

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN

INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is Delivering in

HAWAI'I

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Hawai'i has added over **84,300 new jobs** and unleashed nearly **\$228.8 million** in private sector investment in the state. The state has seen a significant decrease in unemployment, and thousands of people in Hawai'i stand to benefit from the President's actions to lower health care, energy, and education costs.

As of December 2024



22 thousand individuals in Hawai'i signed up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces during the Open Enrollment Period for 2024.



\$347.8 million in student debt cancellation has been approved for **6,080** people in Hawai'i under the Biden-Harris Administration.



303 thousand seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries will save money on prescription drug costs.



\$228.8 million in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments under the Biden-Harris Administration.



2.9% unemployment rate with **84.3 thousand** new jobs created under the Biden Administration.



\$3.8 billion in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.



73.5 thousand applications to start new businesses under the Biden Administration.

The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda has unleashed \$228.8 million in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments, including:

- ★ Clearway Energy Group recently completed the construction of two utility-scale solar projects in **Mililani** and **Waiawa**, investing over **\$285 million**. The two projects were estimated to have created over 460 local union jobs during construction.
- ★ The Hawaiian Electric Company is investing a total of **\$190 million**, which includes a \$95 million grant from the Department of Energy that is funded by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, to limit damage to the electric grid caused by extreme weather events such as wildfires or hurricanes.

The Biden-Harris Administration has made historic investments to improve Hawai'i's infrastructure and build a clean energy economy, including:

- ★ **Zero Emission Buses**: The Hawai'i Department of Transportation, on behalf of **Hawai'i, Kauai, and Maui counties**, is receiving **\$23 million** to buy a mix of zero-emission buses, battery electric buses, and fuel cell electric buses.
- ★ **Daniel K. Inouye International Airport Terminal Reconstruction**: The Daniel K. Inouye International Airport received a **\$10 million** grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to reconstruct the 40-year-old terminal roadway.
- ★ **Waiale Road Extension**: A **\$25 million** U.S. Department of Transportation grant will help construct the Waiale Road Extension to connect Waiale Road southward to Honoapiilani Highway.
- ★ **Project URGENT**: The Department of Commerce awarded **\$37.4 million** to Hawaiian Telcom to build a resilient "middle mile" network that extends throughout **Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Maui, and Hawai'i Island**, and in the surrounding waters of the Pacific Ocean. Middle mile networks are like the interstate highways of our nation's internet networks, carrying large amounts of data over long distances. This project, which involves the construction of 15 new undersea and overland fiber routes, will make Hawai'i's internet networks more resilient to coastal erosion, king tides, volcanic eruptions and fires, and other natural disasters.
- ★ **Kapalama Container Terminal Project**: The Maritime Administration's grant of **\$47 million** will help upgrade electrified ship-to-shore cranes and allow for the installation of solar panels on terminal buildings, ultimately improving the reliability of port operations. Integration of smart gate and security technology will also improve safety and operational efficiency, while a new electrical micro-grid will improve resilience. Finally, collaboration with local stakeholders and residents will allow for the development of a Facility Resiliency Plan and a Terminal Electrification Plan to support additional environmental and resilience improvements in the future.

- ★ **Hawai'i Connecting Pearl Highlands to Opportunity Project**: The Department of Transportation has awarded **\$19 million** to the Connecting Pearl Highlands to Opportunity Project, which will construct a pedestrian bridge that will connect a historically disadvantaged community with the newly opened Pearl Highlands Waiawa Station on the **Honolulu** Rail Transit (HRT) system. Spanning the multi-lane Kamehameha Highway, the bridge will connect the mezzanine level of the station with Kuala Street pedestrian access – meaning the pedestrians and bicyclists will not need to cross the busy highway to access the station and other destinations towards the ocean. Aesthetic and safety features will be incorporated, making the bridge an extension of the Pearl Highlands Waiawa Station's existing design.
- ★ **Solar Energy**: The Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority will receive **\$62 million** to finance residential rooftop solar, storage systems, and community-owned solar systems for low-income households and in disadvantaged communities statewide.
- ★ **Climate Resilience**: Hawai'i will receive **\$68.5 million** for the “Āina Restoration through Community Governance to Advance Climate Resilience in the Hawaiian Islands” project, which will result in a reinvigorated moku system (a Native Hawaiian framework for traditional land tenure and contemporary biocultural stewardship) to build a resilient future for the Hawaiian Islands against increased heat, drought, flooding, sea level rise and wildfires.