

2023 HAWAII STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



State of Hawai'i Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

The State of Hawai'i Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) updates the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) every five years in accordance with the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). This economic planning process and resulting plan is meant to stimulate job creation and retention through the collection of data and analysis of Hawai'i's economic conditions and trends based on a collaborative process including broad stakeholder representation from across the state. Participants help identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats; establish goals, objectives, and strategies; and cultivate a more stable, diverse, and sustainable economy aligned with the state's current and future needs and growth. They identify some of the tools necessary to position Hawai'i for sustainable growth and development, allowing stakeholders to enhance and maintain quality of life for the people of Hawai'i.

OPSD contracted the Economic Development Alliance of Hawai'i to assist with development of the Statewide CEDs. The collaboration concurrently involved private sector alliance members Hawai'i Island, Kaua'i, Maui, and Oahu Economic Development Boards who developed their respective county CEDs identifying their unique conditions, needs, challenges, and opportunities.

CEDs Advisory Committees (State and four Counties) were convened consisting of a multi-generational cross-section of socio-economic, business, community, academic, civic, government, Native Hawaiian scholars and practitioners, secular, religious, and non-government organization representatives to ensure their insights and perspectives are incorporated into the reports.

The 2023 CEDs update may be found at <https://planning.hawaii.gov/spb/ceds/>.



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