



Neighbor to Neighbor

COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

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MAKIKI/PUNCHBOWL, PAPAOLEA, DOWNTOWN, CHINATOWN, KAKA'AKO, NU'UANU, LILIHA, ALEWA, KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS, KALIHI VALLEY, AIEA, AND MOANALUA

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to extend a warm mahalo to you for taking the time to read this month's Neighborhood Board report, highlighting some of the unique challenges, tough concerns, and positive accomplishments that my staff and I undertake on a daily basis. I am heartened that with continued outreach and communication, we can work towards positive change in this unique, diverse community. Please contact me if you have an area of concern you'd like to address, or a person or organization that you'd like to acknowledge. I look forward to continuing to assist you in building a better community for all of us!

Mahalo nui loa,

Carol Fukunaga
City Councilmember, District 6

Budget Committee adopts CD1 amendments for FY 22 Budgets (Aiea)

Mahalo to Aiea community stakeholders for supporting the first round of CD1 amendments to **Bill 6 (2021)**, the FY 22 Executive Operating Budget and **Bill 7 (2021)**, the FY 22 Executive Capital Budget. They will be voted on during the Council's April 14, 2021 meeting.

CD1 amendments approved for Bills 6 and 7 include:

- \$50,000 – Dept. of Customer Services: feral animal control contract. The CD1 amendment adds proviso language stating: *“At least \$50,000 out of current expenses shall be appropriated for a feral animal control contract.”*
- \$500,000 – Dept. of Facility Maintenance: expedite maintenance of City-owned streams, channels, ditches and other flood control facilities. The CD1 amendment adds proviso language that states: *“At least \$1,000 out of current expenses shall be appropriated to expedite the maintenance of City-owned streams, channels, ditches, and other flood control facilities.”*

The two measures face two more rounds of amendments before final adoption by the City Council. Please contact Senior Advisor Kimberly Ribellia at kribellia@honolulu.gov if you have additional questions.

Tier 3 Authorizations and Federal Funds to Boost Honolulu's Economy

During the past two weeks, the City's expansion of Tier 3 authorizations to include bars and weddings have been met with great enthusiasm (*see attached flyer on Tier 3 authorizations*).

Additionally, recent adoption of the federal \$1.9 trillion **American Rescue Plan**, and President Biden's American infrastructure plan underscores the importance of rebuilding the country's – and our county's aging infrastructure!



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President Biden's March 31, 2021 announcement of his infrastructure proposal proposes nearly \$2 trillion in expenditures over 8 years:

- Putting \$621 billion into transportation infrastructure such as bridges, roads, public transit, ports, airports and electric vehicle development
- Directing \$400 billion to care for elderly and disabled Americans
- Injecting more than \$300 billion into improving drinking-water infrastructure, expanding broadband access and upgrading electric grids
- Putting more than \$300 billion into building and retrofitting affordable housing, along with constructing and upgrading schools
- Investing \$580 billion in American manufacturing, research and development and job training efforts

At the same time, key provisions of the *American Rescue Plan (ARP)* legislation include:

State and county assistance – At least \$2.2 billion for Hawai‘i

- Funding may be used to bolster state and local budgets that have sustained significant tax revenue loss due to the pandemic
 - \$1.6 billion for the State of Hawai‘i
 - \$365 million for the City and County of Honolulu
 - \$36 million for the County of Hawai‘i
 - \$13 million for the County of Kauai
 - \$30 million for the County of Maui
- Another \$116 million will go to the State of Hawai‘i for critical capital projects to enable work, education, and healthcare in response to the pandemic

Unemployment assistance – At least \$575 million in estimated funding for Hawai‘i workers

- Available to self-employed individuals, part-time workers, independent contractors, and gig workers, including ride-sharing drivers
- Covers those who are sick, quarantined, furloughed, or whose family circumstances keep them from working or reduce their pay as a result of the coronavirus outbreak or government containment efforts
- Aid will cover salaries up to about \$65,000 through September 6 with an additional \$300 per week
- Makes the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits collected in 2020 tax free for those households whose income was less than \$150,000.

Rent and mortgage relief – Estimated \$226.5 million for Hawai‘i

- An estimated \$152 million to help Hawai‘i residents who lost their job or saw a significant reduction in income due to the pandemic to make rent
- Approximately \$18 million in HOME program funding which provides resources to help communities build and maintain affordable housing
- At least \$50 million for a new Homeowner Assistance Program to help Hawai‘i families who are behind on their mortgages or already in foreclosure as a result of the pandemic.
- \$6.5 million in Native Hawaiian Housing Assistance, including:
 - \$5 million to the DHHL COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which is estimated to aid 800 households, including beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries. The DHHL program helps renters both on and

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off Hawaiian Home Lands pay for rent, utilities, security deposits and other expenses related to housing incurred due to the pandemic.

- \$1.5 million to DHHL to help homesteaders. Funds can be used for mortgage assistance, assistance after forbearance, principal reduction, utilities, property taxes, and other expenses to prevent foreclosure, default, or utility shut off.
- Access to \$5 billion nationally to help Public Agencies with emergency Housing Choice Vouchers, increased rental costs, and increased administrative costs
- Access to \$100 million nationally for emergency rental assistance for rural housing
- Access to \$100 million nationally to states and NeighborWorks to provide housing counseling services

Small businesses and non-profits – \$60 billion nationally

- An additional \$7.25 billion for forgivable Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to small businesses and non-profits, to help them maintain existing workforce and pay for other expenses like rent, mortgage, and utilities
- Hawai‘i small businesses and non-profits have received more than \$900 million in PPP loans so far in 2021, adding to the \$2.5 billion Hawai‘i small businesses and non-profits received in 2020
- This bill expands eligibility for non-profits and internet-only news and periodical publishers
- \$29 billion for a new program at the Small Business Administration (SBA) that will make grants to restaurants, bars, and other food and drinking establishments
- Grants will be available in an amount equal to a business’s pandemic-related revenue loss, up to \$10 million (and \$5 million per physical location)
- Eligible entities include restaurants, food stands and food trucks, caterers, bars and lounges, brewpubs and tasting rooms, inns, taverns, and similar businesses, including those located in airport terminals
- Funding can be used for a wide variety of expenses, including payroll, mortgage, rent, utilities, maintenance expenses (including construction to accommodate outdoor seating), supplies (including protective equipment and cleaning materials), food and beverage expenses, operational expenses, and paid sick leave.
- An additional \$1.25 billion for the SBA’s Shuttered Venue Operators grant program, an assistance program created in the December relief law specifically for theaters, museums, and other live entertainment venues.
- This bill will now allow eligible entities to access both the SVO grant program and PPP, which was previously prohibited.
- \$15 billion nationally for additional targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan emergency advance grants, reserved for the smallest and most severely impacted businesses in low-income communities
- At least \$60 million for Hawai‘i from the renewed State Small Business Credit Initiative administered by the Department of the Treasury. The updated program provides low-cost loans and equity investments in small businesses.

Source: Senator Brian Schatz presentation, March 29, 2021 – Briefing by Hawaii’s Congressional delegation before Council Housing and Economy Committee: https://honolulu.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=1541



HONOLULU REOPENING STRATEGY - TIER 3

TIER 3

Case Count
(7 day average)

20-49

Test Positivity Rate

1-2.49%

Sectors and Businesses:

Visit www.oneoahu.org/reopening-details for more information



<u>Essential Businesses</u>	Allowed	<u>Other Commercial Attractions:</u> <u>Water Parks, Cultural Attractions, Go-Kart, Mini Golf, Bowling</u>	10 people
<u>Social Gatherings</u>	10 people	<u>Arcades</u>	50% capacity
<u>Parks, Beaches, Trails, Camping</u>	10 people	<u>Bowling</u>	10 people
<u>Outdoor sports (no permit)</u>	10 people	<u>Tours</u>	10 people
<u>Outdoor organized team sports (permit)</u>	Allowed, no spectators	<u>Recreational Boating (personal)</u>	10 people
<u>Pools</u>	Allowed	<u>Commercial Recreational Boating</u>	50% capacity
<u>Shooting and Archery Ranges</u>	Allowed	<u>Helicopter Tours, Plane tours, Skydiving</u>	Allowed
<u>Golf Courses</u>	PGA/Hawaii Golf Phase 3	<u>Legal Short-Term Rentals</u>	Allowed
<u>Certain Real Estate</u>	10 people	<u>Transportation for Non-Essential Activities</u>	Allowed
<u>Car Dealerships</u>	Allowed	<u>Hair & Nail Salons, Barbershops</u>	Allowed
<u>Automated Service Providers</u>	Allowed	<u>Personal Care Services</u>	Allowed
<u>Mobile Service Providers</u>	Allowed	<u>Pet Services</u>	Allowed
<u>Retail and Service (Includes Essential Businesses)</u>	Allowed	<u>Business Offices</u>	Remote Encouraged
<u>Indoor Malls</u>	Allowed	<u>Conference/Breakrooms</u>	Spaced 6 ft apart
<u>Spiritual Services</u>	Allowed	<u>Movie Theaters</u>	Allowed
<u>Funerals</u>	Allowed	<u>Group Fitness Classes</u>	10 people outdoors 10 people indoors
<u>Restaurants/Bars (At the discretion of the City & County of Honolulu)</u>	10 people	<u>Gym and Fitness Facilities</u>	50% capacity
<u>Zoos, Sea Life Attractions, Aquariums, Museums, Botanical Gardens</u>	10 people	<u>Dance/Social/Nightlife</u>	Closed
<u>Indoor Sports</u>	Closed	<u>Drive-In Services</u>	Allowed
		<u>Structured Events</u>	Static Events Allowed
		<u>Weddings</u>	Outdoor only, 100 people including staff, with conditions