funds in each FY for Kupuna Care
- Add two (2) positions and \$852,000 in FY2016 and \$761,000 in FY2017 to the Aging Disability Resource Centers project coordination for O'ahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawai'i Island
- Add \$1,750,000 in general funds in each FY for Hawai'i State Hospital for in-unit security guards to deter violence and assaultive behaviors and adding \$2,997,000 in each FY for support for the Hawai'i State Hospital
- Add four (4) positions and \$40,000 in FY2016 and \$84,000 in FY2017 in general funds for increased vector control at ports of entry on Maui and Hawai'i Island

HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

- Add \$21,000,000 in general funds in each FY to address shortfalls for the collective bargaining underfunding, fringe benefit rate increase, and revenue loss due to ICD-10

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

- Add two (2) positions and \$16,000 in FY2016 and \$34,000 in FY2017 in general funds to improve inspection quotas of federally required benchmarks for the Hawai'i Occupational Safety and Health program (HIOSH)
- Add \$200,000 in each FY in general funds for the Premium Supplemental Fund to provide the program with the necessary funding to reach its intended clientele

DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Add \$4,000,000 in each FY in general funds for the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council
- Add \$3,000,000 in each FY in special funds for albizia eradication and control along public highways
- Add \$2,000,000 in each FY in special funds for the watershed protection program
- Add \$750,000 in FY2016 in general funds for the Statewide Fire and Natural Disaster Response Program
- Add \$1,000,000 in special funds in each FY for the Hawai'i State Parks

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- Add \$1,900,000 in FY2016 and \$2,100,000 in FY2017 in general funds to address the shortfall in the supplies budget resulting from food staple rate increases and religious food requests

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eran of the National Guard and served a tour in Vietnam. He credits the Hōkūle'a's voyage for strengthening the Hawaiian culture in spirit.

Francis Kainoa Lee - Lee became a part of the Hōkūle'a's first crew after his wife signed him up for a workshop in Kualoa to get acquainted with sailing the wa'a. Lee has sailed on many voyages since and continues to support the crews in the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage.

Kimo Lyman - Lyman worked for the first fire department in Waialua. He is a veteran of many sails on Hōkūle'a starting in 1976 and was the instrumental navigator on the voyage from Tahiti to Hawai'i.

Gordon Pi'ianai'a - Pi'ianai'a's career at sea began shortly after he graduated from the Kamehameha Schools for boys and he entered the Navy. Gordon started sailing on Hōkūle'a in 1976 and has served as captain on numerous legs, while sailing a part of each of the voyages from 1980 through 2014.



Penny Martin - Martin is one of only two women who took part in Hōkūle'a's first voyage in 1976. She now works for Papahāna Kūaloa's Leleka-manu Project on Moloka'i where she teaches cultural-based environmental education.

Dr. Ben Young - Dr. Young served as the crew's doctor on the first voyage in 1976. Young authored the article, Psychological Effects of Long Ocean Voyages, which is still used to educate new crewmembers on how to recognize and plan for the psychological effects that could be experienced during long voyages.

Volunteers and employees of the University of Hawai'i Honolulu Community College and its Marine Education and Training Center and the Polynesian Voyaging Society who have supported the many sails over the past 40 years were also recognized on the Senate floor. They include:

Cecelia Lindo - one of the first staff of PVS

Ha'aheo Mansfield - one of the first staff of PVS

Bert Kaihe Barber - one of the first volunteers for PVS and Hōkūle'a

Robert Perkins - Director of the Marine Education and Training Center (where Hōkūle'a and PVS are housed)

Laura Thompson - PVS Board Member, wife of Pinky Thompson and mother of Nainoa Thompson

Clyde Nāmu'o - CEO of PVS

Dennis Kawaharada - Kapi'olani Community College, English faculty and long-time PVS documenter

Neil Hannahs - PVS Board Chair

Marisa Hayase - PVS Communications Director

Lilikalā Kame'eiehiwa - PVS Board Member

Billy Ornellas - PVS Board Member

Erika Lacro - Chancellor of Honolulu Community College

For more information on the Polynesian Voyaging Society and the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage: www.hokulea.com

SENATE WAM PROPOSED BUDGET CONTINUED

• Add \$3,100,000 in FY2016 and \$2,700,000 in FY2017 in general funds to covers costs associated with the transfer and housing of inmates out of state while essential repairs and upgrades are completed

DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION

• Add \$200,000 in general funds in FY2016 for the Tax Review Commission

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

• Special maintenance projects for all airports,

harbors and roadways by adding \$121,000,000 in special funds in FY2016 and \$119,000,000 in special funds in FY2017

• Debt Service payments of \$204,000,000 in special funds in FY2016 and \$292,000,000 in special funds in FY2017 for airports special fund and harbors special fund

• Add \$500,000 in special funds each FY for the Van Pool Program

• Add \$921,000 in special funds each FY for the operation of the zipper lane