

# Aloha i ke Kai

HAWAI‘I OCEAN STEWARDSHIP FEE PROGRAM

Aloha i ke Kai, the Hawai‘i Ocean Stewardship Fee Program, is a sustainable funding solution led by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) to support marine stewardship initiatives via direct investment from ocean users. Pursuant to Act 46 (2021), in January 2024 the DLNR-DAR began collecting \$1 per ocean user participating in a commercial ocean recreation activity, such as catamaran cruises, sportfish charters, and other ocean-based commercial activities.

**\$1 per Ocean Activity + \$1-\$5 Million Annual Revenue + Ocean Stewardship**

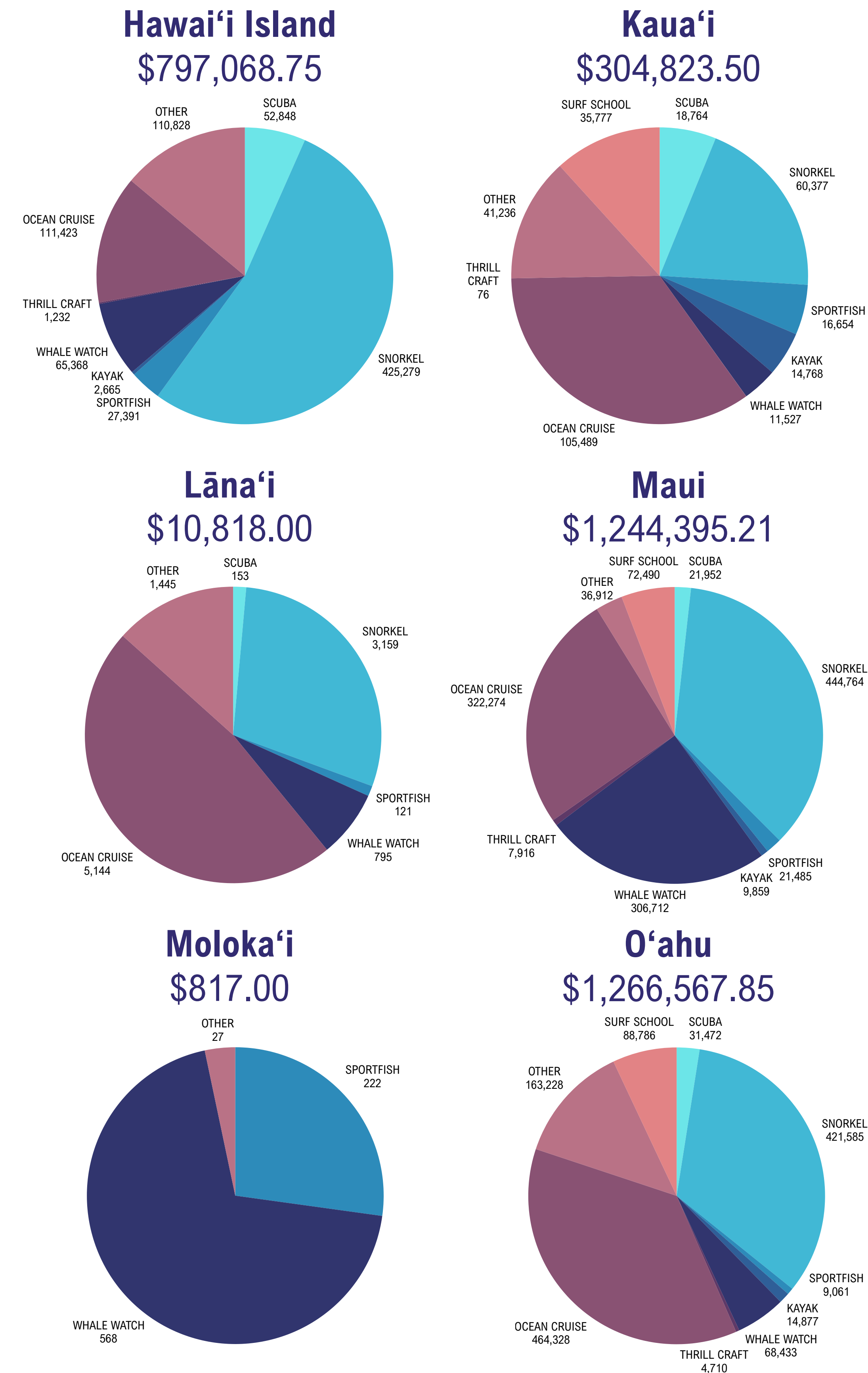
## Aloha i ke Kai Spend Plan

The Aloha i ke Kai program creates an opportunity to catalyze long term funding commitment to support local stewardship and conservation practices. 20% of all revenue is set aside for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as ceded lands revenue. The spend plan pie chart to the right lists intended project allocations with the remaining revenue after OHA contributions, web fees, and administrative costs:

- **25%** Statewide Day Use Mooring Buoy
- **20%** Community Stewardship
- **20%** Coral Reef Restoration
- **10%** Improving Coastal Water Quality
- **10%** Education and Outreach
- **5%** Marine Invasive Species Management
- **5%** Commercial Operator Stewardship
- **5%** Marine Debris Prevention, Response, and Mitigation

## Revenue Generated: \$3,624,516.36

As of July 17, 2025



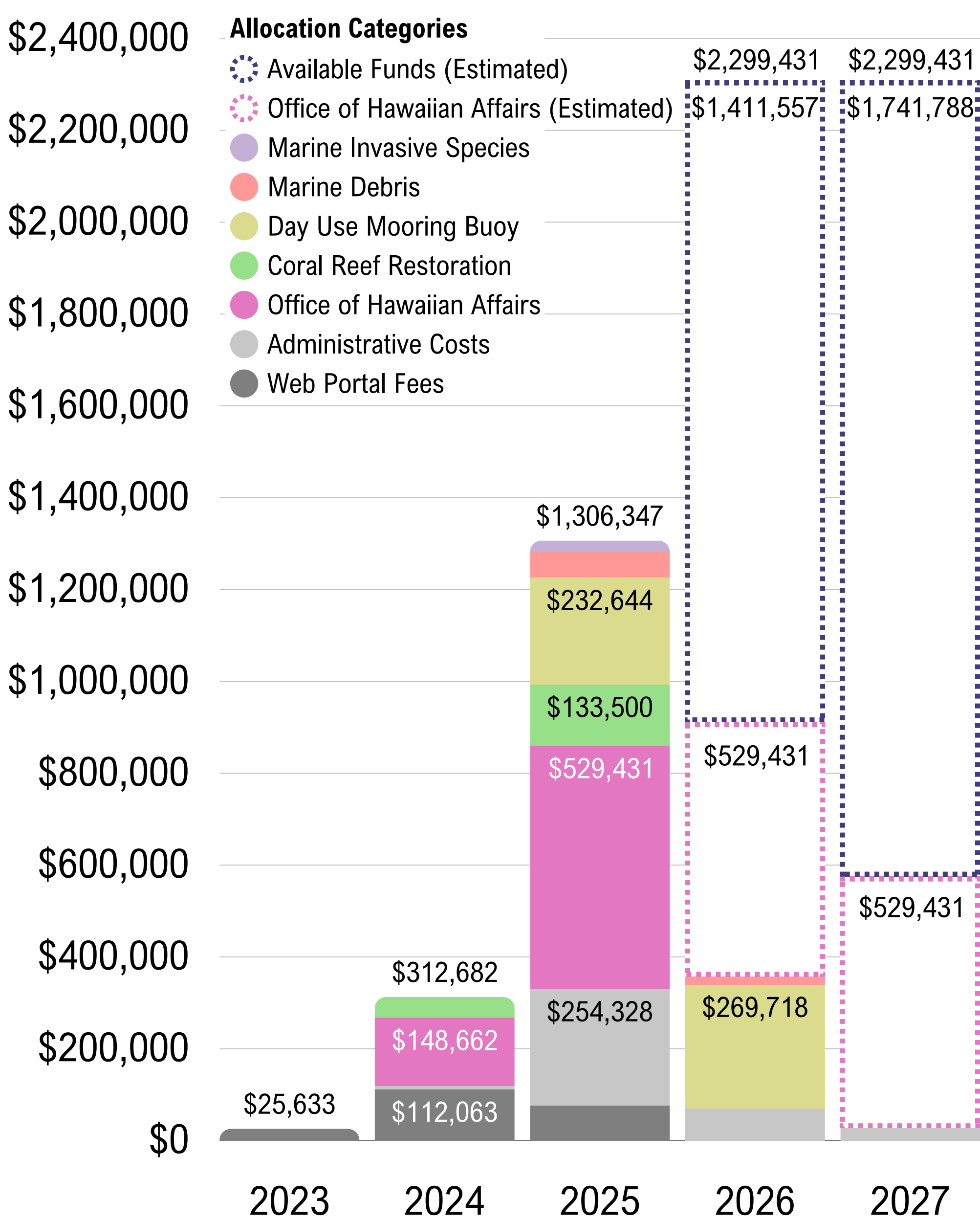
**Statewide Revenue and Usership by Island and by Activity** - Funds collected and usership by ocean recreation activity from all islands from January 1, 2024 through July 16, 2025.

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## Revenue Allocated: \$1,993,834.83

As of July 17, 2025



**Annual Spending/Commitments by Category** - Funds spent, encumbered, and projected by Spend Plan allocation category from 2023 through 2027.

## Make a Donation Today!

Contribute to the revenue generated for the diverse array of projects in the Aloha i ke Kai program through a donation.

