

HAWAII Energy Marketers Association Report



Bob Hood
HEMA Past-President
2023-25

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Robert Dang
HEMA President
2025-27



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On behalf of the Hawaii Energy Marketers Association (HEMA), I would like to again extend our gratitude for your participation in and/or sponsorship of our 2025 golf tournament. For those that had the opportunity to play in this year's event, we hope that you enjoyed the day of golf and the course's great views of Oahu's Ko'olau Range and downtown Honolulu.

This annual tournament provides HEMA with additional resources towards our government advocacy initiatives, community and college scholarship support, in addition to our membership with the Western Petroleum Marketers Association providing for further insight regarding both US Western state legislation and industry initiatives.

A special note of gratitude also to Bob and Susan Fung for facilitating our ability to host this event again at the beautiful Oahu Country Club.

We hope that you may be able to join at our next event.

Again, mahalo for your support!

Sincerely,
Bob Hood





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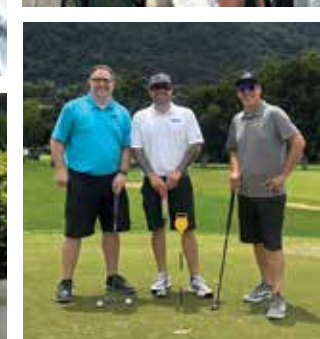
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HEMA Golf Tournament



October 3, 2025

Hawai'i's '25 Legislative Session Summary

Hawai'i's 2025 Legislative Session adjourned on Friday, May 2. There were over 3,000 bills introduced during this session, with 172 House bills and 150 Senate bills passing. Affordable housing, health care, and education continue to be amongst the top priorities for the Legislature.

As of mid-June, Hawai'i's Governor has signed 202 bills into law and although he has yet to veto any bills, there are nineteen bills listed on the Governor's "Intent to Veto List" which was published on June 6, 2025.

Hawai'i's Budget

Hawai'i's budget bill for each FY'26 and FY'27 included an operating budget of nearly \$20Bn, with approximately \$10.6Bn budgeted for its general fund. The CIP budget is approximately \$3.4Bn and \$2.3Bn for FY'26 and FY'27; respectively.

Furthermore, the Legislature appropriated \$29.5MM in its budget for grants-in-aid, which will serve approximately one hundred twenty-one of Hawai'i's non-profit organizations. To offset the loss of federal funding to many of the state's non-profits impacted by the reduction in federal fundings, the Legislature passed a bill appropriating \$50MM for one-time grants.

The current federal policies have led to funding uncertainty for many of Hawai'i's departments and programs statewide. According to Hawai'i's Attorney General, the state may lose over \$89MM from grant terminations. As a result, Hawai'i is planning a Special Session for the fall of '25 to review its budget and the latest regarding federal fundings reductions.

Housing

Homeowners' insurance continues to be a challenge, particularly for condominium facilities. As such, legislation was passed enabling the state to issue commercial and hurricane insurance policies through the Hurricane Relief Fund and the Hawaii Property Insurance Association. Furthermore, this legislation establishes, amongst other benefits, a program providing for low-cost financing or refinancing to qualifying condominium associations in support of maintenance projects.

Hawai'i's housing crisis within the past decade has seemingly contributed to an increase in construction defect litigation claims. Accordingly, legislation was introduced to refine language within the Contractor Repair Act as well as the statute of repose to provide a clear framework in resolving construction defect claims for homeowners and contractors.

Health Care

The Legislature passed legislation appropriating \$70 million for the Nursing Facility Sustainability Special Fund and \$450 million for the Hospital Sustainability Special Fund, which are collectively intended to strengthen the health care system in Hawai'i. The State's budget complemented this legislation with an additional \$30 million appropriated for its Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program, providing for loan forgiveness for healthcare professionals practicing a minimum of two years in medically underserved areas in Hawai'i.

Further health care legislation was passed creating the Universal Immunization Funding Program, which enables the state to leverage bulk purchasing and distribution systems for all recommended vaccines for its residents under the age of 65. Insurers will be assessed a fee for this program, as established by the state's Director of Health.

Education

The Legislature passed legislation appropriating \$13.2 million for 108 public education pre-K positions with an additional \$20MM of CIP budgeted for pre-K classrooms.

This is in addition to \$353 million in lump sum CIP funding to the State Department of Education (DOE) for the construction of new facilities, renovation of existing classrooms and athletic facilities and maintenance activities. This is slightly less than previous years, however the DOE reported to the State Legislature that it has a backlog of \$868 million in projects that have yet to be implemented.

Furthermore, the Legislature passed legislation approving the conditional use of motorcoaches, small buses and vans to address the school bus shortages.

Transportation

The Legislature failed to pass legislation that would have authorized Hawai'i's counties to begin imposing in 2028 a mileage-based road usage charge specifically for electric vehicles. The revenue generated from this tax would have supplemented their funding to maintain roads and bridges.

Tourism

The Legislature passed legislation increasing the transient accommodations tax from 10.25% to 11.0%, effective January 1, 2026. The Governor signed the bill, which he referenced as the "Green Fee" intending to protect the state's natural resources. The additional tax is intended to generate \$100MM annually.

Maui Wildfire

The Legislature approved the state's share of the \$4.4Bn global settlement fund, and will deposit approximately \$807MM into this fund over the next four years.

Further legislation was passed enabling electrical companies in the state to utilize securitized bonds to develop and implement future wildfire mitigation plans. The bill would also cap the amount the utility company can securitize at \$500 million.

HEMA's Annual Meeting

During HEMA's Annual board meeting, **Roger Dang** was confirmed as President. A longtime advocate for Hawai'i's energy and transportation sectors, Roger brings a wealth of experience from both the petroleum and commercial marine industries. As President, he is committed to strengthening industry collaboration, promoting smart regulatory policy, and ensuring the voice of Hawai'i's marketers remains strong at the local and national level.

Furthermore, **John Peyton** was confirmed as HEMA's 1st Vice President, moving up from 2nd Vice President. John is Par Hawai'i's Vice President of Retail Operations, which includes not only their Retail Operations, but also Technical Services and Safety Operations.