Helping ALICE® Thrive

Who is ALICE®?

Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

Half of our individuals and families are struggling to make ends meet including paying for housing, food, and transportation

HAWAI’I’S HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET

- Single adult income: $28,296
- Household income for a family of four: $77,052

This comprehensive legislative package of bills is the first critical step of a public-private partnership to help ALICE® families thrive in Hawai’i.

1 ALICE: A Study of Financial Hardship in Hawaii, Aloha United Way, 2018
2020 COST OF LIVING INITIATIVE

Access to Early Learning

THE FACTS
- 54% or 20,000 keiki do not have access to early learning opportunities

THE PATH FORWARD
HB2543
- Provide access to early learning through public and private delivery systems
- Create learning centers near places of employment

THE IMPACT
- $9,500 average annual cost of childcare now available to families for essential needs

Building Schools for All

THE FACTS
- 1 in 5 campuses are over 100 years old
- Over $860M in repair and maintenance backlogs

THE PATH FORWARD
SB3103
- Create a new School Facilities Agency
- Expedite building and design of outstanding schools by leveraging underutilized school lands

THE IMPACT
- Modern schools that increase a student’s academic and personal success

Helping Working Families

THE FACTS
- 7 out of 10 adults are not financially healthy
- 48% of households are ALICE

THE PATH FORWARD
HB2541
- Provide refundable Earned Income Tax Credits and increase food/excise tax credits by 36%
- Increase the minimum wage from $10.10 to $13 by 2024

THE IMPACT
- Over $70M in annual tax relief
- Over $6,000 annual income increase for a full-time worker

Increase Affordable Housing

THE FACTS
- 50,000+ housing units are needed statewide by 2050
- 55% of rent-burdened households spend over 30% of monthly income on rent

THE PATH FORWARD
SB3104
- Invest $275M for infrastructure and affordable housing
- Provide 99-year leases for multi-unit dwellings with 50% of units reserved for affordable housing

THE IMPACT
- Access to long-term affordable homes for multiple generations