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### SENATE DISTRICT 1 AWARDED OVER \$89 MILLION IN CIP

**HONOLULU, Hawai'i** – With the adoption of the supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2017, Senator Kaiali'i Kahele (Dist. 1 – Hilo) is proud to announce more than \$89 million in Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding has been appropriated for various projects for District 1. These projects address aging infrastructure, improve existing schools and facilities, and establish additional safety measures.

"The projects funded by the budget will help move East Hawai'i forward by creating jobs, enhancing our public infrastructure and facilities, and investing in education," said Sen. Kahele. "By working collaboratively with my colleagues, Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Representatives Mark M. Nakashima, Clift Tsuji and Richard H.K. Onishi, we will continue to secure funds to drive our economy and improve our quality of life."

In realizing that the real future lies in the hands of our children and grandchildren, legislators reflected a Senate Majority priority goal of providing for our families and allocated funds for a covered play court at Chiefess Kapi'olani and Ha'aheo Elementary Schools, providing kitchen equipment for the Keaukaha Elementary School cafeteria and electrical upgrades for Waiākea Intermediate School. In passing SB3126 SD2 HD2 CD1, \$100 million was allocated to the Department of Education to assist in moving forward their program to install air conditioning and other heat abatement measures in our public schools and providing students with a better learning environment.

Lawmakers also recognized other imperative concerns of District 1 and allocated significant resources for the airports, harbors and health services.

"Throughout my life, my father taught me the importance of community service and I'm honored to carry on his legislative initiatives," said Sen. Kai Kahele.

Notable CIP funding highlights for District 1 include:

- \$31.8 million for renovations on the Keaukaha Military Reservation
- \$2 million for covered playcourt for Ha'aheo Elementary School
- \$1.5 million for design and construction for a covered playcourt at Kapi'olani Elementary School

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- \$252,000 for plans, design and construction for electrical systems upgrades for Waiākea Intermediate School
- \$6.75 million for improvements for the Hilo Counseling Center and Keawe Health Center
- \$300,000 for construction for a new adult day care facility at the Hawai‘i Island Community Development Corporation
- \$2 million for land acquisition to expand the Hilo Forest Reserve
- \$21 million for design and construction of a new support building, housing and support offices and security system for Hawai‘i Community Correctional Center
- \$3.5 million for improvements at Hilo International Airport
- \$7.95 million for demolition of pier shed and water tower and other improvements for Hilo Harbor
- \$2.2 million for plans for rehabilitation and/or replacement of Wailuku Bridge along Hawaii Belt Road (Route 19)
- \$600,000 for design and construction for cafeteria equipment installation; ground and site improvement; equipment and appurtenances at Keaukaha Elementary School

In addition to the executive budget CIP funding, appropriations for Grants-in-Aid (GIA) were also awarded to organizations for the benefit of the Hilo community:

- \$1 million for design and construction for an education facility for Hawaii Island Portuguese Chamber of Commerce
- \$1 million for plans, design and construction for a health facility for Panaewa Community Alliance
- \$500,000 for construction for a new Island Heritage Gallery Exhibit at Lyman House Memorial Museum
- \$217,000 for Rainbow Falls Botanical Garden and Visitor Center
- \$200,000 for program to assist with at risk and low income school students to prevent from dropping out of High School in Hilo
- \$150,000 for Kamoleao Laulima Community Resources Center

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