

Public Comments for OHA Biennium Budget FY 2018 – FY 2019

#	Date Rec'd	Comment / Question	OHA Response
1	3/20/17	Posting of Public's Questions: What is the date OHA will post responses to the public's [and beneficiary's] questions pertaining to the biennium budget on OHA' webpage http://www.oha.org/budget Powerpoint updated March 17, 2017?	OHA will post the responses within couple of business days from the date of responses. OHA's Admin Services Program is working closely with OHA's Media program that manages OHA's website.
2	3/20/17	Consideration of Public Comments: Will OHA CEO and OHA Trustees seriously consider Beneficiary and Public comments BEFORE the final Budget for FY2018 is approved, whereby allowing sufficient consideration of Beneficiary / Public Input?	Yes, that is the primary objective of the community comments and input process. The comments received will be reviewed and assessed by OHA Administration and BOT. FY18/19 biennium budget will need to be approved by OHA's BOT prior to June 30, 2017.
3	3/20/17	Sufficient-Effective Notices to Beneficiaries with Realistic Advance-Ample Comment Time Period: Was there any other notices made besides the March 2017 Ka Wai Ola publication? The public comment period and deadline is in the same month of the publication. For such an important HRS, why was it posted this way? E kala mai if I missed other notices.	Yes, Ka Wai Ola is one of several communication medium used to announce the community input period. OHA also utilizes social media outlets such as facebook and Instagram to announce the community input period. For example, the facebook posting has had more than 2,400 users visited and Instagram posting was liked by 44 people as of this Monday, March 20, 2017. We've also utilized OHA's email list and news release to reach out to more beneficiaries. We will, however, consider and plan for even earlier announcement for the next biennium. Mahalo for the comment.
4	3/20/17	Different Places to Send Public Comments: According to the webpage, we must send public comments to ohabudgetcomments@gmail.com, but according to the Ka Wai Ola notice, we must send public comments to LornaL@oha.org. I'm assuming both places will accept comments. Unfortunately, the webpage doesn't give a deadline for public comments so beneficiaries may believe they can continue to send comments after the March 24, 2017 deadline which was only noted on the Ka Wai Ola notice.	Yes, both places will accept comments. We decided to create an additional '@gmail.com' account as '@oha.org' account has an outside firewall that block outside emails from time to time. We are currently going through internal process to hopefully extend the March 24, 2017 deadline by one week. If approved, it will also be posted on oha.org.
5	3/20/17	(4) Funding Sources: In regards to Budget Funding Sources, may I please have previous year ACTUAL funding RECEIVED individually from each of the (4) Sources for the past 5 Fiscal Years including FY2013, FY2014, FY2015, FY2016, and FY2017.	Please see " Attachment I ".
6	3/20/17	Investment Portfolio discrepancy: There is a discrepancy between the Powerpoint and Budget webpage Funding Source figures. On	\$17.6 million for FY18 and \$17.4 million for FY19 is the correct amount.

		the webpage, the 5% of the NHTF Portfolio for FY2018 is \$17.4 million. On the Powerpoint FY2018 is \$17.6.	
7	3/20/17	re Personnel Salaries: Page 18 noted \$30.9 million. Page 20 noted \$29.9 million. Which is it? Its a difference of \$1 million.	Personnel Salaries, \$30.9 million includes non-salary/fringe personnel budget items, such as student helpers (~\$190,000), vacation payout (\$150,000), education benefit program (\$50,000), and in smaller portions workers compensation and overtime. These items amount to just over \$400,000 per year, or \$800,000 over the biennium. \$29.9 million on page 20 refers to just salary and fringe benefit over the biennium.
8	3/20/17	I never saw a budget presentation like this before. Especially a presentation structured like this one when its purpose is to request and receive public input to comply with beneficiary engagement requirements. I don't understand why "graphs" ONLY are being presented in lieu of including spreadsheets or tables. I'm trying to meet the comments deadline. Therefore I'm deeply concerned about missing data.	Mahalo for your comments and we can understand as our fiscal team works primarily with spreadsheets of data. In presenting a budget of more than \$37.6 million, the goal was to present meaningful and useful information, which would be fairly easy for the general public to understand and comment on. We worked internally with our media and research program to determine best format for presenting this information of data. As stated below, we'll also work to compile in a spreadsheet format.
9	3/20/17	On page 15, the pie graph and commentary shows their are two, NOT ONE, budget categories. 1) Core Budget and Non-Core Budget. 1. Why is the budget separated into two categories? 2. May I have one table or one spreadsheet consisting of the ENTIRE BUDGET: Core, Non-Core, each and every Expense category, each and every source of funding, revenue, income, and grants? 3. Or must I do the time intensive labor on my personal non-paid time of converting the graphs on each page into ONE comprehensive and "as-normal-as possible" business budget spreadsheet? Which means I may have to submit comments about missing data and requests for missing data.	1. Core reflects the basic operating budget consisting of payroll, operations, and program expenditures, which are funded by four sources of funding as described on slide 8 through 11. Non-Core budget items have their own designated funding. For example, commercial properties budgets are self-sustaining as it is based on its own revenue and net assets. It also includes Federal grants program, which the budget and expenditure requirements are established by the governing federal entity. 6% for Fiscal Reserve on slide 15 is representative of amount that BOT may authorize. However, I may recommend to exclude from this slide as there's no BOT authorization or budgeted items at this point. It is inconsistent with other budgeted items and may cause confusion. So for these reasons, only Core is the focus of the presentation and community input.

			2. & 3. Please see “ <i>Attachment 2 Budget Summary Spreadsheet</i> ” that summarizes the information on the PowerPoint slide-docs into a spreadsheet format.
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