



SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ PRAISES THE RELEASE OF THE 2024 HAWAI'I QUALITY OF LIFE DASHBOARD

HONOLULU – Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Ways and Means Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz (Senate District 17 – portions of Mililani, Mililani Mauka, portion of Waipi'o Acres, Launani Valley, Wahiawā, Whitmore Village) applauded the release of the 2024 Hawai'i Quality of Life and Well-Being Dashboard. On Tuesday, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and the Office of Wellness and Resilience under the Office of the Governor launched the dashboard, which features in-depth findings on social, economic, and health issues affecting the state's residents. The Office of Wellness and Resilience was made possible through legislation (Act 291) that the senator championed in 2022.

“The state has taken meaningful strides to make Hawai'i a trauma-informed state, and I am proud to have continued these efforts by advocating for legislation (Act 106, SLH 2024) that resulted in the largest statewide survey on health in Hawai'i ever, as well as the largest dataset using CDC's National Institute for



Occupational Safety and Health Worker Well-Being Questionnaire (NIOSH WellBQ),” stated Senator Dela Cruz. “The data in this dashboard shows that we must continue to increase the economic opportunities for our residents so they can remain in Hawai'i. Diversifying our economy in the areas of creative industries, agriculture, and technology must be paired with investments in workforce development so our residents can fill the good-paying jobs here in Hawai'i.”

Key findings from the report that populates the dashboard identify main economic stressors, health disparities, community strength and workplace support, within Hawai'i's communities. It also provides recommendations for actions advancing health equity, economic stability, disaster preparedness and workplace innovation.

The dashboard's launch will allow people to access data as a resource for crafting strategies and improving lives. For more details on the interactive dashboard, visit health-study.com.