



State of Hawai'i
Department of Education

Annual Report on Six-Year Program and Financial Plan for School Repair and Maintenance

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Section 302A-1312, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, requires the Hawai'i State Department of Education to annually report on a plan for school repair and maintenance projects.

Hawaii State Department of Education's School Repair and Maintenance Six-Year Program and Financial Plan

The Hawaii State Department of Education's (Department), Office of Facilities and Operations manages the maintenance of physical facilities at schools. The Department submits a facilities plan for approval to the Hawaii State Board of Education (Board) every year. The report identifies maintenance issues with costs, health and safety needs, and projects that comply with legal regulations.

The Department presented its Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY27) Supplemental Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget request to the Board's Finance and Infrastructure Committee (FIC) on October 9, 2025. The Department is proposing an \$784,358 million CIP FY27 Supplemental CIP budget to cover 12 areas of need:

- Deferred Maintenance Lump Sum
- Federal Grants (Department's Share) Lump Sum
- Health & Safety Lump Sum
- Planning, Design and Land Acquisition Lump Sum
- Capacity Lump Sum
- Temporary Facilities Lump Sum
- Instructional Lump Sum
- Support Facilities Lump Sum
- Compliance Lump Sum
- Project Completion Lump Sum
- Telecommunication Infrastructure Lump Sum
- Department Priority Line Item

For a breakout of the funding amounts by category, please see the Department's CIP budget submission to the [Board's FIC on October 9, 2025](#):

Deferred Maintenance (Major Repair & Maintenance (R&M))

The Department requests \$200 million for Deferred Maintenance Projects funding to supplement the Act 250/25 funds and provide a total budget to meet the biennium funding needs to maintain campuses statewide. The funding will improve facilities in need of repairs or replacements to prolong the useful life of our schools, infrastructure, and facilities, resulting in future cost savings. Our financing challenges compound our inability to address the growing maintenance backlog.

Federal Grants (Department's share)

The Department is not requesting additional funding for this program since Lump Sum Federal Grants funding was appropriated in Act 250/SLH25 for FY27 in the amount of \$30 million in state bond funds and matching \$120 million in federal funds.

Health & Safety

The Department requests \$50 million for FY27 to address fire alarm replacements, elevator replacements and/or modernization, electrical upgrades, sewer and water systems, traffic safety and parking, flood mitigation, security fencing, etc. for various schools.

Planning, Design, and Land Acquisition

The Department requests \$6 million for FY27 to address potential land acquisition, site studies, master planning, and a new, updated facility assessment management plan statewide. The last updated facility assessment was completed in 2017-2018.

Capacity

The Department requests \$283.028 million in GO Bonds, along with \$5.28 million in Fair Share (other funds) for FY27. This will cover the remaining project costs for East Kapolei Elementary School and the King Kamehameha III Elementary School, and the start of planning and design for Koa Ridge Elementary School.

Temporary Facilities

The Department requests \$3 million for FY27 for temporary facilities. Temporary facilities may include portable classrooms, trailers, or modular structures. This year, the request is for portable classrooms, including their associated infrastructure and covered walkways, at Keonepoko Elementary School.

Instructional

The Department requests \$20 million for FY27 for instructional facilities. This year, the request is to replace the music building at Waialua High School and demolish the deteriorating existing building.

Support Facilities

The Department requests \$68.2 million for FY27 for overdue replacement facilities, including a gymnasium, administration-library, and baseball field improvements. This category typically includes campus support facilities such as administration and libraries, cafeteria facilities, and new or expanded multipurpose, physical education, athletic facilities, state and/or district offices, and pedestrian safety improvements.

Compliance

The Department requests \$60.95 million for FY27 to complete ongoing design and construction for the following:

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements for public accommodations;
- Program access for public and student accommodations;
- Corrective actions for Career and Technical Education audits; and
- Gender equity improvements for girls' athletic locker rooms and softball facilities.

If these funds are not provided, construction for both new and ongoing compliance projects will be delayed another year. Compliance funding is a recurring need to complete ADA upgrades and gender equity projects at schools statewide. In addition to supporting construction, the requested funds will initiate design work for future projects, ensuring they are construction-ready in the next budget cycle. This lead time is essential for securing building permits and preparing for bidding and construction. These projects will deliver corrective improvements to meet the requirements of the 2010 ADA Standards and Title IX gender equity laws.

Completion of Ongoing CIP Projects (Project Completion)

The Department requests \$50 million for FY27 for the completion of ongoing CIP projects for construction management services, additional contingencies for unforeseen and unanticipated site conditions, and escalation funding to ensure completion.

Construction management services are vital to ensure that construction milestones, inspections, and requests for information for change orders are coordinated, processed, and completed. This funding is necessary to ensure that all projects being bid on and awarded are completed.

There are two active projects with Notices to Proceed (NTP) totaling \$29.17 million, and ten additional projects valued at \$55.15 million awaiting NTPs. These pending projects will require construction management services and additional contingency funding, and may be subject to escalation claims. Without sufficient funding, these projects risk cancellation and potential lapse of allocated funds.

The Department requests \$2 million for FY27 to furnish new buildings and facilities with student and non-position-related furniture. This is a recurring request since these funds are needed when construction is almost complete, which is typically after all project funds have lapsed.

Telecommunication Infrastructure (Office of Information Technology Services Bells and Paging Replacements)

The Department requests \$7.9 million for FY27 to complete needed improvements or replacements of its bell and paging systems. There are eight schools identified this year.

Line Items

1. Various Schools, Statewide, Expansion of Regional Kitchens, Statewide
The Department is not requesting additional funding for this program since a line-item was appropriated in Act 250/25 for FY27 in the amount of \$16.5 million.
2. Various Schools, Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua Complex Area, Kitchen Retrofits to Support the Regional Kitchen

The Department is requesting \$30 million in FY27 to retrofit and renovate existing school kitchens to support meal service from a regional kitchen. Upgrades will include loading areas, walk-in freezers, essential equipment, and utility improvements, ensuring efficient handling and distribution of regionally prepared meals.

The following regulations and policies provide guidance for the development and approval of the Department's FY27 Supplemental CIP budget.

- The Department is required to submit its CIP tables and forms to the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) as prescribed by the B&F's Finance Memorandum 2025-13, FY 27 Supplemental Budget Policies and Guidelines (Fiscal Biennium 2025-27) sets forth the Executive Branch's budget preparation policies, guidelines, deadlines, and submittal requirements for both the operating and the CIP supplemental budget for FY 2027.
- Board Policy 303-1, Department of Education Budgets, provides the Board with the authority to approve the Department's budget requests: "Any Department proposal to make adjustments in the operating budget and Capital Improvements Program budget shall require prior approval of the Board"
- Board Policy 301-10, Equitable Allocation of Facilities Resources, guided the development of the biennium budget last year and is what the supplemental budget is based upon for the equitable allocation of facilities.
- Previous action of the Board and Committee(s) on the same or similar matter:

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In accordance with Board Policies 303-1 and 400-1, the Board approved previous CIP biennium budget proposals, most recently for Fiscal Biennium 2025-2027 on October 31, 2024 (see action before adjournment in the following Board minutes): Board of Education Meeting Minutes October 31, 2024.

The following chart provides the details of the Department's Six-Year Program and Financial Plan:

		FY25-27 Request (Total)		FY27-29 Request (Total)		FY2
Item	Description	Act 250 FY26 (Actual)	FY27	FY28	FY29	F
1	Deferred Maintenance Lump Sum (LS)	71,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	150,
2	Federal Grants LS (DOE Share)	0	30,000,000	60,000,000	30,000,000	30,0
3	Health & Safety LS	40,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,
4	Planning, Design and Land Acquisition LS	0	6,000,000	6,000,000	3,000,000	6,
5	Capacity LS	3,000,000	288,308,000	200,000,000	100,000,000	200,
6	Temporary Facilities LS	0	3,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,
7	Instructional LS	2,000,000	20,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,
8	Support Facilities LS	18,000,000	68,200,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,
9	Compliance LS	16,000,000	60,950,000	200,000,000	50,000,000	200,
10	Project Completion LS	50,000,000	50,000,000	75,000,000	45,000,000	75,
11	Telecommunication Infrastructure LS	3,000,000	7,900,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,
12	Line Item - from Act 250/SLH25 for FY27:Regional Kitchens, Statewide for Expansion of Regional Kitchens		16,500,000			
13	Line Item - Regional Kitchens, Statewide, Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua Complex Area Kitchen Retrofits to support the Regional Kitchen	0	30,000,000			
14	Legislative Line Items from Act 250 for FY26	120,300,000	0	0	0	