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A native Koa sapling, and ipu wai to water it, is lovingly planted in a historical forest land to symbolize the return to traditional practices alongside modern science for the regeneration, hope, and collaboration required for a climate ready Hawai‘i.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AFOLU	Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use
ALICE	Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed
CAB	Clean Air Branch
CARP	County of Maui Climate Action and Resiliency Plan
CARPAC	Climate Action and Resiliency Plan Advisory Committee
CCMAC	Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
CE	Circular Economy
CPRG	Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants
DBEDT	Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
DLNR	Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources
DOH	Department of Health (Hawai'i)
DOH-CAB	Hawai'i Department of Health-Clean Air Branch
ENSO	El Niño- Southern Oscillation Years
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
HAR	Hawai'i Administrative Rules
HCEI	Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative
HPUC	Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission
HGIA	Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority
DOH	Hawai'i Department of Health
HEER	Hawai'i Department of Health's Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response
HPUC	Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission
HRS	Hawai'i Revised Statute
HRS	Department of Health – Clean Air Branch
HSEO	Hawai'i State Energy Office
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPPU	Industrial Processes and Product Use
KCAAP	County of Kaua'i Climate Adaptation and Action Plan
LIDAC	Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities
LMI	Low to Moderate Income
MMT CO ₂ e	Million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent
NCA5	Fifth National Climate Assessment
PCAP	Priority Climate Action Plan
RFI	Request for Information
RPS	Renewable Portfolio Standards
SLH	Session Laws of Hawai'i
TWG	Technical Working Group
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
U.S. EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

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Introduction

The climate crisis has already cost Hawai'i lives, a price much higher and more devastating than even the most pessimistic predicted. Hawai'i now has a clearer understanding of the need for urgent action. This Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) outlines seventeen (17) actions across islands and sectors to reduce future climate impacts. To create the PCAP, the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (CCMAC) partnered with the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO), the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), all four Hawai'i counties, and competitively selected community partners to identify immediate actions that can be taken to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) and air pollution, create high-quality jobs, spur economic growth, and enhance the quality of life for all who live, work, and play in Hawai'i.

The PCAP outlines Hawai'i's priority measures to reduce GHG emissions and achieve climate change goals in a manner that is clean, equitable, and resilient. The seventeen (17) priority measures detailed in the PCAP address GHG reductions from 2025 through 2050. These priority measures complement Hawai'i's existing climate policies and initiatives that mitigate emissions and were chosen based on their GHG reduction potential, high degree of implementation readiness, cost-effectiveness, and the additional community benefits they provide.

The priority measures are “shovel-ready” and can be completed within the five-year performance period of the Implementation Grant. The measures will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond and provide substantial community benefits including reducing the cost of living through energy efficiency and improved public transportation and multimodal options, waste reduction and diversion, natural resource restoration, enhanced local food production, and the reduction of fire risk--particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities. The measures are replicable to be “scaled up” across multiple jurisdictions to maximize GHG reductions and community benefits across the state. All the PCAP priority measures advance Hawai'i's climate goals and reflect the State's Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission's mission statement to advance strategies that are “clean, equitable, and resilient.”

Hawai'i has high ambition in addressing climate change and is an early mover in the fight against climate change. For Hawai'i, as with its Pacific Island neighbors, climate change is an existential threat. In 2015, to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, countries around the world signed the Paris Agreement to keep global warming “well below” 2 degrees Celsius, to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.¹ When the previous administration announced the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Agreement on June 1, 2017, Hawai'i, expressed strong opposition to this decision, and took several actions to reaffirm its commitment to climate action. In 2017, Hawai'i reaffirmed its commitment to the goals outlined in the Paris Agreement and established the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (CCMAC) that provides the

¹ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2015). Paris Agreement, https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/english_paris_agreement.pdf

strong framework for a coalition of partners at the state and county levels to address climate change issues through mitigation, adaptation, and resilience to accelerate Hawai'i's response to climate change. Hawai'i again reaffirmed this commitment with Act 238 (Session Laws of Hawaii, or SLH 2022) which codified in Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §225P-5, requires Hawai'i to reduce GHG emissions by at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and 100% by 2045, in line with the United States' Paris Agreement commitments and Nationally Determined Contribution.²

Equity is at the center of Hawai'i's response to climate change. The CCMAC "recognizes the urgency of climate threats and the need to act quickly." Though climate change affects communities around the globe, the impacts of climate change are not equal, with some regions disproportionately impacted due to geographic location and socio-demographic characteristics. Climate change exacerbates existing inequalities in vulnerable and historically marginalized communities. To build climate equity, it is essential to center the voices and strengths of historically underserved communities and acknowledge the institutions and policies that are responsible for these disparities. Recognizing this, CCMAC puts equity at the center of its mission statement, to quickly "promote ambitious climate-neutral culturally responsive strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation in a manner that is clean, equitable and resilient."

Hawai'i's four counties and HSEO (through the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism) are represented on the CCMAC, and for the purposes of the PCAP, comprise a Coalition. The PCAP describes the Coalition's effort to identify and advance priority measures to reduce GHG emissions in the state.

The Hawai'i PCAP is organized into the following sections to conform to the requirements and guidelines outlined by EPA:

1. Introduction
2. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory
3. Emissions Projections and Reduction Targets
4. Overview of Current State Action
5. Priority Measures for Implementation
6. Benefits Analysis
7. Low-Income/Disadvantaged Community Benefits Analysis
8. Review of Authority to Implement
9. Intersection with Other Funding Availability
10. Workforce Planning Analysis
11. Coordination and Outreach
12. Conclusion

² Act 238, SLH (2022), An Act Relating to Climate Mitigation,
<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2022/bills/GM1340 .PDF>

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory

The State of Hawai'i is committed to reducing its contribution to global climate change and has made efforts to measure and reduce statewide GHG emissions. Hawai'i met its goal to achieve emission levels at or below Hawai'i's 1990 GHG emissions, excluding emissions from aviation, by January 1, 2020 (Act 234 SLH 2007). However, Hawai'i's GHG reference, or business as usual, projections show that the state is not on track to meet the Act 238 target (50% below 2005 by 2030) or Act 15 (net negative GHG levels by 2045). The 2019 inventory highlights the need for additional GHG reductions beyond business as usual, including the priority measures in this PCAP.

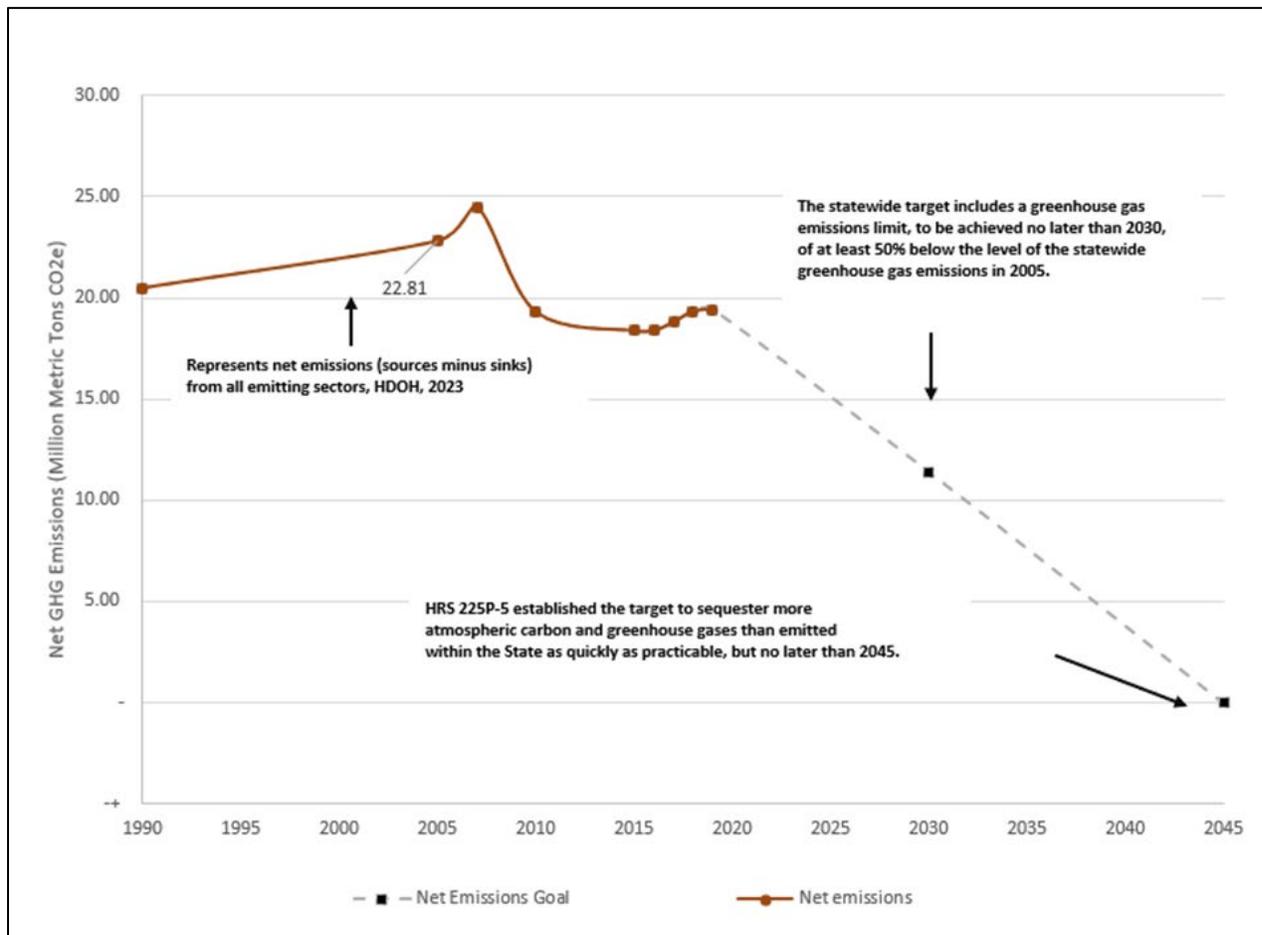
Act 238 SLH 2022, built upon Act 15 SLH 2018, which established a statewide carbon net-negative goal by 2045. In addition, Act 238 set an interim target, requiring GHG emissions be at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by 2030; and requires the DOH to complete an annual GHG inventory report to track emissions and the state's progress toward climate targets. To track progress toward achieving Hawai'i's GHG reduction goals, the latest GHG inventory presents 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 emissions estimates; as well as emission projections for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045.³

The latest statewide Hawai'i inventory estimates the total in-state GHG emissions to be 22.01 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMT CO₂e) in 2019. Inclusive of emission sinks, Hawai'i's net GHG emissions in 2019 were 19.42 MMT CO₂e. The 2019 inventory also outlines emission projections for Hawai'i through 2045, with estimated GHG emissions (excluding aviation) of 11.58 MMT in 2020, 9.38 MMT in 2030, and 5.36 MMT in 2045.

Figure 1 shows Hawai'i's statewide net emissions (sources minus sinks) from 1990 to 2019 (solid blue line) as well as the emissions trajectory needed to achieve the 2030 and 2045 GHG targets (solid green line). Notably, GHG emissions have remained relatively stable from 2016 through 2019 highlighting the need for additional mitigation to achieve Hawai'i's ambitious GHG targets.

³ State of Hawaii, Department of Health. Greenhouse Gas Inventory (2023). Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for 2005, 2018, and 2019, https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/files/2023/05/2005-2018-2019-Inventory_Final-Report_rev2.pdf

Figure 1: Hawai'i GHG emissions 1990 – 2019 with Emissions Trajectory to 2030 and 2045 Targets. Data source – State Department of Health, Greenhouse Gas Inventory



GHG Methodology

The Hawai'i Department of Health uses standards from the IPCC to estimate Hawai'i's GHG emissions.⁴ The 2006 IPCC Inventory Guidelines are a nationally and internationally recognized standard accepted by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).⁵ While these methods are standard, states can add additional metrics to better capture their unique circumstances and policy goals.

⁴ Hawai'i State Energy Office (2023). Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization: Report to the 2024 Hawai'i State Legislature, https://energy.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Act-238_HSEO_Decarbonization_FinalReport_2023.pdf

⁵ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2006). IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, <https://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/2006gl/>

To analyze emission sources, the IPCC provides estimation methods for different economic sectors. Sectors are further divided into individual categories and subcategories. For instance, in the energy sector, fuel combustion represents an emissions category while petroleum refining is a subcategory. It is important to note that estimates are as good as the granularity of input data available. Some data categories are harder to measure than others. For example, emissions from point sources such as power plants are heavily regulated, and thus tracked, whereas for transportation or agriculture sectors emissions are from nonpoint sources and therefore emissions accounting relies on standard multipliers (such as acres or population) to estimate annual emissions. For more information on how the state's inventory is compiled and calculated, see the latest inventory report, "Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for 2005, 2018, 2019" found in Appendix A.⁶

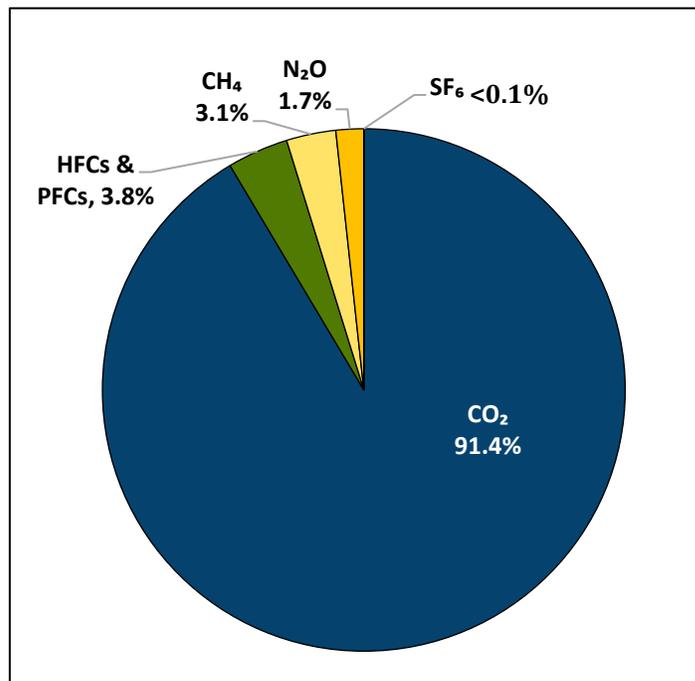
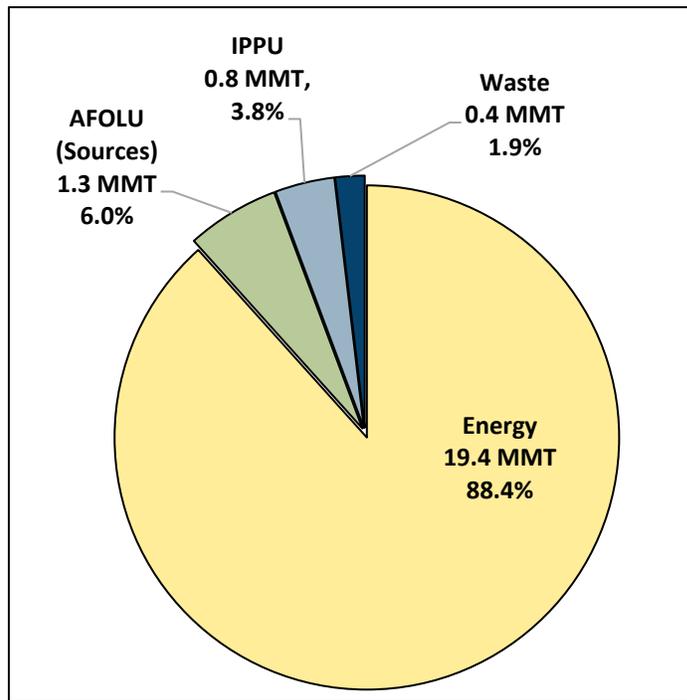
GHG Emissions by Sector

In 2019, total statewide emissions were estimated to be 22.01 MMT CO₂e. The energy sector represented the largest contributor of emissions in the state accounting for 88 percent of total emissions. Other sectors made up a small portion of emissions, the Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU) emissions accounted for 3.8 percent of Hawai'i's emissions, the waste sector emissions were 1.9 percent of statewide emissions, and the agriculture, forestry, and other land use (AFOLU) sector sources were about 6 percent of emissions. Notably however, the AFOLU sector also provided an emissions sink of 2.6 MMT or about 12 percent of total emissions. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) accounted for 91 percent of total GHG emissions, using 100-year global warming potentials from the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report.⁷

⁶ State of Hawai'i, Department of Health.(n.d.). Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Program, <https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/hawaii-greenhouse-gas-program/>

⁷ State of Hawai'i, Department of Health.(n.d.). Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Program, Hawaii Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for 2005, 2018, and 2019: Final Report. <https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/hawaii-greenhouse-gas-program/>

Figure 2: Hawai'i 2019 GHG Emissions by Sector and Gas



Note: percentages represent the percent of total emissions, not including sinks, excluding aviation.

Hawai'i's GHG Emissions by sector and category for completed inventory years are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Emissions (MMT CO₂e) by Sector or Category for Completed Years

Sector or Category	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Energy	20.26	22.71	24.35	19.38	18.50	18.52	18.97	19.23	19.44
Stationary Combustion	8.47	9.56	9.37	8.89	8.16	7.95	8.08	8.15	8.33
<i>Energy Industries</i>	6.38	8.33	8.31	7.86	7.11	7.01	7.00	7.12	7.21
<i>Residential</i>	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06
<i>Commercial</i>	0.76	0.37	0.30	0.37	0.47	0.47	0.54	0.55	0.60
<i>Industrial</i>	1.29	0.80	0.69	0.56	0.51	0.39	0.48	0.43	0.45
Transportation	11.13	12.58	14.40	9.93	9.72	9.97	10.31	10.47	10.68
<i>Ground</i>	3.73	5.04	5.15	4.20	4.29	4.22	4.16	4.13	4.03
<i>Domestic Marine</i>	1.54	0.38	2.81	0.58	0.28	0.40	0.49	0.37	0.65
<i>Domestic Aviation</i>	3.68	6.12	4.85	3.98	4.29	4.38	4.61	4.78	4.95
<i>Military Aviation</i>	1.42	1.03	0.80	0.66	0.81	0.80	0.85	0.86	0.88
<i>Military Non-Aviation</i>	0.77	0.02	0.79	0.51	0.05	0.17	0.20	0.32	0.16
Incineration of Waste	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.19	0.27	0.27	0.23	0.26	0.28
Oil and Natural Gas Systems	0.43	0.39	0.39	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.31	0.30	0.11
Non-Energy Uses	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
<i>International Bunker Fuels</i>	1.58	2.25	1.10	1.32	1.56	1.55	1.76	1.78	1.64
<i>CO₂ from Wood Biomass and Biofuels Consumption</i>	2.43	0.59	0.88	1.24	1.40	1.49	1.26	1.29	1.28
IPPU	0.17	0.53	0.58	0.71	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84
Cement Production	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Substitution of Ozone Depleting Substances	+	0.50	0.57	0.70	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.83

Sector or Category	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Electrical Transmission and Distribution	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
AFOLU (Sources)	1.55	1.22	1.29	1.24	1.28	1.29	1.28	1.48	1.31
Enteric Fermentation	0.31	0.28	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Manure Management	0.13	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Agricultural Soil Management	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18
Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	+	0.00	0.00
Urea Application	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Agricultural Soil Carbon	0.80	0.68	0.67	0.76	0.82	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.83
Forest Fires	0.10	0.03	0.12	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.20	0.04
AFOLU (Sinks)	(2.43)	(2.56)	(2.57)	(2.58)	(2.72)	(2.69)	(2.68)	(2.59)	(2.59)
Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps	(0.12)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.05)
Urban Trees	(0.51)	(0.66)	(0.64)	(0.58)	(0.60)	(0.60)	(0.61)	(0.62)	(0.63)
Forest Carbon	(1.79)	(1.86)	(1.89)	(1.95)	(2.07)	(2.04)	(2.02)	(1.91)	(1.91)
Waste	0.93	0.91	0.82	0.55	0.47	0.43	0.40	0.38	0.41
Landfills	0.81	0.76	0.67	0.44	0.36	0.32	0.29	0.28	0.30
Composting	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03
Wastewater Treatment	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	22.91	25.37	27.04	21.88	21.08	21.07	21.48	21.92	22.01
Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	20.48	22.81	24.47	19.29	18.37	18.38	18.80	19.33	19.42
Aviation	5.10	7.14	5.65	4.64	5.10	5.18	5.47	5.64	5.83
Net Emissions (Including Sinks, Excluding Aviation)	15.38	15.66	18.81	14.65	13.27	13.20	13.33	13.69	13.59

Source: DOH GHG Emissions Report for 2005, 2018 and 2019. Final Report. April 2023

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂e; NO (emissions are Not Occurring).a Emissions from the incineration of waste are reported under the Energy sector, consistent with the U.S. Inventory, since the incineration of waste generally occurs at facilities where energy is recovered. b Emissions from International Bunker Fuels and CO₂ from Wood Biomass and Biofuel Consumption are estimated as part of this inventory report but are not included in emission totals, as per IPCC (2006) guidelines. c Act 238 of 2022 aims for the level of statewide GHG emissions to be at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2030 (including aviation emissions).

GHG Emissions Projections and Reduction Targets

Emission Projections

Projections indicated that business-as-usual practices will not meet GHG reduction targets. A combination of top-down and bottom-up approaches were used to develop baseline projections of statewide and county-level GHG emissions for the years 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045.⁸ Several categories (residential, commercial, and industrial energy use, domestic and international aviation, non-energy uses, and composting and wastewater treatment) were projected based on either long-range forecasts for gross state or county product or future population (including visitor arrivals), using the 2019 statewide GHG inventory as a starting point. For several small categories, category-specific approaches were taken. For example, for electrical transmission and distribution, electricity sales forecasts were used to project GHG emissions. For AFOLU categories and landfill waste, emissions were projected by forecasting activity data using historical trends and published information available on future trends. For GHG-emitting sources for which there has been substantial federal and state policy intervention (energy industries, RPS, substitution of ozone-depleting substances, and transportation), bottom-up approaches were used. Due to policies affecting these sources, projected economic activities are only one component of future GHG emissions. Therefore, a more comprehensive sectoral approach was used to develop baseline projections for these emission sources.

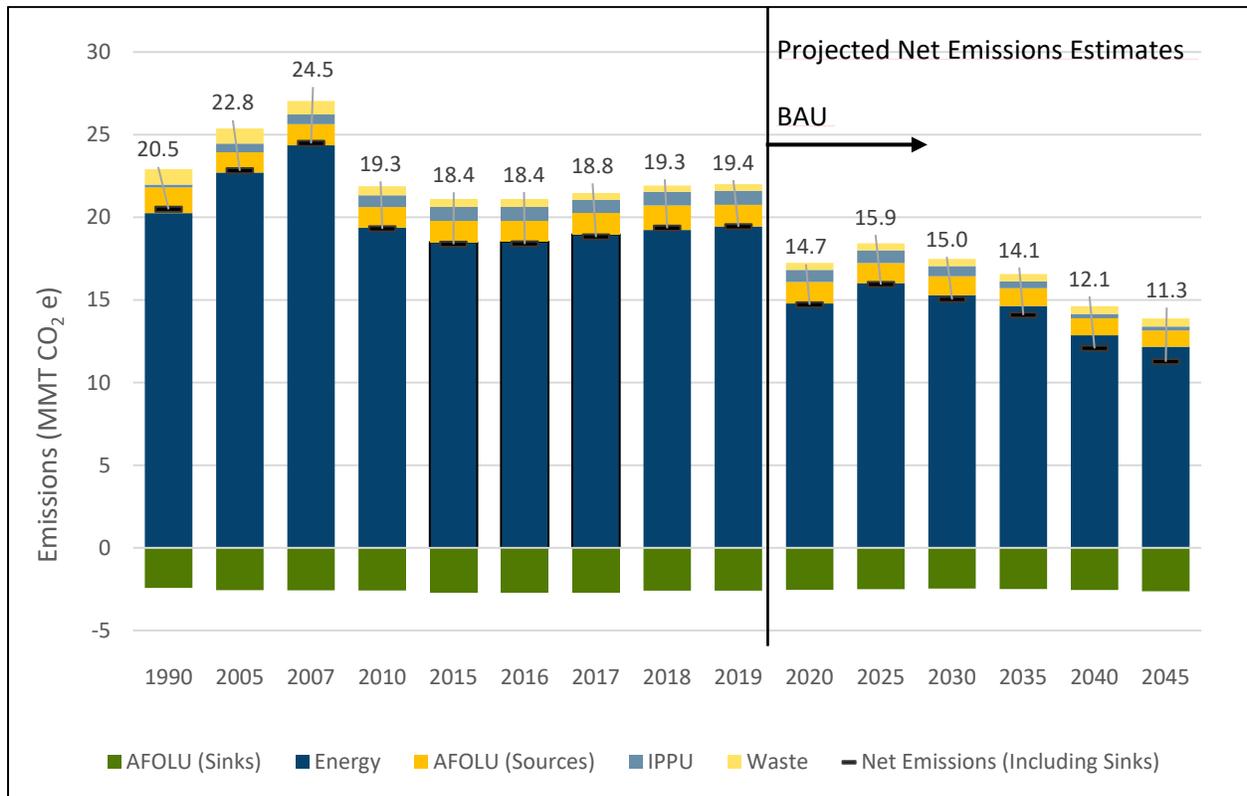
Based on the analysis presented in the latest GHG inventory report, net GHG emissions (excluding aviation) in 2020 were projected to be lower than net GHG emissions (excluding aviation) in 1990. Net GHG emissions (including aviation) in 2030 were projected to be greater than the target emissions level of 50 below 2005 levels (including aviation), and in 2045 are projected to be greater than the net-negative target. While the development of future inventory reports as well as ongoing quantitative assessment of uncertainties will further inform whether Hawai'i met the 2020 statewide target and is going to meet the 2030 and 2045 statewide targets, this report finds that, under existing policies and economic projections, Hawai'i is currently expected to meet the 2020 target, but is not expected to meet the 2030 and 2045 targets.

Figure 3 shows net GHG emissions for each historical and projected inventory year using the baseline scenario. Projections of statewide emissions and sinks by sector for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 are summarized in Table 2. For more information on methodology, assumptions, and other details, see report "Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for 2005, 2018, 2019" found in Appendix A.⁹

⁸ State of Hawai'i, Department of Health. Greenhouse Gas Inventory (2023). Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for 2005, 2018, and 2019, https://health.hawaii.gov/cab/files/2023/05/2005-2018-2019-Inventory_Final-Report_rev2.pdf

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Figure 3: Net GHG Emissions for each Historical and Projected Inventory Year



Note: Projections use baseline scenarios from the DOH Inventory.

Table 2. Hawai'i GHG Emission Projections (MMT CO₂e) by Sector under the Baseline Scenario, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045

Sector	2020 Baseline	2025 Baseline	2030 Baseline	2035 Baseline	2040 Baseline	2045 Baseline
Energy ^a	14.79	16.02	15.29	14.63	12.86	12.16
Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)	0.73	0.76	0.62	0.41	0.26	0.25
Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU)	(1.25)	(1.29)	(1.32)	(1.41)	(1.52)	(1.64)
Waste	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.45	0.47	0.49
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	17.24	18.43	17.49	16.57	14.62	13.88
Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	14.70	15.93	15.02	14.08	12.07	11.26
Aviation ^b	3.11	5.47	5.65	5.75	5.82	5.89
Net Emissions (Including Sinks, Excluding Aviation)^b	11.59	10.45	9.37	8.33	6.25	5.37

^a Emissions from International Bunker Fuels are not included in the totals, as per IPCC (2006) guidelines.

^b Domestic aviation and military emissions, which are reported under the Energy sector, are excluded from this analysis.

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Projections indicated that business-as-usual practices will not meet GHG reduction targets. Net emissions are projected to be 15.94 MMT CO₂e in 2025, 15.03 MMT CO₂e in 2030, and 11.25 MMT CO₂e in 2045 far overshooting set goals. Relative to 2019, total emissions under the baseline projection scenario are modeled to decrease by 16 percent by 2025, 21 percent by 2030, and 37 percent by 2045. This trend is largely driven by the projected trend in emissions reduction from energy industries (i.e., electric power plant conversion to comply with RPS mandates), which are expected to decrease substantially between 2019 and 2045.

Overview of Current State Action

The State's role in providing an enabling policy and legislative framework is essential for local jurisdictions and communities to adequately address equity issues of mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.¹⁰ Over the past two and a half decades, several state laws have been established to address climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. As summarized in Act 32, SLH 2017, "Hawai'i has a tradition of environmental leadership, having prioritized policies regarding conservation, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, and development and use of alternative renewable energy. The legislature has passed numerous policies and mandates over the last decade to address climate change."¹¹

The priority measures listed within this PCAP complement existing policy or provide GHG reduction where policies and/or targets are lacking enforcement mechanisms or funding.

Key laws driving GHG mitigation and emission reduction in Hawai'i include:

- 1) HRS §225P-5. GHG Emission and Sequestration Target. Established target to "sequester more atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases than emitted within the State as quickly as practicable, but no later than 2045", effectively establishing a net-negative emissions target.
- 2) HRS §342B Part VI. Relates to Air Pollution Control and Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Requires the State DOH-CAB to complete a greenhouse gas emissions inventory report each year beginning after 2017 to track emissions and determine the State's progress in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; establishes a GHG emission limit.
- 3) HRS §269-92. Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard. Requires each electric utility to meet 100% renewable energy generation by 2045. Establishes interim targets of 40% net electricity generation by December 31, 2030; 70% of its net electricity generation by December 31, 2040; and 100% of its net electricity generation by December 31, 2045. Previous target years of 10% by 2010, 15% by 2015, and 30% by 2020 were all met.
- 4) HRS §196-10.5. Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative. Hawai'i's energy transition conversation first launched as the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative (HCEI) in 2008. In 2014, the HCEI renewed Hawai'i's commitment to setting bold clean energy goals, including achieving the nation's first-ever 100 percent renewable portfolio standards (RPS) by 2045.
- 5) HRS §225P-3. Establishes a statewide Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (CCMAC). Affirms commitment to the US's pledges under the Paris Agreement to combat climate change by systematically reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving resilience to climate change. Requires participation of the heads of several key state agencies and legislative committees.
- 6) HRS §269-96. Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS). 4,300 gigawatt hours of electricity use reductions statewide by 2030. The HPUC may establish incentives and

¹¹ Act 32, SLH (2017). A Bill for an Act Relating to Climate Change, https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/slh/Years/SLH2017/SLH2017_Act32.pdf

penalties based on performance in achieving the energy-efficiency portfolio standards (EEPS) by rule or order. There is a current administrative, governor-supported bill to extend the EEPS to 2045.

- 7) HRS §269-121. Public benefits fee authorization. Allows a portion of the moneys collected by Hawai'i's electric utilities from its ratepayers through a demand-side management surcharge to establish public benefits fee. The public benefits fee shall be used to support clean energy technology, demand response technology, and energy use reduction, and demand-side management infrastructure, programs, and services
- 8) HRS §196-63 and 196-64. Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA). The HGIA manages the Hawai'i Green Energy Market Securitization (GEMS) Program and brings clean energy technologies to Hawai'i ratepayers, including those who are underserved, by providing innovative financing products that result in electricity bill savings for customers with no money down. The GEMS Program is intended to create a sustainable financing structure through market-driven public-private partnerships that will open access to financing for more Hawai'i customers and democratize access to clean energy.
- 9) HRS §196 . Act 239 (2022) added two new sections addressing energy efficiency implementation for state facilities. Requires state facilities over 10,000 square feet to implement cost-effective energy efficiency measures, requires, where feasible and cost-effective, the design of all new state building construction to maximize energy and water efficiency and energy generation potential and to use building materials that reduce the carbon footprint of the project.
- 10) HRS §103D-412. Motor Vehicle requirements for state fleets. All agencies purchasing or leasing light-, medium-, and heavy-duty motor vehicles shall seek vehicles that reduce dependence on petroleum-based fuels that meet the needs of the agency. Priority shall be 1) ZEVs, 2) plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, 3) alternative fuel vehicles; and 4) hybrid electric vehicles.

Priority Measures for Implementation

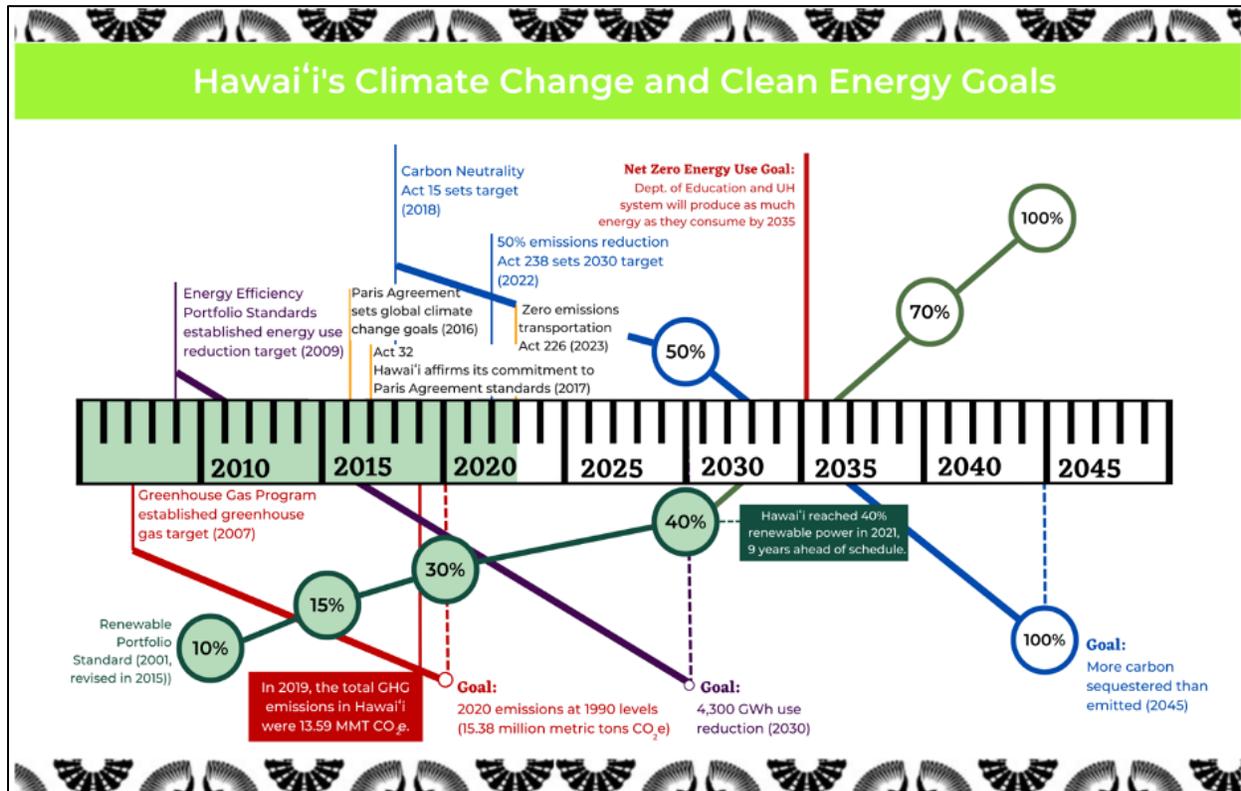
Identification and Selection Process for Priority Measures

The measures in this section have been identified as priority measures for Hawai'i to pursue funding through CPRG implementation grants. The priority measures achieve significant cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions by 2030 and beyond; achieve substantial community benefits (such as reduction of criteria air pollutants (CAPs) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities; are eligible for complementary funding sources to maximize measure GHG reductions and community benefits or have funding needs that are unmet by other opportunities; and, pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be "scaled up" across multiple jurisdictions of the state.

Hawai'i's priority measures accelerate climate mitigation in a manner that is equitable and provides resilience. Hawai'i's PCAP contains seventeen (17) priority measures for reducing GHG

emissions from 2025-2050 period. These priority measures are implementation ready, with each containing a full scope of work and budget. Each measure can be completed within the five-year performance period of EPA’s Implementation Grant. All the priority measures described here advance Hawai‘i’s state climate goals and reflect the State’s CCMAC mission statement to advance strategies that are “clean, equitable, and resilient.” The state’s many climate change and clean energy goals are outlined below in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Hawai‘i Climate Change and Clean Energy Goals and Associated Timelines



Source: Hawai‘i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission

This Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) has been developed through a targeted engagement of key governmental agencies and community stakeholders. A statewide hui (working group) has been working since April 2023 to review the Hawai‘i GHG inventory and emissions projections, and identify priority measures across the state, counties, and in the nonprofit sector. Hui members represent the Departments of Education, Agriculture, Land and Natural Resources, Transportation, Health, Business, Tourism and Economic Development, Hawai‘i Emergency Management Agency, the County of Maui, the County of Hawai‘i, the County of Kaua‘i, and the City and County of Honolulu, and other state, county, university, and non-governmental agencies.

The hui worked through 15 sector-level technical working groups (TWGs), with topics ranging from alternative fuels, electric vehicles, and aviation to industrial processes and product usage to agriculture, land use and forestry, and wastewater. Input received through the TWGs

supported the development of this PCAP. The CCMAC and its members reviewed the hui’s work and made final decisions on priority measures.

The Hawai’i PCAP also builds on Hawai’i’s Act 238 Decarbonization Report, released in 2023, as well as state efforts and county climate action plans to formulate a list of priority GHG reduction and mitigation actions within key sectors--transportation, buildings, waste, agriculture, forests, and other land uses --that are ready for implementation.

The list of priority measures was developed following consultations with the hui, the CCMAC, TWGs, and stakeholders to ensure the targets key climate mitigation priorities, advance equity, and maximize co-benefits. Each measure complements existing Hawai’i climate initiatives. More details on the consultation process are provided in the Coordination and Outreach section. Outreach and community engagement is considered an ongoing process as it is critical to engage all host communities and interested groups from the earliest stages of planning to project completion and beyond.

Hawai’i’s priority measures were developed through a public process and community engagement. The state issued a Request for Information (RFI) open to all state, county, and non-profit community organizations. Interested parties submitted measures through the RFI for potential inclusion in the Hawai’i PCAP. The process is described in the Coordination and Outreach Section.

Key metrics and considerations in developing priority measures include potential GHG emission reductions, geographic location, impact on low income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC), funding need and opportunity to leverage existing funding opportunities, budget, feasibility, and ability to implement under existing authority. These are detailed in the sections that follow and quantified in the PCAP Tool for Measure Quantification, see excel workbook found in Appendix B.

Impact assessment of implementing each priority measure was done at the state-level as well as for low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC). The assessment includes the distribution of co-benefits and identification of any potential adverse impacts that may require mitigation. The LIDAC section details the methodology used to identify LIDAC populations in the state.

Hawai’i’s Priority Measures List

The 17 priority measures are listed below, accompanied by a short description and total anticipated GHG reductions. The order of measures presented here reflects their GHG reduction potential by sector - Transportation, Buildings, Waste, and AFOLU. The order in which a measure appears does not indicate priority over another.

To estimate the GHG reduction potential for each measure, Hawai’i has developed a PCAP Tool for Measure Quantification, see Excel workbook in Appendix B. The Summary Dashboard shows

anticipated total GHG reductions for the periods 2025-2030 and 2025-2050, program cost and cost-effectiveness of each measure, benefits and LIDAC benefits, and qualitative resilience and affordability impacts for each measure. Annual GHG reduction for each measure is summarized in the Annual Emissions Reduction tab for each year starting in 2025, till 2050. Detailed assumptions and inputs are described in the Excel tabs for each measure.

1. Skyline Connect for Rapid Transit, O’ahu, City and County of Honolulu

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 3,771

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 41,485

This is a transportation infrastructure measure to improve the connection between the Skyline rail and the bus on O’ahu. The project will establish transit priority lanes (TPL) and island-wide transit signal prioritization (TSP) along major bus rapid transit (BRT) corridors connecting to Skyline rail. These infrastructure improvements will make transit quicker, more reliable, and increase transit ridership on O’ahu. These additions will help to decrease driving in single-occupant vehicles by reducing comparative transit travel times and reducing GHGs through increased transit use.

Four BRT routes will extend the reach of O’ahu's existing zero-emission Skyline rail using electric buses to the greatest extent possible. These rapid BRT routes will align with major destinations and employ greater distances between stops to emulate rail operations. Of the 121 total miles of the four routes, 22.8 miles will operate in exclusive lanes (19% of the route miles). These routes will operate approximately 1,000 daily trips, traveling approximately 15,000 daily miles and providing capacity for more than 100,000 new transit trips and riders on these new rapid “TheBus” routes. The entire TheBus network will benefit from TSP technology, allowing late-running buses the ability to receive extra green light time and the ability to trigger signals at transit-only turns at intersections. This priority given to transit riders will increase rider satisfaction, improve travel time reliability on connecting bus services, prioritize transit as a superior mode, and grow ridership over time. Cities with comparable population and transit densities have experienced a 30% increase in ridership with TPL upgrades with a 20% reduction in travel time for passengers. We expect similar outcomes in TheBus network with both TPLs and TSP implemented on BRT lines connected to Skyline.

2. Paratransit Fleet Electrification, Hawai’i Island, County of Hawai’i

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 2,138

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 12,826

The project proposes to replace the 7 gasoline-fueled minivans used for the County’s paratransit services with 12 electric vehicles to reduce the emissions associated with fueling the current fleet. The fleet is managed and operated by the County of Hawai’i Mass Transit Administration (MTA).

This project consists of three components: purchasing 12 EVs, hiring 5 additional drivers, and creating 5 new paratransit routes as defined by community engagement. The first component will include purchasing twelve Battery Electric 9 Seat ADA Minibusses, each with 2 wheelchair positions and a wheelchair lift. This will replace the current fleet and add an additional 5 vehicles to expand route service areas. The new fleet will also increase capacity by upgrading from 6-passenger vans to 9-passenger vans. The vans have a 75kW battery with a 1.4kW solar charging kit, and an average range of 140-200 miles per charge. Secondly, the project includes conducting outreach and engagement for new routes to include low-income and socially vulnerable residents in the route planning and to encourage residents to sign up for the new routes. Lastly, the project includes hiring and training new licensed drivers for added vehicles and routes.

3. Expanding Honolulu’s Shared Micromobility, Honolulu, Bikeshare Hawai’i

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 1,550

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 3,101

This measure proposes to build and upgrade active transportation infrastructure by creating new electric vehicle (including e-bikes and e-scooters) mobility hubs with chargers. The resulting shared micro-mobility will allow new service types such as e-bikes in an existing service area, as well as an expansion into new areas, especially lower-income areas, and those with less transit access late at night.

This measure builds on the existing Biki service experience and partnerships developed over 10 years of community work. The funding support would add the capital investment in hardware and station installation to facilitate the community-based outcomes in the Department of Health funded report by HACBED, “Bikeshare Access: Barriers and Opportunities Expanding access to low-income people and communities in Honolulu.”

4. Complete Streets Infrastructure Improvements, Kaua’i, County of Kaua’i

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 115

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 879

An infrastructure improvement measure that is expected to significantly reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips and encourage safer and more accessible walking, biking, and transit ridership, reducing GHGs and resulting in significant co-benefits. Improving transportation infrastructure by constructing sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops, and traffic calming measures will provide residents and visitors with affordable, safe, and reliable access to services and amenities. These projects will reduce the number of vehicles on the road, overall reducing noise pollution, will improve community accessibility, and provide households with transportation alternatives by adding or improving sidewalks, installing bike lanes, and adding bus stops. These projects will improve safety and help prevent injuries and fatalities by designating space for pedestrians and cyclists, rather than the current state of many county roads which lack facilities for vulnerable users.

These projects align with the State's Vision Zero law where all counties are required to implement a Vision Zero policy based on the FHWA's Safe System principles.

5. Affordable Green Housing Retrofit Program, Statewide

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 5,178

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 39,945

The City and County of Honolulu is collaborating with the Hawai'i State Energy Office, the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Kaua'i, Hawai'i, and Maui Counties to design a statewide affordable housing retrofit program for Hawai'i. This measure will support a comprehensive building retrofit program targeting existing affordable multi-family homes and provide funding for five years of operation. The program will result in more efficient, more comfortable, and safer buildings for lower income residents across the State that will save energy, lower utility bills, and improve the quality of life for multifamily building residents.

6. Green Building Improvements Pearl City Library, O'ahu, Hawai'i State Library System

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 231

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 1,386

This measure will implement several green building design features including envelope upgrades, and highly efficient lighting measures for the Pearl City Public Library (PCPL) Renovation and Community Library Learning Center project to significantly reduce the existing and planned buildings' overall lifetime energy footprint and GHG emissions. The project will include education measures for library visitors.

The Pearl City Public Library opened on Nov. 15th, 1969, and is one of the largest public libraries in O'ahu. As a regional library it was built to support not only the local community but also the smaller and midsized libraries in the region. In 1970, the population of Pearl City was roughly 19,600; as of 2021 it was 45,605. With the increasing trend in population growth, the library needs to expand and upgrade its learning spaces to meet the changing needs of the community.

The Pearl City Public Library continues to be a vital point of social infrastructure and an anchor for the region. This project will update the existing library building to be more energy efficient with air conditioning systems, electrical and plumbing infrastructure, network upgrades and the creation of open spaces for the public. Redesigning the space will also allow HPLS to build flexible small meeting rooms for studying and larger spaces for bigger community meetings and workshops. These spaces will incorporate the latest technologies to create and ensure there are shared community learning spaces. Additionally, a new early learning center is being designed to ensure pre-k children will have a place to prepare for a successful school experience.

7. Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Kaua'i County, County of Kaua'i

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 1,044

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 9,392

This measure will upgrade energy efficiency in three groups of County facilities: The Līhu'e Civic Center, fire stations, and neighborhood centers. This includes exploring interior and exterior lighting and fixture upgrades to LED, film window treatments, refrigeration and other appliance upgrades, hot water heaters, air conditioning in small facilities, and more improvements based on recommendations from a forthcoming audit.

8. Decentralized Compost Network for Hawai'i, Statewide, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 11,718

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 58,588

This measure will expand the production, distribution, and application of compost within the islands of Hawai'i by building a decentralized, community-based compost network with an automated compost mixing system.

This measure addresses the lack of locally produced, nutrient-rich compost, and will help reduce incineration and landfilling in Hawai'i. This project will elevate a compost network model as a way to inspire a new relationship with "waste," reconnect communities to their resources and build more meaningful local agriculture by showing the scalability of this concept.

9. Cardboard and Composting Waste Diversion Center, Hawai'i Island, Recycle Hawai'i

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 6,075

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 6,075

The proposed project aims to introduce and popularize waste diversion strategies aimed at reducing carbon pollution and providing direct benefits to the Hilo community. This project scope includes two initiatives: 1) A cardboard reuse project and 2) Partnering with Sustainable Coastlines to set up an in-vessel composting system to divert food waste and provide centralized compost for local use.

Food waste can immediately be diverted from a local grocer. Year two would be spent acquiring the permits needed to bring food waste from other locations. Annual food waste diversion will be estimated via the sustainable coastlines project, so as to not double count emissions. Establishment of a commercial shredder in a central community space to process cardboard and box board from Downtown Hilo merchants into useable products such as plant pots, bubble wrap replacement, animal bedding, and mulch. In addition to merchants, people can bring their unwanted cardboard to be shredded and repurposed.

10. Reusable Foodware, Hawai'i Island, County of Hawai'i

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 6,404

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 30, 802

This measure proposes to support and expand an existing project, currently in the community-driven design stage, to implement a scalable reuse and refill program for food and beverage packaging in Hilo. The program includes collection, washing, and logistics infrastructure to support the circulation of reusable items through a fee for service model. GHG reductions would be the result of reduced landfill emissions from replacing single-use items with reusable foodware.

This project includes: 1) establishing a foodware reuse system that includes a washing facility, reusable foodware supplies, materials for outreach and enrollment of local businesses, and transportation of reusable foodware to and from the facility; and 2) establishing a refillable bottle and local food packaging system that includes equipment for a renewable energy-powered, commercial-grade local food production and packing hub. This project is being conducted in partnership between the County of Hawai'i Departments of Environmental Management and Research and Development, non-profits Perpetual and Zero Waste Hawai'i Island, and the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program.

11. Compost and Containers, Maui, County of Maui

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 422

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 2,201

This waste management measure will enhance sustainable practices in Maui schools. This will include the installation of dishwashers and mobile washing stations to reduce reliance on single-use materials and the diversion of food waste from landfills through composting. Reusable containers are molded from 100% food-grade ocean-bound recycled plastics found in waterways throughout North America. The BPA-free FDA-food grade plastic is collected through waste management partnerships and manufactured into various products, producing 100% recycled and recyclable food-ware containers. Any anticipated energy costs for the use washing of containers using a low temperature single tank conveyer dishwasher at 1.6 kW will be offset with the usage of a PV system. This is yet to be thoroughly fleshed out, but the Office of Innovation and Sustainability can fund such initiatives as a cost share. All Buoy products will be re-recycled after continued reuse or damage at the solar-powered facility in Northern California, producing zero waste and closing the take-out container waste loop. Approximately 700,000 plus lbs. of food waste including paper goods and 17,020 lbs. of plastics will be diverted from 37 Maui County schools annually once full participation is achieved. In addition, pilot program for the hotels in the area will be launched for the local community and business owners to showcase a new more sustainable direction for the industry particularly with the resurgence of tourism in West Maui after the catastrophic wildfire.

12. Transfer Station Life Extension for Waste Diversion, O'ahu, Re-Use Hawai'i

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 171

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 171

This measure will extend the O'ahu Island Transfer Station Reusable Material Collection Site project which diverts materials from landfills by 10 months. O'ahu's landfills are slated to close in 2028 and no new site has been identified, and no plans are in place making waste diversion critical. The landfills are located adjacent to Hawaiian Homelands, which presents equity issues.

The project is a proof of concept to exhibit training, workforce development, and environmental stewardship. It is expected that the first phase will, in fact, inspire other Hawai'i municipalities to adopt the resource recovery functions.

13. Integrating Waste and Land Management Systems, Hawai'i Island, University of Hawai'i

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 3,704

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 6,989

This measure will integrate waste and land management systems to reduce GHG emissions through nutrient recapture and generation of soil carbon amendments using a Circular Economy approach on windward Hawai'i Island, integrating local meat processors, and agricultural producers. This project will establish compost and biochar production from waste resources. Currently, local meat processors landfill up to nine tons of animal harvest waste, accumulating 308 miles of travel, weekly. Establishment of a composting facility on site and partnership with meat processors to compost animal harvest waste can facilitate the recapture of nutrients and reduction of travel. Further, establishment of pyrolysis capacity can reduce GHG emissions by diverting their green waste to produce biochar from their biocultural restoration and reforestation efforts and invasive species removal.

This project is an opportunity to invest in establishing self-sufficiency in a largely rural county that faces challenges in accessing resources to support their agricultural economy. Investment in circular economies with relation to natural and working lands in Hawai'i County brings about tangible opportunities for innovation, employment, and training aligned with agricultural identities core to Hawai'i County. With the establishment of a local circular soil amendment market, there will be improved access to resources to growing food, building soil health, preserving native landscapes, and practicing aloha 'āina for historically underserved producers and land stewards. Further, by acknowledging the needs of Native Hawaiian led innovation in agriculture, relationships between researchers, decision makers, and land stewards will increase and strengthen local buy-in for GHG reduction and adoption of climate-smart land management.

14. Maui Million Trees, Maui, County of Maui

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 38,367

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 345,302

This measure will plant one million native trees and plants to preserve and restore critical forest ecosystems in Maui Nui. Native trees will reduce CO₂ emissions and mitigate flood and wildfire events improving safety for residents. 400,000 trees will be planted by 2030 with the implementation grant.

County of Maui, in coordination with Living Pono Project, Pu'u Kukui, State of Hawai'i, Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Laukahi, and Pili Koko, will begin Phase I of its initiative to plant native trees and plant species. This ambitious reforestation effort aims to restore native Hawaiian forests since deforestation is an existential threat to Maui Nui watersheds, endemic ecology, wetlands, and flood and fire prone dryland ecosystems. Where the opportunity exists, a seed share program with the wider Maui 'ohana (family) will help provide the opportunity for the community to actively take part in conservation and foster a new generation of land stewards in their own communities.

To maximize survivorship the first phase of this initiative is to build out a nursery seedbank complex to bolster available future supply while also preparing specifically identified spaces for out planting by installing appropriate game fencing, clearing the area of invasive species, and remediating the soil as necessary depending on location conditions.

The County of Maui will use CPRG funding specifically allocated to a seed collection and propagation, nursery build-out, hydro mulching, seed dispersal, and site preparation initiative. Funding will be used for the Ōhi'a Nursery Seedbank and outplant in Ōhi'a Experimental Forest located in Nāpili-Honokōwai. By collecting seeds as a security measure in the event of wildfire and to be used for restoration projects. These seeds will ensure that Hawaiian plants will exist in the future and there will be availability for restoration. Growing plants in protected nurseries and allowing the saplings to grow in maturity will better ensure survivability when out planting. This will be done in tandem with natural seed dispersal and hydro mulching which have shown to be successful methods of reforestation in Maui and are actively utilized by the nonprofit Pu'u Kukui Watershed Preserve. CPRG funding will also be used for largescale watershed protection and habitat restoration in Lāhainā, Nāpili-Honokōwai, and West Maui for water recharge and to restore habitat degraded by invasive species. Restoration will also take place in the Kula Moku for flood mitigation and reef protection which includes reforestation of the leeward slopes and planting of native and endemic trees as riparian buffers to circumvent storm flood events in gulches.

In 2025, Maui County will begin intensive seed collection and propagation of seed stock with the nurseries being built in tandem with identifying and preparing grove reforestation locations. Once planting commences 100,000 trees will be planted annually. As the program matures the rate of planting is expected to increase with proficiency.

15. Maui Biochar, Maui, County of Maui

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 15,609

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 15,609

This measure will produce biochar through pyrolysis of dead or dying invasive tree species, which will be applied to soil, sequestering carbon, and improving soil quality in the county. Once the biochar is created, it will be utilized in multiple agricultural, bioremediation and reforestation efforts. All projects proposed are intended to be complementary and bolster one another's impact.

The project addresses the need for locally produced biochar in Hawai'i, and seeks to expand the infrastructure and networks needed for such production. Its use of invasive hardwoods will also help with Maui's reforestation efforts and increase climate resilience. Planting is a component of the GHG emission reduction benefits of this project and once the invasive Eucalyptus and Black Wattle is removed from the site, it will be replanted with native and endemic shrubs and trees, such as 'A'ali'i, Koa, Koai'a and others.

16. Reforestation for Carbon Removal and Sequestration, Maui, E kupaku ka 'āina

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 2,514

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 11,581

This measure will reforest degraded lands adjacent to the Waiehu Kou Hawaiian Homes subdivision, revitalize abandoned agricultural land, reduce wildfire risk, and increase community resilience.

The overall approach of this project is to reverse the environmental degradation and loss of carbon sink that has occurred in Waiehu over the last 150 years in combination with reducing the high level of fire risk and offsetting GHGs for the community. Application of organic and traditional Hawaiian agricultural and land management practices will guide planting and forest restoration.

The following objectives outline the scope of the project: 1.Reduce wildfire threats to residential areas (toxic GHG emissions) for the Waiehu/Hawaiian Homes community by reducing fire-prone invasive species biomass by 75 percent and removing 70 percent of Albizia trees, on 350 acres in five years. 2.Neutralize GHG emissions from tree removal by providing 100,000 yards of chipped albizia for bioremediation material to mitigate toxic soils in Lahaina, over a five-year period. 3.Increase long term carbon sequestration and ecosystem resilience by planting 2,800 food trees, 1,100 native trees, and 17,000 native

understory species on 110 acres over a five-year period. 4. Increase ecosystem and community resilience by planting 3,000 perennial and 34,000 annual Hawaiian food crop plants (short to long term carbon sequestration and local food security) on 20 acres using organic and traditional Hawaiian agricultural practices over the next five years.

17. Energy for State and County Buildings, Statewide, Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority

GHG Reduction 2025-2030 (MT CO₂e): 13,996

GHG Reduction 2025-2050 (MT CO₂e): 112,652

Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority (HGIA) will support the deployment of renewable energy and storage systems for local government buildings to reduce energy costs, supply clean energy, and provide resilience in case of an electric grid outage. This support will include additional incentives to complement newly available "direct pay" options for local governments to receive energy tax credits and technical assistance for such projects. Such support is contingent on securing funding for this measure. This measure could be utilized by any state or sub-state government actor, including without limitation cities, counties, and the state public school system.

In addition to directly supporting projects through technical assistance and deployment of renewable energy and storage systems, this measure will also serve to educate local governments on the available tax credits and provide technical assistance to local governments in designing such systems. As a result, this measure will catalyze widespread adoption of renewable energy and storage systems by local governments.

Table 3: Summary of Hawai'i's 17 Priority Measures

Priority Measure	Cumulative GHG emission reductions MTCO _{2e}		Implementing Agency or Entity	Authorizing Agency	Geographic Scope
	2025-2030	2025-2050			
1. Skyline Connect for Rapid Transit, O'ahu, City and County of Honolulu	3,771	41,485	City and County of Honolulu	City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services	O'ahu
2. Paratransit Fleet Electrification, Hawai'i Island, County of Hawai'i	2,138	12,826	County of Hawai'i	County of Hawai'i Mass Transit Agency	Hawai'i Island
3. Expanding Honolulu's Shared Micromobility, Honolulu, Bikeshare Hawai'i	1,550	3,101	Bikeshare Hawai'i	City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services	Honolulu
4. Complete Streets Infrastructure Improvements, Kaua'i, County of Kauai	115	879	County of Kaua'i	County of Kaua'i: Public Works Department, Planning Department, Transportation Agency, and Office of Economic Development.	Kaua'i
5. Affordable Green Housing Retrofit Program, Statewide	5,178	34,945	State of Hawai'i HSEO, PUC	Hawai'i State Energy Office	Statewide

Table 4: Summary of Hawai'i's 17 Priority Measures Continued

Priority Measure	Cumulative GHG emission reductions MTCO _{2e}		Implementing Agency or Entity	Authorizing Agency	Geographic Scope
	2025-2030	2025-2050			
6. Green Building Improvements Pearl City Library, O'ahu, Hawai'i State Library System	231	1,386	Hawai'i State Library System, Department of Education	Department of Accounting and General Services, State Building Code Council	Pearl City, Oahu
7. Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Kaua'i County, County of Kaua'i	1,044	9,392	County of Kaua'i	County of Kauai: Office of Economic Development, Department of Parks & Recreation, Public Works Department	Kaua'i
8. Decentralized Compost Network for Hawai'i, Statewide, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i	11,718	58,588	Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i	Hawai'i Department of Health	Statewide
9. Cardboard and Composting Waste Diversion Center, Hawai'i Island, Recycle Hawai'i	6,075	6,075	Recycle Hawai'i	County of Hawai'i Planning Department, Hawai'i Department of Health	Hilo, Hawai'i Island

Table 5: Summary of Hawai'i's 17 Priority Measures Continued

Priority Measure	Cumulative GHG emission reductions MTCO ₂ e		Implementing Agency or Entity	Authorizing Agency	Geographic Scope
	2025-2030	2025-2050			
10. Reusable Foodware, Hawai'i Island, County of Hawai'i	6,404	30,802	County of Hawai'i	County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management, County Parks and Rec, State Parks, Hawai'i Department of Health	Hilo, Hawai'i Island
Priority Measure 11. Compost and Containers, Maui, County of Maui	422	2,201	County of Maui	County of Maui, Hawai'i Department of Health	Maui
Priority Measure 12. Transfer Station Life Extension for Waste Diversion, O'ahu, Re-Use Hawai'i	171	171	Re-Use Hawai'i	City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, Hawai'i Department of Health	O'ahu
Priority Measure 13. Integrating Waste and Land Management Systems, Hawai'i Island, University of Hawai'i	3,704	6,989	University of Hawai'i	Hawai'i Department of Health	Hawai'i Island
Priority Measure 14. Million Trees, Maui, County of Maui	38,367	345,302	County of Maui	County of Maui, Department of Land and Natural Resources	Maui

Table 6: Summary of Hawai'i's 17 Priority Measures Continued

Priority Measure	Cumulative GHG emission reductions MTCO ₂ e		Implementing Agency or Entity	Authorizing Agency	Geographic Scope
	2025-2030	2025-2050			
Priority Measure 15. Maui Biochar, Maui, County of Maui	15,609	15,609	County of Maui	County of Maui, Hawai'i Department of Health	Maui
Priority Measure 16. Reforestation for Carbon Removal and Sequestration, Maui, E kupaku ka 'āina	2,514	11,581	E kupaku ka 'āina	Private Landowner (permission granted)	Waiehu District, Maui
Priority Measure 17. Energy for State and County Buildings, Statewide, Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority	13,996	112,652	Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority	Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority	Statewide

For each priority measure, Table 4 provides additional details containing an implementation schedule and milestones, and metrics for tracking progress.

Table 7: Implementation Schedule and Milestones for Priority Measures

Priority Measure 1. Skyline Connect for Rapid Transit, O’ahu, City and County of Honolulu	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	<p>Fall 2024: Project Manager staff hired.</p> <p>Oct 2024-Sep 2025: Design contract procurement.</p> <p>Jan 2025: Initial stages of service changes begin.</p> <p>Oct 2025: Design contract begins.</p> <p>Dec 2026: Finalized design plans submitted through the City’s One-Time Review process.</p> <p>Jun 2027-Dec 2027: Construction projects bid.</p> <p>Jan 2028-Jun 2029: Installation of the proposed plan. Public and stakeholder outreach will be conducted throughout the project lifecycle, starting in fall of 2024 with notification of the initial service changes, which provides an opportunity to discuss additional changes and service improvements</p>
Metrics for tracking progress	Travel/transit times; fuel savings; vehicle miles traveled; number of jobs created
Priority Measure 2. Paratransit Fleet Electrification, Hawai’i Island, County of Hawai’i	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	<p>Month 1: Grant award.</p> <p>Months 2-4: Acceptance of funds and MOA.</p> <p>Months 5-7: Secure contract with vendor for vehicles.</p> <p>Months 8-19: order vehicles.</p> <p>Months 20-22: Hire new positions.</p> <p>Months 23-26: Reconciliation. Total: 26 months</p>
Metrics for tracking progress	Number of vehicles acquired; number of new CDL drivers trained; number of planned routes added; number of residents signed up

Priority Measure 3. Expanding Honolulu’s Shared Micromobility, Honolulu, Bikeshare Hawai’i	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	Months 1 & 12: Procurement Equipment order Months 1-6: Planning Proposed Station Siting Months 3-9: Planning Community Input Months Months 6-12: Planning Utility & SUP Permits Months Months 6-12: Training New Hardware Months 6-18: Marketing Outreach to New Areas Months 13-22: Operations Deploy Hardware Months 22-24: Planning Review & Assessment
Metrics for tracking progress	Vehicle Miles Traveled; number of rides
Priority Measure 4. Complete Streets Infrastructure Improvements, Kaua’i, County of Kauai	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	March 2024 – May 2025: Design. March 2026 – March 2028: Construction.
Metrics for tracking progress	Fatalities and injuries; Vehicle Miles Traveled
Priority Measure 5. Affordable Green Housing Retrofit Program, O’ahu, City and County of Honolulu	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	Phase 1, October 2023 -June 2024: Program design: conducting a Baseline Assessment of existing multi-unit residential buildings to understand end-use energy consumption and customer profiles; conducting a Market Study of potential program measures to determine appropriate cost-effective energy-saving program measures; creating a Building Data Intake Tool for building owners to supply data; developing a Building Screening Tool to identify high-priority properties; coordinating educational and training resources with workforce partners; and putting together a final Design Guidance for Building Retrofit Programs and Support measures to create a one-stop-shop service model for affordable housing including leveraging additional funding and financing support. Phase 2, July 2024- October 2025: Program Startup will focus on contracting for program operations, marketing and outreach, training participating contractors, building energy auditing, and testing of the program approach with early participants to improve the tools and methods deployed. Phase 3, October 2025 through October 2029: Full Scale Deployment (will include measure level design support, followed by financing and project management support once the first round of retrofits is under construction. The program will ramp up in scale over Phases 2 and 3 with a unit count

	of 1500 units in the final year of the program. Phase 3 will also include a detailed analysis (M&V) of program success and recommendations for Phase 4: long term program integration.
Metrics for tracking progress	Energy savings; ratepayer cost savings; decreased energy burden
Priority Measure 6.Green Building Improvements Pearl City Library, O’ahu, Hawai’i State Library System	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schematic Design Phase [Completed 07/21/2023] 2. Design Development Phase [Completed 10/20/2023] 3. Pre-Final Design Phase [In-Progress] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Building Permit Plans Submittal target [12/20/2023 – 01/15/2024] 4. Final Design Phase [Scheduled 01/15/2024 – 03/29/2024] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bid Documents Submittal to Department of Accounting and General Services [03/18/2024 – 03/29/2024] 5. Bid to Contract Phase [Scheduled 04/01/2024 – TBD] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Advertisement & Pre-Bid Conference [Scheduled 04/01/2024] b. Bid Opening Target [06/15/2024] c. Notice to Proceed [TBD] 6. Construction Phase [TBD]
Metrics for tracking progress	Utility savings; number of visitors; number of jobs created
Priority Measure 7. Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Kaua’i County, County of Kaua’i	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	Phase 1: Priority buildings energy audit; Phase 2: Installation and GHG savings
Metrics for tracking progress	Utility savings; number of jobs created

Priority Measure 8. Decentralized Compost Network for Hawai'i, Statewide, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	<p>Year 1: finalized site selection, permitting for Phase 1 of the machines, hiring of compost network management, additional mapping of organic source inputs, scoping for network app development, and training.</p> <p>Year 2: site installation for Phase 1 machines (fabrication will begin in year 1), pilot operations at each site to develop ideal recipes based on organic inputs to each site, scoping & permitting for phase 2 machines, and reporting on GHG emissions from phase 1.</p> <p>Year 3: Phase 2 installations, Phase 1 reporting, continued training and capacity building, and economic forecasts based on Phase 1 results. The last half year of the project will focus on reporting on total GHG impacts, developing a comprehensive business plan, and qualitative surveys to inform the increased expansion of the network.</p>
Metrics for tracking progress	Pounds (lbs) of compost generated; lbs of food waste diverted; number of jobs created; number of personnel trained.
Priority Measure 9. Cardboard and Composting Waste Diversion Center, Hawai'i Island, Recycle Hawai'i	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	<p>Year 1: Planning, tenant and community outreach, permitting/clean stream collection, cardboard processing, vermiculture begins, improvement and design.</p> <p>Year 2: Building, project opens, reusable foodware service begins, clean stream collection begins.</p> <p>Year 3: Tool library, repair cafe open, project capital contribution phase in.</p> <p>Year 4: Project elements continue.</p>
Metrics for tracking progress	Pounds (lbs) of cardboard, food waste, foodware recycled; lbs of furniture reclaimed; number of items repaired; number of tenants; number of community members participating in program; number of jobs created; number of jobs redefined
Priority Measure 10. Reusable Foodware, Hawai'i Island, County of Hawai'i	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	<p>Month 1: Grant award.</p> <p>Months 2-4: Acceptance of funds and MOA.</p> <p>Months 1-12: System set up.</p> <p>Months 13-18: Pre-launch.</p> <p>Months 19-24: Launch.</p> <p>Months 25-29: Improvements.</p>

	Months 30+: Expansion. Total: 30 months
Metrics for tracking progress	Community participatory workshops completed – 22 events, 726 individuals engaged 2. System design finalized – 10 design meetings with a public comment period 3. System established – Providers, equipment, space, and permits secured 4. Businesses enrolled – 80 enrolled in system.
Priority Measure 11. Compost and Containers, Maui, County of Maui	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	PHASE I Schools and West Maui Tourism Hubs: 2025: 25% 2026: 50% 2027: 100% 2028: 100% and launching Phase II to cover all schools and more hotels in Maui Nui
Metrics for tracking progress	Number of community members involved; Pounds (lbs) of packaging composted; reduction in utility bills
Priority Measure 12. Transfer Station Life Extension for Waste Diversion, O’ahu, Re-Use Hawai’i	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	Phase 1: Project set up. Phase 2: Labor and materials procurement.
Metrics for tracking progress	Number of jobs created; number of people trained; Pounds (lbs) of waste diverted; lbs of specific building materials repurposed
Priority Measure 13. Integrating Waste and Land Management Systems, Hawai’i Island, University of Hawai’i	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	Year 1: Fulfill initial contracting, permitting, and staffing needs. Year 2: Establish capacity with the installation of equipment and infrastructure and training. Year 3: Start-up production of compost and biochar with guidance from experts. Year 4: Establish testing capacity for compost and biochar products through the UHM Soil Health Environment and Ecosystem Resilience (SHEER) Lab. Year 5: Reach operational efficiency for use and sale of soil amendments, and (6) conduct life cycle analysis and economic

	evaluation to determine scalability, economic viability and make policy recommendations.
Metrics for tracking progress	Pounds (lbs) of waste diverted; number of acres restored; number of jobs created; soil health indicators (water infiltration, CEC, etc.)
Priority Measure 14. Million Trees, Maui, County of Maui	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	Year 1: intensive seed collection and propagation of seed stock, building nurseries, preparing grove reforestation locations. Years 2-5: Planting of 'A'ali'i, Koa and 'Ōhi'a within selected sites
Metrics for tracking progress	Number of acres reforested; number of native species planted; lbs of invasives removed; number of community member involved; number of jobs created
Priority Measure 15. Maui Biochar, Maui, County of Maui	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	This phase of the proposed biochar project will begin in Spring of 2025 (3rd Quarter FY 25) and will conclude in Spring of 2028 (3rd Quarter FY 28).
Metrics for tracking progress	Pounds (lbs) of biochar produced; lbs of invasive vegetation removed; soil amendment and water retention metrics (infiltration rates, etc.)
Priority Measure 16. Reforestation for Carbon Removal and Sequestration, Maui, E kupaku ka āina	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	Year 1: Project setup, staff hires, equipment, invasives removal. Year 2: Native plantings, staff trainings, field prep. Year 3: Monitoring/evaluation. Year 4: maintenance. Year 5: Evaluation. Ongoing: outreach, volunteer training, maintenance
Metrics for tracking progress	Number of volunteers engaged; number of jobs created; number of native/invasive species planted/removed

Priority Measure 17. Energy for State and County Buildings, Statewide, Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority	
Measure	Associated Details
Implementation Schedule and Milestones	Year 1: Third-party administrator selected; early 2025 local governments apply for and receive funding; late 2025 projects installed early GHG reduction begin; early 2026 project installation begins
Metrics for tracking progress	Total capacity (kWh) solar installed; number of battery installations installed; energy savings

Benefits Analysis

Hawai'i's priority measures will reduce GHG emissions and provide a wide range of health, economic, and environmental benefits to communities across the state. Measures that reduce GHG often result in improvements in local air quality that impact human and environmental health. In this analysis, we have quantified the change in air pollution resulting from the seventeen priority measures including changes in nitrous oxides (NO_x), fine particulate matter (PM 2.5), sulfur oxides (SO₂), carbon monoxide (CO) and volatile organic compounds (VOC). NO_x can cause damage to the human respiratory system resulting in increased illness and hospitalizations due to asthma. PM 2.5 can also impact water quality and clarity. NO_x, when combined with SO₂ can also contribute to acid rain, damaging environmental and ecosystem health. PM 2.5 can increase the risk of heart disease and asthma, with long-term exposure contributing to hospitalization and increased premature mortality. SO₂ can contribute to respiratory illness and exacerbate existing heart and lung conditions as well as cause environmental damage by retarding plant growth and damaging sensitive ecosystems. CO at high concentrations can impair human health and cognition. It also indirectly contributes to the formation of ozone. VOCs also lead to ozone formation in the presence of NO_x resulting in increased respiratory illnesses. Table 5 presents the change in co-pollutants associated with each priority PCAP measure, including the change associated for LIDACs. For additional details, see Appendix B, the PCAP Tool.

Eight priority measures have calculated changes in co-pollutants from 2025 to 2050, including NO_x, PM 2.5, SO₂, and CO. Priority measures focusing on expanded transit and mobility options show reductions in air pollution. One priority measure, however, shows a marginal increase in co-pollutants. The Skyline Connect measure will increase transit options, reducing solo occupancy vehicle usage and increasing bus vehicle miles traveled. The slight increase in co-pollutants reflects increased ridership and bus miles relative to travel in light duty vehicles.

Table 8: Changes in Co-Pollutants by Priority Measure

Measure Number	Benefits Analysis: Co-Pollutant Reduction (CPRG-Related, 2025-2050)						Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities Benefit (2025-2050)					
	NH3	NOx	PM2.5	SO2	CO	VOC	NH3 for LIDAC	NOx for LIDAC	PM2.5 for LIDAC	SO2 for LIDAC	CO for LIDAC	VOC for LIDAC
1	4.9	-11.2	33.2	0	549	0	3.9	-9	-2.5	0	439.2	0
2	0	4	0.1	0	119	0	0	3.4	0.1	0	101.2	0
3	0	4	0	30.6	0	0	0	0.2	0	15.3	0	0
4	0	0.3	0	0	8.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	83.6	10.2	140.5	0	0	0	83.6	10.2	140.5	0	0
6	0	3.3	0.4	0	0	0	0	3.3	0.4	0	0	0
7	0	65.5	5.3	23.5	0	0	0	32.8	2.6	11.7	0	0
8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13	0	0.1	0.0	0	0.6	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.6	0
14	0	15.6	7.7	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	-0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0.8	0.4	2.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: All pollutants were measured in tonnes. Sections with N/A were not calculated.

Implementing the priority measures will have a broad range of benefits. Along with changes in co-pollutants impacting human and environmental health, implementing priority measures will also create jobs, improve quality of life, and increase resilience. Co-benefits will vary based on the specific measure. Table 6 summarizes the co-benefits associated with each priority measure using six categories: Job Creation, Improved Quality of Life (including affordability), Improved Health Outcomes (from better air quality, heat mitigation and transportation options), Improved Water Quality (from reforestation efforts), Enhanced Climate Resilience (from decreased flooding and fire risk and other climate stressors and shocks), and Increased Economic Resilience (from reduced energy costs, increase in economic opportunities and market development).

Table 9: Qualitative Impacts of Priority Measures

Priority Measure	Job Creation	Improved Daily Quality of Life	Improved Health Outcomes	Improved Water Quality	Enhanced Climate Resilience	Increased Economic Resilience
1. Skyline Connect for Rapid Transit, O’ahu, City and County of Honolulu	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
2. Paratransit Fleet Electrification, Hawai’i Island, County of Hawai’i	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
3. Expanding Honolulu’s Shared Micromobility, Honolulu, Bikeshare Hawai’i	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
4. Complete Streets Infrastructure Improvements, Kaua’i, County of Kaua’i	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
5. Affordable Green Housing Retrofit Program, statewide	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes

Table 10: Qualitative Impacts of Priority Measures Continued

Priority Measure	Job Creation	Improved Daily Quality of Life	Improved Health Outcomes	Improved Water Quality	Enhanced Climate Resilience	Increased Economic Resilience
6. Green Building Improvements Pearl City Library, O’ahu, Hawai’i State Library System	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
7. Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Kaua’i County, County of Kaua’i	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
8. Decentralized Compost Network for Hawai’i, Statewide, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai’i	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
9. Cardboard and Composting Waste Diversion Center, Hawai’i Island, Recycle Hawai’i	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
10. Reusable Foodware, Hawai’i Island, County of Hawai’i	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
11. Compost and Containers, Maui, County of Maui	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
12. Transfer Station Life Extension for Waste Diversion, O’ahu, Re-Use Hawai’i	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Table 11: Qualitative Impacts of Priority Measures Continued

Priority Measure	Job Creation	Improved Daily Quality of Life	Improved Health Outcomes	Improved Water Quality	Enhanced Climate Resilience	Increased Economic Resilience
13. Integrating Waste and Land Management Systems, Hawai'i Island, University of Hawai'i	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
14. Million Trees, Maui, County of Maui	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
15. Maui Biochar, Maui, County of Maui	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
16. Reforestation for Carbon Removal and Sequestration, Maui, E kupaku ka āina	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
17. Energy for State and County Buildings, Statewide, Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes

Job Creation

Each of Hawai'i's priority measures will create jobs, providing economic benefits to local communities. The number, type, and duration of jobs vary by measure, but jobs will be created in skilled trade occupations that require specialized training as well as administrative and service occupations that all will contribute to Hawai'i's climate and sustainability goals. The workforce needed to implement priority measures - construction workers, carpenters, maintenance and repair workers, electricians, and heavy-duty vehicle drivers - are the skilled trades with the most

annual openings across Hawai'i's four counties.¹² Implementation of the priority measures will support workers across Hawai'i and create opportunities for workforce development and training in line with the Good Jobs Hawai'i program launched in January 2023 providing skilled training for well-paying jobs across Hawai'i's growing sectors, including clean energy.¹³ In addition, implementing priority measures will increase demand for administrative and service jobs that bolster local economies and support families.

There is a wide diversity in the jobs created by Hawai'i's priority measures. The jobs span economic sectors and geographic regions and represent an opportunity to train and create a skilled clean energy workforce. Four priority measures, Skyline Connect (1), Shared Micromobility (3), Complete Streets-Kaua'i (4), and Energy for State and County Buildings (17) require physical infrastructure leading to jobs for construction workers, engineers, and electricians. Measures focused on retrofitting facilities including Affordable Green Housing Retrofits (5), Pearl City Library (6), Energy Efficiency Upgrades-Kaua'i (7), and Integrating Waste (13) will increase demand for electricians, carpenters, and maintenance and repair workers. The Paratransit Electrification measure (2) will create jobs for paratransit vehicle operators as well as the need for electric vehicle charging and maintenance workers. Five measures --Decentralized Compost Network (8), Cardboard and Composting (9), Reusable Foodware (10), Compost and Containers (11), and Transfer Station (12)-- create new processes for waste and waste diversion creating jobs in equipment installation, operations and maintenance, waste collection, waste treatment and disposal, and food services. Three measures--Million Trees (14), Biochar (15), and Reforestation (16)-- involve agricultural practices and will create jobs in agriculture and forestry.

Improved Daily Quality of Life

While each priority measure will improve the quality of life in Hawai'i by reducing GHG emissions and providing co-benefits, measures expanding clean mobility options, creating affordable housing, and mitigating environmental impacts on communities will directly improve the daily quality of life for residents. Skyline Connect (1), Paratransit Electrification (2), Shared Micromobility (3), and Complete Streets-Kaua'i (4) increase clean mobility options providing communities with safe, accessible, and affordable transportation choices. Measures increasing options for walking and biking can directly improve public health, while increased access to clean transit can reduce travel time, vehicle miles traveled, and reduce travel congestion. Along with increased mobility, Affordable Green Housing Retrofits (5) expands housing availability and reduces energy costs for households. The Pearl City Library measure (6) will provide climate-cooled public resources for residents while the Transfer Station (12) will divert waste from landfills, reducing odor and noise impacts for nearby communities.

¹² <https://www.smshawaii.com/assets/hawaii-skilled-trades-workforce-analysis-final-report-06.01.2023.pdf>

¹³ <https://energy.hawaii.gov/get-engaged/workforce-development/>

Improved Health Outcomes

Climate change threatens human health through hotter temperatures, changes in precipitation and extreme weather events, worsened air quality, rising sea level, wildfires, and smoke. The health impacts of climate change are diverse, as is Hawai'i's population, leading to health disparities across different communities based on geographic location and socio-demographic characteristics. LIDAC and climate vulnerable populations are at a higher risk and are likely to experience the largest impacts to human health. Climate change exacerbates air pollution problems as increasing temperatures lead to increases in ozone concentrations which can result in increased premature mortality, respiratory and cardiovascular hospitalizations, and asthma related hospitalizations. Implementing the priority measures will reduce co-pollutants, reducing climate related health impacts, reducing medical costs, and improving the lives of residents.

Priority measures that sequester carbon by planting trees, Million Trees (14) and Reforestation (16) will impact human health by increasing carbon absorption in forests, directly reducing atmospheric carbon, and mitigating the impacts of a warming climate on respiratory and cardiovascular illness. In addition to changes in co-pollutants, priority measures that increase active mobility options, like walking and biking, can increase physical activity and improve health outcomes. Complete Streets-Kaua'i (4), Shared Micromobility (3), and Skyline Connect (1) measures provide active transportation options incentivizing movement and increased physical activity. The Paratransit Electrification measure (2) can increase mobility options for underserved residents and visitors to Hawai'i.

Improved Water Quality

Priority measures reducing GHG emissions can also improve water quality, which is vital to clean drinking water and coastal waters, as well as Hawai'i's cultural heritage and economic viability. Rising sea levels can cause saltwater intrusion in groundwater and surface water degrading water sources and reducing drinking water availability. Changes in precipitation can also increase runoff of sediment and pollutants, placing additional stressors on the Hawai'i water system. Priority measures targeting soil enrichment and stabilization, Integrating Waste (13) and Biochar (15), can strengthen the absorptive capacity of soils, reducing runoff and improving water quality. Reforestation measures, Reforestation (16) and Million Trees (14) will mitigate flood risk which can adversely impact the quality of drinking water and coastal water.

Enhanced Climate Resilience

Changing storm paths, sea level rise, intense rainstorms, and increased wildfire risk threaten life in Hawai'i. Hawai'i's isolated location in the Pacific makes resilience to climate shocks and adaptation to climate stressors extremely important. Hawai'i, with no developed oil and gas extraction, is dependent on imported fuel, increasing the urgency to transition to clean energy and highlighting the state's vulnerability to extreme weather events. Priority measures that address waste streams and reduce energy usage, Decentralized Compost (8), Carboard and

Compost (9), Reusable Foodware (10), Compost (11), and Transfer Station (12), reduce reliance on imported fuel and enhance climate resiliency.

Priority measures that build food self-sufficiency, address soil degradation, increase resilience to heat and wildfires, and increase water security build resiliency to climate shocks such as wildfires and landslides from extreme events, and help vulnerable populations adapt better to climate stressors such as inland flooding. Integrating Waste (13), Compost and Containers (11), and Biochar (15) improve soil health increasing the capacity for Hawaiian agricultural opportunities. Reforestation (16) and Million Trees (14) will mitigate risks from extreme weather and provide heat abatement through increased green spaces. Priority measures that shift transportation away from fossil fuel dependent modes to electrified modes of transportation such as Paratransit Electrification (2), Complete Streets-Kaua'i (4), Shared Micromobility (3), and Skyline Connect (1) increase the resilience of the transportation networks in the state by providing communities with increased options for transportation.

Increased Economic Resilience

Hawai'i has the highest cost of living in the nation, and consequently one of the highest rates of homelessness. Twelve percent of the population in Hawai'i earns below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and an additional 30% of households are above the poverty level but Asset Limited, Income Constrained and Employed (ALICE)¹⁴ and considered one event away from poverty. The impacts of climate change are exacerbating inequities across communities in Hawai'i, specifically in regard to affordability and economic resiliency. The 17 priority measures in the Hawai'i PCAP address the issues economic resiliency by creating new skilled labor jobs, reducing energy costs, and reducing reliance on imported goods.

Hawai'i's economy is highly dependent tourism and the service industry. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the need to diversify Hawai'i's labor market became painfully apparent as visitor numbers plummeted, leaving the state with the highest rates of unemployment in the nation. The priority measures in this PCAP address economic resilience by creating jobs in the clean energy sector, specifically in skilled trades that historically had the highest openings across counties.

Hawai'i's geographic location and scenic beauty makes it a top travel destination, but also makes the cost of fuel and energy higher than anywhere else in the United States. Hawai'i is the most oil-dependent state in the nation which comes at a high economic cost - Hawai'i has the highest electricity prices in the nation, nearly three times the national average. Priority measures that increase clean transportation options through fuel or mode shifting reduce dependence on foreign oil and can reduce overall energy costs. These measures include Skyline Connect (1), Paratransit Electrification (2), Shared Micromobility (3), and Complete Streets-Kaua'i (4) which provide mobility options that shift passengers to lower emissions transportation that can reduce

¹⁴ United for Alice (2021), Hawai'i State Overview, <https://unitedforalice.org/hawaii>

transportation costs and use of imported fuel. Priority measures that address energy use and increased energy efficiency will also enhance economic resiliency and reduce energy costs to consumers. Affordable Green Housing Retrofits (5), Pearl City Library (6), and Energy Efficiency Upgrades-Kaua'i (7) measures improve energy efficiency in residential, local, and state facilities, reducing energy demand and energy costs, specifically to LIDAC communities.

Measures reducing and diverting waste will also reduce energy costs and create sustainable infrastructure for reusing materials. Measures that reduce landfill burden and enrich soil, Decentralized compost (8), Compost and Containers (11), Integrating Waste (13), and Biochar (15) reduce energy costs associated with waste transport and energy use. Measures that reduce reliance on single use goods, Cardboard and Compost (9), Reusable Foodware (10), Transfer Station (12) will reduce costs of purchasing new items, reduce energy costs, and increase economic resiliency.

For low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC) populations, these co-benefits are crucial as climate shocks and stressors impact them more severely and they have less resources to recover from them. For example, the Pearl City measure (6) addresses green building improvements in Pearl City Public Library. Pearl City's LIDAC population will benefit from a cooling space to escape rising temperatures and intense storms, as well as perform essential cultural and social functions for the community. Similarly, the Complete Streets-Kaua'i (4) measure addresses Complete Streets infrastructure improvements in the county. Such improvements will provide more affordable transportation options for LIDAC populations and contribute to increasing affordability and quality of life. Additional discussion of the impact of co-benefits on LIDAC populations is included in the LIDAC section of this report.

Priority Measures Alignment with the State's Efforts and Counties' Climate Action Plans

Numerous State and County climate and energy plans address decarbonization, climate resilience, and adaptation in Hawai'i. The PCAP priority measures align and complement the following existing state policies and plans:

1. **County of Hawai'i:** Integrated Climate Action Plan.¹⁵

To accomplish the County's climate goals, the Integrated Climate Action Plan (ICAP) identifies climate mitigation and adaptation actions to be taken by Hawai'i County. The ICAP establishes a greenhouse gas emissions baseline for the County, describes the impacts of climate change on natural hazards and community systems, and sets three primary goals:

- 1) Improve County capacity to implement climate action.

¹⁵ County of Hawai'i Planning Department (2023) Integrated Climate Action Plan for the Island of Hawai'i: Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Climate Adaptation Actions to Build Local Resilience to Climate Change, <https://cohplanning.konveio.com/integrated-climate-action-plan-icap-island-hawaii?document=1>

- 2) Reduce the County's contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions.
- 3) Increase the resilience of County infrastructure, assets, and services.

Intervention points identified in the ICAP that are relevant to the Priority Measures proposed by County of Hawai'i are:

- Energy and Electricity Use: Strategy 1A6.1 Expand outreach for community rebate incentives by pursuing more public-private partnerships
- Transportation: Strategy 1B.2: Transition the County fleet to zero emissions
- Waste: Strategy, 1C1.3: Explore opportunities to divert waste from landfills, and 1C4: Support mulching operations to allow for soil enhancement County wide.

2. **City and County of Honolulu:** One Climate One O'ahu Climate Action Plan 2020-2025.¹⁶

The action plan addresses decarbonization through three main sectors:

- 1) Transportation
- 2) Electricity
- 3) Waste and Wastewater

The Plan "...presents strategies with specific actions for the City to reduce GHG emissions from ground transportation, electricity, and waste. The City can affect emissions reductions from ground transportation by reducing VMT from passenger cars and trucks, as well as by improving City and island wide vehicle fuel efficiency. The City can influence GHG emissions reductions from the electric sector by reducing electricity consumption through energy efficiency and conservation, and by supporting island-wide renewable energy goals. The City's own facilities and operations play an important role in both strategies. Lastly, the City can reduce emissions associated with the waste sector by reducing product and material generation, and through waste repurposing to reduce the amount of waste going to end-of-life processing."

Nine specific strategies were listed. The Priority Measures from O'ahu/Honolulu included in the PCAP each fit into the City and County's vision for decarbonization under the following strategies:

- Strategy 2: Enable and provide multiple modes of green transportation
- Strategy 5: Reduce energy demand by increasing energy efficiency
- Strategy 8: Promote waste prevention
- Strategy 9: Maximize waste resource efficiency

¹⁶ City & County of Honolulu (n.d.) One Climate One O'ahu Climate Action Plan 2020-2025, <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e3885654a153a6ef84e6c9c/t/6080c33e91bbf23a20b74159/1619051381131/2020-2025+Climate+Action+Plan.pdf>

- 3. County of Kauai:** The County of Kauaʻi is in the process of creating a Climate Adaptation and Action Plan (KCAAP).¹⁷ In addition, the 2018 Kauaʻi General Plan,¹⁸ specifically Section VIII: Energy Sustainability & Climate Change Mitigation, highlights GHG reduction, renewable energy, and clean ground transportation goals. The 2013 Kauai Multi Modal Land Transportation Plan outlines mode share goals.¹⁹

The KCAAP is a roadmap for how the community will prepare for the impacts of climate change and natural hazards, as well as reduce the County's greenhouse gas emissions and meet emission reduction targets. The sectors that are addressed are: Critical Energy, Transportation & Land Use, Waste Reduction, and Natural Resource Management. The Priority Measures included from Kauaʻi in the PCAP address the first two (critical Energy, and Transportation and Land Use).

- 4. County of Maui:** In 2022, the County of Maui's Office of Climate Change, Resiliency, and Sustainability (CCRS)²⁰ a comprehensive strategy for mitigating and adapting to climate change in Maui County.

The CARP was spearheaded by the CCRS and provides a clear and actionable set of strategies and actions to reduce our communities' contribution to climate change and to build community resilience and adaptation to current and future climate change impacts. In this way, the CARP is a two-pronged approach that addresses both mitigation by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation by increasing resiliency and preparedness. The CARP was shaped by guiding principles developed and vetted by the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan Advisory Committee (CARPAC) and the County of Maui's Resiliency Hui. The principles were further defined, vetted, and translated into 'ōlelo Hawaiʻi (Hawaiian Language). The climate mitigation and resiliency strategies and actions discussed in the CARP are aligned with these principles and noted throughout the plan.

Several key strategies and actions are outlined in the CARP. The relevant ones relating to the Priority Measures include:

- Buildings Energy Strategy 6: Reduce waste at County of Maui owned facilities and public areas,

¹⁷ County of Kauaʻi (2023). Kauaʻi Climate Adaptation and Action Plan https://kauaiadaptation.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/KCAAP_Survey3_Summary_Mitigation_121323.pdf

¹⁸ County of Kauaʻi (2018). General Plan: Sector VIII: Energy Sustainability & Climate Change Mitigation (see page 184-190) <https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Council/General-Plan-Update>

¹⁹ Kauaʻi County Council (2013). Multimodal Land Transportation Plan (executive summary – page 2), <https://www.kauai.gov/files/assets/public/v/1/transportation/documents/kauai-mltp-council-adopted-version.pdf>

²⁰ County of Maui (2022). Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, <https://www.resilientmauinui.org/pages/climate-action-resiliency-plan>

- Waste Strategy 2: Maximize waste diversion efforts community-wide and directly support the implementation of improved diversion strategies with particular focus on organic and recyclable waste,
- Agriculture Land Use and Natural Resources Strategy 1: Bolster local and community-based efforts to advance nature-based solutions, and Strategy 2: Actively support regenerative agriculture and sustainable land reclamation.

Low-Income and Disadvantaged Community Analysis

The implementation of the measures included in this PCAP will significantly benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs). This section identifies each LIDAC within the jurisdiction covered by this PCAP, the outreach that was done in light of the short timeframe to develop this PCAP, and how Hawai'i intends to engage in the future.

The CDC notes how “[i]ndigenous communities of the Pacific have an inseparable connection to and derive their sense of identity from the lands, territories, and resources of their islands. Climate change threatens this familial relationship with ancestral resources and is disrupting the continuity that is required for the health and well-being of these communities (this experience is common to many tribal and Indigenous communities across the United States). Women have also been identified as a more vulnerable population to regional climate risks due to the role they have in terms of economic activities, safety, health, and their livelihoods.”²¹

According to Hawai'i Department of Health's Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office (HEER), “[l]ow- to moderate-income (LMI) communities are especially vulnerable because they often have less access to adequate healthcare, housing, and resources to recover from the household costs of extreme weather events. LMI communities often live in areas across Hawai'i that are already experiencing the worst effects of climate change, such as coastline and rural communities, further increasing these vulnerabilities. Systemic failures in our state and country means that there is often overlap between low-income and Native Hawaiian, racial and ethnic minorities, and marginalized groups. All climate measures taken by the State of Hawai'i must reduce these existing inequities and be guided by those communities most impacted by our changing climate.”²²

²¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (n.d.). Regional Health Effects - Hawai'i and US-Affiliated Pacific Islands, <https://www.cdc.gov/climateandhealth/effects/hawaiiandpacificislands.htm>

²² State of Hawai'i, Department of Health (n.d.). Climate Change & Health – FAQs, <https://health.hawaii.gov/heer/climate-health-faqs/>

Hawai'i's population²³ consists of 10% Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islander, and 24.7% two or more races.²⁴ Rising temperatures are expected to worsen heart health, particularly in people of color who are more likely to work and live outdoors, and in urban neighborhoods that are hotter because of lack of green space and canopy cover.²⁵

Context for Hawai'i's LIDAC Analysis

The State of Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission's statement on climate equity urges government entities in Hawai'i to:²⁶

- "Use a vulnerability framework that is appropriate for Hawai'i, and incorporate cultural responsiveness, reflect indigenous voices and customary law practices to identify any inequitable distribution of benefits, burdens and processes caused by climate change impacts and policy; and
- Recognize and address the inequitable distribution of benefits, burdens, and processes, by incorporating equity considerations into their planning, policy development and implementation for climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience (Hawai'i Climate Change Commission, 2019)."

National-level data do not adequately characterize low income and disadvantaged communities in Hawai'i. However, to comply with the requirements of the PCAP and implementation grant, this PCAP supplements national data. Hawai'i's situation is not fully captured by the CEJST tool, nor is it captured by EPA's EJScreen IRA Disadvantaged Communities Layer. LIDACs in Hawai'i are characterized differently because of unique situations on the islands, such as skewed census block and tract data, higher electricity costs, high cost of living, infrastructure limitations due to isolated geography, multicultural and multilingual communities that do not have access to FEMA lifelines,²⁷ which include energy, transportation, water systems, health and medical services, and other essentials for resilience and adaptation to climate change stressors and shocks.²⁸

Social vulnerability describes the susceptibility of communities to the adverse impacts of pollution and encompasses a range of factors that influence a communities' ability to deal with

²³ U.S. 2020 Census (2020), Hawai'i Quick Facts, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/HI/PST045223>

²⁴ Hawai'i has the nation's largest share of multiracial Americans, see research Pew article, <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2015/06/17/hawaii-is-home-to-the-nations-largest-share-of-multiracial-americans/>

²⁵ Hassanein, N (2021, Sept 25). Climate change, heat waves affect heart health, experts say. Here's why that puts people of color at higher risk, *USA Today* <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/09/25/climate-change-heart-health-people-color-risk/8318771002/>

²⁶ State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Commission (2019). Final Statement on Climate Equity, <https://climate.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Commision-Statement-on-Climate-Equity-FINAL.pdf>

²⁷ U.S. FEMA (2023). Community Lifelines, <https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/community-lifelines>

²⁸ State of Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Hawai'i State Data Center, Research and Analysis Division (2016). Statistical Report: Detailed Languages Spoken at Home in the State of Hawai'i, https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/census/acs/Report/Detailed_Language_March2016.pdf

the negative impacts of environmental hazards closely linked to GHG emissions and associated criteria pollutants. Social indicators that influence vulnerability include income, household size, age demographics, education level, access to a vehicle, etc. Vulnerability is also influenced by community proximity to power plants, landfills/hazardous waste sites, proximity to superfund sites, proximity to traffic and major thoroughfares, and urban heat index. Vulnerability can be reduced with GHG reduction measures that also improve access to healthy food, diverse transportation options, and green space. However, quantifying impacts of pollution reduction measures is challenging in Hawai'i as there is major data inequity and national tools available to analyze the effects of air pollution mitigative actions on air quality and health benefits are lacking. For example, EPA's CO-Benefits Risk Assessment Health Impacts Screening and Mapping Tool (COBRA), is unavailable for the state. While data for many of these indicators are available nationally, Hawai'i must localize the social and climate indicators of its statewide index to understand the vulnerability of its residents more comprehensively.

As an example, specific to the Maui E kupaku ka 'āina measure, the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) illustrates the skewed outcomes and assumptions that come from lumping distinct districts (Waikapu to Kahakuloa) into a single large census tract.²⁹ In this case, losing visibility of the concentration of Native Hawaiian families in Waiehu (Hawaiian Homes and older households in Waiehu town) and weighting poverty levels to federal income standards rather than what is necessary to survive in Maui. Because of this, Waiehu is designated as "not disadvantaged," nor does the area meet any thresholds for socioeconomic or other factors, further, the risk for wildfire is not accounted for.

Identification of and Engagement with LIDACs

As the priority measures are implemented, there will be continued engagement with LIDACs to ensure that benefits are directly flowing to the intended communities. For each priority measure, benefits to LIDACs must be monitored during implementation. When possible, jobs should be filled by workers from the local community. Workforce training for skilled trades should be accessible to all potential candidates, increasing knowledge and skill sets. Tracking dollars spent in LIDACs and to the benefit of LIDACs is also necessary to ensure the intended communities are receiving maximum benefit.

Through focused outreach done by the Coalition thus far, the following recommendations have evolved:

Maximize existing solutions while also pursuing new opportunities. Most of the proven, effective decarbonization solutions need to be implemented for Hawai'i to be successful in achieving its decarbonization goals. It is critical that measures are carried out and sequenced correctly to not further burden low-income or asset-limited, income-constrained, employed

²⁹ U.S. EPA, Council on Environmental Quality (n.d.). Environmental Justice Mapping and Screening Tool, <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#9.49/20.9244/-156.5395>

(ALICE) households—in other words, most of Hawai‘i’s local working families. As a collective of public and private entities, creative solutions should be implemented, and outreach efforts combined which is particularly applicable for large projects during site selection.

Hawaiian Indigenous knowledge should help guide our energy transition. Hawaiian ancestral and indigenous knowledge should play a critical role in our pathway to net negative emissions. Consider innovation in the context of Indigenous solutions, including incentivizing implementation measures that revitalize the ahupua‘a land management system, and center Native Hawaiian voices.

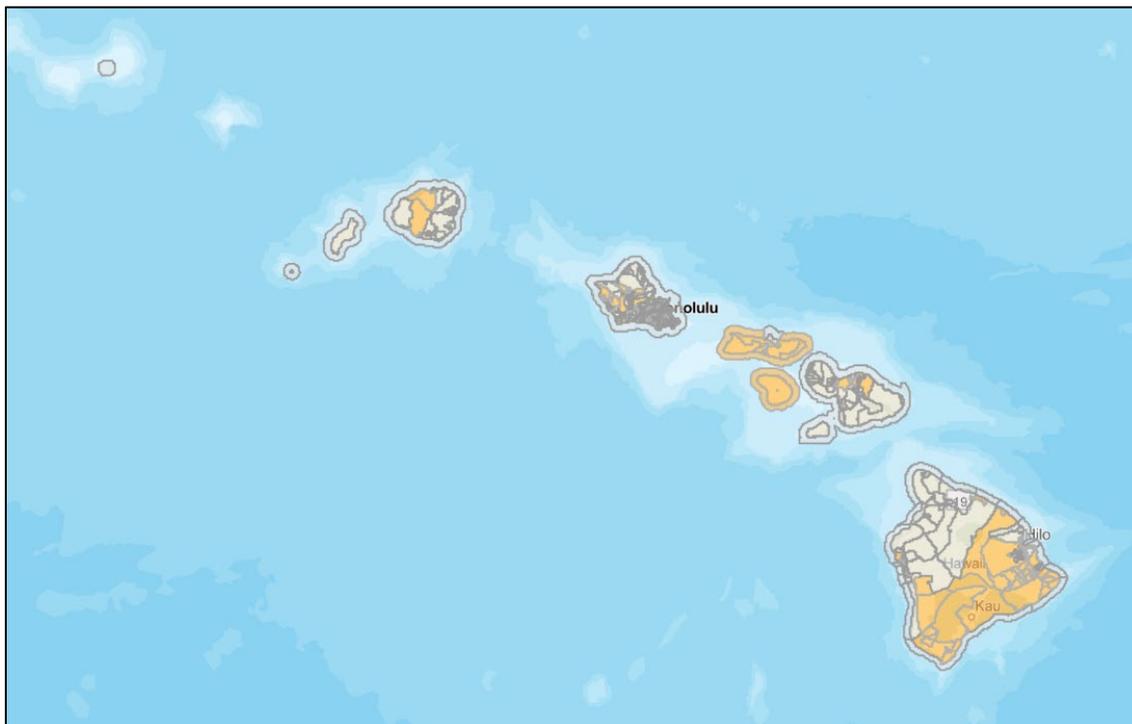
Education and community engagement are essential to successful decarbonization. The importance of building community trust cannot be overstated. Behavioral change will inevitably be a part of successful decarbonization, and while financial incentives play a role in affecting human choice, people are also driven by trusted messengers, alignment with personal values, day-to-day priorities, and more. Driving behavioral change equitably will require fundamentally reworking relationships with communities, both by the government and the private sector.

Impact of PCAP Implementation on LIDACs

Implementation of each priority measure will reduce GHG emissions, benefiting LIDAC communities. However, the geographic location of implemented measures will result in varying impacts for LIDAC communities. This PCAP relies on EPA’s EJScreen data to identify LIDAC communities, using the EPA-IRA Disadvantaged Communities Screen.³⁰ Twenty-nine percent of Hawai‘i’s block groups are designated as disadvantaged using the EPA-IRA screen. Given the challenge in identifying vulnerable populations and LIDAC communities in Hawai‘i using EPA tools, for each priority measure, we also augment the discussion of LIDAC impacts with additional context to better represent the comprehensive impact of implementing Hawai‘i’s PCAP. Figure 5 shows the block groups in Hawai‘i identified as disadvantaged using EPA’s EJScreen 2.0. A block group as defined by the U.S. Census is an area with roughly 600 to 3,000 residents. The size of block groups vary widely, as shown in Figure 5.

³⁰ U.S. EPA (n.d.). EJScreen: EPA’s Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (Version 2.2), <https://hstategis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=59eed28ea2524031b61243d9719bf961>

Figure 5: Map of EPA-IRA designated Areas Using EPA EJScreen



Skyline Connect for Rapid Transit, O’ahu, City and County of Honolulu

This transportation infrastructure measure improves the connection between the Skyline rail and bus in Honolulu. All transit routes impacted by this measure serve or pass through LIDACs with approximately 80% of the project footprint in LIDAC areas. This measure will result in job creation in LIDACs in skilled trades including construction, engineering, and electrical work. This measure improves the daily quality of life for LIDACs by reducing congestion, increasing transit convenience, and reducing travel time for riders. The Skyline Connect will reduce travel in single occupancy fossil fueled vehicles, lowering transportation costs for LIDACs. Reduced fossil fuel usage can also support positive health outcomes and reduced lifetime medical costs for vulnerable populations.

Paratransit Fleet Electrification, Hawai’i Island, County of Hawai’i

This measure replaces fossil fuel minivans with electrical vans. Eighty-five percent (85%) of established routes and pickup/drop off locations for this paratransit fleet are within EPA IRA designated areas. This measure will create jobs in LIDACs in electrical work as well as electric vehicle charging installation and vehicle maintenance. The paratransit measure also improves mobility access and convenience for vulnerable populations, reducing reliance on fossil fuel vehicles reducing GHG emissions, and improving air quality. NOx and PM 2.5 reductions in LIDACs will improve health outcomes and reduce cardiovascular and respiratory illnesses in vulnerable and low-income populations. This measure also increases climate resiliency for communities served by the paratransit fleet by increasing adaptive capacity from extreme events. Utilizing the

paratransit fleet can also improve economic resiliency by reducing spending on fossil fuels and vehicle maintenance and reducing health costs from improved health outcomes.

Expanding Honolulu's Shared Micromobility, Honolulu, Bikeshare Hawai'i

This measure builds active transportation infrastructure by creating EV mobility hubs with chargers, adding e-bikes to existing shared mobility service areas and expanding to new service territories including low-income areas and those with lower access to transit options at night. This measure expands bikeshare to Kalihi and Iwilei, one of the lowest income regions on O'ahu which is also an EPA IRA designated area. Fifty percent of this priority measure is physically installed in LIDACs. However, increased micromobility options will draw riders from surrounding communities increasing the total benefit to LIDACs.

This measure will create jobs in installation and maintenance of electric chargers, directly benefiting local economies. Increased mobility options, specifically for low income and transit underserved communities, will improve the daily quality of life for LIDACs and improve health outcomes by reducing fossil fuel combustion and encouraging active mobility. Reducing fuel costs and improving health costs from active transportation will also increase the economic resiliency of LIDACs impacted by this priority measure.

Complete Streets Infrastructure Improvements, Kaua'i, County of Kaua'i

This measure will increase walking and biking along Haleko and Kawaihau roads in Kaua'i. While the project boundaries are not within EPA IRA designated areas, the Haleko road improvements connect an EPA-IRA designated area in Lihu'e to Kaua'i's primary shopping areas improving access to retail and grocery stores for this LIDAC community which includes affordable housing, transitional housing, and a homeless shelter. This measure requires road upgrades and construction that will create jobs in construction and engineering. Given the proximity of the measure to EPA IRA designated areas, there may be workforce benefits to LIDACs. The project will reduce vehicle miles travelled through increased mobility options, promoting active mobility, and improving daily life and positive health outcomes for LICACs that utilize these road improvements.

Drainage improvements within this measure can increase climate resiliency and make communities, including nearby LIDACs, more resilient to heavy precipitation from storms. This measure will reduce fossil fuels usage and overall transportation costs for LIDACs. This measure will also reduce local air pollutants including NOx which can exacerbate existing health conditions for vulnerable populations and increase respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses. This measure has the potential to reduce health related illnesses and costs for LIDACs, even though the boundaries of the project do not fall within EPA-IRA designated areas.

Affordable Green Housing Retrofit Program, Statewide

This measure supports a comprehensive retrofit program targeting existing affordable multi-family homes. As there are income requirements for retrofit applicants and the measure is fully located in LIDAC areas. This measure will create jobs in low-income communities for skilled trades including construction, engineering, and electrical work. In addition, there will be administrative

jobs needed to operate the retrofit program. Retrofitting existing multi-family homes will improve the daily comfort of residents and insulate against heat waves which can harm human health, specifically in vulnerable and low-income communities. This measure enhances the economic resilience of LIDACs by providing improved energy efficiency and energy storage systems to reduce the load on the electric grid and reduce energy costs for residents. Increasing efficiency also has measurable co-pollutant benefits, reducing NO_x, PM 2.5, and SO₂ levels in LIDACs resulting in improved health outcomes for humans and sensitive ecosystems and waterways.

Green Building Improvements Pearl City Library, O'ahu, Hawai'i State Library System

This measure will implement green building design features including envelope upgrades and highly efficient lighting at the Pearl City Public Library (PCLP) located in a LIDAC. The PCLP is a key community resource and provides essential services to families participating in local public housing programs. This measure will reduce costs to the PCLP and expand the library's services to include climate education services for visitors, improving the library's ability to meet the community's needs. Retrofitting PCLP will create construction and installation jobs and additional service offerings may require additional library staff. Retrofitting the library will improve the comfort of visitors and reducing reliance on fossil fuels improves air quality and supports positive health outcomes. This is of specific importance at the PCLP given its proximity to a fossil fuel fired power plant. This measure will enhance the climate and economic resilience of the community as lower energy costs can free up budget for additional community offerings.

Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Kaua'i County, County of Kaua'i

This measure upgrades energy efficiency in three types of County facilities, The Lihu'e Civic Center, fire stations, and neighborhood centers. At least 50% of retrofitted county facilities will be located in EPA-IRA designated areas and with the benefits directly impacting LIDACs. Energy efficiency upgrades can include lighting upgrades, hot water heater and air conditioning upgrades, and appliance upgrades. This measure will generate jobs in the local LIDAC communities in installation and retrograde updates and improve the quality of life for community members by improving local amenities. The measures will result in reductions in NO_x, PM 2.5, and SO₂ through reduced reliance on fossil fuels improving health outcomes for LIDAC residents. Retrofits installed under this priority measure protect County buildings from extreme weather and heat waves, improving climate resiliency and reducing energy bills which can be redirected to other programs benefitting the local community.

Decentralized Compost Network for Hawai'i, Statewide, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i

This measure will expand the production, distribution, and application of compost on the island of Hawai'i through a network of decentralized, community-based compost facilities. While locations have yet to be chosen for the compost sites, HSEO is committed to ensure that at least 40% of the sites and the benefits associated with the project are in LIDACs. This measure will create jobs in agriculture and waste management and will improve water quality and climate resiliency by improving land productivity and strengthening soil through compost application reducing mineral and pollution run off. This measure will also reduce the amount of materials deposited in Hawai'i's landfills. The two landfills on the island of Hawai'i are adjacent to LIDACs

and reducing the amount of material going to landfills will improve the daily quality of life in communities by improving odors, reducing truck traffic, and improving air quality.

Cardboard and Composting Waste Diversion Center, Hawai'i Island, Recycle Hawai'i

This measure diverts cardboard and food waste from local businesses for reuse and repurposing as recycled and repurposed goods and products promoting local cultural activities while reducing GHG emissions and reducing landfill waste. This diversion center is in Hilo, which is an EPA-IRA designated area. The project would benefit the LIDAC community directly through an increase in jobs in agricultural and waste management and providing materials for the creation of goods that promote local culture. Hilo is located four (4) miles from the East Hawai'i Reload Facility and the surrounding community will benefit from diverted landfill waste, reduced truck trips and improved air quality, and reduced methane emissions and odors. This measure also increases the economic resilience of the community by increasing jobs for local community members and artists by providing access to low cost recycled and recovered goods.

Reusable Foodware, Hawai'i Island, County of Hawai'i

This measure will expand an existing community-driven project to implement a scalable reuse and refill program for food and beverage packaging in Hawai'i county. Over 30% of this measure's benefits are anticipated to directly benefit LIDACs. This measure will create jobs in the service and waste industries and reduce reliance on single use food packing, reducing land fill waste. This measure will reduce the cost of producing food by eliminating the cost of single use containers, creating cost savings in the production and packaging of food. Diverting waste from landfills will positively impact nearby communities. On the island of Hawai'i, one of the two established landfills is directly next to LIDACs.

Compost and Containers, Maui, County of Maui

This waste management measure will enhance sustainable practices in Maui schools including installation of dishwashers and mobile washing stations to reduce reliance on single use materials. While specific school locations have not yet been chosen, HSEO is committed to ensuring that at least 40% of the school sites and the benefits associated with the measure are in LIDACs. This measure will also have an educational component, teaching students about waste systems and environmental issues. This waste management measure will create jobs in the service and waste industries that will benefit LIDACs. In addition, the measure will divert single-use materials from landfills. 3 out of 4 landfills in Maui County are located in LIDACs, therefore waste diversion, irrespective of its source, will improve the daily quality of life for LIDACs near landfills. Eliminating single use materials can also reduce food production costs, saving the school district money that can be repurposed for other beneficial uses.

Transfer Station Life Extension for Waste Diversion, O'ahu, Re-Use Hawai'i

This measure extends the O'ahu Island Transfer State Reusable Material Collection Site which diverts materials from landfills. O'ahu's landfills are scheduled to close in 2028 with no proposed alternative. This makes waste diversion critical to improving life on the island. While the transfer station is not located in a LIDAC, the landfill receiving its waste is in a LIDAC near indigenous communities. Diversion of waste through this measure benefits the LIDAC community of West

O'ahu by reducing truck traffic, odors, and methane emissions. The measure also provides access to reusable materials for construction which can lower overall costs for construction, specifically housing costs.

Integrating Waste and Land Management Systems, Hawai'i Island, University of Hawai'i

This measure integrates waste and land management systems to reduce GHG emissions through on-site composting and generation of soil carbon amendments. This project is located at OK Farms which is within an EPA-IRA designated area with benefits accruing to the local community and ecosystem. This measure diverts waste from landfills reducing truck trips and transportation fuels and creates jobs in the agriculture and waste sectors in LIDACs. The measure improves soil health through application of compost and soil amendments including biochar, increasing water retention and land productivity, enhancing overall climate resiliency. The measure benefits the local ecosystem by reducing the use of synthetic pesticides and water usage. It enhances local economic resiliency by developing new soil amendment products that create a new market and revenue source for the community.

Maui Million Trees, Maui, County of Maui

This measure will plant a total of one million native trees and plants to preserve and restore critical forest ecosystems in Maui Nui, with 400,000 trees planted by 2030. While the specific locations for planting have not yet been chosen, HSEO is committed to ensure that at least 40% of the trees planted and benefits associated with the measure are in LIDACs. Native trees reduce GHG emissions and mitigate flood and wildfire events improving safety and enhancing climate resiliency of communities. This measure will create agricultural jobs and increase the soil moisture which can mitigate strains on local water resources. These benefits will accrue to LIDACs in proportion to the investment in those communities.

Maui Biochar, Maui, County of Maui

This measure will produce biochar through pyrolysis of dead and dying invasive tree species. Biochar is applied to the soil, sequestering carbon and improving soil health. While specific areas have not yet been identified for the biochar production, at least 40% of production will be in LIDACs. Biochar production will create jobs in agriculture and improve water quality and climate resiliency by improving soil health and absorption, reducing runoff and use of pesticides. This measure will also increase ecosystem health by removing invasive species and repurposing them as a soil additive. Biochar application can improve land productivity which can reduce production costs and support the agricultural industry.

Reforestation for Carbon Removal and Sequestration, Maui, E kupaku ka 'āina

This measure will reforest degraded lands near the Waiehu Kou Hawaiian Homes subdivision. While the project is not located in a LIDAC it is downstream and within the same traditional land management area (similar to a watershed) as culturally sensitive areas and LIDACs. In addition, this measure will increase the availability of culturally important foods in communities through the increased native plants. The measure will create jobs in agriculture and will improve soil health and land productivity which can reduce food costs and food insecurity in LIDAC

communities. Reforestation can also reduce wildfire risk, providing health and ecosystem benefits.

Energy for State and County Buildings, Statewide, Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority

This measure will deploy renewable energy and storage systems for local government buildings to reduce energy costs, supply clean energy, and provide resilience in case of an electric grid outage. The specific locations have not yet been identified, but government buildings in LIDAC will be prioritized. This measure will create jobs in installation and maintenance of renewable energy and storage systems, providing economic benefit to local communities. Reduced energy consumption can improve health outcomes by reducing reliance on fossil fuels associated with poor health outcomes. Reduced energy usage and resilience to grid outages also reduces energy expenditures, freeing funds to be used for other governmental purposes.

Review of Authority to Implement

The Hawai'i Coalition has reviewed existing statutory and regulatory authority to implement each priority measure continued in this PCAP. All measures are implementable under existing statutes and/or county ordinances. Projects are either located in the public rights-of-way, on public land, or on private lands with the consent of the landowner. Some projects may require environmental reviews and/or ministerial permits. For any priority measure where these reviews and permits must still be obtained, this section contains a summary of actions needed by proposers/project implementers for obtaining any authority needed.

As the lead applicant for the Coalition, the HSEO has key authorities which enable the HSEO to support these decarbonization initiatives: these include statutory duties as established under HRS 196-72. Specifically, HRS [§196-72] (b)(5) "Identify market gaps and innovation opportunities, collaborate with stakeholders, and facilitate public-private partnerships to develop projects, programs, and tools to encourage private and public exploration, research, and development of energy resources, distributed energy resources, and data analytics that will support the State's energy and decarbonization goals; (14) Support economic development and innovation initiatives related to and resulting from the State's renewable energy and distributed energy resources experience, capabilities, and data analyses; (15) Facilitate the efficient, expedited permitting of energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean transportation, and energy resiliency projects by: (A) Coordinating and aligning state and county departments and agencies to support, expedite, and remove barriers to deployment of energy initiatives and projects; and (B) Identify and evaluate conflicting or onerous policies and rules that unreasonably impede project development and deployment and propose regulatory, legislative, administrative, or other solutions to applicable stakeholders."

Table 2, found on page 11, identifies the implementing entity and authorizing agency/agencies for each measure.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 1.**Skyline Connect for Rapid Transit, O’ahu, City and County of Honolulu**

The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has the authority to implement roadway design changes on its facilities and will work with HDOT to directly implement the approved and developed designs and secure rights-of-entry for City contractors. The ability to deploy zero-emission bus service to connect to Skyline is encouraged in Revised Ordinances of Honolulu Chapter 15, Section 6.8: "The director shall consider using zero-emissions buses to service routes with at least one bus stop at or within 100 yards of a Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project rail station or a multi-modal transit center." All required permits and regulatory approvals as well as public outreach will be secured during the initial project design phase. Adequate time has been included in the project schedule to allow for design iteration through the City's One-Time Review process.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 2.**Paratransit Fleet Electrification, Hawai’i Island, County of Hawai’i**

The County of Hawai’i Mass Transit Agency is authorized under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide paratransit services and is guided by Hawai’i County Code Chapter 18, Section 18-94 through 18-97 for Paratransit service. The Hawai’i County MTA currently has the authority to implement this project. The Agency’s operations include the management and routine procurement of the Hawai’i County public transit vehicle fleets.

This project is in a strong position to be conducted in a timely fashion with few disruptions. No permits are required, and regulatory approval will be in full compliance with all vehicle registration and safety standards for the new fleet set forth in Chapter 24 of the Hawai’i County Code and Title 17 of the Hawai’i Revised Statutes. Other regulatory requirements surrounding the procurement of vehicles will be in full compliance with the State Procurement Code and HRS Chapter 103F.

The ADA of 1990 (P.L. 101-336) prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in transportation services offered by public entities under Title II of the ADA and private entities under Title III of the ADA. This prohibition applies regardless of whether an entity receives Federal funding, and it extends to “fixed-route” and “demand-responsive” transportation services.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 3.**Expanding Honolulu’s Shared Micromobility, Honolulu, Bikeshare Hawai’i**

The proposing entity has current authority to carry out the measures proposed as covered in its operations and service contract with the City and County of Honolulu. New station locations and geographic areas will be added to the entity’s semi-annual traffic engineering review and street use permitting process.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 4.

Complete Streets Infrastructure Improvements, Kauaʻi, County of Kauaʻi

County of Kauaʻi passed a Complete Streets Resolution in 2010 (resolution 2010-48) to incorporate Complete Streets principles into all roadway projects.³¹ In 2009, the Hawaiʻi legislature amended state statutes to require the Hawaiʻi Department of Transportation (HDOT) and Hawaii’s four county transportation departments to adopt complete streets policies that accommodate all users of the roadways, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists and persons of all ages and abilities.³²

The projects will involve the County of Kauaʻi’s Public Works Department, Planning Department, Transportation Agency, and Office of Economic Development.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 5.

Affordable Green Housing Retrofit Program, statewide, City and County of Honolulu (proposer) and HSEO (implementer)

§HRS 196-71 outlines the jurisdiction of the Hawaiʻi State Energy Office (HSEO) , which will be taking the lead for this measure proposed by the City and County of Honolulu.

According to HRS 196-71:

“[t]he purpose of the Hawaii state energy office shall be to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a resilient clean energy economy. In addition, the HSEO is tasked to “[l]ead efforts to incorporate energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy resiliency, and clean transportation to reduce costs and achieve clean energy goals across all public facilities; Provide renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy resiliency, and clean transportation project deployment facilitation to assist private sector project completion when aligned with state energy goals; and Engage the private sector to help lead efforts to achieve renewable energy and clean transportation goals through the Hawaii clean energy initiative.”

Additionally, §HRS 196-72 enables the Chief Energy officer of the HSEO to “[d]evelop and recommend programs for, and assist public agencies in the implementation of, energy assurance and energy resilience” and “[c]ontract for services when required for the implementation [...]” of projects.

³¹ County of Kauaʻi (2010). Resolution No. 210-48, Draft 1: A Resolution Establishing Complete Streets Policy for the County of Kauaʻi, <https://health.hawaii.gov/physical-activity-nutrition/files/2013/08/Kauai-County-Resolution-2010-48.pdf>

³² UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (2013). Healthy Hawaii Initiative, Hawaii Department of Health University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii Complete Streets Policy, https://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/state-local-programs/pdf/hawaii_cs_template.pdf

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 6.

Green Building Improvements Pearl City Library, O’ahu, Hawai’i State Library System³³

Act 239 (SLH 2022), Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, added two new sections to part II which provide the authority for the HSL to implement this project:

“§196- Energy efficiency implementation for state facilities. (a) State facilities shall implement cost-effective energy efficiency measures, and under §107-27, “Design of state buildings. (a) No later than one year after the adoption of codes or standards pursuant to section 107-24(c), the design of all state building construction shall be in compliance with the Hawaii state building codes [...]”

The State Library System is an independent State agency that reports directly to the Board of Education, accordingly, HSPLS is required to follow DAGS’s State Building Code.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 7.

Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Kaua’i County, County of Kaua’i

Permits will need to be obtained by the County of Kaua’i’s Building Division, according to permit guidelines that adhere to § HRS Chapter 444 and Chapter 464. The projects will involve the County of Kaua’i’s Public Works Department, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Office of Economic Development.

Authority to Implement Priority measure 8.

Decentralized Compost Network for Hawai’i, Statewide, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai’i

The Hawai’i Department of Health’s Office of Solid Waste offers permits for green waste composting facilities. The proposer is prepared to abide by Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11 DOH Chapter 58.1 Solid Waste Management Control Subchapter 4 (§11-58.1-41) to obtain permit approvals.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 9.

Cardboard and Compost Waste Diversion Center, Hawai’i Island, Recycle Hawai’i

The proposer is prepared to abide by Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11 DOH Chapter 58.1 Solid Waste Management Control Subchapter 4 (§11-58.1-41) to obtain permit approvals.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 10.

Reusable Foodware, Hawai’i Island, County of Hawai’i

The County of Hawai’i Department of Environmental Management has authority to implement a reusable food ware program under its Administrative Rule 2-10 Relating to Polystyrene Foam Food Container and Food Service Ware Reduction.³⁴ In addition, in December 2007, the County

³⁴ County of Hawai’i Department of Environmental Management (2023). Rules of Practice and Procedure, <https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/1/edoc/122975/23-04-19%20Env%20Mgt%20Rules%20of%20Practice%20and%20Procedure%20-%20Final.pdf>

Council adopted Resolution 356-07 to “embrace and adopt the principles of zero waste as a long-term goal for Hawai‘i County.”³⁵

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 11.

Compost and Containers, Maui, County of Maui

The proposer is prepared to abide by Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11 DOH Chapter 58.1 Solid Waste Management Control Subchapter 4 (§11-58.1-41) to obtain permit approvals.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 12.

Transfer Station Life Extension for Waste Diversion, O‘ahu, Re-Use Hawai‘i

The proposer already has a working site and is prepared to abide by Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11 DOH Chapter 58.1 Solid Waste Management Control Subchapter 4 (§11-58.1-41) to extend any permit approvals necessary.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 13.

Decarbonizing Waste Streams, Hawai‘i Island, University of Hawai‘i

To implement the Hawai‘i Island system, the University will need to abide by Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11 DOH Chapter 58.1 Solid Waste Management Control Subchapter 4 (§11-58.1-41) and obtain appropriate permit approvals.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 14.

Million Trees, Maui, County of Maui

Actions will be taken on state, county and private lands and implemented through the Pu‘u Kukui Watershed Preserve Partnership. Tree planting is not a regulated activity within state or county ordinances. The proposer is prepared to obtain any permits necessary under DLNR’s Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands’ Conservation District lands which is regulated by HAR Title 13 Chapter 5 and HRS Chapter 183C.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 15.

Maui Biochar, Maui, County of Maui

The proposer is prepared to abide by Maui County Department of Environmental Management’s rules as well as Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 11 DOH Chapter 58.1 Solid Waste Management Control Subchapter 4 (§11-58.1-41) to obtain permit approvals.

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 16.

Reforestation for Carbon Removal and Sequestration, Maui, E kupaku ka āina

Actions will be taken on private land. The landowner has granted access and authorized actions on their land.

³⁵ County of Hawai‘i (2019). Integrated Waste Solid Waste Management Plan Update, https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/1/edoc/120882/County_of_Hawaii_Integrated_Solid_Waste_Management_Plan_2019_Update_Final.pdf

Authority to Implement Priority Measure 17.

Energy for State and County Buildings, Statewide, Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority

The HGIA was established by HRS §196-63 as an instrumentality of the State. The functions, powers, and duties of HGIA are defined in HRS §196-64, which states (a) In the performance of, and with respect to the functions, powers, and duties vested in the authority by this part, the authority, as directed by the director and in accordance with a green infrastructure loan program order or orders under section HRS §269-171 or an annual plan submitted by the authority pursuant to this section, as approved by the commission for the green infrastructure loan program, may: (1) Make loans and expend funds to finance the purchase or installation of green infrastructure equipment for clean energy technology, demand response technology, and energy use reduction and demand side management infrastructure, programs, and services; (4) Enter into contracts for the service of consultants for rendering professional and technical assistance and advice, and any other contracts that are necessary and proper for the implementation of the loan program; and (5) Enter into contracts for the administration of the loan program, without the necessity of complying with HRS chapter 103D.

Intersection with Other Funding Availability

Many of the priority measures included in this PCAP expand upon or complement existing programs. CCMAC has explored federal and non-federal funding sources to determine whether these sources could fund each priority measure and whether such funding is sufficient to fully implement the measure. This section describes the results of this analysis for each priority measure.

Short Description of Measures and Funding Need

Priority Measure 1. Skyline Connect for Rapid Transit, O'ahu, City and County of Honolulu.

A transportation infrastructure project to improve the connection between Skyline and TheBus on O'ahu. These infrastructure improvements will make transit quicker, more reliable, and contribute to the attractiveness of taking transit on O'ahu.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$11,000,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$11,000,000 .

List of Funding Stream: The City will rely on a combination of City general operating funds and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 program formula funds. Previously awarded and potential future discretionary funding to fund operations of the new transit services in addition to adding new vehicles to grow the existing zero-emission bus fleet. Additional congressionally directed spending and discretionary grants are already dedicated to fortifying bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in significant corridors parallel to the proposed routes using these TPLs. They include a 30-mile South Shore Bike Path spanning between West O'ahu in Nānākuli and UH Mānoa/Waikīkī in Honolulu and a "Safe Streets for All" planning grant to improve pedestrian safety along heavy-use transit corridors experiencing high crash and injury incidents.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: Unlike other City transportation projects, the transit lane construction is not eligible for City Capital Improvement Project bond funding since construction efforts are primarily signage, striping, and painting. Therefore, the establishment of bus lanes competes with the same budget monies that fund actual transit operations. It is difficult to justify a reduction in transit system services to establish and prioritize longer-term transit lanes, and the CPRG grant monies fill this need.

Priority Measure 2. Paratransit Fleet Electrification, Hawai'i Island, County of Hawai'i.

Replace 7 gasoline-fueled minivans used for the County's paratransit services with twelve (12) 2021 Demo Sunset Vans.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$7,335,393 (total); share requested from CPRG: 4,000,000.

List of Funding Stream: The Department of Research and Development applied to the Department of Transportation Charging, Fueling, and Infrastructure (CFI) Grant in May 2023 to fund \$3,970,672 for transportation infrastructure, with the County committing to a 20% match of \$992,668 through service usage fees. This application includes (5) additional CDL drivers and (1) a Road Supervisor position with fringe benefits, which would increase funding by \$2,312,190. The anticipated announcement date for the CFI Grant may impact the total amount of CPRG funds requested.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: The Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency does not have the capital improvement plan funds available to fund this project, and there is no planned allocation of County funds for this project.

Priority Measure 3. Expanding Honolulu's Shared Micromobility, Honolulu, Bikeshare Hawai'i.

To build and upgrade to new infrastructure by creating new e-bike and EV mobility hubs with chargers; and to facilitate shared micro-mobility that allows both new service type such as e-bikes in an existing service area and an expansion into new areas, especially lower income areas and those with less transit access late at night. Project will involve the addition of 221 e-bikes and 195 eDocks for charging the bicycles. eDocks also have compatibility to charge EVs.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$3,000,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$3,000,000.

List of Funding Stream: The following are the funding sources the applicant has applied for, has secured, and/or will secure to implement the GHG reduction measures:

- 2016: \$5 million (Secure) for system start (Secure) 1000 conventional bikes + 100 stations.
- 2017: \$2.7 million (private donations to match TAP funds) for system expansion 288 bikes + 36 stations.
- 2023 – 2021: \$75,000 (HEI) for fleet electrification planning.
- 2024: \$500,000 (DTS C&C) pending proposed annual capital funding for existing service area.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: The proposal demonstrates a strong need for EPA CPRG implementation funding due to the very limited/ non-existing programmatic funds open to direct support of bikeshare operations and fleet electrification compared to funds that support public transit (capital and operations) and EV chargers for cars (hardware and installation). For example, the FTA currently does not define bikeshare as a form of public transit even though it performs this function and is defined as such in other countries. The existing Bikeshare system is now seven years old and much of the original hardware (station kiosks and bikes) will need to be replaced. These costs are much higher for fleet electrification: the cost to add e-bikes and the cost to electrify stations for recharging is between \$10,000 to \$100,000 per station versus \$5,000 for a conventional station installation. While Bikeshare's existing revenue collection fully covers operations, maintenance, and insurance but not fleet electrification or expansion, and though this revenue collection is better than conventional public transit (3% to approximately 23% fare box return), it is similar in its need for support in capital investment and extending service to low-income areas.

Priority Measure 4. Complete Streets Infrastructure Improvements, Kaua'i, County of Kauai.

To implement infrastructure improvements that are expected to significantly reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips and encourage walking, biking, and transit ridership, and so, reduce GHGs and increase co-benefits.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$6,000,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$5,000,000.

List of Funding Stream: \$1,000,000 secured from the Hawai'i State Transportation Improvement Program.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: The amount requested aligns with other County roadway projects that include sidewalk construction and improvements, bike paths, and traffic calming measures. The amount requested is only for construction of greenhouse gas reduction measures and not the project's entirety.

Priority Measure 5. Affordable Green Housing Retrofit Program, statewide, City and County of Honolulu (proposer) and HSEO (implementer).

To create a comprehensive building retrofit program targeting existing affordable multi-family homes and provide it funding for its first five years of operation.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$30,200,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$7,550,000.

List of funding stream: City FY '23 operating funds: \$450,000 utilized to contract with program design consultant VEIC for Phase I, Program Design.

- Public Benefits Fund annual energy efficiency program funding as applicable (percentage of energy bills) .

- Hawai'i State Energy Office: IRA HOMES and HEAR funding (use is broader than, but inclusive of, retrofit program) Hawai'i is one of four states who has applied early for this funding.
- Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority: Solar for All funding to provide revolving funds to projects for rooftop solar projects completed as part of deep energy retrofits (use is broader than, but inclusive of, retrofit program)
- FEMA BRIC funding may be available for battery storage systems to provide backup power in buildings with more vulnerable populations such as elderly housing.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: There is a significant amount of federal funding available for building energy retrofits today. However, building managers in the target segment have severe limits on their available time, and lack the expertise to navigate these types of projects. Without robust and well-planned efforts to identify, market to, and provide technical and financial assistance to low income building owners for comprehensive retrofits, these federal dollars are unlikely to reach older under-resourced multi-unit properties. In anticipation of this need, the City was able to fund the retrofit program design with general operating funds but does not have the resources to fund program implementation. The Inflation Reduction Act funding is essential for the success of this program. However, most IRA funding is needed to be applied towards specific measures or project types, whether it be appliances, solar systems, building level retrofits, rewiring, or EV chargers.

Priority Measure 6. Green Building Improvements Pearl City Library, O'ahu, Hawai'i State Library System.

To implement several green building design measures including PV + BESS, envelope upgrades, highly efficient HVAC systems, & refrigerant management measures for the PCPL Renovation and Community Library Learning Center (CLLC) project to significantly reduce the existing and new buildings' overall lifetime emissions.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$3,310,000 (total) share requested from CPRG: \$3,310,000.

List of Funding Stream: HSPLS has previously secured \$26 million from the State of Hawai'i for this project.

Associated workforce development: The new CLLC is intended to support various community uses including early learning programs, childcare, library programs, kupuna (honored elder) classes, and a flexible meeting space. Additional workforce development and training is necessary for this project.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because The most recent 80% project plan costs estimate for the PCPL project showed that the estimated cost for the project currently stands at \$34.7 million (includes project costs + construction management fees). HSPLS has previously secured \$26 million from the State of Hawai'i for this project and seeks to secure additional funds from CPRG.

Priority Measure 7. Energy Efficiency Upgrades, Kaua'i County, County of Kaua'i.

To upgrade energy efficiency in three groups of County facilities: The Līhu'e Civic Center, fire stations, and neighborhood centers. This includes exploring interior and exterior lighting and fixture upgrades to LED, film window treatments, refrigeration and other appliance upgrades, hot water heaters, air conditioning in small facilities, and more improvements based on recommendations from a forthcoming audit.

Funding needed to implement the measure: Share requested from CPRG: \$1,000,000

List of Funding Stream: Actions are currently not being taken as the County of Kaua'i currently has no funding available to conduct the actions.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: Kaua'i County does not have the capital improvement plan funds available to fund this project, and there is no planned allocation of County funds for this project, CPRG funding is critical to initiate these programs.

Priority Measure 8. Decentralized Compost Network for Hawai'i, Statewide, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i.

To expand the production, distribution, and application of compost within the islands of Hawai'i by building a decentralized, community-based compost network with in-vessel composting machines at the heart of the operations.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$4,040,000 Share requested from CPRG: \$2,485,000

List of Funding Stream: Through matching funds and in-kind contributions, SCH will bring \$1.5 million towards the project (including in-kind). SCH has a history of successful fundraising from various family foundations, and partners. While they were not awarded a USDA Fertilizer Expansion grant in 2023, they continue to seek out similar federal funds. In collaboration with Compost Kauai, the County of Kauai awarded a \$48,000 start-up grant in 2023 to cover the cost of permitting and infrastructure in East Kaua'i to be ready for an additional machine. Kokua Hawai'i Foundation and Sustainable Molokai have also secured portions of the startup funds to build on the network.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: SCH has successfully funded the first composting machine in Hawai'i, and a grant of this size (\$2.48 million) will provide a more cohesive approach to network expansion by bringing online multiple machines in unison while providing training and management to move the project towards a future of self-sufficiency.

Priority Measure 9. Cardboard and Compost Waste Diversion Center, Hawai'i Island, Recycle Hawai'i .

To divert cardboard and food waste from local businesses into a communal center where discarded materials are recycled and converted into valuable resources and put back into the economy to build wealth, prevent landfill methane generation, and significantly reduce Scope 3 GHG emissions.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$500,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$500,000

List of Funding Stream: Funding for large-scale, climate-smart sustainable materials management projects in the Hilo community has been ongoing for the past year through community partnerships. Although this collaborative proposal was well received by the Bezos Earth Fund and advanced to the final stages of approval, an ultimate decision has been on hold since BEF chose to donate \$100M to Maui wildfire recovery efforts. Since the Maui tragedy, Hawai'i nonprofits find themselves in a severely constricted funding environment which makes support from out-of-state sources sorely needed.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: EPA support for this project addresses the challenge faced by Hawai'i's environmental and social justice nonprofits at a time when non-profits are finding it difficult to garner sufficient funding.

Priority Measure 10. Reusable Foodware, Hawai'i Island, County of Hawai'i.

Support and expand an existing funded project currently in the community-driven design stage to implement a scalable reuse and refill program for food and beverage packaging for the eastside of Hawai'i County. The project includes collection, washing, and logistics infrastructure to support the circulation of reusable items.

Funding needed to implement the measure: Total \$4,640,000, share requested from CPRG: \$2,057,188

List of Funding Stream: Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and non-profits Perpetual have secured funding to support their staff and Zero Waste Hawaii staff through the end of 2024 as well as to compensate partners' work on a parametric Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) model that will be customized for Hilo and will include geospatial modeling and routing optimization for the project. Additionally, this project has secured two EPA grants that will fund infrastructure equipment, supplies and technical assistance:

- EPA's Solid Waste Recycling Infrastructure Grant: \$1.5 million awarded to County of Hawai'i to support basic infrastructure (transport vehicles, return bins, dishwasher, and tracking technology) for the reusable foodware program.
- EPA's Pollution Prevention (P2) Grants: Environmental Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products: \$622,000 awarded to UH Sea Grant will fund technical assistance and equipment for local businesses, schools, and community organizations that provide meals, to enable them to make the transition to the reuse system.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary: To enhance the success of the current project and increase its scope and GHG reduction potential.

Priority Measure 11. Compost and Containers, Maui, County of Maui.

Waste management initiative to enhance sustainable practices in Maui schools.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$500,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$500,000.

List of Funding Stream: The Office of Economic Development is poised to apply for multiple initiatives that collectively appeal for more than an estimated \$15 million in new projects to benefit the economy, environment, and quality of life throughout Maui Nui.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary: Federal and state funding is vitally needed for the proposed Maui Nui Climate Pollution Reduction Program. Maui County's economy has been severely impacted by the devastating wildfires that struck Lahaina and Upcountry, Maui on August 8, 2023. The Economic Research Organization at the University of Hawaii (UHERO) has reported severe economic disruptions, with an initial 75 percent drop in visitor arrivals and a staggering \$13 million per day decline in visitor spending in the weeks following the fires.

Priority Measure 12. Transfer Station Life Extension for Waste Diversion, O'ahu, Re-Use Hawai'i

To extend the O'ahu Island Transfer Station Reusable Material Collection Site project by 10 months. O'ahu's landfills are slated to close in 2028; no new landfill site has been identified, and no plans are in place. The major landfills are located adjacent to Hawaiian Homelands, exhibiting an environmental justice issue in which waste diversion can help to alleviate.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$140,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$140,000.

List of Funding Stream: Re-use Hawai'i has begun the technical aspects of applying for the EPA Environmental Justice Change grant. They are actively working with partners and stakeholders to complete the application by March, with an expected announcement in July 2024.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: The project is a proof of concept to exhibit training, workforce development, and environmental stewardship. It is expected that the first phase will inspire other Hawai'i municipalities to adopt the resource recovery functions.

Priority Measure 13. Integrating Waste and Land Management Systems, Hawai'i Island, University of Hawai'i

Integrate waste and land management systems to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through nutrient recapture and generation of soil C amendments using a Circular Economy (CE) approach on Hawai'i Island, integrating 'āina stewards, local meat processors and agricultural producers.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$4,000,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$4,000,000.

List of Funding Stream: Other opportunities to fund this implementation of circular economies have been explored, but not secured. Originally, this project was proposed for the Hawai'i Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities (HiCSC) but removed during re-budgeting. However, a final budget of \$40M was secured through HiCSC, which can complement and leverage funding to maximize benefits. As producers implement climate-smart agricultural practices through HiCSC, there is an increased demand for C soil amendments. By producing sustainable C soil amendments production pathways, barriers to adopting climate-smart practices are dissolved. Additionally, localized production decreases the reliance imports and biosecurity risks associated with the transfer of materials between counties and out-of-state.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: this proposal implements an ambitious system that will achieve significant GHG reductions, by 2030 and beyond. This project pursues measures that will achieve substantial community benefits such as increases in local food security, food system sustainability, and ecosystem health. A critical deliverable will be to assess scalability of this circular economic system to decarbonize waste streams to inspire future decarbonizing projects through availability of decision metrics, thereby closing a knowledge gap.

Priority Measure 14. Million Trees, Maui, County of Maui

To plant 1 million native trees and plants to preserve and restore critical forest ecosystems in Maui Nui (Phase 1) and foster a new generation of land stewards.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$2,000,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$2,000,000.

List of Funding Stream: The Office of Economic Development is poised to apply for multiple initiatives that collectively appeal for more than an estimated \$15 million in new projects to benefit the economy, environment, and quality of life throughout Maui Nui.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary: Federal and state funding is vitally needed for the proposed Maui Nui Climate Pollution Reduction Program. Maui County's economy has been severely impacted by the aftermath of the devastating wildfires that struck Lahaina and Upcountry, Maui on August 8, 2023. The Economic Research Organization at the University of Hawaii (UHERO) has reported severe economic disruptions, with an initial 75 percent drop in visitor arrivals and a staggering \$13 million per day decline in visitor spending in the weeks following the fires.

Priority Measure 15. Maui Biochar, Maui, County of Maui

Produce biochar through pyrolysis of dead or dying invasive tree species, which may be used to improve soil.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$940,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$940,000.

List of Funding Stream: The Office of Economic Development is poised to apply for multiple initiatives that collectively appeal for more than an estimated \$15 million in new projects to benefit the economy, environment, and quality of life throughout Maui Nui.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary: Federal and state funding is vitally needed for the proposed Maui Nui Climate Pollution Reduction Program. Maui County's economy has been severely impacted by the aftermath of the devastating wildfires that struck Lahaina and Upcountry, Maui on August 8, 2023. The Economic Research Organization at the University of Hawaii (UHERO) has reported severe economic disruptions, with an initial 75 percent drop in visitor arrivals and a staggering \$13 million per day decline in visitor spending in the weeks following the fires.

Priority Measure 16. Reforestation for Carbon Removal and Sequestration, Maui, E kūpaku ka ‘āina.

To reforest degraded lands adjacent to the Waiehu Kou Hawaiian Homes subdivision and reduce wildfire risk and increase community resilience.

Funding needed to implement the measure: \$3,150,000 (total); share requested from CPRG: \$2,430,000.

List of Funding Stream: ALGH LLC is not a large corporate entity, but a local partnership with a vision for a better future for Waiehu. Together, they have contributed substantial resources (equipment, manhours) towards chipping albizia for erosion control materials for the Lahaina and Kula burn areas since September 2023. Beginning in 2024, a partnership with the State and County, FEMA, USACE and the Lahaina Jodo Mission will implement bioremediation of toxic ash/soils in Lahaina. That project covers inoculating and installing the mycorrhizae-albizia soil cover but not the costs of steady production of base material (equipment and supplies for felling, bucking and chipping albizia) necessary to meet bioremediation needs.

Associated workforce development: This project will create five full time jobs and one contract position hired from within Maui and likely to continue beyond the life of the project.

Additional implementation grant dollars are necessary because: As a nonprofit, E kūpaku ka ‘āina (EKKA) is funded by grants attached to specific projects. Maui is in a time where the majority of public and private funding has rightfully been directed to the recovery of Lahaina and Kula. Funding needs remain in the rest of Maui, and this funding will assist in fulfilling those needs.

Priority Measure 17. Energy for State and County Buildings – Hawai‘i Green Infrastructure Authority, Statewide.

Funding needed to implement the measure: ~\$35,000,000 (TBD Based on Nationwide Coalition).

List of Funding Stream: This measure intends to leverage the complementary funding available through elective pay (sometimes called direct pay) of certain clean energy tax credits (\$45Y, \$48E). These tax credits only cover up to 30% of the projects contemplated under this measure, which may be insufficient for some local government buildings to achieve a return on investment through cost savings from energy bills.

The following additional funding sources were identified as available for installing solar plus storage projects but are not believed to be duplicative due to different program foci: Department of Energy “Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant”, EPA “Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund”, and Federal Emergency Management Agency “Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities.”

Associated workforce development: This will create jobs in the energy sector for solar and BESS installers. Hawai‘i State Energy Office (HSEO) has been actively promoting clean energy and skilled trades in the state through various initiatives. This includes supporting the launch of Good Jobs Hawai‘i, aimed at training hundreds of residents over three years, and leading the Clean Energy Sector Partnership.

Additional Implementation grant dollars are necessary because there is a dearth of funding bookmarked for solar and BESS systems on State Energy Buildings to allow for early adoption and use of the Direct Pay option. The CPRG provides CPRG funding to get a dedicated program started.

Workforce Planning Analysis

The State of Hawai'i is committed to establishing good paying green jobs in its response to climate change mitigation and resilience, and transition to clean energy. Departments such as the DLNR promote conservation jobs through the statute-established Green Jobs Youth Corps that trains and provides career development for conservation jobs for climate resilience including sustainability, agriculture, and environmental technology. The National Disaster Preparedness Training Center's (University of Hawai'i) Climate-Ready Workforce proposal, and other such efforts demonstrate Hawai'i's commitment to workforce development in the clean energy, resilience, and climate change fields.

The CCMAC's Climate Ready VISTA cohort through AmeriCorps, trains early career professionals to address equity and poverty issues in Hawai'i through climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. Each year, ten VISTA members work through different State and County offices on projects that engage the community, build skills, and are mentored in careers that advance a Climate Ready Hawai'i. Working with the City and County of Honolulu's VISTA program, this cohort helps expand capacity for the climate and poverty work that is central to the CCMAC's mission.

The DLNR's Green Jobs Youth Corps and Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps provide paid, career-building employment opportunities for individuals who are seeking alternative career opportunities in the green jobs sector. These programs strengthen participants' skills and add important credentials to their resumes. Through their partner, Kupu, these programs have provided over 68,000 hours of youth support annually to Hawai'i's amazing government, non-profit, and for-profit entities receive essential work and expand the capacity of our green economy.

The HSEO actively promotes clean energy and skilled trades in the state through various initiatives, including Good Jobs Hawai'i and Clean Energy Wayfinders. Good Jobs Hawai'i aims to train hundreds of residents over three years in clean energy jobs and lead the Clean Energy Sector Partnership which. As of November 2023, the Initiative has offered 75 clean energy training courses to 464 participants.

The Clean Energy Wayfinders program is in its second year, with six Wayfinders: two on O'ahu, and one each on Kaua'i, Moloka'i, Maui, and Hawai'i Island. In 2023, HSEO initiated this new professional training for the Wayfinders and with funding from the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant program. It is set to secure \$1M in federal funds in early 2024 to expand the program's capacity and scope. This includes community-based technical assistance for priority clean

energy initiatives and a growing focus on keiki (children)-to-career pathways, developing energy curricula for K-12 education, and collaborating with the Department of Education's Career and Technical Education program.

HSEO has recently submitted for USDOE funds for \$1.2 M to contract local community-based and national workforce partners to train the workforce needed to successfully install the home efficiency and retrofit technologies eligible for rebates under USDOE's Home Energy Rebates Program (Hawai'i has \$68M allocation). The goal is to train over 300 workers by 2028. HSEO also intends to apply for the Energy Auditor Training Grant to support workforce development efforts that recruit and train residential and commercial energy auditors so more buildings will be retrofitted to meet current and future energy standards.

Building a green workforce is central to helping Hawai'i achieve its climate and clean energy goals. It will also address equity, climate and economic resilience, and quality of life for the most vulnerable groups in Hawai'i.

Coordination and Outreach

The Coalition partners consisting of the CCMAC, HSEO, and the four counties conducted extensive intergovernmental coordination and outreach in the development of this PCAP, which in turn is the result of deep community involvement in the development of county-level climate action plans. This section describes the activities used to support meaningful engagement strategies to ensure comprehensive stakeholder representation in the climate action process.

Three main methods were employed in developing this PCAP and identifying priority measures for the State of Hawai'i. They are:

- 1. Establishment of Technical Working Groups, Equity Working Group, and Stakeholder Meetings.**

The CCMAC began stakeholder meetings and created an Equity Working Group which met six times between June-December 2023 to identify the best datasets to identify low income and disadvantaged communities and give feedback on the CEJST tool. The CCMAC is also in the process of hiring a Climate Justice Data Specialist who will help to visualize disadvantaged communities as identified by local data to carry out analyses specific to Hawai'i's unique cultural, geographic, and socioeconomic context.

The CCMAC convened 15 Technical Working Groups in 2023 to discuss and help develop the State's Priority and Comprehensive Climate Action Plans. The TWGs identified priorities, challenges, and next steps. These helped formulate the RFI.

The Working Groups were comprised of State and County employees, as well as University researchers, and non-profit organizations, all with expertise across various areas. An

average of 10 members in each working group met frequently to discuss additional research, barriers to implementation, suggestions of next steps around policy, projects, or recommendations. The 15 groups were:

- Decarbonization EV
- Decarbonization VMT and Land Use
- Alternative Fuels
- Decarbonization of Aviation
- Electricity and Combustion Decarbonization
- Farming, Ranching, Food System Decarbonization
- Forestry
- Decarbonization of IPPU
- Marine Transportation
- Wetlands
- Waste and Material Management
- Urban Forestry
- Community Outreach Media
- Wastewater
- Buildings Energy Efficiency

2. **Issuance of a Request for Information (RFI) to Solicit Measures for the PCAP.** The State of Hawai'i issued a Request for Information to seek interested partners for inclusion in the PCAP. Measures were solicited from the transportation, electric power, buildings, industrial, waste, water, and sustainable materials management, and agricultural sectors, and measures that enhanced carbon removal. The criteria included GHG reductions, transformative impact, demonstration of funding need, environmental impact that the measure will have, readiness of ease of implementation, cost effectiveness of the measure, impacts on LIDAC populations, a budget explaining the reasonableness of costs to implement, and the relevant experience of the partner(s).

The RFI was distributed through the networks of coalition members comprising HSEO, DLNR, all four counties, as well as through the Outreach Working Group. This RFI was also sent out to over 800 recipients of the CCMAC's monthly newsletter. Twenty responses from various governmental and non-governmental institutions were received, including state and county government, academia, and nonprofits. The selection committee ranked and selected seventeen measures according to criteria listed in the RFI. The RFI was a critical tool used to include community partners and subrecipients with implementation measures. In many cases, these community partners have active relationships in the communities they plan for their projects to be in.

3. **Public Presentations.** The CCMAC presented the PCAP process and invited participation at several public events including hosting a workshop at the Hawai'i Conservation Conference a conference with over 2,000 attendees, six CCMAC public meetings, and

made announcements at various other community, university and public engagements and forums.

Online Engagement

In addition to the three main efforts referenced above, comments and ideas were solicited through the CCMAC's website where a special page described the process and directed interested parties.³⁶

The CCMAC's website notes how it intends to further the engagement undertaken in the development of the PCAP : "The State Climate Commission is the lead on this project and will be focused on inclusivity of all interested and affected stakeholders in the process of plan development and fund disbursement. This will involve gathering input from key stakeholders and communities and transparent communication. This includes community meetings, regular digital and offline updates, and producing an accessible, one-stop hub for information for both the grant and State Climate Plans.

These plans are being developed in conjunction with the Hawai'i State Energy Office's State Decarbonization Report. Plans will center on both greenhouse gas reduction (including a GHG inventory, projections, reduction targets, and measurement) and community benefits (including workforce development and benefits specifically to low income and disadvantaged community).³⁷

The PCAP will be developed based on community engagement, and collaboration between the CCMAC and community members throughout the planning process. The commission will host workshops to support community and stakeholder engagement and plan them in conjunction with neighborhood boards and 'aha moku councils. Information from these meetings will be pivotal in both gathering information to be used for the plan, developing the plan, and revising existing plans."

The State Energy Office published a dedicated webpage that described how it intended to develop the requirements of Act 238 which tasks the Hawai'i State Energy Office to "analyze pathways and develop recommendations for achieving the State's economy-wide decarbonization goals".³⁸ Eighteen members of the community provided responses, and members can still provide comments through this site. Five webinars, attended by over 100

³⁶ State of Hawai'i, Climate Change Portal (2024). HI Mitigation: Climate Action Plans, <https://climate.hawaii.gov/hi-mitigation/>

³⁷ State of Hawai'i, Climate Change Portal (2024). HI Mitigation: Climate Action Plans, <https://climate.hawaii.gov/hi-mitigation/>

³⁸ Hawai'i State Energy Office (2023). Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization: Report to the 2024 Hawai'i State Legislature, https://energy.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Act-238_HSEO_Decarbonization_FinalReport_2023.pdf

participants, were held to keep the community apprised of progress. Slides from these webinars are also available on the State Energy Office’s website.

Further, substantial community engagement from all four counties led to the development of their action plans for climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. Engagement efforts are summarized below:

1. County of Hawai’i

“In the summer of 2021, Hawai’i County hosted three Climate Action workshops in Hilo and Kona. The County produced a Hawai’i Island Climate Action simulation for the workshops. During the workshops, the County presented the proposed Climate Action Plan scope, goals, and development process and facilitated the simulation with the group. The County formed a Climate Action Plan Working Group with the workshop participants. The Working Group met monthly from July 2021 – December 2021. The group then met every 3 months from January – June 2022. The Working Group was re-convened to review the draft plan in 2023.³⁹

The Working Group advised the County on the focus of the Plan. They also helped develop and distribute a Climate Change Community Sentiment Survey with the County. The high-level results and recommendations from the survey informed the identification of co-benefits for actions and the stakeholder engagement outlined in the Implementation section.

The ICAP effort was led by the County’s Climate Action Team (CAT), which includes representatives from the Research & Development and Planning departments. The CAT works closely with a community Climate Action Working Group (WG), which advises the CAT on components of the plan, rallies citizen commitment and support, and sustains transparency throughout the process.

To understand community sentiment more fully around climate change causes, impacts, and priority actions, the CAT and WG worked together to create, distribute, and analyze a community sentiment survey around climate change. The purpose of this survey was 1) to help the County better understand communities' points of view on climate change to inform future engagement opportunities; and 2) to give the County a better understanding of how effective outreach efforts are and where improvement is needed to ensure that perspectives of underrepresented communities are included.

The Climate Action Team used a survey on climate sentiment in the community from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) platform. The team reviewed the survey template and made edits to the questions, including adding a demographics section and editing language based on issues that were pertinent to Hawai’i Island. The Climate Action Working Group gave

³⁹County of Hawai’i Planning Department (2023). Integrated Climate Action Plan for the Island of Hawai’i: Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Climate Adaptation Actions to Build Local Resilience to Climate Change, <https://cohplanning.konveio.com/integrated-climate-action-plan-icap-island-hawaii?document=1>

feedback on the questions based on their expertise, including editing certain questions for bias. The survey was created on Google Forms and there were no paper copies printed and distributed. The survey was also created in English and was not translated into any other language. The survey was open and accepted responses from September 1, 2021, to March 1, 2022. The survey received 1,079 responses.

The survey was distributed through the County government networks, specifically the R&D and Planning Departments, and the Working Group network. The mayor's office sent a press release. The survey was then distributed through three Big Island newspapers, including Hawaii Herald-Tribune, Big Island News Now, and West Hawaii Today, and through Hawaii News Now, KHON News, and Hawaii Business Magazine. The survey was also announced on the radio and was available through the R&D website. Working Group members also reached out to professors at UH-Hilo and high schools across the island. Professors and teachers distributed the survey to their classes at their own discretion. Three elected officials distributed the survey through their networks, including Representative Nicole Lowen, Councilmember Heather Kimball, and Councilmember Rebecca Villegas. Through the Research & Development department specialist and Working Group networks, the survey was distributed to the following networks:

- Big Island Electric Vehicle Association
- Coral Reef Alliance
- Day Lum Rentals
- Hawaiian Electric users as a bill insert
- Hawai'i Energy
- Hawai'i Island Food Alliance
- Kohala Center
- Nextdoor Hāmākua
- South Kohala Coastal Partnership
- Terraformation
- Zero Waste Hawai'i

2. City and County of Honolulu

“Reaching the goals set forth in this CAP is only possible by working with the community to shape priorities and take action. O’ahu’s people have been essential in shaping this plan with more than 2,000 perspectives shared at three key stages, including 672 participants at 11 early community education and engagement meetings, 760 respondents to an island wide representative survey,⁸ and 614 contributors at a virtual open house.⁹ In addition, participants in focus groups, a technical working group, and engagements with other City departments helped refine technical analysis and city-based actions.

At the first stage, 11 community meetings were held island-wide in 2018, co-hosted by Honolulu City Council members, Hawai'i Pacific University, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i. Participants played an interactive “climate game” that served to foster conversation on priorities for climate action. In follow up, a Climate Action Working

Group made up of sector experts and stakeholders was formed, building on a steering committee of the Resilience Strategy. The Working Group served as a sounding board for technical analysis and proposed climate actions that were incorporated into an island-wide survey and virtual open house.

The island-wide representative survey was conducted in April 2020 to better understand how the City can enable its residents to reduce O’ahu’s GHGs. Four in five survey respondents were concerned or very concerned about climate change. Survey responses were also used throughout the CAP to provide baseline information on resident activities and preferences towards actions.

Finally, a virtual open house was held from May to June 2020 and allowed participants to provide feedback on possible climate actions as well as open-ended input. ⁴⁰

3. County of Kaua’i

In 2023, two in-person and one online workshop were held to “...hear community members’ opinions about potential greenhouse gas reduction climate action measures to be included in the Kaua’i Climate Adaptation and Action Plan (KCAAP) and gather input on how they might be appropriately implemented. Feedback from these workshops directly informs which strategies are included in the draft KCAAP. The main purposes of the Online and In-Person Workshops were to inform the community of carbon reduction goals and pathways, provide an overview of proposed carbon reduction strategies, capture public feedback on compiled strategies, and garner public suggestions on new strategies.

The Online Workshop was held on Zoom. It included an initial presentation, an interactive Menti poll questionnaire exercise, and a Q+A discussion. The presentation provided an overview of the KCAAP purpose, information about carbon reduction goals and pathways, and types of greenhouse gas reduction strategies that are being considered for inclusion in the plan. After each set of strategies pertaining to a sector was described, participants were directed to a Menti poll to rate each strategy. After an overview of all the strategies two additional Menti questions were posed: 1) What challenges or barriers exist when implementing these climate action strategies?; and 2) What other ideas and/or actions should the County consider?

The presentation and Menti poll exercise was immediately followed by a Q+A and discussion led by a member of the consultant team. Its purpose was to clarify any questions the public may have as well as garner more feedback on proposed strategies or new strategies the community wants the County to consider.

The in-person Workshops were a series of events held on the South side and East side (see locations and dates in “Schedule” below). The In-person workshops were held for two-hours and

⁴⁰ City & County of Honolulu (n.d.) One Climate One O’ahu Climate Action Plan 2020-2025, <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e3885654a153a6ef84e6c9c/t/6080c33e91bbf23a20b74159/1619051381131/2020-2025+Climate+Action+Plan.pdf>

started off with a 45-minute presentation followed by an hour in which community members could walk-through booths based on four critical sectors (clean energy, transportation and land use, waste reduction, and natural resource management). Participants were able to move between the different booths at their convenience. Each booth included a list of the different greenhouse gas reduction strategies, in which participants could rate each strategy from a scale of 1 (least support) to 5 (strongly support). A project team member was present at each booth to talk through the different actions and answer any questions community members may have about proposed strategies.”

The County of Kaua’i also conducted an online survey. “The survey was available to take online using the “Consider.It” platform. The project team developed several outreach graphics and materials, such as social media images and flyers, which were distributed through various methods, including but not limited to:

- Internet-Based Outreach: County’s GovDelivery listservs; KCAAP Project Website; County’s social media accounts (Instagram), Organizations focused on climate work
- In-Person Outreach: pop-up events and online and in-person deep dive workshops.

The poll yielded responses from 59 participants. On average, there were about 14 opinions provided on each proposed mitigation strategy included in the four critical sectors. In total there were 608 opinions provided on all the proposed climate action strategies. In addition to this, six climate action strategy ideas were suggested by members of the public, which garnered a total of 77 opinions (an average of 13 opinions on each suggested strategy).”⁴¹

4. County of Maui

“The County of Maui seeks to ensure that equitable solutions are identified within the CARP so that vulnerable, low- to moderate-income (LMI) households and marginalized communities are lifted up as the strategies and actions are implemented. Climate change impacts are amplified in Maui County due to its remote island geography, and even more so within vulnerable socio-economic groups. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), indigenous peoples, economically and politically disadvantaged groups, and communities that depend on local agriculture are at a disproportionate risk of climate consequences, all of which can be found in Maui County.

Acknowledging climate change’s disproportionate impact on vulnerable, LMI Households and marginalized communities, the Climate Action and Resilience Plan’s strategies center around climate justice. These strategies and actions also aim to reduce air and water pollution. Alongside co-creating this plan with the local community, the County of Maui engaged with local climate scientists, businesses, and policymakers to develop the following climate action and resiliency recommendations.

⁴¹ County of Kaua’i (2023). Kaua’i Climate Adaptation and Action Plan https://kauaiadaptation.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/KCAAP_Survey3_Summary_Mitigation_121323.pdf

Over 1,000 perspectives were shared through surveys, interviews, talk story sessions, focus groups, and advisory committees. Among those voices, were Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners who, on several occasions, emphasized the importance of the “intangible spirit” that, through connection to ‘āina and kuleana, requires us to cultivate and manage mana (energy/authority) and maintain pilina (connection and relationship) to address climate change.”⁴² Engagement included over 70 community advisors representing a diverse cross-section of the Maui community, 21 community advisor workshops, 20 virtual community forums and meetings, more than 31 site visits to engage community members across the county, and over 800 respondents to five community surveys conducted.

Conclusion

The seventeen (17) actions listed in this PCAP are only a shortlist of actions that can be taken now. CCMAC’s Grants to Projects Bridge⁴³ has identified over \$1,000,000,000 in additional state and county projects that can be implemented to help reduce GHG emissions and build resilience in Hawai‘i. The response to the RFI also indicated that many additional state, county, and community projects are ready to be implemented. The State will strive to allocate additional State funding to activate these projects and ensure Hawai‘i is well-positioned to respond to climate change.

This PCAP is the first major deliverable under the CPRG planning grant awarded to DLNR. CCMAC and its partners will continue planning, engagement, and action to reduce emissions; invest in sustainable infrastructure, technologies, and practices; build our economy; and enhance the quality of life for all in the state of Hawai‘i. In 2025, CCMAC will publish a comprehensive climate action plan (CCAP) that establishes equitable and sustainable economic development strategies that reduce emissions across all sectors. The CCAP will include near- and long-term emissions projections, a suite of emission reduction measures, a robust analysis of measure benefits, plans to leverage federal funding, and a workforce planning analysis. Most importantly the CCAP will be developed in collaboration with the communities that will be impacted the most.

In 2027, CCMAC will publish a status report that details implementation progress for measures included in the PCAP and CCAP, any relevant updates to PCAP and CCAP analyses, and next steps and future budget and staffing needs to continue implementation of CCAP measures.

If you have questions about this PCAP or suggestions for the upcoming CCAP and status report, contact Leah Laramee at leah.j.laramee@hawaii.gov.

⁴² County of Maui (2022). Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, <https://www.resilientmauinui.org/pages/climate-action-resiliency-plan>

⁴³ Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission Grant to Projects Bridge <https://climate.hawaii.gov/grants-to-projects-bridge/>

Appendices

Appendix A: Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for 2005, 2018, 2019

Appendix B: PCAP Tool for Measure Quantification

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AAPFCO	Association of American Plant Food Control Officials
AD	Anaerobic Digestion
ADI	Airline Data Inc.
AFOLU	Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use
AG	Aboveground Residue
BAU	Business-as-Usual
Bbtu	Billion British Thermal Units
BE	Burning Efficiency
B₀	Maximum Potential Emissions
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
BTS	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
C	Carbon
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CCAP	Coastal Change Analysis Program
CE	Collection Efficiency; Combustion Efficiency
CH₄	Methane
CF	Carbon Fraction; Correction Factor
CFCs	Chlorofluorocarbons
CKD	Cement Kiln Dust
CO₂	Carbon Dioxide
CO₂ Eq.	Carbon Dioxide Equivalent
CS	Carbon Stored
DBEDT	Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
DE	Destruction Efficiency
DLNR	Department of Land and Natural Resources
dm	Dry Matter
DMF	Dry Matter Fraction
DOC	Department of Commerce
DOE	Department of Energy
DOH	Department of Health
DOT	Department of Transportation
ECHO	Enforcement and Compliance History Online
EF	Emission Factor
EIA	Energy Information Administration
EIIRP	Energy Industry Information Reporting Program
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FCF	Fossil Carbon Fraction
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FOD	First Order Decay
FOFEM	First-Order Wildland Fire Effect Model
g	Gram
gal	Gallon
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GHGRP	Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program
GJ	Gigajoules
GWP	Global Warming Potential
ha	Hectare
HAR	Hawai'i Administrative Rule
HB	House Bill
HCFCs	Hydrochlorofluorocarbons
HECO	Hawaiian Electric Company
HELCO	Hawai'i Electric Light Company
HFCs	Hydrofluorocarbons
HHV	High Heat Value
H-POWER	Honolulu Program of Waste Energy Recovery
IBF	International Bunker Fuels
ICC	Initial Carbon Content
IEA	International Energy Agency
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPPU	Industrial Processes and Product Use
IW	Incinerated Waste
Kg	Kilogram
Km	Kilometer
Kt	Kiloton
lb	Pound
KIUC	Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative
LEV	Low-Emission Vehicle
LFC	Landfill Carbon
LMOP	Landfill Methane Outreach Program
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
LULUCF	Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry
m	Meter
MC	Moisture Content
MCF	Methane Conversion Factor
MECO	Maui Electric Company
mi	Mile

MG	Methane Generated
MMBtu	Million Metric British Thermal Units
MMT	Million Metric Tons
MSW	Municipal Solid Waste
MT	Metric Tons
MWh	Megawatt Hour
N	Nitrogen
N₂O	Nitrous Oxide
NA	Not Applicable
NASF	National Association of State Foresters
NASS	National Agriculture Statistics Service
NE	Not Estimated
NEI	National Emission Inventory
NEU	Non-Energy Uses
Nex	Nitrogen Excretion Rate
NO	Not Occurring
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
ODS	Ozone Depleting Substances
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEMs	Original Equipment Manufacturers
OF; OX	Oxidation Factor
PDF	Probability Density Function
PFCs	Perfluorocarbons
PHMSA	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
RDF	Refuse-Derived Fuel
RECS	Residential Energy Consumption Survey
RNG	Renewable Natural Gas
SEDS	State Energy Data System
SF₆	Sulfur Hexafluoride
SIT	State Inventory Tool
SNG	Synthetic Natural Gas
TAM	Typical Animal Mass
TJ	Terajoule
TVA	Tennessee Valley Authority
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
Urea	CO(NH ₂) ₂
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey

VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
VS	Volatile Solids
WF	Waste Fraction
WMS	Waste Management System
WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Executive Summary

The State of Hawai'i is committed to reducing its contribution to global climate change and has taken efforts to measure and reduce statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. In 2007, the State of Hawai'i passed Act 234, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2007 (Act 234 of 2007), to establish the state's policy framework and requirements to address GHG emissions. The law sought to achieve emission levels at or below Hawai'i's 1990 GHG emissions by January 1, 2020 (excluding emissions from airplanes). In 2008, the State of Hawai'i developed statewide GHG emission inventories for 1990 and 2007. To help Hawai'i meet the emissions target, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-60.1 was amended in 2014 to establish a facility-level GHG emissions cap for large existing stationary sources with potential GHG emissions at or above 100,000 tons per year. In recent years, further GHG emissions goals have been set. Act 238, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022 (Act 238 of 2022), established a goal for the level of statewide GHG emissions to be at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2030, and that the measurement of GHG emissions for the year 2005 include emissions from airplanes. Act 15, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018 (Act 15 of 2018), established a statewide carbon net-negative goal by 2045. In an effort to track progress toward achieving the state's 2020, 2030, and 2045 GHG reduction goals, this report presents updated 1990, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, and 2017 emissions estimates;¹ emissions estimates developed for 2005, 2018, and 2019; and emission projections for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045.

Based on the analysis presented in this report, net GHG emissions (excluding aviation) in 2020 are projected to be lower than net GHG emissions (excluding aviation) in 1990.^{2,3} Net GHG emissions (including aviation) in 2030 are projected to be greater than the target emissions level of 50 below 2005 levels (including aviation), and in 2045 are projected to be greater than the target of net-negative levels. While the development of future inventory reports as well as ongoing quantitative assessment of uncertainties will further inform whether Hawai'i met the 2020 statewide target and is going to meet the 2030 and 2045 statewide targets, this report finds that, under existing policies and economic projections, Hawai'i is currently expected to meet the 2020 target, but is not expected to meet the 2030 and 2045 targets.

Background

Greenhouse gases are gases that trap heat in the atmosphere by absorbing infrared radiation and thereby warming the planet. These gases include carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆). The amount of warming caused by each GHG depends on how effectively the gas traps heat and how long it stays in the

¹ It is best practice to review GHG emission estimates for prior years and revise these estimates as necessary to take into account updated activity data and improved methodologies or emission factors that reflect advances in the field of GHG accounting.

² Net emissions account for both GHG emissions from sources and carbon sequestration from sinks.

³ Complete data for 2020 were not available at the time that this report was developed. Therefore, 2020 emission estimates were projected as part of this analysis.

atmosphere. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) developed the Global Warming Potential (GWP) concept to compare the ability of each GHG to trap heat in the atmosphere relative to the reference gas, CO₂ (IPCC 2014). Throughout this report the relative contribution of each gas is shown in million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMT CO₂ Eq.). The GWP values used in this report are from the *IPCC Fourth Assessment Report* (IPCC 2007), assuming a 100-year time horizon.

Inventory Scope and Methodology

The GHG emission estimates presented in this report include anthropogenic⁴ GHG emissions and sinks for the state of Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 from the following four sectors: Energy; Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU); Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU); and Waste, and primarily serve the federal mandatory GHG reporting requirements in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 98 (EPA 2021c). This report includes on-island GHG emissions only. Lifecycle emission estimates are not included – only emissions occurring within the physical boundaries of the islands that constitute the State of Hawai'i. For example, all emissions estimated for the agriculture sector, such as farming activities, represent on-island emissions only, such as direct emissions from the fuel, energy, and farming operations, but exclude upstream emissions occurring outside Hawai'i from the production of fuel used by the farming equipment, or the emissions related to the manufacturing of fertilizers and pesticides.

As it is best practice to review GHG emission estimates for prior years, this report includes revised estimates for 1990, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017 and newly developed estimates for 2005, 2018, and 2019. ICF relied on the best available activity data, emission factors, and methodologies to develop emission estimates presented in this report. Activity data varies for each source or sink category; examples of activity data used include fuel consumption, vehicle-miles traveled, raw material processed, animal populations, crop production, land area, and waste landfilled. Emission factors relate quantities of emissions to an activity (EPA 2022a). Key guidance and resources included the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, the *2019 Refinements to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP), the EPA's *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2020*, and EPA's State Inventory Tool (SIT).

Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)

A number of quality assurance and quality control measures were implemented during the process of developing this inventory to ensure inventory accuracy as well as to improve the quality of the inventory over time. This includes the evaluation of the quality and relevance of data inputs; proper management, incorporation, and aggregation of data in a series of Excel workbooks; review of the numbers and estimates; and clear documentation of the results and methods. As part of these activities, the results were reviewed by representatives from the Department of Health (DOH) as well as a group of other

⁴ Anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions are those that originate from human activity.

government entities.⁵ Comments and feedback provided by the review team were then incorporated into this report.

Uncertainty of Emission Estimates

Uncertainty is a component of each calculated result; thus, some degree of uncertainty in GHG estimates is associated with all emission inventories. This uncertainty (e.g., systematic error) can be attributed to several factors such as incomplete data, uncertainty in the activity data collected, the use of average or default emission factors, the use of national data where state-specific data were unavailable, and uncertainty in scientific understanding of emission pathways. For some sources (e.g., CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion), emissions are relatively well understood, and uncertainty is expected to be low and largely dependent on the accuracy of activity data. For other sources (e.g., CH₄ and N₂O emissions from wastewater and CO₂ emissions from agricultural soil carbon), emission estimates typically have greater uncertainty.

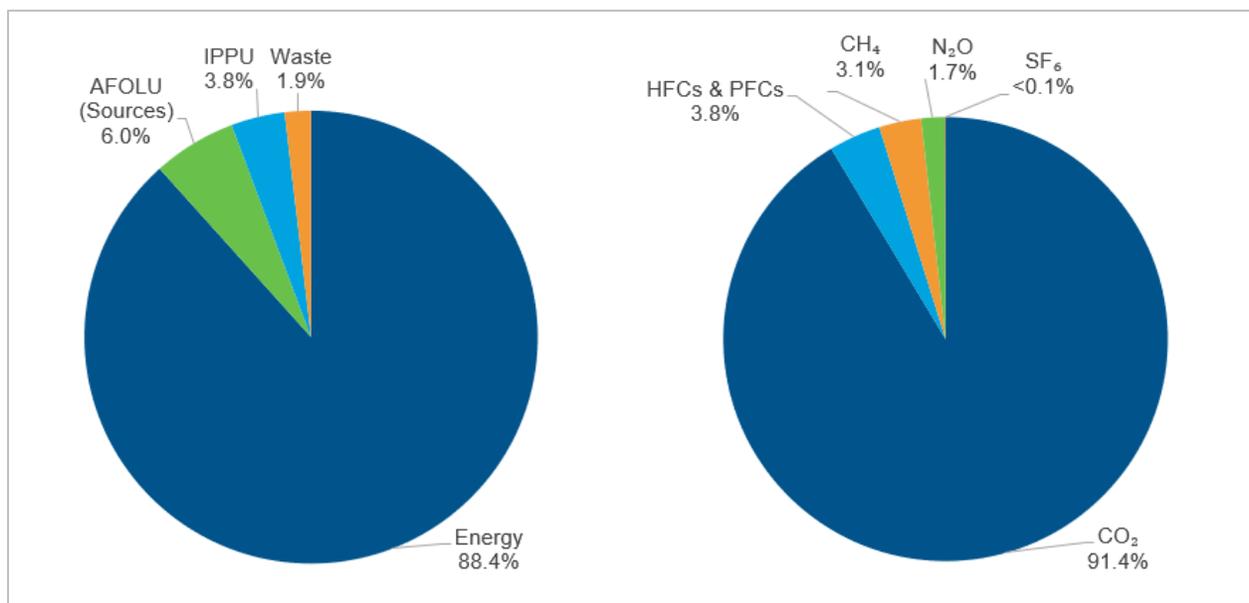
The intent of an uncertainty analysis is not to dispute the validity of the inventory estimates—which are developed using the best available activity data, emission factors, and methodologies available—but rather to guide prioritization of improvements to the accuracy of future inventories (EPA 2022a). For this report, quantitative uncertainty estimates for statewide emissions were developed using the IPCC Approach 2 uncertainty estimation methodology, which is considered the more robust approach of the two approaches provided by IPCC. Uncertainties in the emission sources from the AFOLU sector are driving the overall uncertainty for total emissions. Uncertainties in the emission sources and sinks from the AFOLU sector are driving the overall uncertainty for net emissions.

Emission Results

In 2019, total GHG emissions in Hawai'i were 22.01 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMT CO₂ Eq.). Net emissions, which take into account carbon sinks, were 19.42 MMT CO₂ Eq. Emissions from the Energy sector accounted for the largest portion (88.4 percent) of total emissions in Hawai'i, followed by the AFOLU sector (6.0 percent), the IPPU sector (3.8 percent), and the Waste sector (1.9 percent). Carbon dioxide was the largest single contributor to statewide GHG emissions in 2019, accounting for roughly 91.4 percent of total emissions on a GWP-weighted basis (CO₂ Eq.). HFCs and PFCs are the second largest contributing group of gases (3.8 percent), followed closely by methane (3.1 percent), N₂O (1.7 percent), and SF₆ (less than 0.1 percent). Figure ES-1 shows emissions for 2019 by sector and gas.

⁵ The review team included representatives from the Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), Division of Consumer Advocacy (DCA), Public Utilities Commission (PUC), County of Honolulu, County of Hawai'i, County of Kaua'i, County of Maui, and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Figure ES-1: Hawai'i 2019 GHG Emissions by Sector and Gas (Excluding Sinks, Including Aviation)

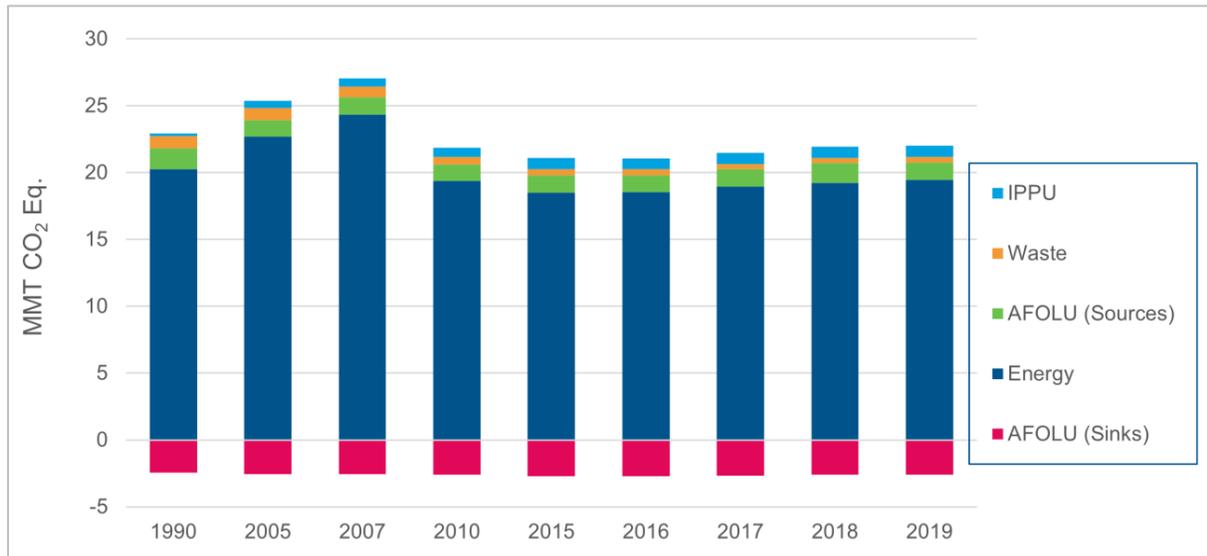


Note: Percentages represent the percent of total emissions excluding sinks and including aviation.

Emissions Trends

Total GHG emissions in Hawai'i grew by 18.0 percent between 1990 and 2007 before decreasing by about 18.6 percent between 2007 and 2019. Compared to 1990, total emissions in Hawai'i in 2019 were roughly 3.9 percent lower, while net emissions were lower by roughly 11.7 percent. Figure ES-2 shows emissions for each inventory year by sector. Emissions by sector and year are also summarized in Table ES-1.

Figure ES-2: Hawai'i GHG Emissions by Sector (1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 - 2019) (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Note: Emission estimates include sinks and aviation.

Table ES-1: Hawai'i GHG Emissions by Sector/Category for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 - 2019 (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Sector/Category	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Energy ^a	20.26	22.71	24.35	19.38	18.50	18.52	18.97	19.23	19.44
IPPU	0.17	0.53	0.58	0.71	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84
AFOLU (Sources)	1.55	1.22	1.29	1.24	1.28	1.29	1.28	1.48	1.31
AFOLU (Sinks)	(2.43)	(2.56)	(2.57)	(2.58)	(2.72)	(2.69)	(2.68)	(2.59)	(2.59)
Waste	0.93	0.91	0.82	0.55	0.47	0.43	0.40	0.38	0.41
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	22.91	25.37	27.04	21.88	21.08	21.07	21.48	21.92	22.01
Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	20.48	22.8^c	24.47	19.29	18.37	18.38	18.80	19.33	19.42
Aviation ^b	5.10	7.14	5.65	4.64	5.10	5.18	5.47	5.64	5.83
Net Emissions (Including Sinks, Excluding Aviation)^b	15.38^d	15.66	18.81	14.65	13.27	13.20	13.33	13.69	13.59

^a Emissions from International Bunker Fuels are not included in the totals, as per IPCC (2006) guidelines.

^b Domestic aviation and military aviation emissions, which are reported under the transportation source category under the Energy sector, are excluded from Hawai'i's GHG emissions reduction goal established in Act 234 of 2007.

^c Act 238 of 2022 aims for the level of statewide GHG emissions to be at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2030 (including aviation emissions).

^d Act 234 of 2007 aims to achieve emission levels at or below Hawai'i's 1990 GHG emissions by January 1, 2020 (excluding aviation emissions).

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

As the largest source of emissions in Hawai'i, the Energy sector is a major driver of the overall emissions trends. Relative to 1990, emissions from the Energy sector in 2019 were lower by 4.0 percent. Transportation emissions—which increased between 1990 and 2007, decreased between 2007 and 2015, and then increased again between 2015 and 2019—accounted for the largest share of Energy sector emissions in all inventory years. The trend in transportation emissions is largely driven by domestic aviation and ground transportation emissions, which together account for roughly 82 percent of transportation emissions. Stationary combustion emissions—which increased between 1990 and 2005, before consistently decreasing between 2005 and 2016, and then slightly increasing again between 2016 and 2019—is the second largest share of Energy sector emissions. This trend is driven by emissions from energy industries (electric power plants and petroleum refineries) as well as industrial and commercial emissions. Overall, the decrease in Energy sector emissions between 1990 and 2019 is due to a decrease in stationary combustion emissions from commercial and industrial sources, a decrease in domestic marine, military aviation, and military non-aviation emissions, and a decrease in emissions from oil and natural gas systems. Together, these reductions outweigh overall increases in emissions from energy industries, ground transportation, domestic aviation, and incineration of waste observed over the same period.

Emissions from the Waste sector also contributed to the overall reduction in emissions from 2007 to 2019, falling by about 49.6 percent, during that period, primarily driven by a decrease in emissions from landfills. These reductions more than offset growing emissions from the IPPU sector, which increased by 44.0 percent from 2007 to 2019. Relative to 1990, emissions from the IPPU sector in 2019 were more than three times higher, due entirely to the growth in HFC and PFC emissions, which are used as substitutes for ozone depleting substances (ODS) used primarily in refrigeration and air conditioning.⁶ Carbon removals from AFOLU sinks have also increased since 1990, growing by roughly 6.5 percent between 1990 and 2019.

Emission Projections

A combination of top-down and bottom-up approaches were used to develop baseline projections of statewide and county-level GHG emissions for the years 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045.⁷ Several sources (residential, commercial, and industrial energy use, domestic and international aviation, non-energy uses, composting and wastewater treatment) were projected based on either a long-range forecast for gross state/county product or future population (including visitor arrivals), using the 2019 statewide GHG inventory as a starting point. For several small categories, category-specific approaches were taken. For example, for electrical transmission and distribution, electricity sales forecasts were used to project GHG emissions. For agriculture, forestry, and other land use (AFOLU) categories and landfill waste, emissions were projected by forecasting activity data using historical trends and published information available on future trends. For GHG emitting sources for which there has been

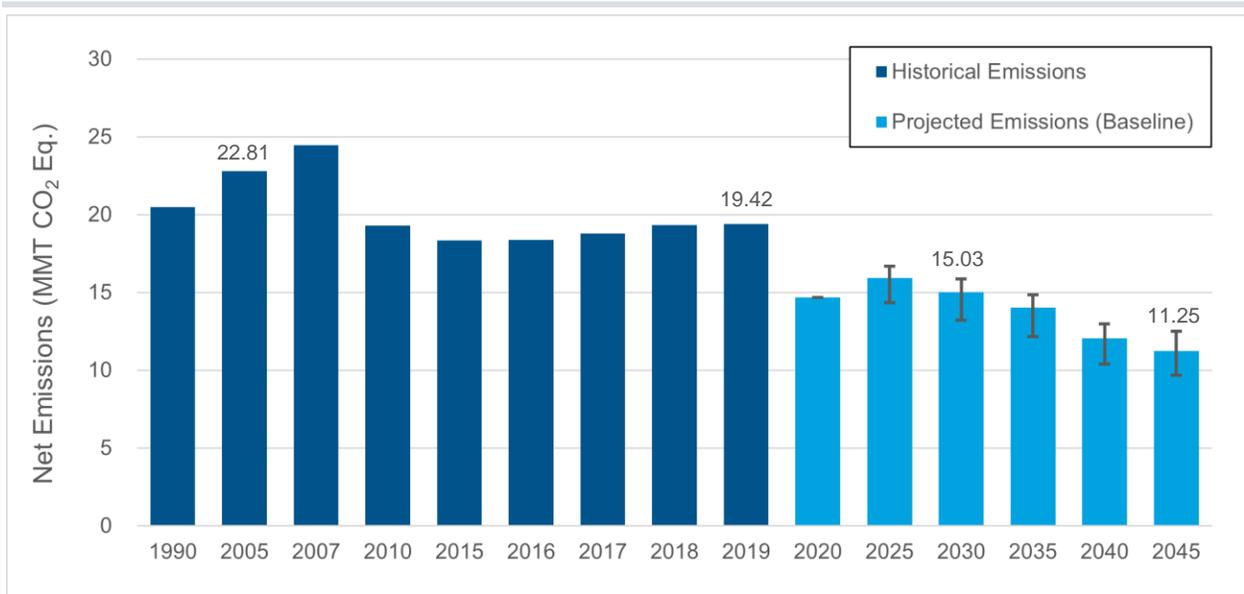
⁶ Per IPCC (2006) guidelines, emissions of ODS, which are also GHGs, are not included in this inventory. For informational purposes, ODS emissions were estimated for the state of Hawai'i and are presented in Appendix H.

⁷ Some sector-specific data were available for 2020; in these cases, actual historical data were used to develop 2020 GHG emissions estimates. Details regarding data sources used are available in Appendix J.

substantial federal and state policy intervention (energy industries, substitution of ozone depleting substances, and transportation), bottom-up approaches were used. Due to policies that affect these sources, projected economic activities are only one component of future GHG emissions. Therefore, a more comprehensive sectoral approach was used to develop baseline projections for these emission sources.

Figure ES-3 shows net GHG emissions for each historical and projected inventory year. Projections of statewide emissions and sinks by sector for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 are summarized in Table ES-2.

Figure ES-3: Hawai'i Net GHG Emissions by Year (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Note: The uncertainty bars represent the range of emissions projected under the alternate scenarios. Emissions for the year 2020 were estimated to be a single point because the analysis was completed after 2020 and, therefore, the technology and policy variation modeled under the alternate scenarios is not applicable. Emissions estimates include sinks and aviation emissions.

Table ES-2: Hawai'i GHG Emission Projections by Sector under the Baseline Scenario, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Sector	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Energy ^a	14.78	16.03	15.30	14.59	12.85	12.16
IPPU	0.74	0.77	0.62	0.41	0.26	0.25
AFOLU (Sources)	1.30	1.22	1.14	1.08	1.03	0.98
AFOLU (Sinks)	(2.54)	(2.50)	(2.46)	(2.49)	(2.55)	(2.62)
Waste	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.45	0.47	0.49
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	17.24	18.44	17.49	16.52	14.61	13.88
Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	14.69	15.94	15.03	14.03	12.06	11.25
Aviation ^b	3.11	5.47	5.65	5.75	5.82	5.89
Net Emissions (Including Sinks, Excluding Aviation)^b	11.58	10.46	9.38	8.28	6.24	5.36

^a Emissions from International Bunker Fuels are not included in the totals, as per IPCC (2006) guidelines.

^b Domestic aviation and military emissions, which are reported under the Energy sector, are excluded from Hawai'i's GHG emission reduction goal established in Act 234 of 2007.

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Total GHG emissions are projected to be 18.44 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2025, 17.49 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2030, and 13.88 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2045. Net emissions, which take into account carbon sinks and are relevant for tracking progress toward the 2030 GHG target pursuant to Act 238 of 2022 are projected to be 15.94 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2025, 15.03 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2030, and 11.25 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2045. Net emissions, which include carbon sinks, exclude aviation, and are relevant for tracking the progress toward the 2020 GHG target pursuant to Act 234 of 2007, are projected to be 11.58 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2020.

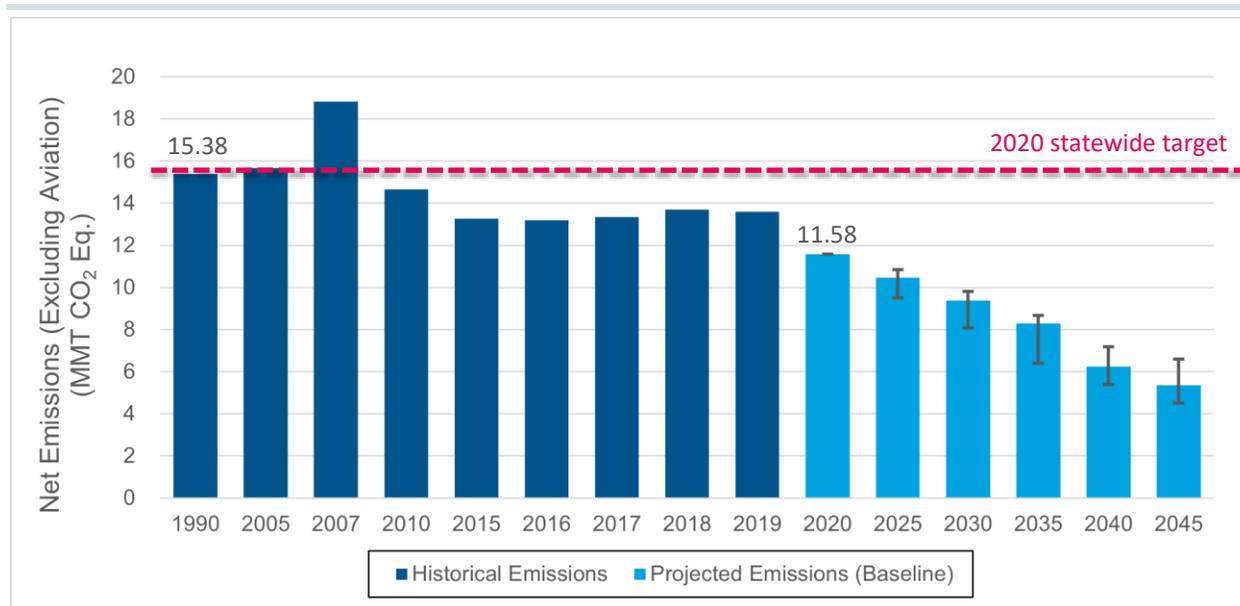
Relative to 2019, total emissions under the baseline scenario are projected to decrease by 16 percent by 2025, 21 percent by 2030, and 37 percent by 2045. Over the same period, net emissions are projected to decrease by 18 percent, 23 percent, and 42 percent, respectively. This trend is largely driven by the projected trend in emissions from energy industries (i.e., electric power plants and petroleum refineries), which are expected to decrease substantially between 2019 and 2045.

Hawai'i GHG Goals Progress

Progress Towards 2020 GHG Goal: Excluding aviation, 1990 statewide GHG emissions were estimated to be 15.38 MMT CO₂ Eq., which represents the 2020 emission target (statewide GHG emissions must be at or below this level). Net GHG emissions in 2019 (excluding aviation) were approximately 11.7 percent lower than the 2020 statewide goal (1990 levels). Figure ES-4 shows net GHG emissions (excluding aviation) in Hawai'i for the inventory years presented in this report as well as GHG emission projections for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 and the 2020 statewide target, which is equal to 1990 emissions levels. As net GHG emissions excluding aviation are projected to be 11.58 MMT CO₂ Eq. in

2020, this report finds that, given existing policies, Hawai'i is currently expected to meet the 2020 statewide GHG emissions target set by Act 234 of 2007.⁸

Figure ES-4: Hawai'i Net GHG Emissions Estimates and Projections (Including Sinks, Excluding Aviation)

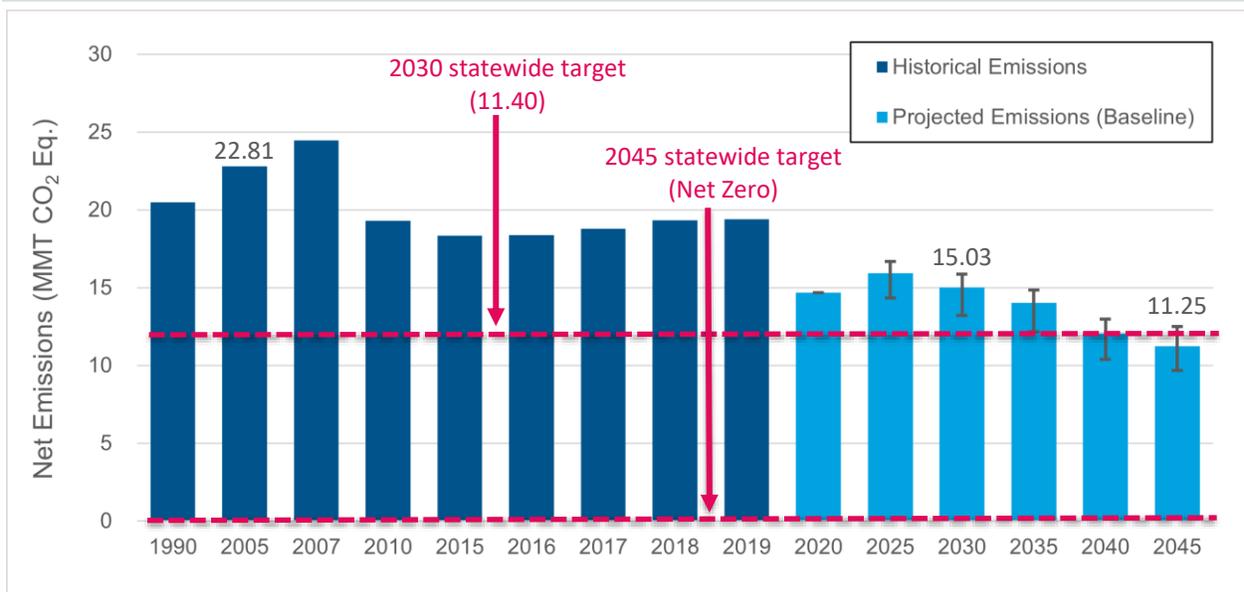


Note: The uncertainty bars represent the range of emissions projected under the alternative scenarios. Emissions for the year 2020 are estimated to a single point because the analysis was completed in 2020 and, therefore, the technology and policy variation modeled under the alternative scenarios is not applicable. Emission estimates include sinks but exclude aviation.

Progress Towards 2030 and 2045 GHG Goals: Figure ES-5 shows net GHG emissions (including aviation) in Hawai'i for the inventory years presented in this report (shown in darker blue); GHG emission projections (shown in lighter blue); and the 2030 and 2045 statewide targets (shown using the dashed red lines). The 2030 emission target was estimated to be 11.40 MMT CO₂ Eq. (statewide GHG emissions must be at or below this amount). This is equal to 50 percent of statewide emissions, including aviation, in 2005. In 2045, the target emission level is carbon net-negative (including aviation). Net GHG emissions including aviation are projected to be between 13.23 – 15.87 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2030, and 9.69 – 12.49 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2045; therefore, this report finds that Hawai'i is currently not on track to meet the 2030 or 2045 statewide emissions targets, set by Act 238 of 2022, and Act 15 of 2018 respectively.

⁸ This will be assessed in the development of the Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report for 2020 and 2021, scheduled for publication in 2024, in which a complete inventory for 2020 will be developed.

Figure ES-5: Hawai'i Net GHG Emissions Estimates and Projections (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Note: Emission estimates include sinks and aviation.

There is some degree of uncertainty in both the historical and projected GHG emission estimates (described in detail within this report). The development of future inventory reports as well as ongoing quantitative assessment of uncertainties will further inform whether Hawai'i met the 2020 statewide target, and the likelihood of the State meeting the 2030 and 2045 statewide targets.

1. Introduction

The State of Hawai'i is committed to reducing our contribution to global climate change and has taken efforts to measure and reduce statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. In 2007, the State of Hawai'i passed Act 234, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2007 (Act 234 of 2007) to establish the state's policy framework and requirements to address GHG emissions. The law sought to achieve emission levels at or below Hawai'i's 1990 GHG emissions by January 1, 2020 (excluding emissions from airplanes). In 2008, the State of Hawai'i developed statewide GHG emission inventories for 1990 and 2007. To help Hawai'i meet the emissions target, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-60.1 was amended in 2014 to establish a facility-level GHG emissions cap for large existing stationary sources with potential GHG emissions at or above 100,000 tons per year. In recent years, further GHG emissions goals have been set. Act 238, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022 (Act 238 of 2022), established a goal for the level of statewide GHG emissions to be at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2030, and that the measurement of GHG emissions for the year 2005 include emissions from airplanes. Act 15, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2018 (Act 15 of 2018), established a statewide carbon net-negative goal by 2045. In an effort to track progress toward achieving the state's 2020, 2030, and 2045 GHG reduction goals, this report presents updated 1990, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, and 2017 emissions estimates;⁹ emissions estimates for 2005, 2018, and 2019; and emission projections for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040 and 2045.

Based on the analysis presented in this report, net GHG emissions (excluding aviation) in 2020 (11.58 MMT CO₂ Eq.) are projected to be lower than net GHG emissions (excluding aviation) in 1990 (15.38 MMT CO₂ Eq.).^{10,11} While the development of future inventory reports as well as ongoing quantitative assessment of uncertainties will further inform whether Hawai'i met the 2020 statewide target, this report finds that, given existing policies, Hawai'i is expected to meet the 2020 target of reducing emissions to 15.38 MMT CO₂ Eq. or below.

Act 238 of 2022 aims to achieve emission levels of 11.40 MMT CO₂ Eq. (including sinks and aviation) by 2030. This is equal to 50 percent of statewide 2005 emission levels. The baseline goal (set in Act 238 of 2022), could change with future updates to the 2005 emission estimates, but it is not likely to change significantly. Act 15 of 2018 aims to achieve carbon net-negative emission levels by 2045. Net GHG emissions (including sinks and aviation) are projected to be between 13.23 – 15.87 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2030, and 9.69 – 12.49 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2045. As such, this report finds that Hawai'i is currently not on track to meet the 2030 or 2045 statewide emissions targets.

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¹⁰ Net emissions account for both GHG emissions and carbon sinks.

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1.1. Background

Greenhouse gases are gases that trap heat in the atmosphere by absorbing infrared radiation and thereby warming the planet. These gases include carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆). While some of these gases occur naturally in the environment, human activities have significantly changed their atmospheric concentrations. Scientists agree that it is extremely likely that most of the observed temperature increase since 1950 is due to anthropogenic or human-caused increases in GHGs in the atmosphere (IPCC 2014).

The amount of warming caused by each GHG depends on how effectively the gas traps heat and how long it stays in the atmosphere. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) developed the Global Warming Potential (GWP) concept to compare the ability of each GHG to trap heat in the atmosphere relative to the reference gas, CO₂ (IPCC 2014).

Throughout this report the relative contribution of each gas is shown in million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMT CO₂ Eq.). The GWP values used in this report are from the *IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (AR4)* (IPCC 2007), assuming a 100-year time horizon, as summarized in Table 1-1.

The persistence of excess GHGs in the atmosphere has had, and continues to have, significant impacts across the globe. Global climate is being altered, with a net warming effect of the atmosphere and ocean that is causing glaciers and sea ice levels to decrease, global mean sea levels to rise, and an increase in extreme weather events (IPCC 2014). In an effort to better understand the sources and drivers of GHG emissions and to mitigate their global impact, communities, and organizations at all levels—including federal governments, state and local jurisdictions, multinational firms, and local enterprises—develop GHG inventories. A GHG inventory quantifies emissions and sinks for a given jurisdictional or organizational boundary. The results of these inventories, which are continually improved over time to reflect advances in the field of GHG accounting, are then used to inform strategies and policies for emission reductions, and to track the progress of actions over time.

Table 1-1: AR4 Global Warming Potentials (GWPs) used in this Report

Gas	GWP
CO ₂	1
CH ₄	25
N ₂ O	298
HFC-23	14,800
HFC-32	675
HFC-125	3,500
HFC-134a	1,430
HFC-143a	4,470
HFC-152a	124
HFC-227ea	3,220
HFC-236fa	9,810
HFC-4310mee	1,640
CF ₄	7,390
C ₂ F ₆	12,200
C ₄ F ₁₀	8,860
C ₆ F ₁₄	9,300
SF ₆	22,800

Note: This inventory, uses GWPs with a 100-year time horizon in accordance with Mandatory GHG Reporting (EPA 2021c).
Source: *IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (2007)*.

The Climate Impact of Black Carbon

Beyond GHGs, other emissions are known to contribute to climate change. For example, black carbon is an aerosol that forms during incomplete combustion of certain fossil fuels (primarily coal and diesel) and biomass (primarily fuel wood and crop waste). Current research suggests that black carbon has a positive radiative forcing by heating the Earth's atmosphere and causing surface warming when deposited on ice and snow (EPA 2022a, IPCC 2013). Black carbon also influences cloud development, but the direction and magnitude of this forcing is an area of active research (EPA 2022a). There is no single accepted method for summarizing the range of effects of black carbon emissions on the climate or representing these effects and impacts in terms of carbon dioxide equivalent; significant scientific uncertainties remain regarding black carbon's total climate effect (IPCC 2013). Although literature increasingly recognizes black carbon as a major heat source for the planet (Ramanathan and Carmichael 2008, Bond et al. 2013), it is not within the scope of a GHG inventory to quantify black carbon climate impacts.

1.2. Inventory Scope

The GHG emission estimates presented in this report include anthropogenic GHG emissions and sinks for the state of Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 from the following four sectors:

- **Energy**, including emissions from stationary combustion, transportation, incineration of waste, and oil and natural gas systems.
- **Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)**, including emissions from cement production, electrical transmission and distribution, and substitution of ozone depleting substances.
- **Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU)**, including emissions from agricultural activities, land use, changes in land use, and land management practices. Specifically, this includes enteric fermentation, manure management, agricultural soil management, field burning of agricultural residues, and urea application as well as agricultural soil carbon, forest fires, landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps, urban trees, and forest carbon.
- **Waste**, including emissions from waste management and treatment activities such as landfills, composting, and wastewater treatment.

This inventory was developed in accordance with the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*¹² and the *2019 Refinements to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*¹³, to ensure completeness and allow for comparability of results with other inventories. The

¹² The *2006 IPCC Guidelines* are inventory guidelines from the IPCC. These guidelines are still widely in use, as they largely reflect the most up-to-date scientific information for estimating emissions.

¹³ The *2019 Refinements to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines* are the most recent inventory guidelines from the IPCC. They reflect the most up-to-date scientific information for estimating emissions, but do not include updates or refinements for each sector. These refinements have been incorporated into emissions calculation methodologies.

inventory accounts for GHG emissions and removals that take place within the physical boundary of the state. While Hawai'i imports a range of goods and products that contribute to the generation of GHG emissions outside of the state, these emissions are outside the scope of this inventory and therefore are not reflected in this report. For emissions that are within the scope of this report, results are presented by source and sink category and gas. Appendix A provides a summary of all IPCC source and sink categories as well as the reason for any exclusions from this analysis.

As it is best practice to review GHG emission estimates for prior years, this report includes revised estimates for 1990, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, and 2017 and newly developed estimates for 2005, 2018, and 2019. The 1990, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, and 2017 estimates were updated to account for updated activity data and methods, and to ensure time-series consistency across all inventory years.¹⁴ Changes in emission estimates from the 2017 inventory report estimates are largely due to the following:

1. updates to Domestic and Military Aviation and Aviation International Bunker Fuels category to reflect revised fuel consumption estimates,
2. updates to incorporate CH₄ emissions from industrial landfills and application of a back-casting method based on GHGRP-reported data for landfills,
3. updates to incorporate new sources of Hawai'i-specific data (e.g., tons of waste composted),
4. updates to the Nitrogen excretion (Nex) rates and weighted Methane Conversion Factors (MCFs) to incorporate Hawai'i specific data for agricultural soil carbon,
5. updates to incorporate top-down estimates for cattle population data for Enteric Fermentation and Manure Management, and
6. updates to historical urea fertilizer consumption for Urea Application.

Updates to the U.S. Inventory also resulted in some minor updates compared to the 2017 report for the sectors that utilize data from the U.S. Inventory, such as Agricultural Soil Carbon, Substitution of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS), and Electric Transmission and Distribution. These and other updates that impacted emission estimates are discussed on a source-by-source basis in the subsequent sections of this report. Appendix B summarizes updates that were made to historical emission estimates across all sectors. Appendix C additionally summarizes the effort undertaken to investigate and implement areas for improvement that were identified in the 2017 inventory report.

1.3. Methodologies and Data Sources

ICF relied on the best available activity data, emission factors, and methodologies to develop emission estimates presented in this report. Activity data varies for each source or sink category; examples of activity data used include fuel consumption, vehicle-miles traveled, raw material processed, animal populations, crop production, land area, and waste landfilled. Emission factors relate quantities of emissions per amount of activity (EPA 2022a).

¹⁴ This report also includes updated emission projections for 2020 and 2025, and newly developed emission projections for 2030 which take into account updated historical emission estimates as well as the best available information on projections of economic activities and the status of policies and programs that impact the intensity of GHG emissions.

Key guidance and resources included the *2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, *2019 Refinements to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP), the EPA's *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2020* (hereafter referred to as the U.S. Inventory), and EPA's State Inventory Tool (SIT).

The *2006 IPCC Guidelines* highlight the standard methodological approaches adopted by the United States and all other Annex 1 (developed) countries that are signatories to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). As appropriate and feasible, emissions and removals from source and sink categories included in this report were estimated using methodologies that are consistent with the *2006 IPCC Guidelines*. The methodologies used to estimate emissions align with the IPCC "Tier" approach, which is a useful framework for addressing the combined challenges of data availability and resources, while maintaining transparency and consistency. For most source and sink categories, the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* suggest three tiers: Tier 1 is the most basic; Tier 2 provides an intermediate approach; and Tier 3 is the most resource-intensive (requiring highly specific activity data inputs). Specific data sources and methodologies used to develop estimates are discussed for each source and sink category in the subsequent sections of this report. Refinements to the methodologies and emission factors from the IPCC Guidelines were updated to reflect the *2019 Refinements to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*.

1.4. Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)

A number of quality assurance and quality control measures were implemented during the process of developing this inventory to ensure inventory accuracy as well as to improve the quality of the inventory over time. This includes the evaluation of the quality and relevance of data inputs; proper management, incorporation, and aggregation of data in a series of Excel workbooks; review of the numbers and estimates; and clear documentation of the results and methods.

Evaluation of Data Inputs. As described in the section above, the best available data and methodologies were used to develop the emission estimates presented in this report. This was ensured by referencing data sources used in recent analyses and reports of similar detail and complexity (e.g., the U.S. Inventory), reassessing the relevancy and accuracy of data inputs used to develop previous inventory reports, and conducting targeted data comparisons across multiple data sources.

Data Management. A series of Excel workbooks were used to compile and analyze the inventory results. These spreadsheets are clearly labeled and linked, as appropriate, to make them easy to navigate. The calculations are transparent to support error-checking and updating. Automated error checks are also incorporated into the spreadsheets to facilitate QA/QC. Prior to the finalization of this report, a multi-level review process was undertaken to ensure the accuracy of all results that were transcribed from the workbooks into this report. This review involved (1) updating all links within the workbooks to ensure they link to the latest version of each spreadsheet, (2) reviewing each workbook for #REF errors, (3) cross walking all numbers and figures in the workbooks against the information presented in this report, (4) confirming the descriptions provided in the text of this report are consistent with the data presented

in the tables and figures within the report, and (5) and confirming statistics that are cited in multiple sections of this report are consistent throughout the document.

Review of Estimates. ICF reviewed the results of this work against other available data sets and emission estimates. For example, the fuel consumption data used to develop estimates for the Energy sector were compared against other available data sets. Appendix C discusses the results of this comparative analysis in more detail. ICF also used EPA’s State Inventory and Projection Tool to estimate GHG emissions and sinks for Hawai’i using default values and compared the output against the 2019 inventory and the inventory projections for 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2045. The results of this comparison are presented and discussed in Appendix J. In addition, the results were reviewed by representatives from the Department of Health (DOH) as well as a group of other government entities.¹⁵ Comments and feedback provided by the review team were then incorporated into this report.

Documentation of Results. As documented in this report, all assumptions, methodologies, and data sources used to develop the emission estimates are clearly described. This transparency allows for replication and assessment of these results.

1.5. Uncertainty of Emission Estimates

Uncertainty is a component of each calculated result; thus, some degree of uncertainty in GHG estimates is associated with all emission inventories. This uncertainty (e.g., systematic error) can be attributed to several factors such as incomplete data, uncertainty in the activity data collected, the use of average or default emission factors, the use of national data where state-specific data were unavailable, and uncertainty in scientific understanding of emission pathways. For some sources (e.g., CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion), emissions are relatively well understood, and uncertainty is expected to be low and largely dependent on the accuracy of activity data. For other sources (e.g., CH₄ and N₂O emissions from wastewater and CO₂ emissions from agricultural soil carbon), emission estimates typically have greater uncertainty.

The intent of an uncertainty analysis is not to dispute the validity of the inventory estimates—which were developed using the best available activity data, emission factors, and methodologies available—but rather to guide prioritization of improvements to the accuracy of future inventories (EPA 2022a). Overall, it is important to recognize that some level of uncertainty exists with all GHG estimates and the data used to generate such estimates, and these uncertainties vary between sector, source, and gas.

For this report, uncertainty estimates for statewide emissions were developed using the IPCC Approach 2 uncertainty estimation methodology, which is considered the more robust approach of the two approaches provided by IPCC. Overall and sector-level uncertainty estimates are summarized below in Table 1-2. Uncertainties in the emission sources from the AFOLU sector are driving the overall

¹⁵ The review team included representatives from the Hawai’i Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), Division of Consumer Advocacy (DCA), Public Utilities Commission (PUC), County of Honolulu, County of Hawai’i, County of Kaua’i, County of Maui, and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

uncertainty for total emissions. Uncertainties in the emission sources and sinks from the AFOLU sector are driving the overall uncertainty for net emissions.

Source category-level uncertainty results and a discussion of specific factors affecting the uncertainty associated with the GHG emission estimates for each emission source and sink category are provided in the subsequent sections of this report.¹⁶ Appendix I provides additional detail on the methodology used to develop the quantitative uncertainty results as well as a discussion on limitations of the analysis. The information presented in these sections should be evaluated as potential focus areas for improvement for future inventory reports.

Table 1-2: Overall Estimated Quantitative Uncertainty (MMT CO₂ Eq. and Percent)

Sector	2019 Emission Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emission Estimate ^a				Mean ^b	Standard Deviation ^b
		(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)			
		Lower Bound ^c	Upper Bound ^c	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	
Energy	19.4	19.1	19.9	-1.8%	2.3%	19.5	0.2
IPPU	0.8	0.8	0.9	-3.7%	8.0%	0.9	0.0
AFOLU (Sources)	1.3	(1.4)	3.8	-210.6%	187.5%	1.2	1.4
AFOLU (Sinks)	(2.6)	(3.1)	(2.3)	19.9%	-10.5%	(2.7)	0.2
Waste	0.4	0.4	0.4	-6.7%	7.7%	0.4	0.0
Total Emissions	22.0	19.3	24.6	-12.4%	11.6%	21.9	1.4
Net Emissions	19.4	16.5	21.9	-14.8%	12.9%	19.2	1.4
Net Emissions (Excl. Aviation)	13.6	10.7	16.0	-21.0%	18.0%	13.4	1.4

^a The uncertainty estimates correspond to a 95 percent confidence interval, with the lower bound corresponding to 2.5th percentile and the upper bound corresponding to 97.5th percentile.

^b Mean value indicates the arithmetic average of the simulated emission estimates; standard deviation indicates the extent of deviation of the simulated values from the mean.

^c The lower and upper bound emission estimates for the sub-source categories do not sum to total emissions because the low and high estimates for total emissions were calculated separately through simulations.

1.6. Organization of Report

The remainder of this report is organized as follows:

- **Chapter 2: Emission Results** – Summarizes 2005 and 2019 inventory results for the state of Hawai‘i, trends in GHG emissions and sinks across the inventory years since 1990, and emissions by county.
- **Chapter 3: Energy** – Presents GHG emissions that occur from stationary and mobile energy combustion activities. Describes the detailed emission results by source category, including a

¹⁶ Uncertainty was quantified for each emission source and sink category. Uncertainty by Stationary Combustion economic sector and Transportation end-use sector were not quantified as part of this analysis. Instead, uncertainties by economic sector and end-use sector are discussed qualitatively in section 3.

description of the methodology and data sources used to prepare the inventory, and key uncertainties.

- **Chapter 4: Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)** – Presents GHG emissions that occur from industrial processes and product use. Describes the detailed emission results by source category, including a description of the methodology and data sources used to prepare the inventory, and key uncertainties.
- **Chapter 5: Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses (AFOLU)** – Presents GHG emissions from agricultural activities, land use, changes in land use, and land management practices. Describes the detailed emission results by source category, including a description of the methodology and data sources used to prepare the inventory, and key uncertainties.
- **Chapter 6: Waste** – Presents GHG emissions from waste management and treatment activities. Describes the detailed emission results by source category, including a description of the methodology and data sources used to prepare the inventory, and key uncertainties.
- **Chapter 7: Emission Projections** – Presents projections for statewide GHG emissions and sinks for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 under a baseline and three alternate scenarios. County-level GHG emissions and sinks for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 under the baseline scenario are also provided.
- **Chapter 8: GHG Reduction Goal Progress** – Provides an assessment of statewide progress relative to the statewide GHG emissions limit based on the emission estimates developed.
- **Chapter 9: References** – Lists the sources of data and other information used in the development of this report.

Appendices

- **Appendix A: IPCC Source and Sink Categories** – Provides a summary of all IPCC source and sink categories and the reason for any exclusions from this analysis as well as a summary of which source and sink categories are included in the inventory totals.
- **Appendix B: Updates to the Historical Emission Estimates Presented in the 2017 Inventory Report** – Summarizes changes in emission estimates relative to the 2017 inventory report.
- **Appendix C: Inventory Improvements** – Proposed updates that will be reviewed for implementation in future inventory reports.
- **Appendix D: County Emissions Methodology** – Summarizes the methodology used to quantify Hawai'i's GHG emissions by county.
- **Appendix E: Hawai'i Administrative Rule (HAR) Facility Data** – Summarizes annual GHG emissions from HAR affected facilities for 2010 to 2019 and projections for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045.
- **Appendix F: Activity Data** – Summarizes by sector the activity data used to develop the inventory presented in this report.
- **Appendix G: Emission Factors** – Summarizes by sector the emission factors used to develop the inventory presented in this report.
- **Appendix H: ODS Emissions** – Summarizes for informational purposes estimated emissions from ozone depleting substances (ODS) for the state of Hawai'i.

- **Appendix I: Uncertainty** – Provides a summary of the methodology used to develop the quantitative uncertainty results as well as a discussion on limitations of the uncertainty analysis.
- **Appendix J: Emission Projections Methodology** – Summarizes the methodology used to project emissions for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 by source and sink category, and includes a discussion of key uncertainties and areas for improvement.
- **Appendix K: Comparison of Results with the State Inventory Tool and Projection Tool** – Compares emission estimates for Hawai'i generated by EPA's State Inventory and Projections Tool against the results of the 2019 inventory and the emission projections for 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2045.

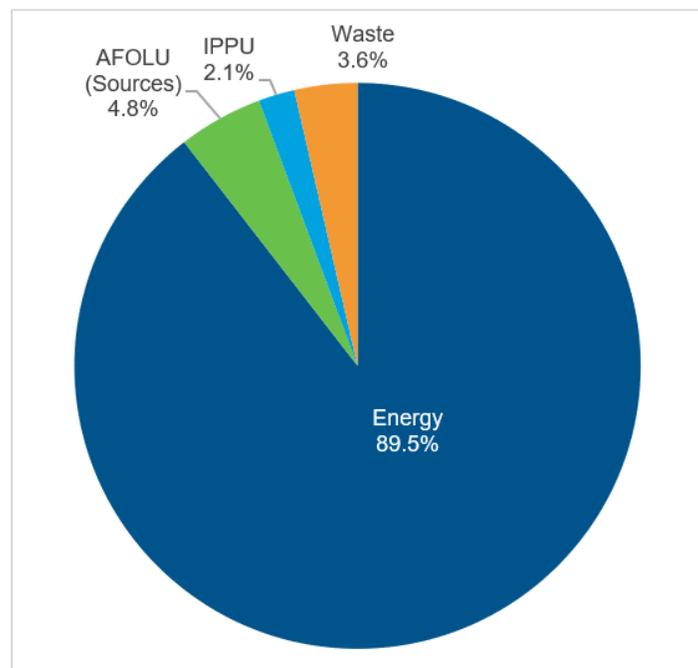
2. Emission Results

This chapter summarizes 2005 and 2019 inventory results for the state of Hawai'i, trends in GHG emissions and sinks across the inventory years since 1990, and emissions by county. Inventory year 2019 is the most recent year for which a full inventory has been developed. Additionally, 2005 is highlighted, as it is the baseline year against which emission reductions are measured, set by Act 238 of 2022.

2.1. Overview of 2005 GHG Emissions

In 2005, total GHG emissions in Hawai'i were 25.37 MMT CO₂ Eq. Net emissions, which take into account carbon sinks, were 22.81 MMT CO₂ Eq. Emissions from the Energy sector accounted for the largest portion (89.5 percent) of total emissions in Hawai'i, followed by the AFOLU sector (4.8 percent) when excluding sinks, the waste sector (3.6 percent), and the IPPU sector (2.1 percent). Figure 2-1 illustrates the breakdown of emissions by sector for 2005.

Figure 2-1: Hawai'i 2005 GHG Emissions by Sector (Excluding Sinks, Including Aviation)

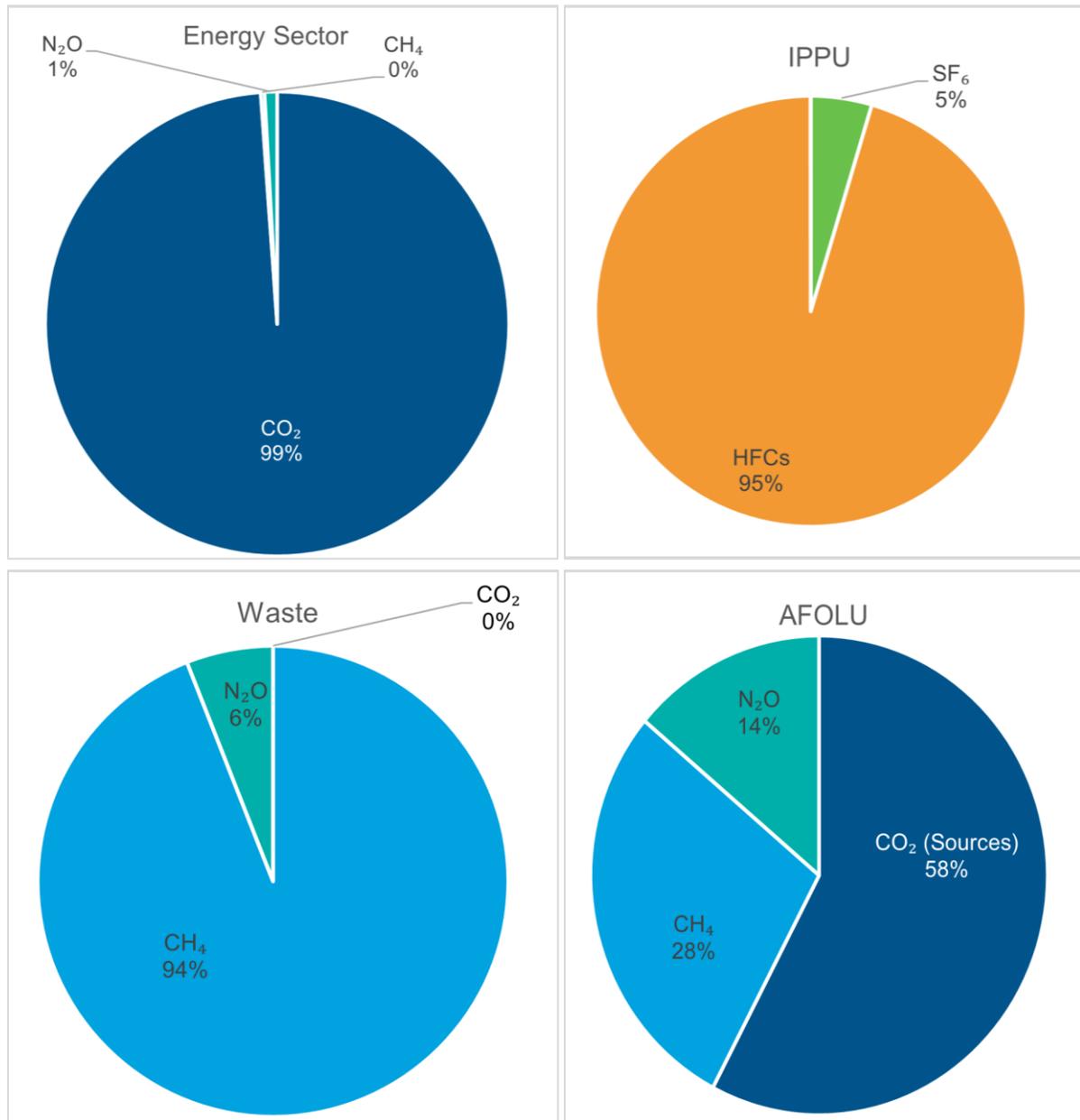


Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Percentages represent the percent of total emissions excluding sinks and including aviation.

Carbon dioxide was the largest single contributor to statewide GHG emissions in 2005, accounting for roughly 91.2 percent of total emissions on a GWP-weighted basis (CO₂ Eq.). Methane was the second largest contributor (5.0 percent), followed by HFCs and PFCs (2.0 percent), nitrous oxide (1.7 percent),

and sulfur hexafluoride (0.1 percent). Figure 2-2 illustrates the breakdown of emissions by gas from each sector for 2005.

Figure 2-2: Hawai'i 2005 GHG Emissions by Gas (Excluding Sinks, Including Aviation)

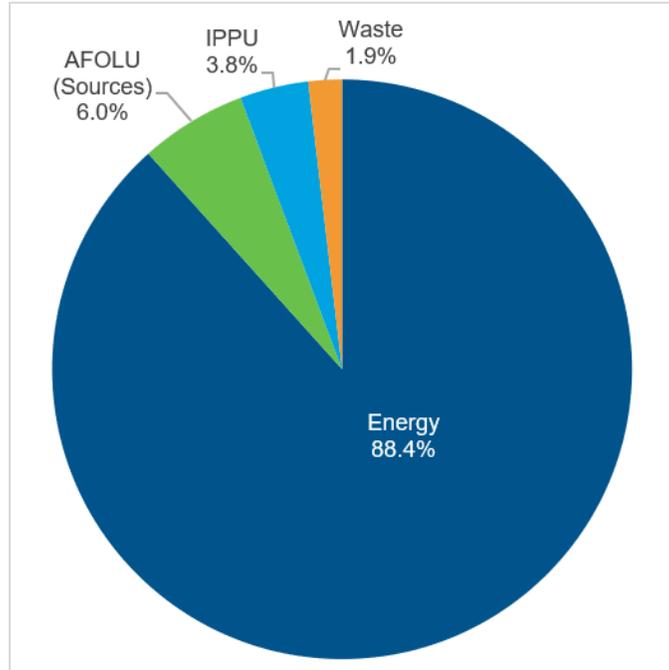


Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Percentages represent the percent of total emissions excluding sinks and including aviation.

2.2. Overview of 2019 GHG Emissions

In 2019, total GHG emissions in Hawai'i were 22.00 MMT CO₂ Eq. Net emissions, which take into account carbon sinks, were 19.41 MMT CO₂ Eq. Emissions from the Energy sector accounted for the largest portion (88.4 percent) of total emissions in Hawai'i, followed by the AFOLU sector (6.0 percent) when excluding sinks, the IPPU sector (3.8 percent), and the Waste sector (1.9 percent). Figure 2-3 illustrates the breakdown of emissions by sector for 2019.

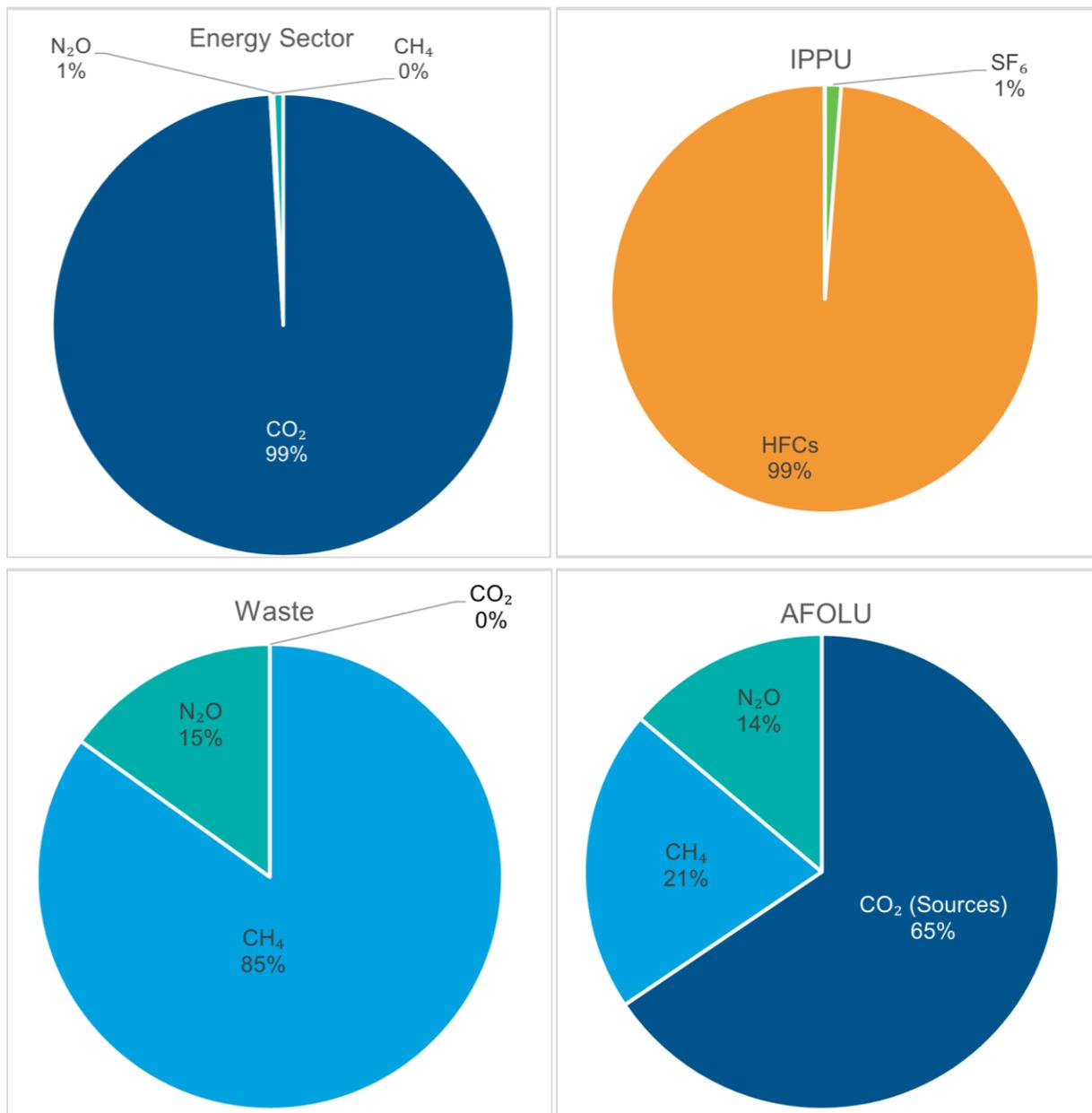
Figure 2-3: Hawai'i 2019 GHG Emissions by Sector (Excluding Sinks, Including Aviation)



Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Percentages represent the percent of total emissions excluding sinks and including aviation.

Carbon dioxide was the largest single contributor to statewide GHG emissions in 2019, accounting for roughly 91.4 percent of total emissions on a GWP-weighted basis (CO₂ Eq.). HFCs and PFCs were the second largest contributor (3.8 percent), followed by methane (3.1 percent), nitrous oxide (1.7 percent), and sulfur hexafluoride (less than 0.1 percent). Figure 2-4 illustrates the breakdown of emissions by gas for 2019.

Figure 2-4: Hawai'i 2019 GHG Emissions by Gas (Excluding Sinks, Including Aviation)



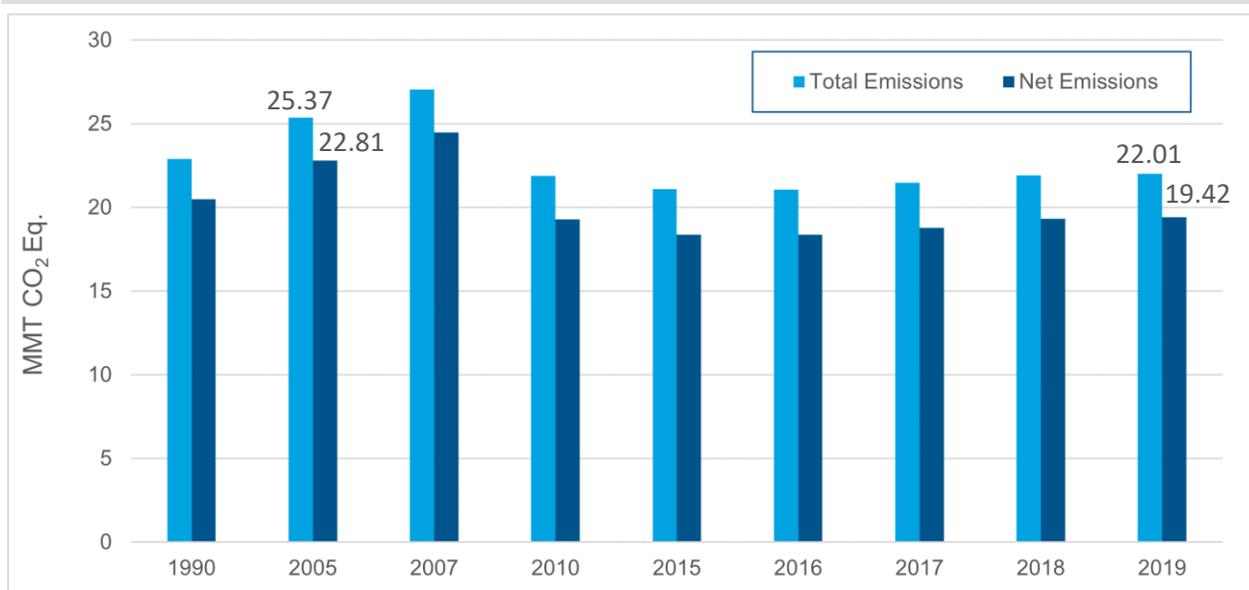
Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Percentages represent the percent of total emissions excluding sinks and including aviation.

2.3. Emissions Trends

Total GHG emissions in Hawai'i grew by 18.0 percent between 1990 and 2007 before decreasing by about 18.6 percent between 2007 and 2019. Compared to 1990, total emissions in Hawai'i in 2019 were roughly 3.9 percent lower, while net emissions were lower by roughly 5.2 percent. Figure 2-5 below shows total and net GHG emissions for each inventory year compiled. Figure 2-6 shows the full time

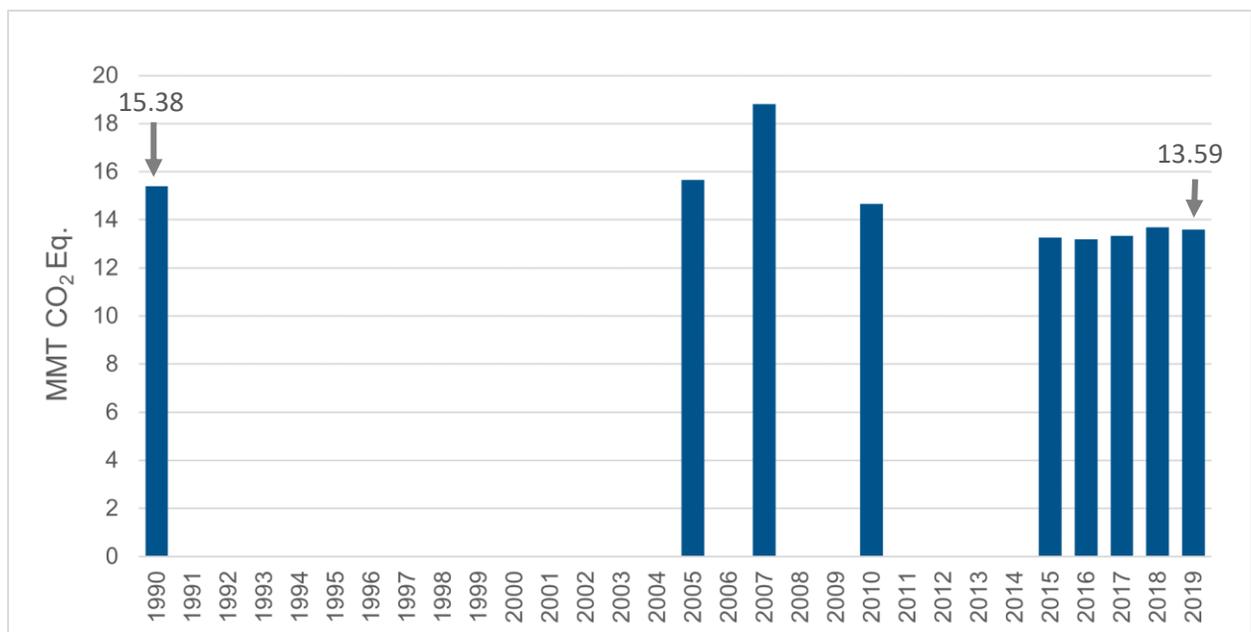
period over 1990-2019 and data for the years in which inventories have been compiled including sinks and excluding emissions from aviation.

Figure 2-5: Hawai'i Total and Net GHG Emissions by Year (Including Aviation)



Notes: Total and net emissions including aviation emissions. Sinks are included in net emissions.

Figure 2-6: Hawai'i Net GHG Emissions Inventory Estimates (Including Sinks, Excluding Aviation)

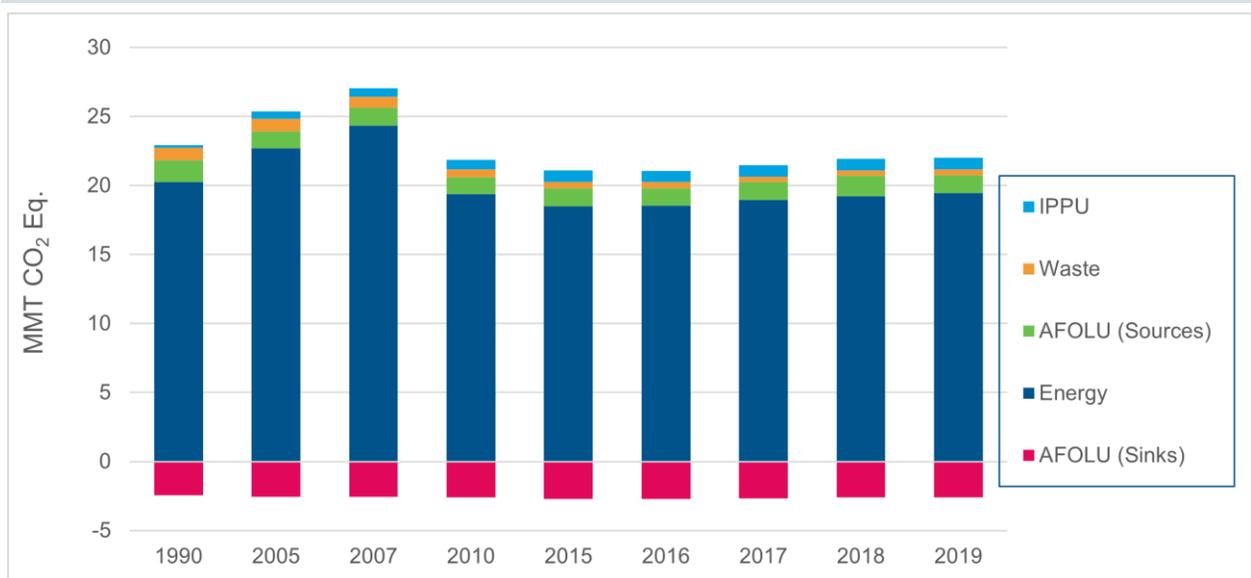


Note: Emission estimates include sinks and exclude aviation emissions.

2.4. Emissions by Sector

Figure 2-7 below shows emissions and sinks for each inventory year by sector. Emissions by sector, source/sink, and year are also summarized in Table 2-1.

Figure 2-7: Net Hawai'i GHG Emissions by Sector (1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019) (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Notes: Emissions estimates represent net emissions including sinks and aviation.

Table 2-1: Hawai'i GHG Emissions by Sector/Category for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015-2019 (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Sector/Category	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Energy	20.26	22.71	24.35	19.38	18.50	18.52	18.97	19.23	19.44
Stationary Combustion	8.47	9.56	9.37	8.89	8.16	7.95	8.09	8.15	8.32
<i>Energy Industries¹⁷</i>	6.38	8.33	8.31	7.86	7.11	7.01	7.00	7.12	7.21
<i>Residential</i>	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06
<i>Commercial</i>	0.76	0.37	0.30	0.37	0.47	0.47	0.54	0.55	0.60
<i>Industrial</i>	1.29	0.80	0.69	0.56	0.51	0.39	0.48	0.43	0.45
Transportation	11.13	12.58	14.40	9.93	9.72	9.97	10.31	10.47	10.68
<i>Ground</i>	3.73	5.04	5.15	4.20	4.29	4.22	4.16	4.13	4.03
<i>Domestic Marine</i>	1.54	0.38	2.81	0.58	0.28	0.40	0.49	0.37	0.65
<i>Domestic Aviation</i>	3.68	6.12	4.85	3.98	4.29	4.38	4.61	4.78	4.95
<i>Military Aviation</i>	1.42	1.03	0.80	0.66	0.81	0.80	0.85	0.86	0.88
<i>Military Non-Aviation</i>	0.77	0.02	0.79	0.51	0.05	0.17	0.20	0.32	0.16
Incineration of Waste ^a	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.19	0.27	0.27	0.23	0.26	0.28
Oil and Natural Gas Systems	0.43	0.39	0.39	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.31	0.30	0.11
Non-Energy Uses	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
<i>International Bunker Fuels^b</i>	1.58	2.25	1.10	1.32	1.56	1.55	1.76	1.78	1.64
<i>CO₂ from Wood Biomass and Biofuels Consumption^b</i>	2.43	0.59	0.88	1.24	1.40	1.49	1.26	1.29	1.28
IPPU	0.17	0.52	0.58	0.71	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84
Cement Production	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Substitution of Ozone Depleting Substances	+	0.50	0.57	0.70	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.83
Electrical Transmission and Distribution	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
AFOLU (Sources)	1.55	1.22	1.29	1.24	1.28	1.29	1.28	1.48	1.31
Enteric Fermentation	0.31	0.28	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25

¹⁷ Energy Industries refer to the resources listed as generation units under Appendix E, with emissions of at least 100,000 tons per year, and the Par Refinery.

Sector/Category	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Manure Management	0.13	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Agricultural Soil Management	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18
Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	+	0.00	0.00
Urea Application	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Agricultural Soil Carbon	0.80	0.68	0.67	0.76	0.82	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.83
Forest Fires	0.10	0.03	0.12	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.20	0.04
AFOLU (Sinks)	(2.43)	(2.56)	(2.57)	(2.58)	(2.72)	(2.69)	(2.68)	(2.59)	(2.59)
Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps	(0.12)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.05)
Urban Trees	(0.51)	(0.66)	(0.64)	(0.58)	(0.60)	(0.60)	(0.61)	(0.62)	(0.63)
Forest Carbon	(1.79)	(1.86)	(1.89)	(1.95)	(2.07)	(2.04)	(2.02)	(1.91)	(1.91)
Waste	0.93	0.91	0.82	0.55	0.47	0.43	0.40	0.38	0.41
Landfills	0.81	0.76	0.67	0.44	0.36	0.32	0.29	0.28	0.30
Composting	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03
Wastewater Treatment	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	22.91	25.37	27.04	21.88	21.08	21.07	21.48	21.92	22.01
Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	20.48	22.81^c	24.47	19.29	18.37	18.38	18.80	19.33	19.42
Aviation ^d	5.10	7.14	5.65	4.64	5.10	5.18	5.47	5.64	5.83
Net Emissions (Including Sinks, Excluding Aviation)	15.38^e	15.66	18.81	14.65	13.27	13.20	13.33	13.69	13.59

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.; NO (emissions are Not Occurring).

^a Emissions from the incineration of waste are reported under the Energy sector, consistent with the U.S. Inventory, since the incineration of waste generally occurs at facilities where energy is recovered.

^b Emissions from International Bunker Fuels and CO₂ from Wood Biomass and Biofuel Consumption are estimated as part of this inventory report but are not included in emission totals, as per IPCC (2006) guidelines.

^c Act 238 of 2022 aims for the level of statewide GHG emissions to be at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2030 (including aviation emissions).

^d Domestic aviation and military aviation emissions, which are reported under the transportation source category under the Energy sector, are excluded from Hawai'i's 2020 GHG emissions reduction goal established in Act 234 of 2007.

^e Act 234 of 2007 aims to achieve emission levels at or below Hawai'i's 1990 GHG emissions by January 1, 2020 (excluding aviation emissions).

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

In all inventory years, emissions from the Energy sector accounted for the largest portion (more than 88 percent) of total emissions in Hawai'i. As the largest source of emissions in Hawai'i, the Energy sector is a major driver of the overall emissions trends, accounting for 99.0 percent of the emissions increase from 1990 to 2007 and 97.4 percent of reductions between 2007 and 2019. Transportation emissions—which increased between 1990 and 2007, decreased between 2007 and 2015, and then increased again between 2015 and 2019—accounted for the largest share of Energy sector emissions in all inventory years. Stationary combustion emissions—which increased between 1990 and 2005, before consistently decreasing between 2005 and 2016, and then slightly increasing again between 2016 and 2019—is the second largest share of Energy sector emissions. This trend is driven by emissions from energy industries (electric power plants and petroleum refineries) as well as industrial and commercial emissions.

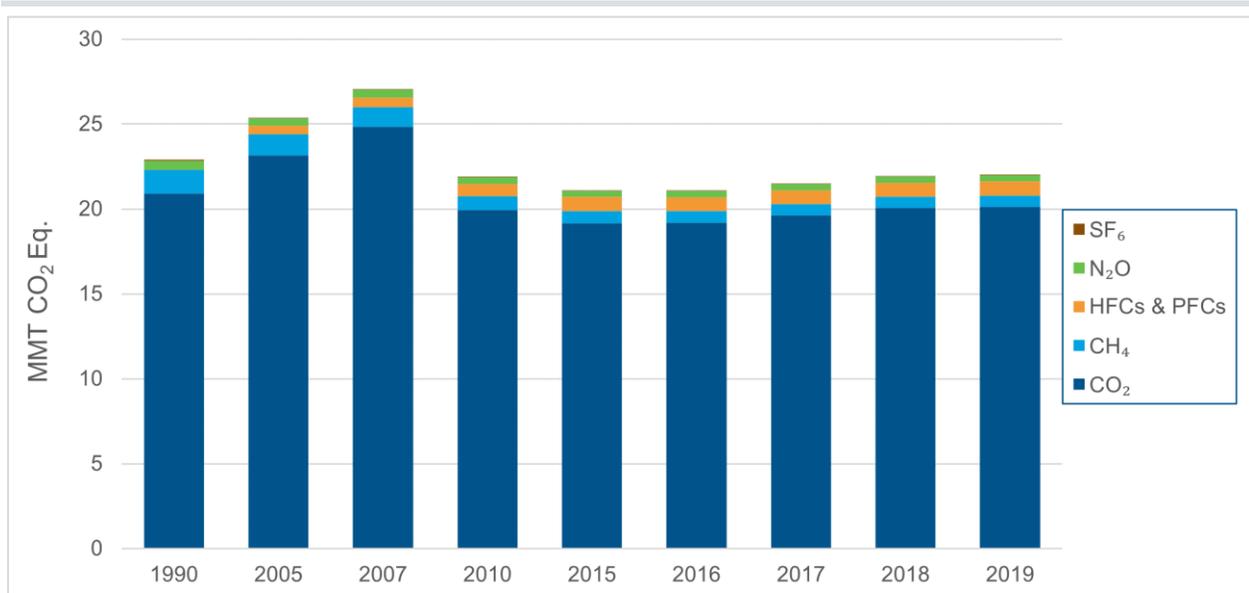
Emissions from AFOLU sources peaked in 1990 for the time period evaluated; emissions from AFOLU sources decreased by about 15.3 percent between 1990 and 2019. Similarly, emissions from the Waste sector peaked in 1990 for the time period evaluated; estimated emissions decreased by about 55.9 percent between 1990 and 2019. Emissions from the IPPU sector have steadily increased since 1990 and were almost four times higher in 2019 compared to 1990 levels. The increase in IPPU emissions is attributable to the growth in HFC and PFC emissions from substitution of ozone depleting substances (ODS), as there is no longer Cement Production in Hawai'i and emissions from Electrical Transmission and Distribution has decreased over the time period 1990 to 2019. Lastly, carbon removals from AFOLU sinks have also increased since 1990, growing by roughly 6.5 percent between 1990 and 2019.

Further discussion regarding trends specific to each sector and for source categories, are included in the Energy (Chapter 3), IPPU (Chapter 4), AFOLU (Chapter 5), and Waste (Chapter 6) chapters.

2.5. Emissions by Gas

In all inventory years, CO₂ comprised the vast majority of emissions. CO₂ emissions increased between 1990 and 2007, decreased between 2007 and 2015, and then increased between 2015 and 2019. Methane emissions decreased between 1990 and 2019. Emissions of HFCs and PFCs grew substantially from 1990 to 2019, while SF₆ emissions decreased over the same period. Emissions of N₂O similarly decreased between 1990 and 2007 and continue to decrease slightly between 2007 and 2019. Figure 2-8 shows emissions for each inventory year by gas.

Figure 2-8: Hawai'i Total GHG Emissions by Gas (1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019) (Excluding Sinks and Including Aviation)



Notes: Emissions estimates represent total emissions excluding sinks and including aviation.

2.6. Emissions by County

In 2019, Honolulu County accounted for the largest share of net GHG emissions (71.3 percent), followed by Maui County¹⁸ (14.3 percent), Hawai'i County (10.0 percent), and Kaua'i County (4.4 percent). Figure 2-9 shows the breakout of net emissions by county in 2019. Emissions by county are also summarized in Table 2-2.

¹⁸ Maui County includes emissions from Kalawao County.

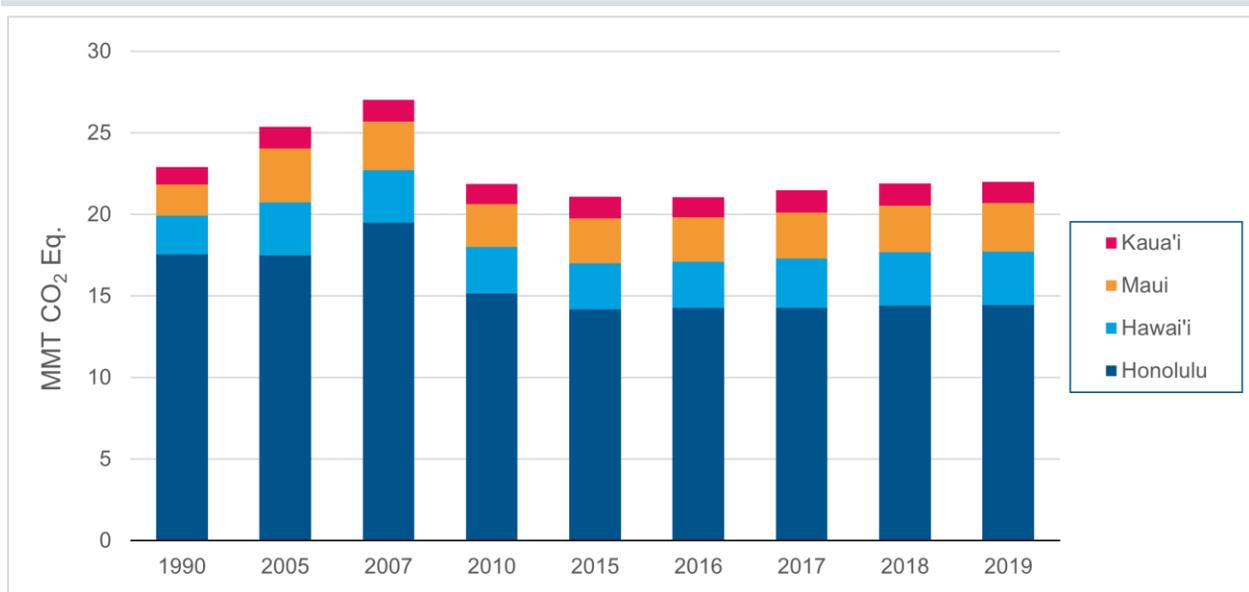
Table 2-2: GHG Emissions by County for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019 (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Sector/County	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Energy	20.26	22.71	24.35	19.38	18.50	18.52	18.97	19.23	19.44
Hawai'i	1.35	2.19	2.12	1.80	1.80	1.78	1.96	2.09	2.17
Honolulu	16.60	16.48	18.56	14.33	13.34	13.44	13.48	13.55	13.62
Kaua'i	0.60	0.96	0.92	0.85	0.92	0.88	1.02	1.05	1.01
Maui	1.71	3.07	2.75	2.40	2.45	2.43	2.51	2.54	2.65
IPPU	0.17	0.53	0.58	0.71	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84
Hawai'i	0.01	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Honolulu	0.16	0.35	0.38	0.47	0.55	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.54
Kaua'i	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Maui	0.01	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
Waste	0.93	0.91	0.82	0.55	0.47	0.43	0.40	0.38	0.41
Hawai'i	0.10	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.13
Honolulu	0.66	0.55	0.46	0.24	0.17	0.18	0.14	0.14	0.14
Kaua'i	0.14	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
Maui	0.04	0.08	0.09	0.04	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.13
AFOLU (Sources)	1.55	1.22	1.29	1.24	1.28	1.29	1.28	1.48	1.31
Hawai'i	0.90	0.80	0.83	0.80	0.79	0.80	0.81	0.94	0.84
Honolulu	0.14	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.16	0.15
Kaua'i	0.32	0.24	0.27	0.25	0.27	0.26	0.24	0.26	0.21
Maui	0.19	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.12	0.11
AFOLU (Sinks)	(2.43)	(2.56)	(2.57)	(2.58)	(2.72)	(2.69)	(2.68)	(2.59)	(2.59)
Hawai'i	(1.21)	(1.32)	(1.29)	(1.32)	(1.37)	(1.36)	(1.32)	(1.31)	(1.31)
Honolulu	(0.62)	(0.60)	(0.60)	(0.57)	(0.65)	(0.65)	(0.64)	(0.60)	(0.60)
Kaua'i	(0.35)	(0.34)	(0.38)	(0.38)	(0.35)	(0.35)	(0.37)	(0.45)	(0.45)
Maui	(0.25)	(0.30)	(0.31)	(0.31)	(0.34)	(0.34)	(0.34)	(0.23)	(0.23)
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks, IBF and CO₂ from Wood Biomass Burning)	22.91	25.37	27.04	21.88	21.08	21.07	21.48	21.92	22.01

Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	20.48	22.81	24.47	19.29	18.37	18.38	18.80	19.33	19.42
Net Emissions (Including Sinks, Excluding Aviation)	15.38	15.66	18.81	14.65	13.27	13.20	13.33	13.69	13.59

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration

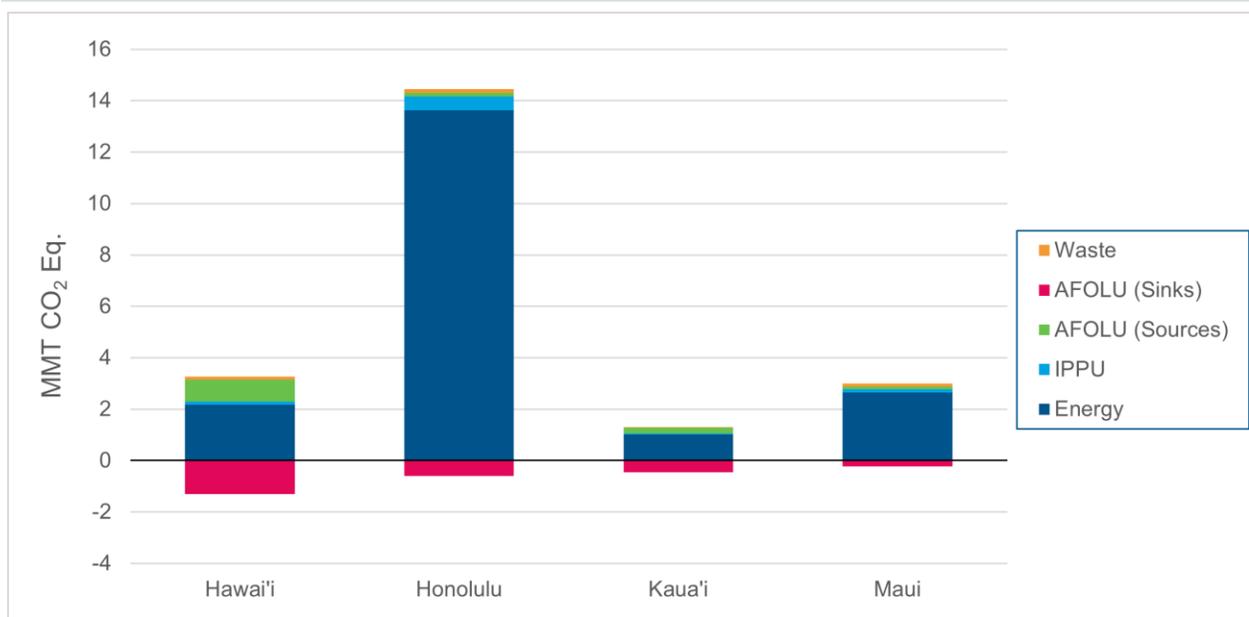
Figure 2-9: Total GHG Emissions by County (1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019) (Excluding Sinks and Including Aviation)



Notes: Emissions estimates represent total emissions excluding sinks and including aviation.

Emissions from the Energy sector accounted for the largest portion of the total emissions from each county in all inventory years. In 2019, emissions from the Energy sector accounted for 94.3 percent of emissions from Honolulu County, 88.1 percent of emissions from Maui County, 77.6 percent of emissions from Kaua'i County, and 66.6 percent of emissions from Hawai'i County. Emissions from AFOLU sources accounted for the second largest portion of emissions from Hawai'i County and Kaua'i County. Emissions from the IPPU sector accounted for the second largest portion of emissions from Honolulu County and emissions from the Waste sector accounted for the second largest portion of emissions from Maui County. Figure 2-10 shows total emissions by county and sector in 2019.

Figure 2-10: Net Emissions by County and Sector, in 2019 (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Notes: Emissions estimates include sinks and aviation emissions.

The methodology used to develop estimates of emissions and sequestration varies by source/sink. For some sources, county-level activity data were available to build bottom-up county level emissions estimates. For other sources, only state-level activity data were available, requiring emissions to be apportioned to each county using data such as population or vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Appendix D summarizes the methodology used to quantify Hawai'i's GHG emissions by county.

3. Energy

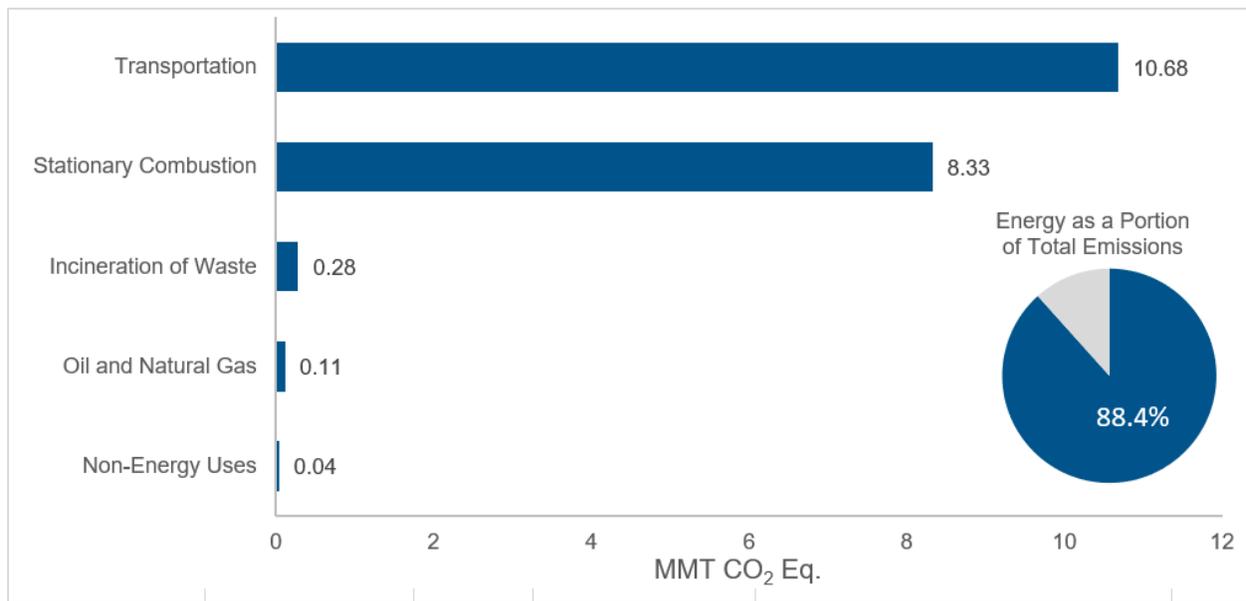
This chapter presents GHG emissions that result from energy-related activities, primarily fuel combustion for transportation and generation of electricity. For the state of Hawai'i, energy sector emissions are estimated from the following sources: stationary combustion (IPCC Source Categories 1A1, 1A2, 1A4, 1A5), transportation (IPCC Source Category 1A3), incineration of waste (IPCC Source Category 1A1a), oil and natural gas systems¹⁹ (IPCC Source Category 1B2), and non-energy uses (NEUs) (IPCC Source Category 2D).²⁰ Emissions from international bunker fuels (IPCC Source Category 1: Memo Items) and CO₂ emissions from wood biomass and biofuel consumption (IPCC Source Categories 1A) are also estimated as part of this analysis; however, these emissions are not included in the totals, consistent with IPCC (2006) guidelines.

In 2019, emissions from the Energy sector were 19.44 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 88.4 percent of total Hawai'i emissions. Emissions from transportation accounted for the largest share of Energy sector emissions (54.9 percent), followed closely by stationary combustion (42.8 percent). Emissions from oil and natural gas systems, waste incineration, and non-energy uses comprised a relatively small portion of Energy sector emissions (2.2 percent). Figure 3-1 and Figure 3-2 show emissions from the Energy sector by source for 2019.

¹⁹ The state of Hawai'i does not have any natural gas exploration, production, processing, or transmission systems present. Sources of emissions in the natural gas systems category include fugitive emissions from propane and synthetic natural gas.

²⁰ IPCC Source Categories for which emissions were not estimated for the state of Hawai'i include: Fugitive emissions from Solid Fuels (1B1) and CO₂ Transport and Storage (1C). Appendix A provides information on why emissions were not estimated for these IPCC Source Categories.

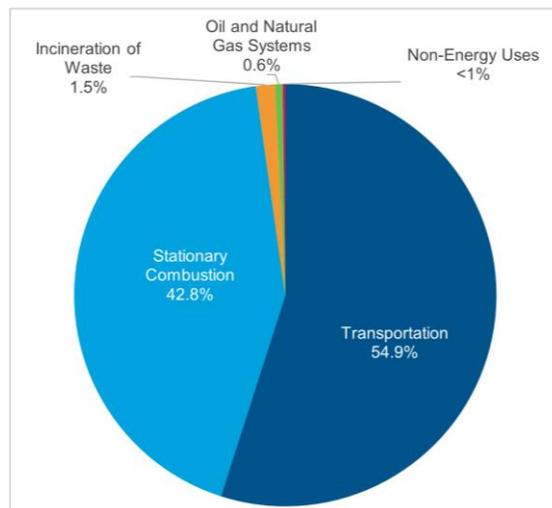
Figure 3-1: 2019 Energy Emissions by Source (Including Aviation)



Note: Biogenic CO₂ emissions from Wood Biomass and Biofuel Consumption are not included in emission totals, as per IPCC (2006) guidelines. Aviation emissions are included in emission totals.

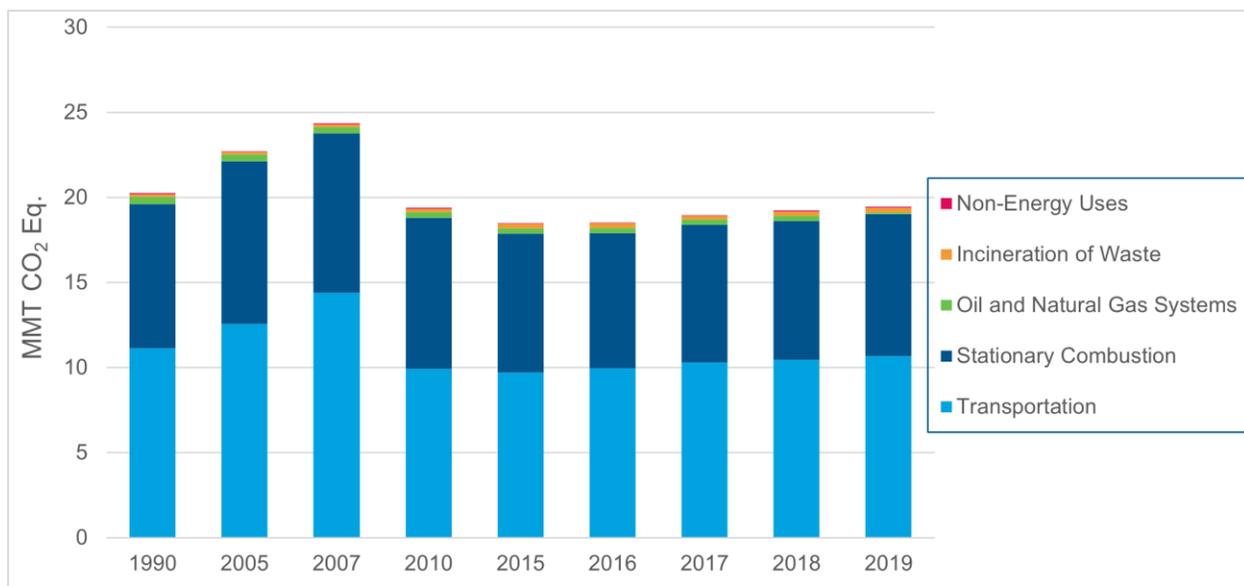
Relative to 1990, emissions from the Energy sector in 2019 were lower by roughly 4.0 percent. Emissions from the Energy sector peaked in 2007 and were 20.2 percent higher compared to 1990. Between 2007 and 2019, Energy emissions decreased by 20.1 percent. Figure 3-3 below shows Energy sector emissions by source category for each inventory year. In almost all inventory years, transportation accounted for the largest share of emissions, followed closely by stationary combustion. The trend in transportation emissions, which increased significantly from 1990 to 2007, decreased from 2007 to 2010, and then increased again between 2010 and 2019. Transportation emissions are largely driven by domestic aviation and ground transportation emissions, which together account for roughly 92.3 percent of transportation emissions. The trend in stationary combustion emissions, which increased between 1990 and 2005, and decreased between 2005 and 2019, is largely driven by emissions from energy industries (electric power plants and petroleum refineries) as well as industrial and commercial emissions. Emissions by source and year are summarized in Table 3-1.

Figure 3-2: 2019 Energy Emissions by Source (Including Aviation)



Note: Percentages represent the percent of energy emissions including aviation.

Figure 3-3: Energy Sector Emissions by Source and Year (Including Aviation)



Note: Emission estimates include aviation emissions.

Table 3-1: GHG Emissions from the Energy Sector by Source and Year (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Source	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Stationary Combustion	8.47	9.56	9.37	8.89	8.16	7.95	8.08	8.15	8.33
Energy Industries	6.38	8.33	8.31	7.86	7.11	7.01	7.00	7.12	7.21
Residential	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06
Commercial	0.76	0.37	0.30	0.37	0.47	0.47	0.54	0.55	0.60
Industrial	1.29	0.80	0.69	0.56	0.51	0.39	0.48	0.43	0.45
Transportation^a	11.13	12.58	14.40	9.93	9.72	9.97	10.31	10.47	10.68
Ground	3.73	5.04	5.15	4.20	4.29	4.22	4.16	4.13	4.03
Marine	1.54	0.38	2.81	0.58	0.28	0.40	0.49	0.37	0.65
Aviation	3.68	6.12	4.85	3.98	4.29	4.38	4.61	4.78	4.95
Military Aviation	1.42	1.03	0.80	0.66	0.81	0.80	0.85	0.86	0.88
Military Non-Aviation	0.77	0.02	0.79	0.51	0.05	0.17	0.20	0.32	0.16
Incineration of Waste	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.19	0.27	0.27	0.23	0.26	0.28
Oil and Natural Gas^b	0.43	0.39	0.39	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.31	0.30	0.11
Non-Energy Uses	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
<i>International Bunker Fuels^c</i>	<i>1.58</i>	<i>2.25</i>	<i>1.10</i>	<i>1.32</i>	<i>1.56</i>	<i>1.55</i>	<i>1.76</i>	<i>1.78</i>	<i>1.64</i>
<i>CO₂ from Wood Biomass and Biofuels Consumption^c</i>	<i>2.43</i>	<i>0.59</i>	<i>0.88</i>	<i>1.24</i>	<i>1.40</i>	<i>1.49</i>	<i>1.26</i>	<i>1.29</i>	<i>1.28</i>
Total	20.26	22.71	24.35	19.38	18.50	18.52	18.97	19.23	19.44

^a Includes CH₄ and N₂O emissions from Biofuel Consumption.

^b Includes fuel combustion emissions from electric power plants and petroleum refineries.

^c Emissions from International Bunker Fuels and CO₂ emissions from Wood Biomass and Biofuel Consumption are estimated as part of this inventory report but are not included in emission totals, as per IPCC (2006) guidelines.

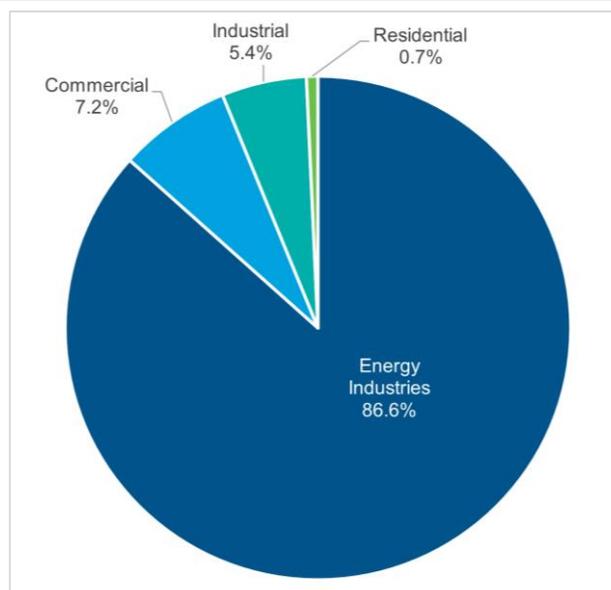
Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

The remainder of this chapter describes the detailed emission results by source category, including a description of the methodology and data sources used to prepare the inventory. Facility-level data for Hawai'i Administrative Rule (HAR) affected facilities are provided in Appendix E.²¹ Activity data and emission factors used in the analysis are summarized in Appendix F and Appendix G, respectively.

3.1. Stationary Combustion (IPCC Source Categories 1A1, 1A2, 1A4, 1A5)

Fossil fuels are burned to generate energy from a variety of stationary sources, including electric power plants, industrial facilities, commercial businesses, and homes. When fossil fuels are combusted, they release CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emissions. Stationary combustion emissions can be broken out by economic sector (i.e., energy industries, residential, commercial, and industrial). In 2019, emissions from stationary combustion in Hawai'i were 8.33 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 42.8 percent of Energy sector emissions. The vast majority of these emissions are from energy industries (86.6 percent), which includes both electric power plants (i.e., facilities that generate electricity for the residential, commercial, and industrial economic sectors) and petroleum refineries.

Figure 3-4: 2019 Stationary Combustion Emissions by Economic Sector



The commercial sector accounted for the next largest portion of stationary combustion emissions (7.2 percent), followed by the industrial (5.4 percent) and residential sectors (0.7 percent). Figure 3-4 shows the breakout of stationary combustion emissions by economic sector for 2019.

Relative to 1990, emissions from stationary combustion in 2019 were lower by roughly 1.8 percent. This trend is largely driven by emissions from residual fuel consumption associated with energy industries, which decreased from 1990 to 2019. Emissions from the industrial sector decreased from 1990 to 2019. Emissions from the residential sector followed an inconsistent trend, fluctuating between 0.05 and 0.09 MMT CO₂ Eq. over the time period. Emissions from the commercial sector decreased from 1990 to 2007, and then consistently increased from 2007 to 2019. Figure 3-5 presents emissions from stationary combustion in Hawai'i by economic sector for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019. Table 3-2

²¹ HAR affected facilities refers to large existing stationary sources with potential GHG emissions at or above 100,000 tons per year. Hawai'i Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-60.1, excludes municipal waste combustion operations and conditionally exempts municipal solid waste landfills.

summarizes emissions from stationary combustion in Hawai'i by economic sector and gas for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Figure 3-5: GHG Emissions from Stationary Combustion by Economic Sector and Year (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

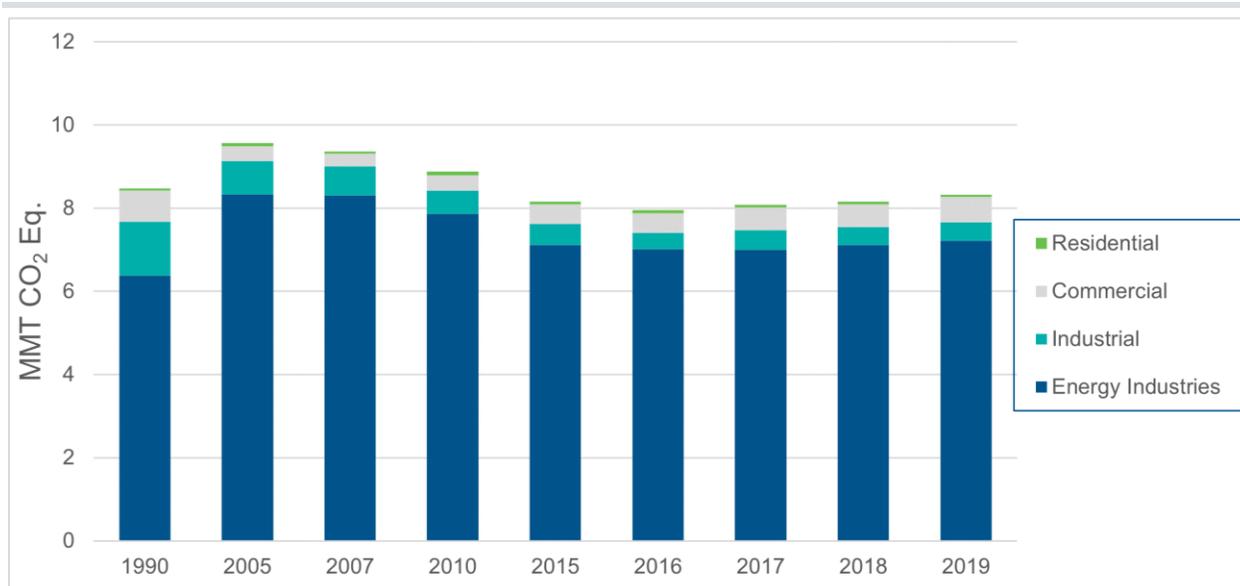


Table 3-2: GHG Emissions from Stationary Combustion by Economic Sector and Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Economic Sector/Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Energy Industries	6.38	8.33	8.31	7.86	7.11	7.01	7.00	7.12	7.21
CO ₂	6.35	8.30	8.28	7.83	7.09	6.98	6.97	7.09	7.18
CH ₄	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
N ₂ O	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Residential	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06
CO ₂	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06
CH ₄	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
N ₂ O	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Commercial	0.76	0.37	0.30	0.37	0.47	0.47	0.54	0.55	0.60
CO ₂	0.76	0.33	0.28	0.34	0.44	0.44	0.51	0.52	0.57
CH ₄	+	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
N ₂ O	+	+	+	+	+	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Industrial	1.29	0.80	0.69	0.56	0.51	0.39	0.48	0.43	0.45
CO ₂	1.25	0.79	0.68	0.55	0.50	0.39	0.47	0.43	0.45
CH ₄	0.01	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
N ₂ O	0.02	+	0.01	0.01	0.01	+	+	+	+
Total	8.47	9.56	9.37	8.89	8.16	7.95	8.08	8.15	8.33

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Methodology

With the exception of emission estimates obtained directly from EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP), CO₂ emissions from stationary combustion were calculated using an IPCC (2006) Tier 2 methodology. Emissions were calculated using the following equation²²:

$$CO_2 \text{ Emissions} = \text{Fuel Consumption} \times C_{fuel} \times \frac{44}{12}$$

where,

Fuel Consumption	= total amount of fuel combusted (Billion British Thermal Units or Bbtu)
C_{fuel}	= fuel specific Carbon Content Coefficient (lbs C/Bbtu)
44/12	= conversion of carbon to CO ₂

Methane and N₂O emissions were calculated using an IPCC (2006) Tier 1 methodology. Emissions were calculated using the following equation²³:

$$CH_4 \text{ and } N_2O \text{ Emissions} = \text{Fuel Consumption} \times EF_{fuel}$$

where,

Fuel Consumption	= total amount of fuel combusted (terajoule or TJ)
EF_{fuel}	= emission factor of CH ₄ and N ₂ O by fuel type (kilogram or kg gas/TJ)

Carbon content coefficients for estimating CO₂ emissions, which are specific to each fuel type, were taken from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). Methane and N₂O emission factors were obtained from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (IPCC 2006) for fossil fuels and wood biomass, and the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a) for ethanol.

Fuel consumption data by end-use sector were obtained from Energy Information Administration’s State Energy Data System (SEDS) (EIA 2022a) for all years.²⁴ For some fuel types, consumption data were not available in SEDS and were obtained from additional data sources. Specifically, fuel gas and naphtha consumption were collected by the Hawai’i Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT 2008a) for 2007.²⁵ Fuel gas and naphtha consumption estimates for 2005 were proxied based on 2007 estimates. For 2010, and 2015 – 2019, CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emissions from fuel gas and naphtha consumption were obtained directly from EPA’s GHGRP (EPA 2022b). Methane and N₂O emissions from biodiesel consumption at the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO), Hawai’i Electric Light

²² All CO₂ emissions have been converted to MMT CO₂ Eq. based on the conversion factor for pounds to MMT, which is 0.00045359 lb/MMT.

²³ All methane and N₂O emissions have been converted to MMT CO₂ Eq. based on the GWPs provided in Table 1-1.

²⁴ Motor gasoline consumption obtained from EIA (2022a) includes blended ethanol. Pure ethanol consumption obtained from EIA (2022a) was subtracted from motor gasoline prior to estimating emissions.

²⁵ As DBEDT is the conduit of this data but not the source of this data, DBEDT cannot ascertain the data's accuracy. Use of this data was at the discretion of the authors of this report.

Company (HELCO), and the Maui Electric Company (MECO) were estimated based on biodiesel consumption data obtained from DBEDT’s Data Warehouse (DBEDT 2022a) and Hawai’i Department of Health (DOH) (2020).²⁶

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Energy industries totals for 2016 have changed from the estimates in the 2017 inventory due to a change in the underlying reporting data reported to EPA’s GHGRP by Par East Refinery. Fuel-specific emission factors were updated based on the most recent version of the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). The resulting changes in historical emission estimates are presented in Table 3-3.

Table 3-3: Change in Emissions from Stationary Combustion Relative to 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	8.47	9.37	8.89	8.16	8.01	8.09
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	8.47	9.37	8.89	8.16	7.95	8.09
Percent Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.7%	0.0%

Uncertainties

Uncertainties associated with stationary consumption estimates include the following:

- Emissions from fuel gas and naphtha consumption were only available from EPA’s GHGRP starting in 2010. Data on fuel gas and naphtha consumption in 2007 were collected by DBEDT. DBEDT data on fuel gas and naphtha consumption was not available for 2005, so 2007 DBEDT data is used as a proxy. As DBEDT is the conduit of this data but not the source, there is uncertainty associated with data collected by DBEDT.
- Emissions from fuel gas and naphtha consumption in the energy industries sector for 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 that were obtained from EPA’s GHGRP (EPA 2022b) do not include emissions from facilities that are below the reporting threshold of 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MT CO₂ Eq.) per year.

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from stationary combustion, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on IPCC (2006) and expert judgment. Uncertainty ranges for activity data were developed using the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* due to lack of available information from EIA. The *2006 IPCC Guidelines* provide default uncertainty bounds for activity data based on the type of energy data system from which the activity data were obtained. Because SEDS is a robust national dataset based on data from thousands of industry-specific surveys, these data were assumed to fall under the “Well developed statistical systems: Surveys” category. The highest range of uncertainties were used for this analysis. This value may change as additional analysis is conducted in the future.

²⁶ Carbon dioxide emissions from Wood Biomass and Biofuels Consumption are reported in section 3.7.

The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) CO₂ emission factor for coal consumption in the energy industries sector, (2) CO₂ emission factor for residual fuel consumption in the energy industries sector, and (3) residual fuel consumption in the energy industries sector. The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 3-4. Emissions from stationary combustion were estimated to be between 8.26 and 8.45 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately one percent below and one percent above the emission estimate of 8.33 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 3-4: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Stationary Combustion

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
8.33	8.26	8.45	-1%	+1%

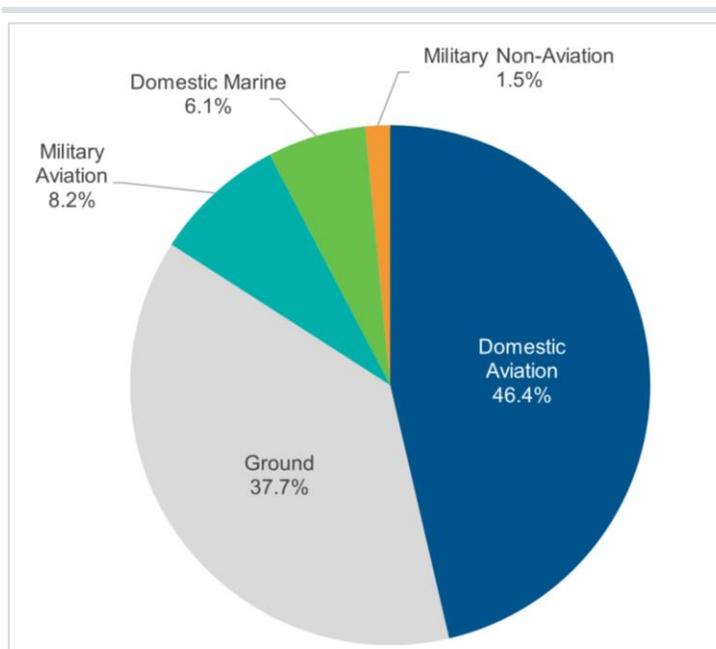
^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

3.2. Transportation (IPCC Source Category 1A3)

Emissions from transportation result from the combustion of fuel for ground, domestic marine, domestic aviation, military aviation, and military (non-aviation) transportation. Ground transportation includes passenger cars, light trucks, motorcycles, and heavy-duty vehicles (i.e., trucks and buses). In 2019, emissions from transportation activities in Hawai'i were 10.68 MMT CO₂ Eq, accounting for 54.9 percent of Energy sector emissions. Domestic aviation accounted for the largest portion of transportation emissions (46.4 percent) followed by ground transportation (37.7 percent), military aviation (8.2 percent), domestic marine (6.1 percent), and military non-aviation (1.5 percent). Figure 3-6 shows the breakout of transportation emissions by end-use sector for 2019.

Relative to 1990, emissions from transportation in 2019 were lower by 4.1 percent. Emissions from ground and domestic aviation transportation increased from 1990 to 2005 before decreasing from 2005 to 2019, largely due to a similar trend in consumption of motor gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel kerosene. Emissions from domestic marine and military transportation increased from 1990

Figure 3-6: 2019 Transportation Emissions by End-Use Sector (Including Aviation)



to 2007 and decreased between 2007 and 2019, largely due to a similar trend in consumption of residual fuel, diesel fuel, and jet fuel kerosene. Figure 3-7 presents emissions from transportation in Hawai'i by end-use sector for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019. Table 3-5 summarizes emissions from transportation in Hawai'i by end-use sector and gas for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Figure 3-7: Transportation Emissions by End-Use Sector and Year (MMT CO₂ Eq.) (Including Aviation)

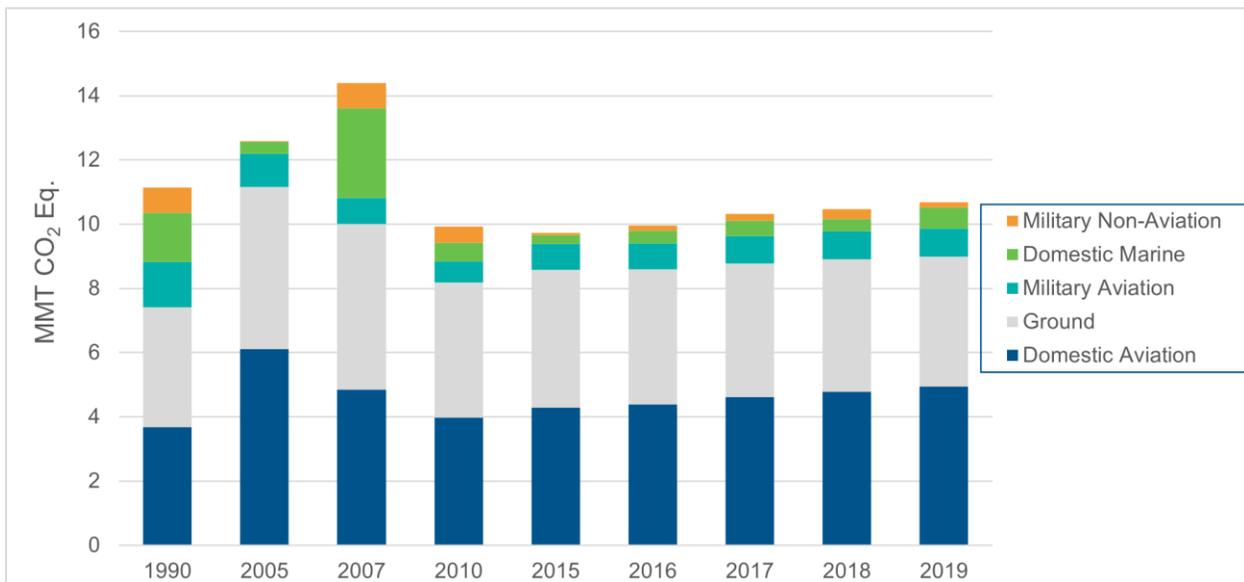


Table 3-5: GHG Emissions from Transportation by End-Use Sector and Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

End-Use Sector/Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Ground	3.73	5.04	5.15	4.20	4.29	4.22	4.16	4.13	4.03
CO ₂	3.56	4.93	5.04	4.12	4.24	4.18	4.12	4.10	4.00
CH ₄	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	+	+	+	+	+
N ₂ O	0.15	0.10	0.10	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
Domestic Marine	1.54	0.38	2.81	0.58	0.28	0.40	0.49	0.37	0.65
CO ₂	1.52	0.36	2.77	0.57	0.28	0.40	0.48	0.37	0.64
CH ₄	+	0.01	0.01	+	+	+	+	(+) ^a	+
N ₂ O	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	+	+	+	+	0.01
Domestic Aviation	3.68	6.12	4.85	3.98	4.29	4.38	4.61	4.78	4.95
CO ₂	3.64	6.06	4.81	3.94	4.25	4.34	4.57	4.74	4.91
CH ₄	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
N ₂ O	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Military Aviation	1.42	1.03	0.80	0.66	0.81	0.80	0.85	0.86	0.88
CO ₂	1.41	1.02	0.79	0.66	0.80	0.79	0.84	0.86	0.87
CH ₄	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
N ₂ O	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

End-Use Sector/Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Military Non-Aviation	0.77	0.02	0.79	0.51	0.05	0.17	0.20	0.32	0.16
CO ₂	0.75	0.02	0.77	0.50	0.05	0.16	0.20	0.31	0.16
CH ₄	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
N ₂ O	0.02	+	0.01	0.01	+	+	+	0.01	+
Total	11.13	12.58	14.40	9.93	9.72	9.97	10.31	10.47	10.68

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

^a In 2018, diesel fuel consumed by international marine voyages originating in Hawai'i was slightly greater than consumed by domestic traveling marine vessels. As international consumption is not included in this inventory and subtracted from emissions, this value is negative.

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Domestic vs. International Aviation and Marine

Consistent with IPCC (2006), the following approach is used to determine emissions from the transportation sector:

- **Included in Hawai'i Inventory Totals:** All transportation activities that occur within Hawai'i (e.g., flights from O'ahu to Maui) and domestic interstate activities originating in Hawai'i (e.g., flights from Honolulu to Los Angeles).
- **Estimated but Excluded from Hawai'i Inventory Totals:** Any fuel combustion used for international flights and marine voyages that originate in Hawai'i (e.g., flights from Honolulu to Hong Kong).
- **Not Estimated:** All transportation activities that originate outside Hawai'i (e.g., travel from Los Angeles to Honolulu, travel from Tokyo to Honolulu).

Methodology

Calculating CO₂ emissions from all transportation sources

Carbon dioxide emissions were estimated using the following equation, consistent with IPCC (2006):

$$CO_2 \text{ Emissions} = [Fuel \text{ Consumption} - IBF \text{ Consumption}] \times C_{fuel} \times \frac{44}{12}$$

where,

Fuel Consumption	= total energy consumption by fuel type (Bbtu)
IBF Consumption	= total consumption of International Bunker Fuels by fuel type (Bbtu)
C _{fuel}	= total mass of carbon per unit of energy in each fuel (lbs C/Bbtu)
44/12	= conversion of carbon to CO ₂

Carbon content coefficients for estimating CO₂ emissions, which are specific to each fuel type, were taken from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). Fuel consumption data for transportation were obtained

from EIA’s SEDS (EIA 2022a) for all years.²⁷ These data were available at an aggregate level by fuel type. Disaggregated transportation data collected by DBEDT (2008a, 2020b) were used to allocate transportation fuel consumption from EIA (2022a) for diesel fuel, motor gasoline, propane, residual fuel, and natural gas into marine and ground transportation for each fuel type. Aviation gasoline and jet fuel kerosene are assumed to all be used for aviation.

Aviation gasoline and naphtha-type jet fuel for military were obtained from EIA (2019) for all years prior to 2017.²⁸ Diesel fuel and residual fuel consumption were obtained from EIA’s Petroleum and Other Liquids dataset for all years (EIA 2022c). Aviation gasoline and naphtha-type jet fuel were assumed to be consumed for aviation purposes, while diesel and residual fuel were assumed to be consumed for non-aviation purposes. These values were subtracted from the aggregate transportation aviation gasoline, diesel fuel, and residual fuel consumption data from EIA (2022a) prior to estimating emissions for the other subcategories.²⁹

EIA’s SEDS follows an updated methodology for the 2020 data publication to estimate state-level jet fuel consumption for 2010 onwards. While conversations with EIA indicated that this update produces more accurate fuel estimates, EIA did not make this adjustment for years prior to 2010, and therefore updated fuel consumption for 2010 onwards in EIA SEDS is not compatible with the estimates for years prior to 2010 (EIA 2022a). EIA revised these estimates using data from the U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics which is not available prior to 2010. This revision impacts fuel consumption for domestic and military aviation, as well as aviation international bunker fuels for the years 1990, 2005, and 2007. To maintain time series consistency, jet fuel consumption was back-casted for the years 1990 – 2009 using the overlap splicing technique as prescribed by IPCC 2006. There is a high correlation between post-2010 estimates developed using the 2020 data publication and the 2018 data publication methodology which allows for this technique to be used. The estimates were developed using IPCC’s overlap method (IPCC 2006) as described by equation 5.1:

$$y_0 = x_0 \left(\frac{1}{n - m + 1} \times \sum_{i=m}^n \frac{y_i}{x_i} \right)$$

where,

y_0 = recalculated jet fuel kerosene consumption (Bbtu)
 x_0 = the original SEDS jet fuel kerosene consumption estimate (Bbtu)

²⁷ Diesel fuel consumption data obtained from EIA (2022a) includes blended biodiesel within the transportation sector. Biodiesel consumed by the transportation sector was subtracted from diesel fuel consumption from EIA to estimate pure diesel consumption.

²⁸ Unpublished military fuel consumption data from SEDS for 2017 through 2019 were not available, therefore consumption for these fuel types were proxied to 2016 data.

²⁹ EIA SEDS (2022a) does not include any naphtha consumption for Hawai’i, so naphtha-type jet fuel consumption in 1990 obtained from EIA (2022c) was assumed to be excluded from SEDS.

y_i, x_i = estimates of jet fuel kerosene consumption prepared using the new and previous used SEDS methodology for years 2010 – 2018 (Bbtu)
 m, n = years in which the overlap of SEDS data were exemplified (2010 – 2018)

For 1990 and 2007, kerosene-type jet fuel consumption data for military were collected by DBEDT (2008a). These values were used with the unadjusted SEDS jet fuel consumption data to develop an estimate of the fraction of emissions from military aviation.³⁰ This fraction was used to subtract military aviation consumption from total transportation jet fuel consumption data from EIA (2022a); emission estimates for military are reported separately. For 2010 and 2015 – 2019, total transportation jet fuel consumption data from EIA (2022a) were allocated to military transportation and non-military transportation using the 2007 proportional breakout, as estimates for military jet fuel consumption were not available for these years.

For all years, aviation and marine fuel consumption were categorized as either domestic or international consumption for the purposes of estimating emissions from international bunker fuels. The methodology used to apportion aviation and marine fuel consumption into domestic or international consumption is discussed in section 3.6.

Calculating CH₄ and N₂O emissions from highway vehicles

Methane and N₂O emissions from highway vehicles are dependent on numerous factors, such as engine type and emissions control technology. Consistent with the IPCC (2006) Tier 2 methodology, the following equation was used to calculate CH₄ and N₂O emissions from highway vehicles:

$$CH_4 \text{ and } N_2O \text{ Emissions} = VMT \times EF_t$$

where,

VMT = Vehicle Miles traveled by vehicle, fuel, model year and control technology (mi)
 EF_t = Control Technology Emission Factor (kg CH₄ or N₂O/mi)

For 2005, 2010, 2015 – 2019, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) estimates by functional class (e.g., interstate, local, other freeways and expressways, other principal arterial, minor arterial, etc.) for the state of Hawai'i were obtained from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Annual Highway Statistics (FHWA 2005; 2010; 2015 – 2020). The distribution of annual VMT by vehicle type for each functional class for the state of Hawai'i, which was also obtained from FHWA (2005; 2010; 2015 – 2020), was then used to calculate VMT by vehicle type. For 1990 and 2007, VMT estimates by vehicle type were provided by the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (DOT) (Hawai'i DOT 2008). Vehicle age distribution by model year, as well as control technologies and emission factors by vehicle type for all years, were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

³⁰ Prior research has shown that the DBEDT and SEDS data developed using the method employed prior to the 2019 update were closely aligned and thus could be compared, Appendix C of Hawai'i DOH (2021).

Calculating CH₄ and N₂O emissions from non-highway vehicles

Methane and N₂O emissions from non-highway vehicles³¹ were estimated using the following equation, consistent with the IPCC (2006) Tier 1 methodology:

$$CH_4 \text{ and } N_2O \text{ Emissions} = [C_{Non\ Highway} - C_{IBF}] \times EF$$

where,

$C_{Non\ Highway}$	= total amount of fuel combusted by non-highway vehicles by fuel type (Bbtu)
C_{IBF}	= total amount of International Bunker Fuels combusted by fuel type (Bbtu)
EF	= emission factor for non-highway vehicles (kg CH ₄ or N ₂ O/Bbtu)

Default emission factors for estimating emissions from non-highway vehicles were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). This source was used because the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* does not include updated emission factors for non-highway vehicles.

Calculating CH₄ and N₂O emissions from alternative fuel vehicles

Methane and N₂O emissions from alternative fuel (i.e., biodiesel and ethanol) vehicles were estimated using the following equation, consistent with the IPCC (2006) Tier 1 methodology:³²

$$CH_4 \text{ and } N_2O \text{ Emissions} = Fuel\ Consumption \times EF_{fuel}$$

where,

Fuel Consumption	= total amount of biodiesel or ethanol combusted (Bbtu)
EF_{fuel}	= emission factor of CH ₄ and N ₂ O by fuel type (kg CH ₄ or N ₂ O/Bbtu)

Methane and N₂O emission factors were taken from IPCC (2006) and EPA (2017) for ethanol and biodiesel, respectively. Biodiesel consumption was estimated based on consumption data obtained from EIA (2022a). Biodiesel consumed by energy industries, as obtained from DBEDT's Economic Data Warehouse (DBEDT 2022a) and Hawai'i DOH (2020), was subtracted from the SEDS biodiesel consumption total to estimate the amount of biodiesel consumed by the transportation sector.

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Changes that were implemented relative to the 2017 inventory report include the following:

- Since development of the 2017 inventory report, EIA's SEDS has adopted a new methodology to estimate state-level jet fuel consumption for 2010 onwards (EIA 2022a). This change impacts fuel consumption for domestic and military aviation, as well as aviation international bunker

³¹ Non-highway vehicles are defined as any vehicle or equipment not used on the traditional road system, excluding aircraft, rail, and watercraft. This category includes snowmobiles, golf carts, riding lawn mowers, agricultural equipment, and trucks used for off-road purposes, among others.

³² Carbon dioxide emissions from Wood Biomass and Biofuels Consumption are reported in section 3.7.

fuels for years 2010 – 2017. Updated estimates of jet fuel consumption are higher than prior estimates, resulting in an increase in emissions estimates. For 1990 and 2007, jet fuel consumption estimates were estimated using a back-casting method, as described in the methodology description of section 3.2.

- Marine fuel consumption by American vessels that travelled internationally are now incorporated into international bunker fuel estimates. Because emissions estimated for international marine consumption are subtracted from total marine fuel consumption, totals have changed from the 2017 report.

The resulting changes in historical emission estimates are presented in Table 3-6.

Table 3-6: Change in Emissions from Transportation Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
Ground						
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	3.73	5.12	4.21	4.32	4.25	4.19
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	3.73	5.15	4.20	4.29	4.22	4.16
Percent Change	0.0%	0.6%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-0.6%
Domestic Marine						
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	1.55	2.81	0.58	0.29	0.41	0.49
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	1.54	2.81	0.58	0.28	0.40	0.49
Percent Change	-1.0%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-1.1%	-1.2%
Domestic Aviation						
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	2.73	3.83	2.91	3.54	3.57	3.46
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	3.68	4.85	3.98	4.29	4.38	4.61
Percent Change	34.7%	26.8%	36.4%	21.1%	22.7%	33.2%
Military Aviation						
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	1.38	0.63	0.49	0.66	0.65	0.64
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	1.42	0.80	0.66	0.81	0.80	0.85
Percent Change	2.7%	27%	37%	22.4%	23.1%	33.3%
Military Non-Aviation						
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.79	0.78	0.51	0.05	0.17	0.20
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.77	0.79	0.51	0.05	0.17	0.20
Percent Change	-2.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
Total						
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	10.18	13.18	8.70	8.86	9.05	8.98
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	11.13	14.40	9.93	9.72	9.97	10.31
Percent Change	9.4%	9.3%	14.1%	9.7%	10.2%	14.9%

Uncertainties

Uncertainties associated with transportation estimates include the following:

- There are uncertainties around the data collected by DBEDT and SEDS data; while significant effort has been made to validate each dataset and make a determination regarding which dataset has lower uncertainty, this remains an area of uncertainty.
- Data collected by DBEDT were used to disaggregate SEDS fuel consumption data from EIA into air, ground, and marine transportation. There is uncertainty associated with the disaggregation of the DBEDT-collected data by fuel type and end-use sector; however, since this uncertainty is only applicable to the apportioning of data, uncertainty surrounding the overall emission estimates for the transportation sector are unaffected. Also, since the data collected by DBEDT are not used to apportion aviation sector consumption, net emissions excluding aviation are not impacted by this uncertainty.
- Due to a SEDS methodology change for years prior to 2010, SEDS kerosene-type jet fuel for 1990, 2005, and 2007 was back casted to remain compatible with data for years after and including 2010.
- Kerosene-type jet fuel consumption for military was not available from EIA. For 1990 and 2007, the analysis used kerosene-type jet fuel consumption data for military as collected by DBEDT. As DBEDT is the conduit of this data but not the source, there is uncertainty associated with data collected by DBEDT. The 1990 data collected by DBEDT were used to disaggregate the jet fuel consumption from EIA into military or non-military for 1990. The 2007 data collected by DBEDT were used to disaggregate the jet fuel consumption from EIA into military or non-military for 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. This resulted in some uncertainty.

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from transportation, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on IPCC (2006) and expert judgment. Uncertainty ranges for activity data were developed using the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* due to lack of available information from EIA. The *2006 IPCC Guidelines* provide default uncertainty bounds for activity data based on the type of energy data system from which the activity data were obtained. Because SEDS is a robust national dataset based on data from thousands of industry-specific surveys, these data were assumed to fall under the “Well developed statistical systems: Surveys” category. The highest range of uncertainties were used for this analysis. This value may change as additional analysis is conducted in the future.

The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) CO₂ emission factor for jet fuel kerosene, (2) motor gasoline consumption, (3) jet fuel kerosene consumption, (4) percent of total aviation consumption subtracted for international bunker fuels, and (5) CO₂ emission factor for motor gasoline. The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 3-7. Emissions from transportation were estimated to be between 10.31 and 11.09 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately four percent below and four percent above the emission estimate of 10.68 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 3-7: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Transportation

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
10.68	10.31	11.09	-4%	+4%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval. Note: Uncertainty estimates include aviation emissions.

3.3. Incineration of Waste (IPCC Source Category 1A1a)

Municipal solid waste (MSW) emits CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emissions when combusted. In 2019, emissions from the incineration of waste in Hawai‘i were 0.28 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 1.5 percent of Energy sector emissions.³³ In 1990, MSW was combusted in Hawai‘i at two facilities: the Honolulu Program of Waste Energy Recovery (H-POWER) plant and the Waipahu Incinerator. The Waipahu Incinerator ceased operations in the early 1990s. As a result, emissions from the incineration of waste in Hawai‘i decreased between 1990 and 2007. Between 2007 and 2016 emissions increased due to expansions in H-POWER’s processing capacity; emissions then decreased from 2016 to 2017 before increasing again from 2017 to 2019. Table 3-8 summarizes emissions from the incineration of waste in Hawai‘i by gas for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 3-8: Emissions from Incineration of Waste by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	0.17	0.15	0.15	0.18	0.26	0.26	0.21	0.25	0.27
CH ₄	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0.01	0.01
N ₂ O	+	+	+	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Total	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.19	0.27	0.27	0.23	0.26	0.28

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Methodology

2010 and 2015 – 2019

Emissions for the H-POWER plant for 2010 and 2015 – 2019 were obtained directly from EPA’s GHGRP (EPA 2022b). This includes non-biogenic CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emissions and biogenic CH₄ and N₂O emissions.

1990, 2005, and 2007

Waipahu Incinerator: For the Waipahu Incinerator, CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emissions were calculated using the IPCC (2006) Tier 1 methodology. For CO₂ emissions, this approach uses waste composition data (i.e.,

³³ Consistent with the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a), emissions from waste incineration are reported under the Energy sector because the waste is used to produce energy.

the percent of plastics and synthetic materials) and their respective carbon content to determine emissions from the combustion of these materials, as described in the following equation:

$$CO_2 \text{ Emissions} = MSW \times \sum_i (WF_i \times dm_i \times CF_i \times FCF_i \times OF_i)$$

where,

CO ₂ Emissions	= CO ₂ emissions in the inventory year
MSW	= total amount of Municipal Solid Waste incinerated
WF _i	= fraction of waste type/material of component i in the MSW
dm _i	= dry matter content in the waste incinerated
CF _i	= fraction of carbon in the dry matter (total carbon content)
FCF _i	= fraction of fossil carbon in the total carbon
OF _i	= oxidation factor
i	= type of waste incinerated

For CH₄ emissions, this Tier 1 approach uses the waste input to the incinerator and a default emission factor, as described in the following equation:

$$CH_4 \text{ Emissions} = IW \times EF$$

where,

CH ₄ Emissions	= CH ₄ emissions in the inventory year
IW	= amount of incinerated waste
EF	= CH ₄ emission factor

For N₂O emissions, this Tier 1 approach uses the waste input to the incinerator and a default emission factor, as described in the following equation:

$$N_2O \text{ Emissions} = IW \times EF$$

where,

N ₂ O Emissions	= N ₂ O emissions in the inventory year
IW	= amount of incinerated waste
EF	= N ₂ O emission factor

Data on the quantity of waste combusted at the Waipahu Incinerator was provided by Steve Serikaku, Honolulu County Refuse Division (Serikaku 2008). Emission factors and the proportion of plastics, synthetic rubber, and synthetic fibers in the waste stream were taken from the U.S. EPA's State Inventory Tools – Solid Waste Module (EPA 2022c).

H-POWER plant: For the H-POWER plant, emissions were calculated using a Tier 3 methodology consistent with California Air Resources Board (CARB) guidance for Mandatory GHG Emissions Reporting (Hahn 2008) for the years 1990, 2005, and 2007. This methodology is believed to be more accurate than the IPCC methodology and attributes a specific ratio of carbon emissions to account for biogenic and

anthropogenic sources based on carbon isotope measurements at the facility. This approach utilizes facility-specific steam output data from H-POWER to estimate CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emissions from the combustion of refuse-derived fuel (RDF) which is processed from MSW, as described in the following equation:

$$Emissions = \sum_i Heat \times EF_i$$

where,

- Emissions = GHG emissions in the inventory year
- Heat = heat output at a given facility
- EF_i = default emission factor for GHG i
- i = type of GHG emitted (CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O)

Facility-specific information for the H-POWER plant for 1990, 2005, and 2007 was obtained directly from Covanta Energy, which operates the H-POWER facility. This data included steam generation, refuse-derived fuel (RDF) composition, biogenic carbon ratios, fuel consumption data, and CO₂ and N₂O emissions (Hahn 2008).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

No changes were made to emissions from waste incineration since the 2017 inventory report.

Uncertainties

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from waste incineration, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a) and expert judgment. The quantified uncertainty estimated for non-biogenic CO₂ emissions for H-POWER facility contributed the vast majority to the quantified uncertainty estimates. The remaining input variables had a minor impact on the overall uncertainty of this source category.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 3-9. Emissions from waste incineration were estimated to be between 0.26 and 0.32 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately eight percent below and 13 percent above the emission estimate of 0.28 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 3-9: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Waste Incineration

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.28	0.26	0.32	-8%	+13%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

3.4. Oil and Gas Operations (IPCC Source Category 1B2)

Refinery activities release CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O to the atmosphere as fugitive emissions, vented emissions, and emissions from operational upsets.³⁴ Two refineries, Par West and Par East,³⁵ operate in Hawai'i that contribute to these emissions (EIA 2022c). In addition, CH₄ fugitive emissions occur from natural gas distribution and transmission pipelines, as well as propane and synthetic natural gas. In 2019, emissions from oil and natural gas systems in Hawai'i were 0.11 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 0.6 percent of Energy sector emissions. Relative to 1990, emissions from oil and natural gas systems in 2019 were lower by roughly 73.5 percent. This decrease is attributed to a reduction in crude oil throughput over this time period. Table 3-10 summarizes emissions from oil and natural gas systems in Hawai'i by gas for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015 – 2019.³⁶

Table 3-10: Emissions from Oil and Natural Gas Systems by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	0.42	0.37	0.37	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.11
CH ₄	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
N ₂ O	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Total	0.43	0.39	0.39	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.31	0.30	0.11

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Methodology

Refinery emissions for 2010, 2015 – 2019

Emissions from oil and gas systems for 2010, 2015 – 2019 were taken directly from EPA's GHGRP (EPA 2022b). This includes non-biogenic CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O fugitive emissions from petroleum refining and hydrogen production for Hawai'i's two refineries.

Refinery emissions for 1990, 2005, and 2007

Emissions from oil and gas systems for 1990, 2005, and 2007 were estimated by scaling 2010 emissions data from EPA's GHGRP (EPA 2022b) based on the ratio of crude oil refined (i.e., throughput) each year for the two refineries relative to 2010. 2005 estimates are proxied based on 2007 data. Data on the amount of crude oil refined was obtained from reports collected by DBEDT as well as direct correspondence with the refinery owners (DBEDT 2008b; Island Energy Services 2017; Par Petroleum 2017).

³⁴ The state of Hawai'i does not have any natural gas exploration, production, processing, or transmission systems present. Sources of emissions in the natural gas systems category include fugitive emissions from propane and synthetic natural gas.

³⁵ The Par West Refinery was previously known as the Island Energy Services Refinery and, prior to that, as the Chevron Products Company Hawai'i Refinery; the Par East Refinery was previously known as Refinery Kapolei which was previously known as the Hawai'i Independent Energy Petroleum Refinery.

³⁶ Emissions from fuels combusted at refineries are included in under the Stationary Combustion source category.

Fugitive emissions from natural gas distribution and transmission pipelines

Emissions from natural gas distribution and transmission pipelines for all inventory years were estimated using miles and services data by material from DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) database (2022) and applying pipeline leak factors obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

No changes were made to emissions from oil and gas operations since the 2017 inventory report.

Uncertainties

Fugitive emissions from petroleum refining for 1990, 2005, and 2007 were not available from EPA's GHGRP. These emissions were instead estimated based on annual throughput for each refinery. For well-controlled systems the primary source of emissions are fugitive equipment leaks, which are independent of system throughputs (IPCC 2000). As a result, there is uncertainty associated with using throughput as a proxy for emissions in 1990, 2005, and 2007. Additionally, annual throughput for the Par West Refinery was not available for 1990; for the purposes of this analysis, it was assumed that 1990 throughput was consistent with 2007 levels. Lastly, annual throughput for the Par West Refinery and Par East Refinery was not available for 2005; for the purposes of this analysis, it was assumed that 2005 throughput was consistent with 2007 levels. Fugitive emissions from natural gas distribution and transmission are disaggregated by pipeline material. Data from DOT's PHMSA does not provide details on the material types included in the "other materials" category for gas distribution services. An average pipeline leak rate was applied to the distribution services, other materials, and as a result, there is uncertainty associated with these emissions.

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from oil and gas operations, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on expert judgment. The quantified uncertainty estimated for CO₂ emissions for the Par East Refinery contributed the vast majority to the quantified uncertainty estimates. The remaining input variables had a minor impact on the overall uncertainty of this source category. The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 3-11. Emissions from oil and natural gas systems were estimated to be between 0.11 and 0.11 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 0.1 percent below and 0.1 percent above the emission estimate of 0.11 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 3-11: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Oil and Natural Gas Systems

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.11	0.11	0.11	-0.1%	+0.1%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

3.5. Non-Energy Uses (IPCC Source Category 2D)

In addition to being combusted for energy, fossil fuels are also consumed for non-energy uses in Hawai'i. Emissions may occur during the manufacture of a product or during the product's lifetime. Fuels used in non-energy uses include coal, diesel fuel, propane, asphalt and road oil, lubricants, and waxes. In 2019, emissions from non-energy uses of fuels in Hawai'i were 0.04 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for less than one percent of Energy sector emissions. These emissions are included under the Energy sector, rather than the IPPU sector, consistent with the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). Table 3-12 summarizes emissions from non-energy uses of fuels in Hawai'i by gas for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 3-12: Emissions from Non-Energy Uses (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Methodology

Carbon dioxide emissions were estimated using the following equation, consistent with IPCC (2006):³⁷

$$CO_2 \text{ Emissions} = [Fuel \text{ Consumption} \times NEU \text{ Consumption } \%] \times C_{fuel} \times \frac{44}{12} \times [1 - C_{stored}]$$

where,

- Fuel Consumption = total consumption by fuel type and end-use sector (Bbtu)
- NEU Consumption % = percentage of non-energy use of fuel consumption (percent)
- C_{fuel} = total mass of carbon per unit of energy in each fuel (lbs C/Bbtu)
- 44/12 = conversion of carbon to CO₂
- C_{stored} = carbon storage factor by fuel type (percent)

The percentage of non-energy use consumption by fuel type were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a) and applied to total consumption values for fuels by end use sector obtained from EIA's SEDS (EIA 2022a).³⁸ Carbon content coefficients for estimating CO₂ emissions, which are specific to each fuel type, were taken from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). The percentage of C stored in non-energy uses of fuels were also obtained from EPA (2022a).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

No changes were made to emissions from oil and gas operations since the 2017 inventory report.

³⁷ Methane and N₂O emissions from non-energy uses are not estimated, consistent with IPCC Guidance (2006) and the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

³⁸ Consumption values for fuels included in the stationary combustion source category from EIA's SEDS (EIA 2022a) were adjusted to subtract non-energy uses.

Uncertainties

Uncertainties associated with non-energy use estimates include the following:

- Non-energy use CO₂ emission factors are not available from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a), therefore industrial sector emission factors, by fuel type are used.
- Non-energy use estimates are based on U.S.-specific storage factors. The storage factor for feedstocks is based on an analysis of long-term storage and emissions. Rather than modeling the total uncertainty around each process, the current analysis addresses only the storage rates, and assumes that all C that is not stored is emitted. Further analysis may investigate Hawai'i-specific non-energy use storage factors and processes.

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from non-energy uses, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on IPCC (2006) and expert judgment. The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) industrial lubricant consumption, (2) transportation lubricant consumption, and (3) industrial LPG consumption.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 3-13. Emissions from non-energy uses were estimated to be between 0.03 and 0.04 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 25 percent below and one percent above the emission estimate of 0.04 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 3-13: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Non-Energy Uses

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.04	0.03	0.04	-25%	+1%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

3.6. International Bunker Fuels (IPCC Source Category 1: Memo Items)

International bunker fuels (IBFs) are defined as marine and aviation travel originating in Hawai'i and ending in a foreign country. According to IPCC (2006), emissions from the combustion of fuels used for international transport activities, or international bunker fuels, should not be included in emission totals, but instead should be reported separately. International bunker fuel combustion produces CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emissions from both marine and aviation fuels. In 2019, emissions from international bunker fuels in Hawai'i were 1.64 MMT CO₂ Eq., which is 4.0 percent greater than 1990 levels. Table 3-14 summarizes emissions from international bunker fuels in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015 – 2019.

Table 3-14: Emissions from International Bunker Fuels by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	1.56	2.23	1.09	1.31	1.55	1.54	1.75	1.76	1.63
CH ₄	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
N ₂ O	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
Total	1.58	2.25	1.10	1.32	1.56	1.55	1.76	1.78	1.64

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Methodology

Carbon dioxide emissions were estimated using the following equation, consistent with IPCC (2006):

$$CO_2 \text{ Emissions} = [IBF \text{ Consumption}] \times C_{fuel} \times \frac{44}{12}$$

where,

IBF Consumption = total consumption of International Bunker Fuels by fuel type (Bbtu)
 C_{fuel} = total mass of carbon per unit of energy in each fuel (lbs C/Bbtu)
 44/12 = conversion of carbon to CO₂

Methane and N₂O emissions were calculated using an IPCC (2006) Tier 1 methodology. Emissions were calculated using the following equation:

$$CH_4 \text{ and } N_2O \text{ Emissions} = IBF \text{ Consumption} \times EF_{fuel}$$

where,

IBF Consumption = total amount of International Bunker Fuel combusted (Bbtu)
 EF_{fuel} = emission factor of CH₄ and N₂O by fuel type (MT/Bbtu)

Carbon dioxide emission factors were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a), while CH₄ and N₂O emission factors were obtained from IPCC (2006). The following sections describe how IBF consumption was derived for aviation and marine bunker fuel.

Aviation Bunker Fuel

Aviation bunker fuel consumption was calculated based on the estimated amount of jet fuel used for international trips in each year. Aircraft-specific fuel efficiency estimates (miles/gal) and mileage data were used to calculate the ratio of domestic to international fuel consumption to allocate jet fuel consumption estimates from SEDS (EIA 2022a) into domestic and international bunker fuel consumption. EIA's SEDS follows a new methodology and revised estimates for state-level jet fuel consumption for 2010 onwards (EIA 2022a). This change impacts fuel consumption for domestic and

military aviation, as well as aviation international bunker fuels. The method employed to back-cast SEDS consumption data prior to 2010 is described in section 3.2.

The annual fuel efficiency for each aircraft type for both domestic and international flights was calculated using Airline Data Inc.'s (ADI) Form 41 Fuel Statistics dataset (ADI 1990 – 2019). The calculated year-specific fuel efficiencies by aircraft type were then multiplied by the total distance traveled by year for domestic and international flights originating in Hawai'i (ADI 1990 – 2019). That ratio was multiplied by total non-military jet fuel consumption in Hawai'i, as derived from EIA (2022a and 2019), to calculate aviation international bunker fuel consumption.

$$IBF\ Consumption = [Jet\ Fuel_T - Jet\ Fuel_M] \times \left[\frac{Gallons_I}{Gallons_I + Gallons_D} \right]$$

where,

IBF Consumption	= total consumption of International Bunker Fuels from jet fuel (Bbtu)
Jet Fuel _T	= total jet fuel consumption from SEDS (Bbtu)
Jet Fuel _M	= military jet fuel consumption (Bbtu)
Gallons _I	= gallons consumed for international trips originating in Hawai'i
Gallons _D	= gallons consumed for domestic trips originating in Hawai'i

Marine Bunker Fuel

Marine bunker fuel consumption was calculated based on the estimated amount of diesel and residual fuel consumption used for international trips. Fuel consumption is included for both vessels flying American and foreign flags. For all inventory years except 1990, marine bunker fuel consumption for Hawai'i was obtained directly from the Census Bureau (DOC 2008, 2018, and 2020). For 1990, marine bunker fuel consumption for all international traveling vessels was estimated by applying the average of 2006 and 2007 Hawai'i marine bunker fuel consumption (the earliest available years for Hawai'i marine bunker fuel) to apportion U.S. consumption in 1990. An average of the two years was used to account for annual fluctuations in consumption. National marine bunker fuel consumption was obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Upon internal review, data for American-flagged vessels making international trips was not included in the marine fuel consumption estimates in the 2017 and previous inventory reports. For this inventory report, these data are now included. Marine bunker fuel consumption for American vessels in 1990 was estimated following the same method previously described for foreign vessels. In addition, EIA's SEDS follows a new methodology to estimate state-level jet fuel consumption for 2010 onwards (EIA 2022a) and estimates for years prior to 2010 were estimated using back-casting. These updates impact fuel consumption for international aviation bunker fuels. The resulting changes in historical emission estimates are presented in Table 3-15 and Table 3-16.

Table 3-15: Change in Emissions from Marine Bunker Fuels Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.09	0.05	0.39	0.10	0.06	0.12
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.11	0.05	0.39	0.10	0.06	0.12
Percent Change	13.7%	1.0%	2.1%	1.0%	6.1%	2.4%

Table 3-16: Change in Emissions from Aviation Bunker Fuels Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	1.08	0.82	0.67	1.19	1.19	1.22
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	1.47	1.05	0.93	1.46	1.49	1.65
Percent Change	36.9%	28.3%	38.0%	22.9%	25.7%	34.6%

Uncertainties

Uncertainties associated with international bunker fuel estimates include the following:

- Due to a SEDS methodology change for years prior to 2010, SEDS kerosene-type jet fuel for 1990, 2005, and 2007 was back casted to remain compatible with data for years after and including 2010. Jet fuel consumption was then disaggregated into domestic and international for all years.
- Kerosene-type jet fuel consumption for military was not available from EIA. For 1990 and 2007, the analysis used kerosene-type jet fuel consumption data for military as collected by DBEDT. As DBEDT is the conduit of this data but not the source, there is also uncertainty associated with data collected by DBEDT. The data collected by DBEDT were used to disaggregate total jet fuel consumption from EIA into military or non-military for all years. Non-military jet fuel consumption was then disaggregated into domestic and international for all years.
- There is some uncertainty associated with estimating jet fuel consumption for international trips based on the international flight to total flight fuel efficiency ratio. This approach was used because data on jet fuel consumption for international trips originating in Hawai'i were not available.
- There is some uncertainty with estimating marine bunker fuel consumption in 1990 due to a lack of available data and use of the average of 2006 and 2007 data to apportion total U.S. consumption.
- Uncertainties exist with the reliability of Census Bureau (DOC 2008 and 2018) data on marine vessel fuel consumption reported at U.S. customs stations due to the significant degree of inter-annual variation, as discussed further in the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from international bunker fuels, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on IPCC (2006) and expert judgment. Uncertainty ranges for activity data were developed using the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* due to lack of available information from EIA. The *2006 IPCC*

Guidelines provide default uncertainty bounds for activity data based on the type of energy data system from which the activity data were obtained. Because SEDS is a robust national dataset based on data from thousands of industry-specific surveys, these data were assumed to fall under the “Well developed statistical systems: Surveys” category. The highest range of uncertainties were used for this analysis. This value may change as additional analysis is conducted in the future.

The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) percent of total aviation consumption for international bunker fuels, (2) jet fuel consumption, and (3) CO₂ emission factor for jet fuel. The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 3-17. Emissions from international bunker fuels were estimated to be between 1.48 and 1.82 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 10 percent below and 11 percent above the emission estimate of 1.64 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 3-17: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from International Bunker Fuels

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1.64	1.48	1.82	-10%	+11%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

3.7. CO₂ from Wood Biomass and Biofuel Consumption (IPCC Source Categories 1A)

Ethanol, biodiesel, and other types of biomass release CO₂ emissions when combusted.^{39,40} According to IPCC (2006), since these emissions are biogenic, CO₂ emissions from biomass in combustion should be estimated separately from fossil fuel CO₂ emissions and should not be included in emission totals. This is to avoid double-counting of biogenic CO₂ emissions from the AFOLU sector. In 2019, CO₂ emissions from wood biomass and biofuel consumption in Hawai‘i were 1.28 MMT CO₂ Eq. Table 3-18 summarizes CO₂ emissions from wood biomass and biofuel consumption in Hawai‘i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015 – 2019.

³⁹ Ethanol is blended with motor gasoline at oil refineries. Hawai‘i began blending ethanol into motor gasoline supply in 2006.

⁴⁰ In addition to CO₂, small amounts of CH₄ and N₂O are also emitted from biomass sources. Unlike CO₂ emissions from biomass, these CH₄ and N₂O emissions are not accounted for in a separate process, and thus are included in the stationary combustion and transportation source categories and are counted towards total emissions.

Table 3-18: Emissions from Wood Biomass and Biofuel Consumption by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990 ^a	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	2.43	0.59	0.88	1.24	1.40	1.49	1.26	1.29	1.28

^a Emissions from biodiesel were not estimated for 1990 due to a lack of available data. Emissions reported for 1990 reflect emissions from solid biomass consumption only.

Methodology

Biofuel

Carbon dioxide emissions from biofuel combustion were calculated using the following equation:

$$CO_2 \text{ Emissions} = \text{Biofuel Consumption} \times HHV_{\text{biofuel}} \times EF_{\text{biofuel}}$$

where,

- Biofuel Consumption = total volume of ethanol and biodiesel combusted (gal)
- HHV_{biofuel} = Default high heat value of ethanol and biodiesel (Million Btu or MMBtu/gal)
- EF_{biofuel} = Ethanol- and biodiesel-specific default CO₂ emission factor (kg CO₂/MMBtu)

Wood Biomass

Carbon dioxide emissions from wood biomass combustion were calculated using the following equation:

$$CO_2 \text{ Emissions} = \text{Wood Biomass Consumption} \times EF_{\text{wood biomass}}$$

where,

- Wood Biomass Consumption = total amount of wood biomass combusted (Bbtu)
- EF_{wood biomass} = Wood biomass default CO₂ emission factor (lb CO₂/MMBtu)

Ethanol, biodiesel, and wood biomass consumption data were obtained from SEDS (EIA 2022a) for all years. Carbon dioxide combustion emission factors were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

In the 2017 inventory report, 2017 CO₂ emissions from wood biomass were inadvertently excluded. The current inventory has updated 2017 emissions to include these emissions. The resulting changes in historical emission estimates are presented in Table 3-19.

Table 3-19: Change in CO₂ Emissions from Wood Biomass and Biofuel Consumption Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	2.43	0.88	1.24	1.40	1.49	0.75
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	2.43	0.88	1.24	1.40	1.49	1.26
Percent Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	67.4%

Uncertainties

There are uncertainties around the data collected by DBEDT and SEDS data; while significant effort has been made to validate each dataset and make a determination regarding which dataset has lower uncertainty, this remains an area of uncertainty.

To estimate uncertainty associated with CO₂ emissions from wood biomass and biofuel consumption, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on IPCC (2006) and expert judgment. The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) H-Power plant biogenic CO₂ emissions, (2) transportation ethanol consumption, and (3) CO₂ emission factor for ethanol.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 3-20. Carbon dioxide emissions from wood biomass and biofuel consumption were estimated to be between 1.21 and 1.37 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately six percent below and seven percent above the emission estimate of 1.28 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 3-20: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Wood Biomass and Biofuel Consumption

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1.28	1.21	1.37	-6%	+7%

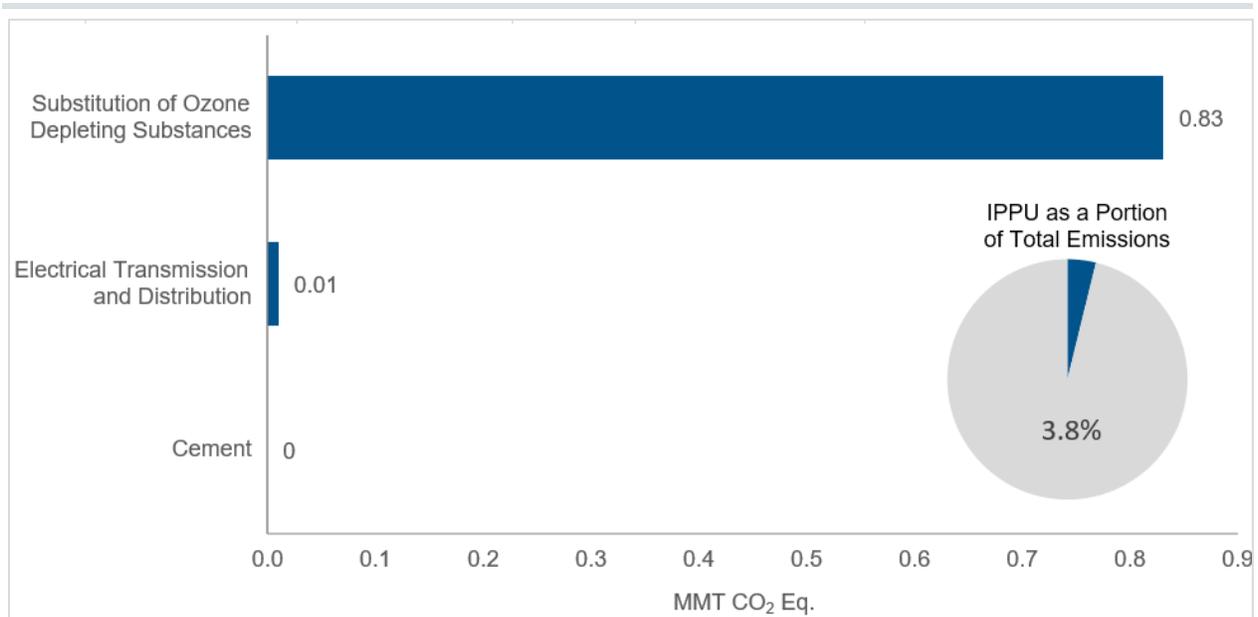
^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

4. Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU)

This chapter presents GHG emissions that occur from industrial processes and product use (IPPU). For the state of Hawai'i, IPPU sector emissions are estimated from the following sources: Cement Production (IPCC Source Category 2A1), Electrical Transmission and Distribution (IPCC Source Category 2G1), and Substitution of Ozone Depleting Substances (IPCC Source Category 2F).⁴¹

In 2019, emissions from the IPPU sector were 0.84 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 3.8 percent of total Hawai'i emissions. Emissions from the substitution of ozone depleting substances accounted for the majority of emissions from the IPPU sector, representing 98.8 percent of total emissions. The remaining 1.2 percent of emissions are from electrical transmission and distribution. Clunker production in Hawai'i ceased in 1996 and, as a result, emissions from cement production in 2019 were zero. Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2 show emissions from the IPPU sector by source for 2019.

Figure 4-1: 2019 IPPU Emissions by Source (MMT CO₂ Eq.)



⁴¹ IPCC Source Categories for which emissions were not estimated for the state of Hawai'i include: Lime Production (2A2), Glass Production (2A3), Other Process Uses of Carbonates (2A4), Chemical Industry (2B), Metal Industry (2C), Non-Energy Products from Fuels and Solvent Use (2D), Electronics Industry (2E), SF₆ and PFCs from Other Product Uses (2G2), and N₂O from Product Uses (2G3). Appendix A provides information on why emissions were not estimated for these IPCC Source Categories.

Relative to 1990, emissions from the IPPU sector in 2019 were higher by nearly 400 percent. The increase is due entirely to the growth in HFC and PFC emissions which are used as a substitute for ozone depleting substances used primarily in refrigeration and air conditioning. These substitutes have grown steadily in line with national emissions as ozone depleting substances are phased out under the Montreal Protocol (EPA 2022a). Sulfur hexafluoride emissions from electrical transmission and distribution decreased by 85.6 percent from 1990 to 2019, also consistent with national emissions. This decrease is attributed to increasing SF₆ prices and industry efforts to reduce emissions (EPA 2022a). Figure 4-3 below shows IPPU sector emissions by source category for each inventory year. Emissions by source and year are also summarized in Table 4-1.

Figure 4-2: 2019 IPPU Emissions by Source

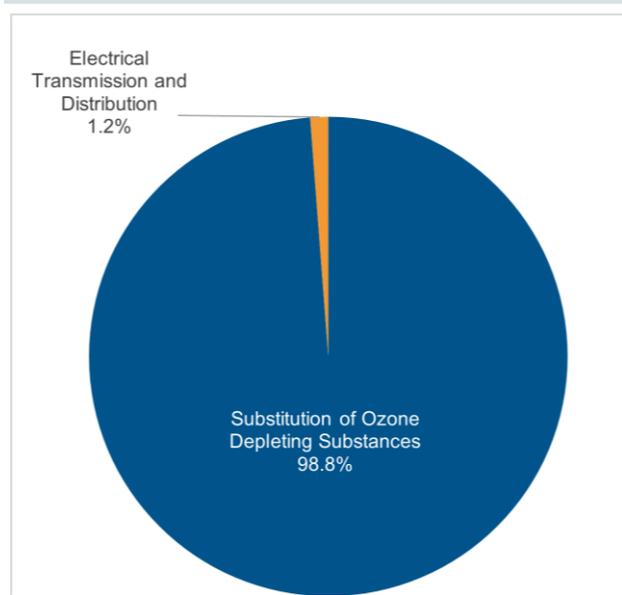


Figure 4-3: IPPU Emissions by Source and Year

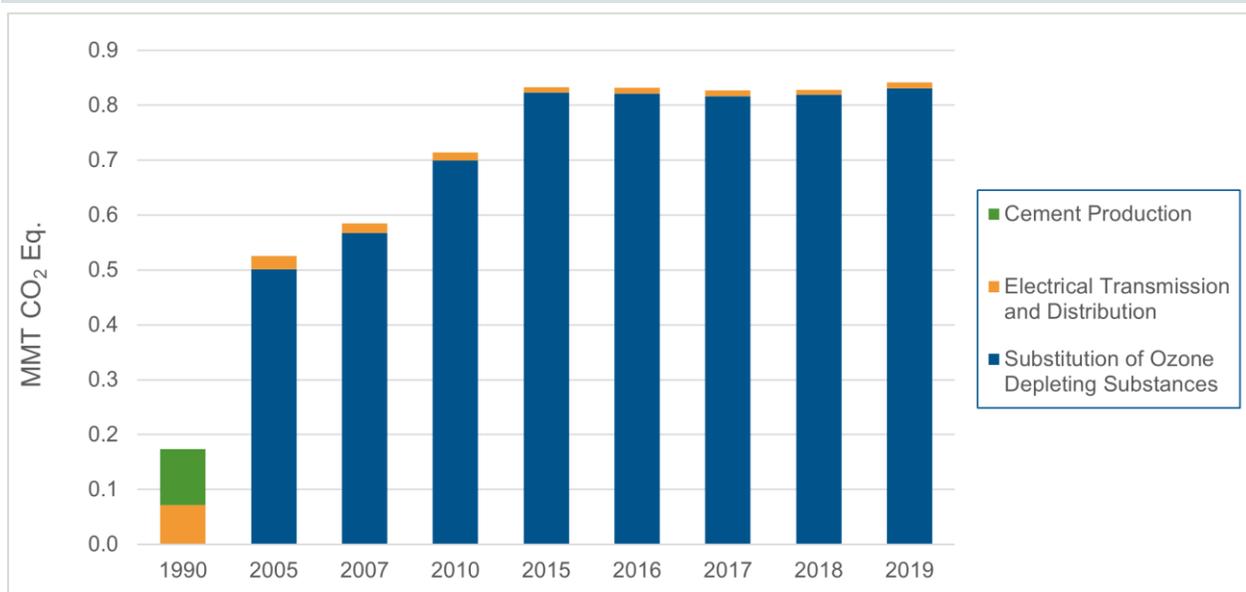


Table 4-1: GHG Emissions from the IPPU Sector by Source and Year (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Source	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Cement Production	0.10	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Electrical Transmission and Distribution	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Substitution of Ozone Depleting Substances	+	0.50	0.57	0.70	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.83
Total	0.17	0.52	0.58	0.71	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.; NO (emissions are Not Occurring).

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

The remainder of this chapter describes the detailed emission results by source category, including a description of the methodology and data sources used to prepare the inventory. Activity data and emission factors used in the analysis are summarized in Appendix F and Appendix G, respectively.

4.1. Cement Production (IPCC Source Category 2A1)

Carbon dioxide emissions are released as a by-product of the clinker production process, an intermediate product used primarily to make portland cement. In Hawai'i, clinker was produced on-site in O'ahu until production ceased in 1996, after which clinker was imported (Wurlitzer 2008). Portland cement production ended in Hawai'i in 2001 (Wurlitzer 2008). As a result, in 2019, emissions from cement production in Hawai'i were zero. Table 4-2 summarizes emissions from cement production in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 4-2: Emissions from Cement Production by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	0.10	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

NO (emissions are Not Occurring).

Methodology

Process-related CO₂ emissions from cement production were estimated using IPCC (2006) Tier 2 methodology, plant-specific clinker production provided by Hawaiian Cement (Wurlitzer 2008), and default factors for calcium oxide content and cement kiln dust (CKD) from the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* (IPCC 2006). Emissions were calculated using the following equation:

$$CO_2 \text{ Emissions} = M_{clinker} \times EF_{clinker} \times CF_{cement \text{ kiln dust}}$$

where:

- $M_{clinker}$ = weight (mass) of clinker produced, tonnes
- $EF_{clinker}$ = emission factor for clinker
- $CF_{cement \text{ kiln dust}}$ = emissions correction factor for cement kiln dust

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

No changes were made to emissions from cement production since the 2017 inventory report.

Uncertainties

The uncertainties around emissions from cement production were not quantitatively assessed because there is currently no cement production in the state.

4.2. Electrical Transmission and Distribution (IPCC Source Category 2G1)

Sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) emissions from electrical transmission and distribution systems result from leaks in transmission equipment. In 2019, emissions from electrical transmission and distribution systems in Hawai'i were 0.01 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 1.2 percent of IPPU sector emissions. Relative to 1990, emissions from electrical transmission and distribution systems in 2019 were lower by 85.6 percent. Nationally, these emissions have decreased over time due to a sharp increase in the price of SF₆ during the 1990s and a growing awareness of the environmental impact of SF₆ emissions (EPA 2022a). Table 4-3 summarizes emissions from electrical transmission and distribution systems in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 4-3: Emissions from Electrical Transmission and Distribution by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
SF ₆	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

Methodology

Emissions were calculated by apportioning U.S. emissions from this source to Hawai'i based on the ratio of Hawai'i electricity sales to U.S. electricity sales. Estimates of national SF₆ emissions data were taken from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). National electricity sales data come from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Energy Information Administration (EIA 2021). Hawai'i electricity sales data come from the State of Hawai'i Data Book (DBEDT 2020a).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

National emissions data were recently updated in EPA (2021a and 2022a), based on revisions to reported historical data in EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP). As the estimates for Hawai'i are calculated by apportioning U.S. emissions from this source to Hawai'i, this resulted in a change to the estimates. Additional updates included an improvement to the methodology used to calculate historical estimates for transmission mileage and the addition of emissions of CF₄ from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). The resulting changes in historical emissions estimates are presented in Table 4-4.

Table 4-4: Change in Emissions from Electrical Transmission and Distribution Relative to 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
Percent Change	-0.2%	-0.8%	-0.6%	-0.9%	-1.2%	1.3%

Uncertainties

The apportionment method was used to estimate emissions from electrical transmission and distribution systems in Hawai'i instead of the IPCC methodology because data on SF₆ purchases and emissions for Hawaiian utilities were not available. The apportionment method does not account for state-specific circumstances that may deviate from national trends (e.g., efforts taken by the state, or utilities within the state, to reduce SF₆ emissions from electrical transmission and distribution systems beyond the average rate of national emission reductions). These model uncertainties were not assessed as part of the quantitative uncertainty analysis.

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from electrical transmission and distribution, uncertainties associated with three quantities were assessed: (1) U.S. SF₆ electricity transmission and distribution emissions, (2) U.S. electricity sales, and (3) Hawai'i electricity sales. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on expert judgment. Each input variable contributed relatively evenly to the overall uncertainty of the emissions estimate.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 4-5. Emissions from electrical transmission and distribution systems were estimated to be between 0.008 MMT CO₂ Eq. and 0.013 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 25 percent below and 32 percent above the emission estimate of 0.010 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 4-5: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Electrical Transmission and Distribution

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.010	0.008	0.013	-25%	+32%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

4.3. Substitution of Ozone Depleting Substances (IPCC Source Category 2F)

HFCs and PFCs are used as alternatives to ODS that are being phased out under the Montreal Protocol and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. These chemicals are most commonly used in refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, solvent cleaning, foam production, fire extinguishing, and aerosols. In 2019, emissions from ODS substitutes in Hawai'i were 0.83 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 98.8 percent of IPPU sector emissions. Nationally, emissions from ODS substitutes have risen dramatically since 1990,

and now represent one of the largest sources of GHG emissions from the IPPU sector (EPA 2022a). Table 4-6 summarizes emissions from HFCs and PFCs that are used as substitutes of ODS in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019. While not included in the inventory totals, estimated emissions from ODS in Hawai'i are presented in Appendix H.⁴²

Table 4-6: Emissions from Substitutes of ODS by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
HFC/PFC	+	0.50	0.57	0.70	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.83

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

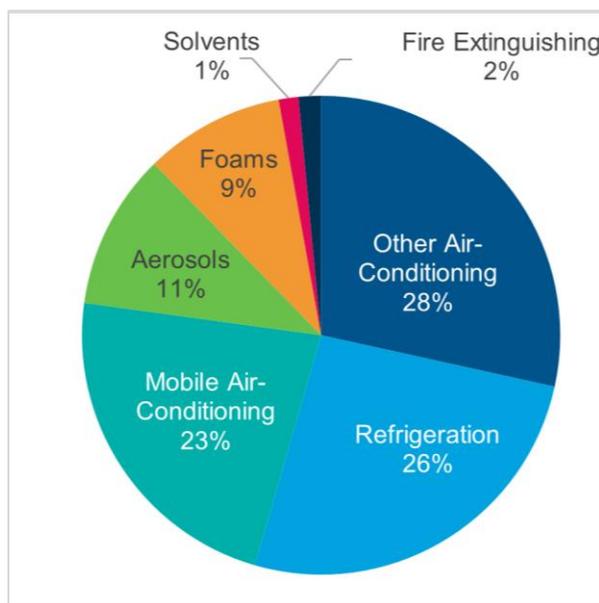
Methodology

In contrast to source categories in which emissions are calculated based on production data or are directly monitored at a small number of point sources, emissions of HFCs and PFCs can occur from thousands of types of equipment from millions of sources, including refrigeration and air-conditioning units, aerosols, and solvents. Emissions by sub-category are shown in Figure 4-4.

At the national level, these emissions are estimated using EPA's Vintaging Model, which tracks the use characteristics of equipment currently in use for more than 50 different end-use categories, and applies HFC and PFC leak rates to estimate annual emissions. In the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a), emissions are presented for the following sub-categories:

- Mobile air-conditioning
- Other refrigeration and air-conditioning
- Aerosols
- Foams
- Solvents
- Fire extinguishing

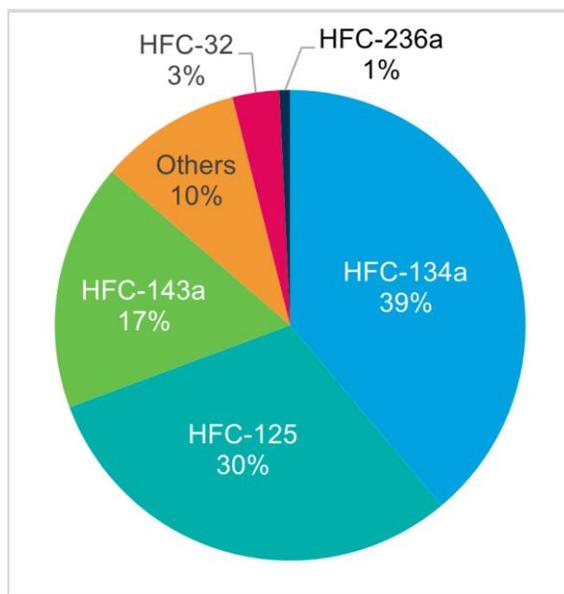
Figure 4-4: 2019 Emissions from ODS Substitutes by Sub-Category



⁴² Per IPCC (2006) guidelines, emissions of ODS, which are also GHGs, are not included in this inventory. For informational purposes, ODS emissions were estimated for the state of Hawai'i and are presented in Appendix H.

Hawai'i emissions from mobile air-conditioning systems were estimated by apportioning national emissions from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a) to Hawai'i based on the ratio of Hawai'i vehicle registrations from the State of Hawai'i Data Book (DBEDT 2020b) to U.S. vehicle registrations from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA 2020). Hawai'i emissions from other air-conditioning systems (i.e., air conditioning systems excluding mobile air conditioners) were estimated by apportioning national emissions from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a) to Hawai'i based on the ratio of the number of houses with air conditioners in Hawai'i to the number of houses with air conditioners in the United States. The number of houses in Hawai'i with air conditioners was estimated by apportioning the total number of houses with air conditioners in hot and humid climate regions in the United States using EIA's 2009, 2015, and 2020 Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS) and U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Guide to Determining Climate Regions by County (DOE 2015; EIA 2013; EIA 2018; EIA 2022d). For the remaining sub-categories, national emissions from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a) were apportioned to Hawai'i based on the ratio of Hawai'i population from DBEDT (2020b) to U.S. population from the U.S. Census Bureau (2021). Emissions by gas are shown in Figure 4-5.

Figure 4-5: 2019 Emissions from ODS Substitutes by Gas



Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Changes to emission estimates were minor. Population data for the United States was updated based on the most recent available data, as published by the U.S. Census Bureau (2021). National emissions data were also updated based on updated values published by EPA (2021a and 2022a). Specifically, U.S. emissions estimates were updated based on updates to the Vintaging Model that is used to calculate emissions from substitutes of ODS. These updates included revisions to various assumptions in the refrigeration and air conditioning, aerosols, and foams sectors. Updates were made to various assumptions for ice makers, unitary air conditioners, metered dose inhaler aerosols, and polyurethane and polyisocyanurate boardstock foams. Additionally, ten new end-uses were added to the model to replace commercial refrigeration foam: vending machine foam, stand-alone equipment foam, ice machine foam, refrigerated food processing and dispensing equipment foam, small walk-in cooler foam,

large walk-in cooler foam, display case foam (CFC-11) and display case foam (CFC-12), road transport foam, and intermodal container foam (EPA 2021a).

In the 2017 inventory report, national emissions from ‘other air conditioners’ were apportioned to Hawai‘i based on number of houses with air conditioners, which were in turn calculated using the 2009 and 2015 RECS data, such that 2009 values were used as a proxy for all years 1990 – 2014 and 2015 values were used as a proxy for all years 2015 – 2017. To improve upon this estimate, the number of houses with air conditioners is now instead calculated individually for each year by interpolating between available data years and back-projecting. The resulting changes in historical emissions estimates are presented in Table 4-7.

Table 4-7: Change in Emissions from Substitutes of ODS Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	+	0.57	0.70	0.82	0.82	0.82
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	+	0.57	0.70	0.82	0.82	0.82
Percent Change	0.9%	-0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	-0.4%	-0.9%

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Uncertainties

The apportionment method was used instead of the IPCC methodology due to the complexity of the source category and lack of sufficient data. This approach is consistent with the approach used in EPA’s State Inventory Tool (EPA 2022c). Because emissions from substitutes of ODS are closely tied to the prevalence of the products in which they are used, in the absence of state-specific policies that control the use and management of these chemicals, emissions from this source closely correlate with vehicles registered and population. These model uncertainties were not assessed as part of the quantitative uncertainty analysis.

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from substitutes of ODS, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on expert judgment. The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) U.S. emissions from substitutes of ODS from Aerosols, (2) U.S. emissions from substitutes of ODS from refrigeration and air conditioning, and (3) U.S. homes in hot and humid climates with air conditioners.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 4-8. Emissions from substitutes of ODS were estimated to be between 0.80 and 0.90 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately four percent below and eight percent above the emission estimate of 0.83 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 4-8: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Substitutes of ODS

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.83	0.80	0.90	-4%	+8%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

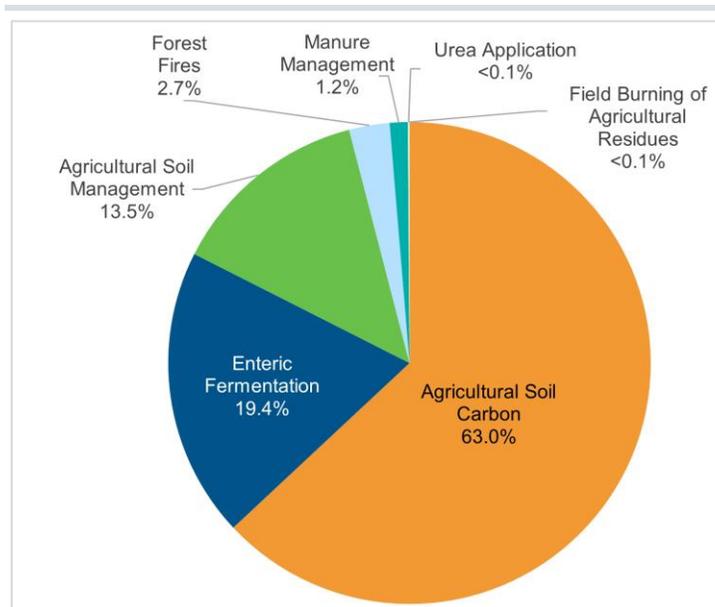
5. Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses (AFOLU)

This chapter presents GHG emissions and GHG removals from sinks from agricultural activities, land use, changes in land use, and land management practices. Agricultural activities are typically GHG emissions “sources,” which emit GHGs into the atmosphere. Land use, changes in land use, and land management practices may either be GHG “sources” or GHG “sinks” (sinks remove CO₂ from the atmosphere).

For the state of Hawai‘i, emissions and removals from agriculture, forestry, and other land uses (AFOLU) are estimated from the following source and sink categories:⁴³ Enteric Fermentation (IPCC Source Category 3A1); Manure Management (IPCC Source Category 3A2 and 3C6); Agricultural Soil Management (IPCC Source Categories 3C4 and 3C5); Field Burning of Agricultural Residues (IPCC Source Category 3C1b); Urea Application (IPCC Source Category 3C3); Agricultural Soil Carbon (IPCC Source Categories 3B2 and 3B3); Forest Fires (IPCC Source Category 3C1a); Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps (IPCC Source Category 3B5a); Urban Trees (IPCC Source Category 3B5a); and Forest Carbon (IPCC Source Category 3B1a). In Hawai‘i, landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps, urban trees, and forest carbon are CO₂ sinks. The remaining AFOLU categories presented in this chapter are sources of GHGs.

In 2019, total emissions (excluding sinks) from the AFOLU sector were 1.31 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 6.0 percent of total Hawai‘i emissions. Agricultural soil carbon accounted for the largest share of AFOLU emissions, followed by enteric fermentation, agricultural soil management, forest fires, manure management, urea application, and field burning of

Figure 5-1: 2019 AFOLU Emissions by Source (Excluding Sinks)

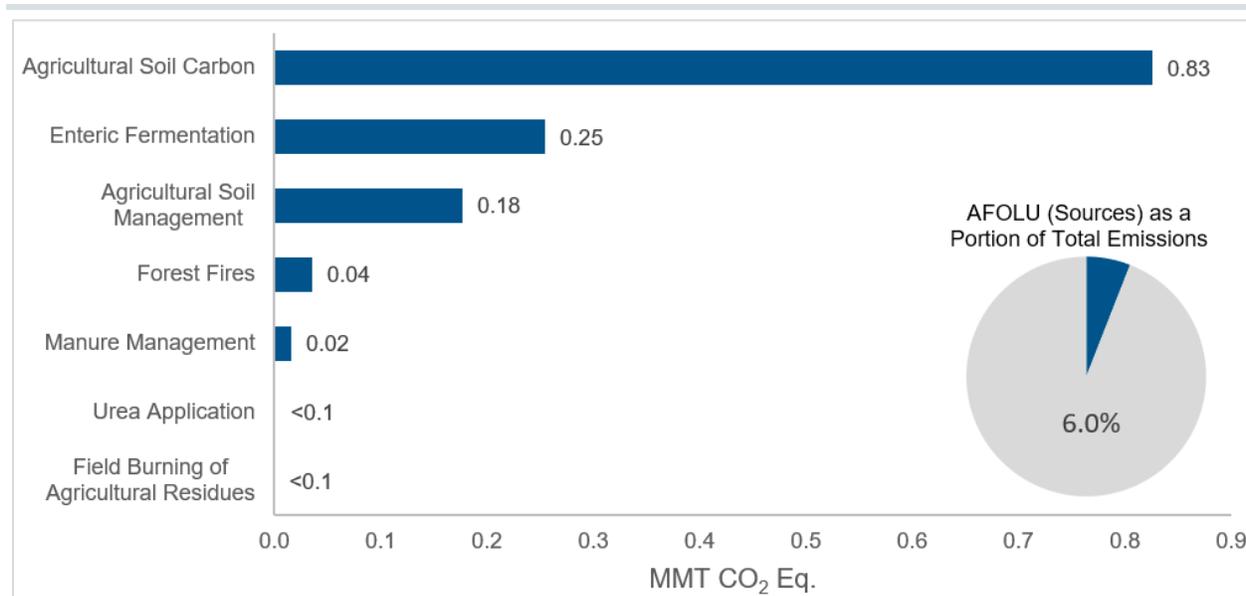


Note: Percentages represent the percent of AFOLU emissions not including emission sinks.

⁴³ IPCC Source and Sink Categories for which emissions were not estimated for the state of Hawai‘i include: Land Converted to Forest Land (3B1b), Wetlands (3B4), Land Converted to Settlements (3B5b), Other Land (3B6), Biomass Burning in Grassland (3C1c), Biomass Burning in All Other Land (3C1d), Liming (3C2), Rice Cultivation (3C7), and Harvested Wood Products (3D1). Appendix A provides information on why emissions were not estimated for these IPCC source categories.

agricultural residues. Figure 5-1 and Figure 5-2 show emissions from the AFOLU sector by source for 2019.

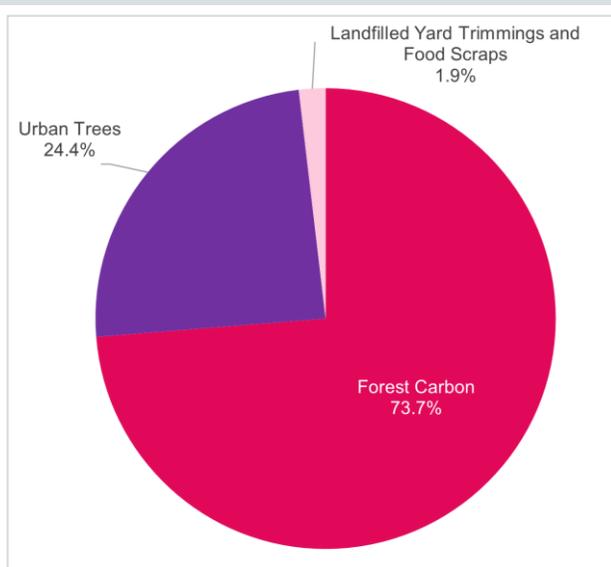
Figure 5-2: 2019 AFOLU Emissions by Source (MMT CO₂ Eq.) (Excluding Sinks)



Note: Emission estimates do not include emission sinks.

Carbon removals by sinks were 2.59 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2019. Therefore, the AFOLU sector resulted in a net increase in carbon stocks (i.e., net CO₂ removals) of 1.28 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2019. Forest carbon accounted for the largest carbon sink, followed by urban trees, and landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps. Figure 5-3 shows removals by the AFOLU sector by carbon sink for 2019.

Figure 5-3: 2019 AFOLU Removals by Carbon Sink



Relative to 1990, emissions from AFOLU sources in 2019 were lower by roughly 15.3 percent. Carbon removals from AFOLU sinks in 2019 were higher by roughly 6.5 percent relative to 1990 sinks. As a result, net removals (including sources and sinks) from AFOLU increased by 44.7 percent in 2019 compared to 1990 (i.e., this sector “removes” more carbon than it did in 1990). Figure 5-4 presents AFOLU emissions and removals by source and sink category in Hawai‘i for each inventory year. Emission sources and sinks by category and year are also summarized in Table 5-1.

Figure 5-4: AFOLU Emissions and Removals by Source and Sink Category and Year

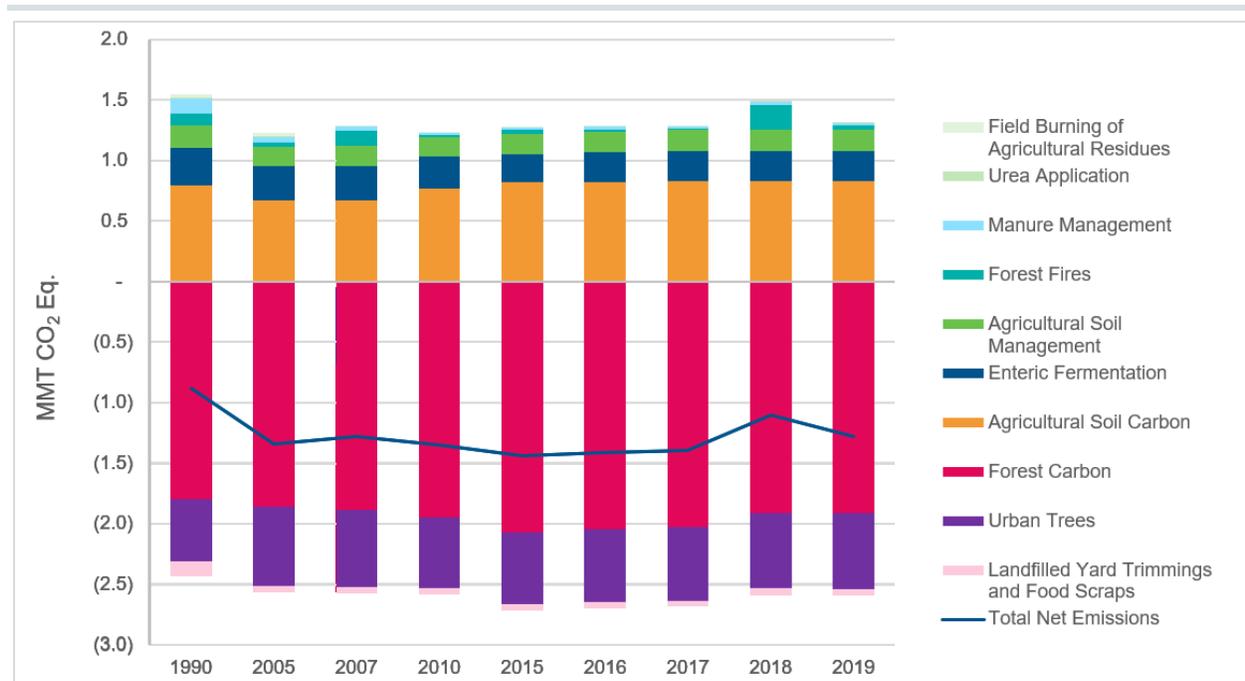


Table 5-1: GHG Emissions from the AFOLU Sector by Category (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Category	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Agriculture	0.65	0.52	0.50	0.46	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.45
Enteric Fermentation	0.31	0.28	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Manure Management	0.13	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Agricultural Soil Management	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18
Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	+	0.00	0.00
Urea Application	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry	(1.53)	(1.85)	(1.78)	(1.81)	(1.86)	(1.85)	(1.84)	(1.56)	(1.73)
Agricultural Soil Carbon	0.80	0.68	0.67	0.76	0.82	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.83
Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps	(0.12)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.05)
Urban Trees	(0.51)	(0.66)	(0.64)	(0.58)	(0.60)	(0.60)	(0.61)	(0.62)	(0.63)
Forest Carbon	(1.79)	(1.86)	(1.89)	(1.95)	(2.07)	(2.04)	(2.02)	(1.91)	(1.91)
Forest Fires	0.10	0.03	0.12	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.20	0.04
Total (Sources)	1.55	1.22	1.29	1.24	1.28	1.29	1.28	1.48	1.31
Total (Sinks)	(2.43)	(2.56)	(2.57)	(2.58)	(2.72)	(2.69)	(2.68)	(2.59)	(2.59)
Total Net Emissions	(0.88)	(1.34)	(1.28)	(1.35)	(1.44)	(1.41)	(1.39)	(1.11)	(1.28)

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

The remainder of this chapter describes the detailed emission results by source category, including a description of the methodology and data sources used to prepare the inventory. Activity data and emission factors used in the analysis are summarized in Appendix F and Appendix G, respectively.

5.1. Enteric Fermentation (IPCC Source Category 3A1)

Methane is produced as part of the digestive processes in ruminant animals, which is a microbial fermentation process referred to as enteric fermentation. The amount of CH₄ emitted by an animal depends both upon the animal’s digestive system, and the amount and type of feed it consumes (EPA 2022a). This source includes CH₄ emissions from enteric fermentation in dairy and beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and horses.

In 2019, CH₄ emissions from enteric fermentation were 0.25 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 19.4 percent of AFOLU sector emissions. Table 5-2 summarizes emissions from enteric fermentation in Hawai’i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 5-2: Emissions from Enteric Fermentation by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CH ₄	0.31	0.28	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25

Methodology

The IPCC (2006) Tier 1 methodology was used to estimate emissions of CH₄ from enteric fermentation. Emissions were calculated using the following equation:

$$CH_4 \text{ Emissions} = \sum \text{for each animal type } (P \times EF_{\text{enteric}})$$

where,

- P = animal population (head)
- EF_{enteric} = animal-specific emission factor for CH₄ from cattle, sheep, goats, swine and horses (kg CH₄ per head per year)

Population data for swine were obtained directly from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) (USDA 2022). Population data for cattle were obtained from the US Inventory through a data request to EPA (EPA, 2022a). Population data for sheep, goats, and horses were obtained directly from and estimated using the USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA 1989, 1994, 1999a, 2004a, 2009, 2014, and 2019), which is compiled every five years. Specifically, population data for 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017 were obtained directly from USDA (2009 and 2019) while population estimates for 1990, 2005, 2010, and 2015 – 2019 were interpolated and extrapolated based on available data.

Yearly emission factors for all cattle types available for the state of Hawai'i for all years were obtained from the U.S. Inventory through a data request to U.S. EPA (EPA 2022a).⁴⁴ Constant emission factors for sheep, goats, horses, and swine were also obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Changes to emission estimates were minor. In alignment with potential improvements to the Enteric Fermentation subsector identified in the 2017 inventory report, the 2019 inventory was updated to obtain state-level cattle population estimates for each cattle subgroup directly from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). In previous inventories, cattle populations were estimated using a bottom-up approach that used historical county-level data from USDA NASS data to estimate cattle populations in each county, which were then totaled to estimate the number of cattle in each subgroup at the state level. However, USDA NASS stopped publishing county-level population estimates of beef and dairy cows annually in 2012 and instead switched to releasing information on the total population of cattle in each county in the Census of Agriculture, which is only released every 5 years. Because USDA no longer publishes robust county-level data, the 2019 inventory was updated to instead use state-level cattle populations for each cattle subgroup from the US Inventory, which is updated annually. Cattle were then apportioned to each county based on a county scaling factor, which was developed from historical USDA NASS data on the population of dairy and beef cattle in each county from 1990 – 2007, 2012, and 2017.

Emission factors for methane emissions from cattle enteric fermentation were also updated to use Hawai'i-specific emission factors from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). The resulting changes in historical emissions estimates are presented in Table 5-3.

Table 5-3: Change in Emissions from Enteric Fermentation Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.32	0.30	0.27	0.24	0.25	0.26
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.31	0.29	0.27	0.24	0.25	0.25
Percent Change	-2.5%	-2.8%	-2.6%	-2.9%	-2.9%	-2.7%

Uncertainties

Uncertainties associated with enteric fermentation estimates include the following:

- There is uncertainty associated with animal population data. Population data for sheep, goats, and horses are reported every five years in the USDA Census of Agriculture, with the latest data available in 2017. As a result, population data for these animals were interpolated between

⁴⁴ The U.S. Inventory includes annually variable emission factors for the following cattle types: dairy cows, beef cows, dairy replacement heifers 7-11 months, dairy replacement heifers 12-23 months, other dairy heifers, beef replacement heifers 7-11 months, beef replacement heifers 12-23 months, heifer stockers, heifer feedlot, steer stockers, steer feedlot, beef calves and dairy calves.

census years to obtain estimates for 1990, 2010, 2015, 2016 and extrapolated for 2018 and 2019.

- There is some uncertainty associated with state-level cattle populations. USDA NASS does not maintain detailed cattle data by age, class, and diet. As a result, Hawai'i specific cattle population data by class (e.g., steer stocker, dairy heifer) was obtained through a data request to EPA (2022a).
- Specifically, there is uncertainty associated with the emission factor for beef cattle, as obtained from the U.S. Inventory, due to the difficulty in estimating the diet characteristics for grazing members of this animal group (EPA 2022a). In addition, the emission factors for non-cattle animal types, also obtained from the U.S. Inventory, are not specific to Hawai'i.

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from enteric fermentation, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on expert judgment and IPCC (2006). The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) enteric emission factor for beef cows (2) beef cow population data, and (3) enteric emission factor for beef replacement heifers. The quantified uncertainty estimated for the enteric emission factor for beef cows contributed the vast majority to the quantified uncertainty estimates, while the remaining input variables contributed relatively evenly to the overall uncertainty of the emissions estimate.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 5-4. Emissions from enteric fermentation were estimated to be between 0.22 and 0.29 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 15 percent below and 15 percent above the emission estimate of 0.25 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 5-4: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Enteric Fermentation

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.25	0.22	0.29	-15%	+15%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

5.2. Manure Management (IPCC Source Category 3A2 and 3C6)

The main GHGs emitted by the treatment, storage, and transportation of livestock manure are CH₄ and N₂O. Methane is produced by the anaerobic decomposition of manure. Direct N₂O emissions are produced through the nitrification and denitrification of the organic nitrogen (N) in livestock dung and urine. Indirect N₂O emissions result from the volatilization of N in manure and the runoff and leaching of N from manure into water (EPA 2022a). This category includes CH₄ and N₂O emissions from dairy and beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, and chickens. In 2019, emissions from manure management were 0.02 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 1.2 percent of AFOLU sector emissions. Table 5-5 summarizes emissions from manure management in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 5-5: Emissions from Manure Management by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CH ₄	0.11	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01
N ₂ O	0.01	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Total	0.13	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Methodology

The IPCC (2006) Tier 2 method was employed to estimate emissions of both CH₄ and N₂O using the following equations:

$$CH_4 \text{ Emissions} = P \times TAM \times VS \times B_0 \times wMCF \times 0.67$$

where,

P	= animal population (head)
TAM	= typical animal mass (kg per head per year)
VS	= volatile solids excretion per kilogram animal mass (kg VS/1000 kg animal mass/day)
B ₀	= maximum methane producing capacity for animal waste (m ³ CH ₄ / kg VS)
wMCF	= weighted methane conversion factor (percent)
0.67	= conversion factor of m ³ CH ₄ to kg CH ₄

$$N_2O \text{ Emission} = P \times \sum \text{for each WMS} [TAM \times Nex \times 365 \times (1 - V) \times WMS VS \times EF_{WMS} \times \frac{44}{28}]$$

where,

WMS	= waste management system
P	= animal population (head)
TAM	= typical animal mass (kg per head per year)
Nex	= nitrogen excretion rate (kg N/kg animal mass per day)
V	= volatilization percent (percent)
WMS VS	= fraction volatile solids distribution by animal type and waste management system (percent)
EF _{WMS}	= emission factor for waste management system (kg N ₂ O-N/kg N)
44/28	= conversion from N ₂ O-N to N ₂ O

Animal population data were obtained from various sources, as described below.

- Cattle population data at the state level for all years was obtained from the U.S. Inventory and scaled to the county level using scaling factors developed from USDA NASS cattle populations. County level cattle population data from USDA NASS was released annually from 1990 – 2012.

After 2012, USDA stopped reporting annual county level population estimates for Hawai'i and switched to reporting county level cattle populations in the Census of Agriculture, which are released every 5 years. County scaling factors were interpolated between 2012 and 2017 and proxied to 2017 for all years after 2017.

- Swine population data for all years were obtained directly from USDA NASS (USDA 2022).
- Chicken population data for 1990 through 2010, for all subgroups except broilers, were obtained from USDA NASS (USDA 2018a). Chicken population data for 2012 and 2017 were obtained from USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA 2014 and 2019) and population data for 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019 were estimated by extrapolating data available from 2012 and 2017. Broiler population data was obtained from the USDA Census of Agriculture for 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017 (USDA 1999a, 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019). Population data for 1990-1997, 2001-2005, 2008-2011, 2013-2016 were interpolated based on available data and population data for 2018 and 2019 were extrapolated based on historic data.
- Population data for sheep, goats, horses, and broiler chickens were obtained directly from and estimated using the USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA 1989, 1994, 1999a, 2004a, 2009, 2014, and 2019), which is compiled every five years. Specifically, population data for 1987, 1992, 2007, 2012 and 2017 were obtained directly from USDA and population estimates for 1990, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019 were interpolated based on available data.

To calculate CH₄ emissions from manure management, typical animal mass (TAM) and maximum potential emissions (B₀) by animal for all animal types were obtained from the U.S. Inventory through a data request to EPA (EPA 2022a). Weighted methane conversion factors (MCFs) for all cattle types, sheep, goats, horses, swine, and chicken were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). Volatile solids (VS) excretion rates were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

To calculate N₂O emissions from manure management, nitrogen excretion (N_{ex}) rates for all animal types were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). The distributions of waste by animal in different waste management systems (WMS) were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). Weighted MCFs take into account the percent of manure for each animal type managed in different WMS. Emission factors for the different WMS were obtained from the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* (IPCC 2006).

The weighted averages of chicken and broiler VS rates, N_{ex} rates, TAM and B₀ factors, based on the percentage of each chicken type in Hawai'i from USDA (2018a), were applied to total Hawai'i chicken population data. Similarly, the weighted averages of swine VS rates, N_{ex} rates, TAM and B₀ factors, based on the percentage of each swine type from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a), were applied to total Hawai'i swine population data.

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Changes that were implemented relative to the 2017 inventory report are summarized below.

- The methodology to estimate cattle population data was changed from a bottom-up estimate to a top-down estimate as described in section 5.1 Enteric Fermentation. Cattle populations are now lower compared to previous inventories, resulting in lower emission estimates.

- Nex rates and weighted MCFs were updated to use Hawai'i specific data from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

The resulting changes in historical emissions estimates are presented in Table 5-6.

Table 5-6: Change in Emissions from Manure Management Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.14	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.13	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Percent Change	-6.4%	-18.8%	-23.7%	-19.7%	-19.1%	-21.6%

Uncertainties

Uncertainties associated with manure management estimates include the following:

- There is uncertainty associated with animal population data. Population data for sheep, goats, horses, and broiler chickens are reported every five years in the USDA Census of Agriculture, with the latest data available in 2017. As a result, population data for these animals were interpolated between years to obtain estimates for 1990, 2010, 2015, and 2016 and extrapolated to obtain estimates for 2018 and 2019. Similarly, chicken population data (excluding broilers) are available through 2010 from USDA NASS and then from the USDA Census of Agriculture for years 2012 and 2017; population estimates for broilers were interpolated to obtain estimates for 2015, 2016 and extrapolated to obtain estimates for 2018 and 2019.
- There is some uncertainty associated with state-level cattle populations. USDA NASS does not maintain detailed data on cattle by age, class, and diet. As a result, Hawai'i specific cattle population data by class (e.g., steer stocker, dairy heifer) was obtained through a data request to EPA (2022a).
- Due to different animal groupings in the U.S. Inventory and this inventory, emission factors for other dairy heifers are proxied to those for dairy replacement heifers.
- There is some uncertainty associated with the manure management emission factors. Specifically, the static emission factors for non-cattle animal types do not reflect potential changes in animal management practices. In addition, certain emission factors (i.e., Nex rates for calves and TAM) that were obtained from the U.S. Inventory are not specific to Hawai'i. Finally, according to the U.S. Inventory, B₀ data used to estimate emissions from manure management are dated (EPA 2022a).

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from manure management, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on expert judgment and IPCC (2006). The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) the emission factors for dry lot manure systems, (2) the heifer stocker volatilize solids conversion rate, and (3) the B₀ for dairy cows.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 5-7. Emissions from manure management were estimated to be between 0.01 and 0.02 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 20 percent below and 22 percent above the emission estimate of 0.02 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 5-7: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Manure Management

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.02	0.01	0.02	-20%	+22%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

5.3. Agricultural Soil Management (IPCC Source Categories 3C4 and 3C5)

Although nitrous oxide is produced naturally in soils through the nitrogen (N) cycle, many agricultural activities increase the availability of mineral N in soils, which leads to direct N₂O emissions from nitrification and denitrification (EPA 2022a). An example of such an activity would be the application of N fertilizers to agricultural soils. This category includes N₂O emissions from synthetic fertilizer, organic fertilizer, manure N, as well as crop residue inputs from sugarcane, pineapples, sweet potatoes, ginger root, taro, corn for grain, and seed production. In 2019, emissions from agricultural soil management were 0.18 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 13.5 percent of AFOLU sector emissions. Table 5-8 summarizes emissions from agricultural soil management in Hawai‘i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 5-8: Emissions from Agricultural Soil Management by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
N ₂ O	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.18

Methodology

The IPCC (2006) Tier 1 approach was used to calculate N₂O emissions from agricultural soil management. The overall equation for calculating emissions is as follows:

$$N_2O \text{ Emissions} = \text{Direct } N_2O \text{ Emissions} + \text{Indirect } N_2O \text{ Emissions}$$

The following equations were used to calculate direct emissions:

$$\text{Direct } N_2O \text{ Emissions} = [(N_F \times EF_F) + (N_O \times EF_F) + (N_{CR} \times EF_{CR}) + (N_{PRP1} \times EF_{PRP1}) + (N_{PRP2} \times EF_{PRP2})] \times \frac{44}{28}$$

where,

$$N_{CR} = AG_{DM} \times A \times (N_{AG} + R_{BGBIO} \times N_{BG})$$

$$AG_{DM} = Yield \times DRY \times slope + intercept$$

where,

N_F	= N inputs to agricultural soils from synthetic fertilizers
N_O	= N inputs to agricultural soils from organic fertilizers
N_{CR}	= N inputs to agricultural soils from crop residues
N_{PRP1}	= N inputs to agricultural soils from pasture, range, and paddock manure from cattle, swine, and poultry
N_{PRP2}	= N inputs to agricultural soils from pasture, range, and paddock manure from sheep, goats, and horses
EF_F	= emission factor for direct N_2O emissions from synthetic and organic fertilizers and crop residues (kg N_2O -N/kg N input)
EF_{CR}	= emission factor for direct N_2O emissions from crop residues (kg N_2O -N/kg N input)
EF_{PRP1}	= emission factor for direct N_2O emissions from pasture, range, and paddock manure from cattle, swine, and poultry (kg N_2O -N/kg N input)
EF_{PRP2}	= emission factor for direct N_2O emissions from pasture, range, and paddock manure from sheep, goats, and horses (kg N_2O -N/kg N input)
AG_{DM}	= aboveground residue dry matter (Mg/hectares)
A	= crop area (hectares)
N_{AG}	= N content of aboveground residue (kg N/dry matter)
N_{BG}	= N content of belowground residues (kg N/dry matter)
R_{BG-BIO}	= Ratio of belowground residues to harvested yield for crop
$Yield$	= fresh weight yield (kg fresh weight harvested/hectares)
DRY	= dry matter fraction of harvested product
$Slope$	= default slope value for AG_{DM} for each crop type
$Intercept$	= default intercept value for AG_{DM} for each crop type
$44/28$	= conversion from N_2O -N to N_2O

The following equations were used to calculate indirect emissions:

$$\text{Indirect } N_2O \text{ Emissions} = \text{Indirect Emissions from Volatilization} + \text{Indirect Emissions from Leaching/runoff}$$

where,

$$\text{Indirect Emissions from Volatilization} = [(N_F \times L_{vol-F}) + (N_O \times L_{vol-O}) + (N_{PRP} \times L_{vol-O})] \times EF_{vol} \times \frac{44}{28}$$

$$\text{Indirect Emissions from Leaching/Runoff} = (N_F + N_O + N_{CR} + N_{PRP}) \times L_{leach} \times EF_{leach} \times \frac{44}{28}$$

where,

N_F	= N inputs to agricultural soils from synthetic fertilizers
N_O	= N inputs to agricultural soils from organic fertilizers
N_{CR}	= N inputs to agricultural soils from crop residues
N_{PRP}	= N inputs to agricultural soils from pasture, range, and paddock manure from all animals
L_{vol-F}	= fraction N lost through volatilization from synthetic fertilizer inputs
L_{vol-O}	= fraction N lost through volatilization from organic fertilizer and manure inputs
L_{leach}	= fraction N lost through leaching/runoff from all N inputs
EF_{vol}	= emission factor for indirect N_2O emissions from N volatilization ($kg\ N_2O-N / kg\ NH_3-N + NO_x-N$ volatilized)
EF_{leach}	= emission factor for N_2O emissions from pasture, range, and paddock manure from cattle, swine, and poultry ($kg\ N_2O-N / kg\ N$ leached/runoff)
44/28	= conversion from N_2O-N to N_2O

Annual sugarcane area and production estimates used to estimate emissions from crop residue N additions were obtained directly from USDA NASS (USDA 2018b). For other crops (i.e., pineapples, sweet potatoes, ginger root, taro, and corn for grain), data were obtained directly from and estimated using the USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA 1989, 1994, 1999a, 2004a, 2009, 2014, and 2019), which is compiled every five years. Specifically, data for 1987, 1992, 1997, 2007, 2012, and 2017 were obtained directly from USDA while production estimates for 1990, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019 were interpolated and extrapolated based on available data. Pineapple crop production and crop acreage were not available in the 2007 or 2012 Census of Agriculture, so pineapple data for 2010, 2015, and 2016 were estimated by extrapolating data between 2002 and 2017 (USDA 2004a and USDA 2019). Percent distribution of waste to various animal waste management systems, used to estimate manure N additions to pasture, range, and paddock soils, were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).

Seed crop acreage for 1990 through 2019 were obtained from the USDA (USDA 2020a). According to the USDA, seed corn accounts for over 95 percent of the value of Hawai'i's seed industry (USDA 2020a). Therefore, crop residue factors for corn for grain from IPCC (2006) were applied to seed production data to estimate emissions from nitrogen applied from crop residues. Seed crop acreage data were used to estimate total seed production by using the average production per acre of corn for grain as a proxy.

Synthetic and organic fertilizer N application data were obtained from the annual *Commercial Fertilizers* publication by the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO 1995 – 2019, TVA 1991 – 1994). Synthetic fertilizer N application data were not available after 2014, so 2015 – 2019 data were extrapolated based on 2014 data. According to these data sources, commercial organic fertilizer is not applied in Hawai'i.

Crop residue factors for corn were obtained from the *2006 IPCC Guidelines* (IPCC 2006). Crop residue factors for tubers were used for sweet potatoes, ginger root, and taro. No residue factors nor adequate

proxy factors were available for pineapples or sugarcane, so crop residue N inputs from these crops were not included. However, as nearly 100 percent of aboveground sugarcane residues are burned in Hawai'i, there is little crop residue N input from sugarcane. All emission and other factors are IPCC (2006) defaults.

Animal population data are used to calculate the N inputs to agricultural soils from pasture, range, and paddock manure from all animals. Animal population data were obtained from the following sources:

- Swine population data for all years were obtained directly from USDA NASS (USDA 2022).
- Cattle population data at the state level for all years was obtained from the U.S. Inventory and scaled to the county level using scaling factors developed from USDA NASS cattle populations. County level cattle population data from USDA NASS was released annually from 1990 – 2012. After 2012, USDA stopped reporting annual county level population estimates for Hawai'i and switched to reporting county level cattle populations in the Census of Agriculture, which are released every 5 years. County scaling factors were interpolated between 2012 and 2017 and proxied to 2017 for all years after 2017.
- Chicken population data was available from USDA NASS for 1990 – 2010, 2012, and 2017. Population estimates for 2011, and 2013 – 2016 were interpolated and 2018 and 2019 were extrapolated based on available population data. Broiler chicken population data were obtained directly from and estimated using the USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA 1989, 1994, 1999a, 2004a, 2009, 2014, and 2019).
- Population data for sheep, goats, and horses were obtained directly from and estimated using the USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA 1989, 1994, 1999a, 2004a, 2009, 2014, and 2019), which is compiled every five years. Specifically, population data for 2007 and 2017 were obtained directly from USDA (2009) and USDA (2019), respectively, while population estimates for 1990, 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2016 were interpolated and 2018 and 2019 were extrapolated based on 1987, 1992, 2007, 2012, and 2017 data.

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Cattle population estimates were updated as described in section 5.1. The resulting changes to emissions from agricultural soil management after updating cattle populations are shown in Table 5-9.

Table 5-9: Change in Emissions from Agricultural Soil Management Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.18	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.17
Percent Change	1.2%	1.4%	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%	0.9%

Uncertainties

Uncertainties associated with agricultural soil management estimates include the following:

- There is uncertainty associated with animal population data. Population data for sheep, goats, horses, and broiler chickens are reported every five years in the USDA Census of Agriculture, with the latest data available in 2017. As a result, population data for these animals were interpolated between years to obtain estimates for 1990, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2016 and extrapolated to obtain estimates for 2018 and 2019. Similarly, chicken population data (excluding broilers) are available through 2010 from USDA NASS and then from the USDA Census of Agriculture for years 2012 and 2017; population estimates for broilers were interpolated to obtain estimates for 2015, 2016 and extrapolated to obtain estimates for 2018 and 2019.
- There is some uncertainty associated with state-level cattle populations. USDA NASS does not maintain detailed data on cattle data by age, class, and diet. As a result, Hawai'i specific cattle population data by class (e.g., steer stocker, dairy heifer) was obtained through a data request to EPA (2022a).
- There is also some uncertainty associated with crop area and crop production data. Crop area and production data from the USDA Census of Agriculture are not reported every year. As a result, data were interpolated between census years. In particular, pineapple production and crop acreage data were not available in the 2007 Census of Agriculture or 2012 Census of Agriculture, so data through 2019 were extrapolated using 1997 and 2002 data.
 - There is uncertainty associated with the extrapolation of synthetic fertilizer N application data to 2019 as well as the apportioning of fertilizer sales from the fertilizer year (i.e., July previous year to June current year) to the inventory calendar year (e.g., January to December).
 - Crop residue factors were obtained from sources published over 10 years ago and may not accurately reflect current practices.
 - There is uncertainty associated with seed production data since the USDA provides seed production data only for out-shipments of seed. Data on out-shipments of seed are not representative of total seed production in Hawai'i because the majority of the seeds produced are not sold but instead are used for ongoing research or for further propagation before sale (USDA 1999b). Therefore, seed crop acreage data were used to estimate total seed production by using the average production per acre of corn for grain as a proxy. It is also unclear whether seed producers report fertilizer consumption to AAPFCO.

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from agricultural soil management, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a), IPCC (2006), and expert judgment. The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) the emission factor for nitrogen additions from synthetic nitrogen applied, organic fertilizer applied, and crop residues; (2) the emission factor for nitrogen inputs from manure from cattle, poultry, and pigs; and (3) total fertilizer consumption in 2014.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 5-10. Emissions from agricultural soil management were estimated to be between 0.12 and 0.31 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 33 percent below and 76 percent above the emission estimate of 0.18 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 5-10: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Agricultural Soil Management

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.18	0.12	0.31	-33%	+76%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

5.4. Field Burning of Agricultural Residues (IPCC Source Category 3C1b)

Field burning is a method that farmers use to manage the vast amounts of agricultural crop residues that can be created during crop production. Crop residue burning is a net source of CH₄ and N₂O, which are released during combustion (EPA 2022a).⁴⁵ This source includes CH₄ and N₂O emissions from sugarcane burning, which is the only major crop in Hawai'i whose residues are regularly burned (Hudson 2008). The Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company plant closed in December 2016, so sugarcane crop area and production decreased significantly from 2016 to 2017. In 2019, emissions from field burning of agricultural residues were 0 MMT CO₂ Eq., due to the closure of the last sugarcane mill in Hawai'i in 2016. Table 5-11 summarizes emissions from field burning of agricultural residues in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 5-11: Emissions from Field Burning of Agricultural Residues Emissions by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CH ₄	0.03	0.02	0.01	+	+	0.01	+	0.0	0.0
N ₂ O	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0.0	0.0
Total	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	+	0.0	0.0

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Methodology

The IPCC/UNEP/OECD/IEA (1997) Tier 1 approach was used to calculate CH₄ and N₂O emissions from field burning of agricultural residues. The IPCC/UNEP/OECD/IEA (1997) method was used instead of the IPCC (2006) approach because it is more flexible for incorporating country-specific data and therefore is considered more appropriate for conditions in the United States (EPA 2022a). Emissions were calculated using the following equation:

⁴⁵ Carbon dioxide is also released during the combustion of crop residue. These emissions are not included in the inventory totals for field burning of agricultural residues because CO₂ from agricultural biomass is not considered a net source of emissions. This is because the carbon released to the atmosphere as CO₂ from the combustion of agricultural biomass is assumed to have been absorbed during the previous or a recent growing season (IPCC 2006).

$$CH_4 \text{ and } N_2O \text{ Emissions} = Crop \times R_{RC} \times DMF \times Frac_{BURN} \times BE \times CE \times \\ C \text{ or } N \text{ content of residue} \times R_{emissions} \times F_{conversion}$$

where,

Crop	= crop production; annual weight of crop produced (kg)
R_{RC}	= residue-crop ratio; amount of residue produced per unit of crop production
DMF	= dry matter fraction; amount of dry matter per unit of biomass
$Frac_{BURN}$	= fraction of crop residue burned amount of residue which is burned per unit of total residue
BE	= burning efficiency; the proportion of pre-fire fuel biomass consumed
CE	= combustion efficiency; the proportion of C or N released with respect to the total amount of C or N available in the burned material
C or N content of residue	= amount of C or N per unit of dry matter
$R_{emissions}$	= emissions ratio; g CH_4 -C/g C released or g N_2O -N/g N release (0.0055 and 0.0077, respectively)
$F_{conversion}$	= conversion factor; conversion of CH_4 -C to C or N_2O -N to N (16/12 and 44/28, respectively)

Annual sugarcane area and production estimates were obtained directly from USDA NASS (USDA 2018b). The residue/crop ratio and burning efficiency were taken from Kinoshita (1988). Dry matter fraction, fraction of C and N, and combustion efficiency were taken from Turn et al. (1997). Fraction of residue burned was taken from Ashman (2008).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

No changes were made to emissions from field burning of agricultural residues since the 2017 inventory report.

Uncertainties

This analysis assumes that sugarcane is the only major crop in Hawai'i whose residues were regularly burned and that sugarcane burning is no longer practiced as the last sugarcane mill closed in 2016 (Hudson 2008). Therefore, emissions from the field burning of crop residues are assumed to be zero.

5.5. Urea Application (IPCC Source Category 3C3)

Urea ($CO(NH_2)_2$) is a nitrogen fertilizer that is often applied to agricultural soils. When urea is added to soils, bicarbonate forms and evolves into CO_2 and water (IPCC 2006). In 2019, emissions from urea application were 0.0014 MMT CO_2 Eq., accounting for slightly less than 0.1 percent of AFOLU sector emissions. Table 5-12 summarizes emissions from urea application in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 5-12: Emissions from Urea Application by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Methodology

The IPCC (2006) Tier 1 methodology was used to estimate emissions from urea application. Emissions were calculated using the following equation:

$$CO_2 \text{ Emissions} = M \times EF_{urea} \times \frac{44}{12}$$

where:

M = annual amount of urea fertilization, metric tons

EF_{urea} = emission factor, metric tons C/ton urea

44/12 = conversion of carbon to CO₂

Fertilizer sales data were obtained from the annual *Commercial Fertilizers* publication by the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO 1995 – 2019, TVA 1991 – 1994). AAPFCO reports fertilizer sales data for each fertilizer year (July through June).⁴⁶ Historical usage patterns were used to apportion these sales to the inventory calendar years (January through December). Urea fertilizer application data were not available after 2016, so 2017, 2018 and 2019 were estimated based on 2016 data.

The 2006 IPCC Guidelines default emission factor was used to estimate the carbon emissions, in the form of CO₂, that result from urea application.

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Historical urea fertilizer consumption was updated for 2015 and 2016 based on the 2015 and 2016 Commercial Fertilizers reports released by the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials. Urea fertilizer consumption trend estimates for 2017 and beyond were updated to include reported consumption in 2015 and 2016 in future consumption projections. The impact on emissions was not significant.

Uncertainties

There is uncertainty associated with the extrapolation of urea fertilizer application data to 2019 as well as the apportioning of fertilizer sales from the fertilizer year (i.e., July previous year to June current year) to the inventory calendar year (e.g., January to December).

⁴⁶ Fertilizer sales are reported by fertilizer year, corresponding to the growing season. The 2010 fertilizer year, for example, runs from July 2009 to June 2010.

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from urea application, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on expert judgment. The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) the share of annual fertilizer application between January and June, (2) the share of annual fertilizer application between July and December, and (3) urea consumption in 2012. The quantified uncertainty estimated for the emission factor for urea contributed the vast majority to the quantified uncertainty estimates.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 5-13. Emissions from urea application were estimated to be between 0.0008 and 0.001 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 44 percent below and four percent above the emission estimate of 0.001 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 5-13: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Urea Application

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.001	0.001	0.001	-44%	+4%

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

5.6. Agricultural Soil Carbon (IPCC Source Categories 3B2, 3B3)

Agricultural soil carbon refers to the change in carbon stock in agricultural soils—either in cropland or grasslands—that have been converted from other land uses. Agricultural soils can be categorized into organic soils, which contain more than 12 to 20 percent organic carbon by weight, and mineral soils, which typically contain one to six percent organic carbon by weight (EPA 2022a). Organic soils that are actively farmed tend to be sources of carbon emissions as soil carbon is lost to the atmosphere due to drainage and management activities. Mineral soils can be sources of carbon emissions after conversion, but fertilization, flooding, and management practices can result in the soil being either a net source or net sink of carbon. Nationwide, sequestration of carbon by agricultural soils is largely due to enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program, conservation tillage practices, increased hay production, and intensified crop production. In 2019, emissions from agricultural soils were 0.83 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 63.0 percent of AFOLU sector emissions. Table 5-14 summarizes emissions from agricultural soils in Hawai‘i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 5-14: Emissions from Agricultural Soil Carbon by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	0.80	0.68	0.67	0.76	0.82	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.83

Methodology

Emission estimates from Hawai'i's agricultural soils are based on state-level data obtained from the 1990 – 2020 U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). All the emissions and sinks from mineral and organic sources from land converted to grassland, grassland remaining grassland, land converted to cropland, and cropland remaining cropland for the state of Hawai'i were summed to get the net carbon emissions from agricultural soil carbon in Hawai'i. This methodology was confirmed by Dr. Susan Crow, a member of the Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force. State-level emission estimates from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a) developed using the DAYCENT model continue to reflect the best available estimates of emissions from agricultural soil carbon in Hawai'i.

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Relative to the 2017 inventory report, agricultural soil emissions were revised based on the latest U.S. Inventory data through 2019 (EPA 2022a). An update to the U.S. Inventory and how it accounts for agricultural soil carbon resulted in slight changes in historical emissions estimates (Table 5-15).

Table 5-15: Change in Emissions from Agricultural Soil Carbon Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.83	0.72	0.80	0.82	0.81	0.79
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.80	0.67	0.76	0.82	0.82	0.83
Percent Change	-4.7%	-6.8%	-4.1%	-0.8%	1.2%	4.3%

Uncertainties

According to the U.S. Inventory, areas of uncertainty include changes in certain carbon pools (biomass, dead wood, and litter), which are only estimated for forest land converted to cropland or grassland and not estimated for other land types converted to cropland or grassland (EPA 2022a).

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from agricultural soil carbon, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on EPA (2022a) and Selmants et al. (2017). The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) carbon stock changes in organic soils in grassland (from 1990-2020 U.S. Inventory estimates), (2) carbon stock changes in mineral soils in grassland (from 1990-202 U.S. Inventory estimates), and (3) carbon stock changes in organic soils in cropland (from 1990-2020 U.S. Inventory estimates).

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 5-16. Emissions from agricultural soil carbon were estimated to be between -1.86 and 3.27 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 325 percent below and 295 percent above the emission estimate of 0.83 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 5-16: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Agricultural Soil Carbon

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.83	(1.86)	3.27	-325%	+295%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

5.7. Forest Fires (IPCC Source Category 3C1a)

Forest and shrubland fires (herein referred to as forest fires) emit CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O as biomass is combusted. This source includes emissions from forest fires caused by lightning, campfire, smoking, debris burning, arson, equipment, railroads, children, and other miscellaneous activities reported by the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR 1994 – 2008, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).⁴⁷ In 2019, emissions from forest fires were 0.04 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 2.7 percent of AFOLU sector emissions. Table 5-17 summarizes emissions from forest fires in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 5-17: Emissions from Forest Fires by Gas (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	0.09	0.03	0.11	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.18	0.03
CH ₄	0.01	+	0.01	+	+	+	+	0.01	+
N ₂ O	+	+	0.01	+	+	+	+	0.01	+
Total	0.10	0.03	0.12	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.20	0.04

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Note: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding.

Methodology

Emissions from forest fires were estimated by multiplying the area burned for each vegetation class (in hectares) by an emission factor specific to that vegetation class and moisture scenario. These emission factors are based on USGS data, which generated emission factors for each vegetation class, moisture scenario, and biomass pool using the First-Order Wildland Fire Effect Model (FOFEM) (Selmants 2017). Forest/shrubland area burned was derived by multiplying wildland area burned by a ratio of forestland area to wildland area. Wildland area burned for years 1994, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019 was obtained from the DLNR *Annual Wildfire Summary Report*, published by the Fire Management Program

⁴⁷ Prescribed fires are also a source of GHG emissions. Prescribed fires are intentional, controlled burning of forests to prevent wildfires and the spread of invasive forest species. Prescribed fires typically emit less GHG emissions per acre burned compared to wildfires. Emissions from prescribed fires are not included in this analysis due to limitations in data availability and because prescribed burning is not a common practice in Hawai'i. Emissions from this activity are expected to be marginal.

of the DLNR (also found in DBEDT’s Hawai’i Data Book) (DLNR 1994 – 2008, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020; DBEDT 2020a). 1994 data were used as a proxy for 1990.

The ratio of total forestland area to wildland area was developed based on data from the National Association of State Foresters (NASF), DLNR, and the State of Hawai’i Data Book (DBEDT 2020b). The estimate of wildland area was obtained, in million acres, for years 1998 and 2002 from the National Association of State Foresters (NASF 1998 and 2002) and 2010, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019 from the DLNR (2011, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020). 1998 data were used as a proxy for 1990, 2002 data were used as a proxy for 2005 and 2007, and 2016 data were used as a proxy for 2017.

Managed forestland area data were obtained from the State of Hawai’i Data Book (DBEDT 2020b). Area estimates of private forestland in the conservation district were summed with reserve forestland in the conservation district, forested natural areas, and wooded farmland in order to generate total managed forested land area in Hawai’i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019. Unmanaged forests are not included in this analysis per IPCC guidelines because the majority of anthropogenic GHG emissions occur on managed land (IPCC 2006).

To break down the total forest/shrubland burned into vegetation classes, annual percentages of area burned by vegetation class and moisture scenario were obtained from USGS (Selmants 2020). These percentages were available for 1999 to 2019. The average for each vegetation class from this timeseries was applied to the years 1990 through 1998. The total area burned for each vegetation class and moisture scenario was then multiplied by the associated emission factor to calculate CO₂ emissions. Emission factors for CH₄ and N₂O emissions were obtained from IPCC (2006).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Relative to the 2017 inventory report, the calculation of forested natural areas was updated to better reflect data from the State of Hawai’i Data Book. The resulting changes in historical emissions estimates are presented in Table 5-18.

Table 5-18: Change in Emissions from Forest Fires Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.10	0.12	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.10	0.12	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01
Percent Change	-0.6%	-0.6%	-1.7%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-0.7%

Uncertainties

Uncertainties associated with forest fire estimates include the following:

- Wildfire acres burned data and the area of wildland under protection were not available for all inventory years. As a result, estimates for these data were proxied based on the available data. There is significant annual variability in wildfire acres burned data, so 1994 data may not accurately represent wildfire acres burned in 1990.

- The ratio of forest and shrubland area is also a source of uncertainty for all inventory years because the ratios are estimated based on land cover data for years 1999 through 2019.
- The carbon emissions from each vegetation class and moisture scenario are a source of uncertainty because they are used to calculate the emission factors for each land class (in CO₂ Eq.) by taking an average of each moisture scenario.
- According to the United States Forest Service (USFS 2019b), emissions from prescribed fires are expected to be marginal, because prescribed burning is not common in Hawai'i. However, emission estimates from prescribed fires in Hawai'i that are published by EPA's National Emission Inventory (NEI) program indicate that emissions from prescribed fires in Hawai'i were 1.92 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2014 and 0.08 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2017.⁴⁸ The NEI additionally does not report any emissions from wildfires in Hawai'i during these years. Given that prescribed fires are not common in Hawai'i and that the NEI data for prescribed fires are inconsistent with the wildfire data obtained from DLNR, NEI data were not used to estimate emissions from forest fires in this report. (See Appendix C for additional discussion.)

To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from forest fires, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on USFS (2019a), IPCC (2006), and expert judgment. The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) reported forest area burned, (2) Hawai'i private forested area in conservation district, and (3) land under wildland fire protection.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 5-19. Emissions from forest fires were estimated to be between 0.03 and 0.05 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 28 percent below and 31 percent above the emission estimate of 0.04 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 5-19: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Emissions from Forest Fires

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
0.04	0.03	0.05	-28%	+31%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval.

5.8. Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps (IPCC Source Category 3B5a)

Yard trimmings (i.e., grass clippings, leaves, and branches) and food scraps continue to store carbon for long periods of time after they have been discarded in landfills. In 2019, landfilled yard trimmings sequestered 0.05 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 1.9 percent of carbon sinks. Table 5-20 summarizes

⁴⁸ Available online at: <https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/national-emissions-inventory-nei>.

changes in carbon stocks in landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps in Hawai‘i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 5-20: CO₂ Flux from Landfilled Yard Trimmings (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	(0.12)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.05)

Note: Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Methodology

Estimates of the carbon sequestration in landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps for Hawai‘i were generated using a methodology consistent with the EPA’s State Inventory Tool (EPA 2020c). The State Inventory Tool calculates carbon stock change from landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps based on IPCC (2003) and IPCC (2006) Tier 2 methodologies using the following equation:

$$LFC_{i,t} = \sum W_{i,n} \times (1 - MC_i) \times ICC_i \times \{ [CS_i \times ICC_i] + [(1 - (CS_i \times ICC_i)) \times e^{-k \times (t-n)}] \}$$

where:

- t = the year for which carbon stocks are being estimated
- LFC_{i,t} = the stock of carbon in landfills in year t, for waste i (grass, leaves, branches, and food scraps)
- W_{i,n} = the mass of waste i disposed in landfills in year n, in units of wet weight
- n = the year in which the waste was disposed, where 1960 < n < t
- MC_i = moisture content of waste i
- CS_i = the proportion of carbon that is stored permanently in waste i
- ICC_i = the initial carbon content of waste i
- e = the natural logarithm
- k = the first order rate constant for waste i, and is equal to 0.693 divided by the half-life for decomposition

The State Inventory Tool uses data on the generation of food scraps and yard trimmings for the entire United States. Additionally, it uses data on the amounts of organic waste composted, incinerated, and landfilled each year to develop an estimate of the yard trimmings and food scraps added to landfills each year nationwide. State and national population data are then used to scale landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps down to the state level. These annual additions of carbon to landfills and an estimated decomposition rate for each year are then used, along with carbon conversion factors, to calculate the carbon pool in landfills for each year.

Default values from the State Inventory Tool (EPA 2022c) for the composition of yard trimmings (i.e., amount of grass, leaves, and branches that are landfilled), food scraps, and their carbon content were used to calculate carbon inputs into landfills. Waste generation data for each year, also obtained from

the State Inventory Tool (EPA 2022c), were used to calculate the national-level estimates. Hawai'i population data were obtained from the State of Hawai'i Data Book (DBEDT 2022a).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Relative to the 2017 inventory report, the State of Hawai'i population estimates were updated in the 2020 Hawai'i Data Book. The resulting changes in historical sink estimates from landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps are presented in Table 5-21.

Table 5-21: Change in Sinks from Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Sink Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	(0.12)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	(0.12)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)
Percent Change	0.0%	+	+	0.2%	+	0.1%

+ Does not exceed 0.05 percent.

Note: Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Uncertainties

The methodology used to estimate carbon sequestration in landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps is based on the assumption that the portion of yard trimmings or food scraps in landfilled waste in Hawai'i is consistent with national estimates. The methodology does not consider Hawai'i-specific trends in composting yard trimmings and food scraps. For example, the City and County of Honolulu prohibits commercial and government entities from disposing yard trimmings in landfills (City & County of Honolulu 2005).

In addition, there are uncertainties associated with scaling U.S. sequestration to Hawai'i based on population only. Sequestration in landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps may vary by climate and composition of yard trimmings (e.g., branches, grass) for a particular region in addition to waste generation, which is assumed to increase with population.

To estimate uncertainty associated with carbon sequestration in landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on expert judgment. The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) the proportion of carbon stored permanently in food scraps, (2) 2018 yard trimming generation, (3) and 2017 yard trimming generation.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 5-22. Sinks from landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps were estimated to be between -0.08 and -0.03 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 75 percent below and 48 percent above the sink estimate of -0.05 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 5-22: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Sinks from Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
(0.05)	(0.08)	(0.03)	+75%	-48%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval. Note: Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

5.9. Urban Trees (IPCC Source Category 3B5a)

Trees in urban areas (i.e., urban forests) sequester carbon from the atmosphere. Urban areas in Hawai‘i represented approximately five percent of Hawai‘i’s total area in 1990 and six percent of Hawai‘i’s total area in 2010 (U.S. Census Bureau 1990a and 2012; DBEDT 2018). In 2019, urban trees sequestered 0.63 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 24.4 percent of carbon sinks. The upward trend in sequestration from urban trees from 2010 to 2019 is a result of the increased size of urban areas as well as an increase in urban tree density in all counties except Hawai‘i. Table 5-23 and Table 5-24 below summarize carbon flux from urban trees, and the urban area in square kilometers, respectively in Hawai‘i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Table 5-23: CO₂ Flux from Urban Trees (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂ Flux	(0.51)	(0.66)	(0.64)	(0.58)	(0.60)	(0.60)	(0.61)	(0.62)	(0.63)

Notes: Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Table 5-24: Statewide Urban Area (sq.km)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Urban Area	757.0	969.4	988.9	1,018.2	1,089.4	1,105.3	1,121.4	1,137.8	1,154.4

Methodology

Carbon flux from urban trees was calculated using a methodology consistent with the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a) and the IPCC (2006) default Gain-Loss methodology. Carbon flux estimates from urban trees were calculated using the following equation.

$$CO_2 \text{ Flux} = A \times T_{\text{percent}} \times S_c \times \frac{44}{12}$$

where:

- A = total urban area (including clusters), km²
- T_{percent} = percent of urban area covered by trees, dimensionless
- S_c = C sequestration rates of urban trees, metric tons C/km²

44/12 = conversion of carbon to CO₂

The 1990 – 2020 U.S. Inventory provides state-level carbon sequestration rates from trees in *Settlements Remaining Settlements*, a land-use category that includes urban areas (EPA 2022a). Using the Hawai'i-specific estimates, a rate of annual carbon sequestration per square kilometer of tree canopy (MT C/km² tree cover) was calculated.

Census-defined urbanized area and cluster values were used to calculate urbanized area in Hawai'i.⁴⁹ State-level urban area estimates were adapted from the U.S. Census Bureau (1990a) to be consistent with the definition of urban area and clusters provided in the 2000 U.S. Census (Nowak et al. 2005). Urban area and cluster data for 2000 and 2010 were provided directly from the U.S. Census Bureau (2002, 2012). A linear trend was fitted to the 2000 and 2010 data to establish a time series from 2000 to 2007. A linear trend was applied to the 2010 data to establish a time series from 2010 to 2011. After 2011, urban area was projected based on projected changes in developed area from 2011 to 2017 by the USGS (Selmants et al. 2017). Specifically, the percent change in developed area was annualized and applied to the 2011 estimate of urban area to estimate urban area in 2015 – 2019.

Nowak and Greenfield (2012) developed a study to determine percent tree cover by state. According to Nowak (2012), 39.9 percent of urban areas in Hawai'i were covered by trees circa 2005. With an estimate of total urban tree cover for Hawai'i, the Hawai'i-specific sequestration factor (MT C/km² tree cover) was applied to this area to calculate total C sequestration by urban trees (MT C/year).

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

No changes were made to emissions from urban trees since the 2017 inventory report.

Uncertainties

Uncertainties associated with urban tree CO₂ flux estimates include the following:

- The methodology used to estimate urban area in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 is based on USGS projections of area that are specific to Hawai'i and consider land transitions, impacts of climate change, and other factors under a BAU scenario (Selmants et al. 2017). This methodology does not consider potential changes in the rate of urbanization over time.
- The average and net sequestration rates are based on estimates of the settlement area in Hawai'i and the associated percent tree cover in developed land. This methodology has associated uncertainty resulting from the land cover data used to generate the area and tree cover estimates.

⁴⁹ Definitions for urbanized area changed between 2000 and 2010. According to the U.S. Inventory, "In 2000, the U.S. Census replaced the 'urban places' category with a new category of urban land called an 'urban cluster,' which included areas with more than 500 people per square mile. In 2010, the Census updated its definitions to have 'urban areas' encompassing Census tract delineated cities with 50,000 or more people, and 'urban clusters' containing Census tract delineated locations with between 2,500 and 50,000 people" (EPA 2020a).

To estimate uncertainty associated with sinks from urban trees, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on Nowak et al. (2005, 2012, 2018a, and 2018b), Selmants et al. (2017), U.S. Census (2012), EPA (2021a), and expert judgment. The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) net carbon sequestration per area of urban tree cover in Hawai'i, (2) Hawai'i tree cover, and (3) 2010 urban area in Honolulu. The quantified uncertainty estimated for net carbon sequestration per area of urban tree cover in Hawai'i contributed the vast majority to the quantified uncertainty estimates. The remaining input variables contributed relatively evenly to the overall uncertainty of the sink estimate.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 5-25. Sinks from urban trees were estimated to be between -0.88 and -0.39 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 40 percent below and 38 percent above the sink estimate of -0.63 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 5-25: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Sinks from Urban Trees

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
(0.63)	(0.88)	(0.39)	+40%	-38%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval. Note: Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

5.10. Forest Carbon (IPCC Source Category 3B1a)

Hawai'i forests and shrubland contain carbon stored in various carbon pools, which are defined as reservoirs with the capacity to accumulate or release carbon (IPCC 2006). This category includes estimates of carbon sequestered in forests and shrubland aboveground biomass, which is defined as living vegetation above the soil, and belowground biomass, which is defined as all biomass below the roots (IPCC 2006). This analysis only considers managed forests and shrubland per IPCC (2006) guidelines to discriminate between anthropogenic and non-anthropogenic sources and sinks because the majority of anthropogenic GHG emissions and sinks occur on managed land.⁵⁰ In 2019, forests and shrubland sequestered 1.91 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 73.7 percent of carbon sinks. Table 5-26 summarizes carbon flux from forests and shrubland in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

⁵⁰ Managed forests, under IPCC (2006) guidelines, are deemed to be a human-influenced GHG sink and, accordingly, are included here. This encompasses any forest that is under any sort of human intervention, alteration, maintenance, or legal protection. Unmanaged forests are not under human influence and thus out of the purview of this inventory.

Table 5-26. CO₂ Flux from Forest Carbon (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CO ₂	(1.79)	(1.86)	(1.89)	(1.95)	(2.07)	(2.04)	(2.02)	(1.91)	(1.91)

Note: Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Methodology

The Tier 1 Gain Loss Method as outlined by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (IPCC 2006) was used to calculate carbon flux in managed Hawai'i forests. Unmanaged forests are not included in this analysis per IPCC guidelines. This method requires forestland acreage data as well as annual net C sequestration per unit area. The Gain Loss method calculates annual increase in carbon stocks using the following equation:

$$Forest\ CO_2\ Flux = \sum_i (A_i \times S_{Net,i}) \times \frac{44}{12}$$

where,

A	= forest land area, hectares
S _{Net,i}	= net C sequestration rate, tonnes of C/hectare/year
44/12	= conversion of carbon to CO ₂
i	= forest type (forest or shrubland in Hawai'i)

Managed forestland acreage data were obtained from the State of Hawai'i Data Book (DBEDT 2020a). Area estimates of private forestland in the conservation district were summed with reserve forestland in the conservation district, forested natural areas and wooded farmland in order to generate total managed forested land area in Hawai'i for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, and 2015 – 2019.

Forestland was divided into two sub-categories: forest and shrub/scrubland using the island-specific forestland to shrubland ratios derived from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal Change Analysis Program (NOAA-CCAP) land cover study in 2000 and the USGS assessment of land cover in 2014 (NOAA-CCAP 2000; Selmants et al. 2017).

According to NOAA-CCAP, roughly half of Hawai'i's forestland in 2000 was shrub/scrubland, defined as land with vegetation less than 20 feet tall (NOAA-CCAP 2000). In 2014, the share of shrubland in Hawai'i decreased to approximately 32 percent according to USGS (Selmants et al. 2017). 2000 data on the ratio of forest to shrubland area were used as a proxy for 1990, and 2014 data were used as a proxy for 2015 – 2019. For 2005, 2007, and 2010, the ratio of forest to shrubland area was interpolated using forest and shrubland area in 2000 (NOAA-CCAP) and 2014 (Selmants et al. 2017).

Net ecosystem production for forest and shrubland in Hawai'i were obtained from USGS for 2011 through 2025 (Selmants 2020). Net C sequestration rates were calculated by dividing annual net ecosystem production for each land class by the associated area to obtain a yearly rate (MT C/ha/year). Each year's net C sequestration rate for forest and shrubland were applied to the respective land area. For years prior to 2011, the average sequestration rate across the entire timeseries was used.

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

Relative to the 2017 inventory report, the calculation of forested natural areas was updated to better reflect data from the State of Hawai'i Data Book. The resulting changes in historical estimates of carbon sequestration from forests are presented in Table 5-27.

Table 5-27: Change in Sinks from Forest Carbon Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Emission Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	(1.80)	(1.90)	(1.98)	(2.08)	(2.06)	(2.03)
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	(1.79)	(1.89)	(1.95)	(2.07)	(2.04)	(2.02)
Percent Change	0.5%	0.7%	1.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.3%

Uncertainties

The methodology used to estimate carbon flux from forests and shrubland is based on the ratio of forest and shrubland area. The ratio of forest and shrubland area is a source of uncertainty for all inventory years because the ratios are estimated based on land cover data for years 2000 and 2014. In addition, the net sequestration rate for forest and shrubland are calculated based on the average net ecosystem production per year across four unique modeling scenarios for different land-use/climate change projections. Yearly forest and shrubland sequestration rates are only available after 2011; all years prior to 2011 use an average rate across the available timeseries (Selmants 2020).

To estimate uncertainty associated with sinks from forest carbon, uncertainties associated with all input variables were assessed. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on IPCC (2006), Selmants (2020), and expert judgment. The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates: (1) annual forest net ecosystem production, (2) Hawai'i private forested area in conservation district, and (3) total forest area.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 5-28. Sinks from forest carbon were estimated to be between -2.28 and -1.58 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately 19 percent below and 17 percent above the sink estimate of -1.91 MMT CO₂ Eq.

Table 5-28: Quantitative Uncertainty Estimates for Sinks from Forest Carbon

2019 Emissions Estimate (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	Uncertainty Range Relative to Emissions Estimate ^a			
	(MMT CO ₂ Eq.)		(percent)	
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
(1.91)	(2.28)	(1.58)	+19%	-17%

^a Range of emission estimates predicted by Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation for a 95 percent confidence interval. Note: Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

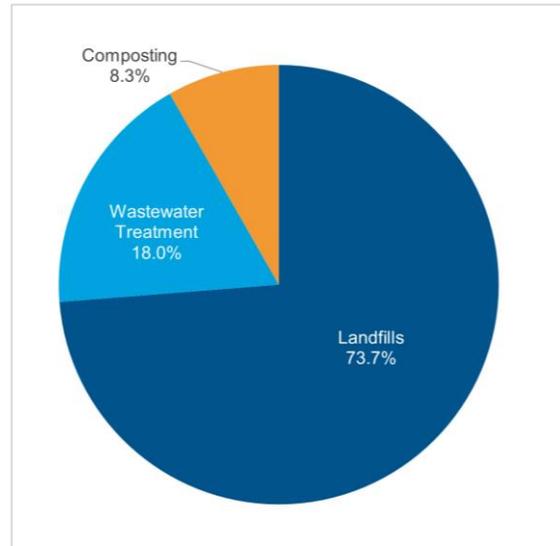
6. Waste

This chapter presents GHG emissions from waste management and treatment activities. For the state of the Hawai'i, waste sector emissions are estimated from the following sources: Landfills (IPCC Source Category 4A1), Composting (IPCC Source Category 4B), and Wastewater Treatment (IPCC Source Category 4D).⁵¹

Emissions from the incineration of waste are reported under the Energy sector, consistent with the U.S. Inventory, since the incineration of waste generally occurs at facilities where energy is recovered.

In 2019, emissions from the Waste sector were 0.41 MMT CO₂ Eq., accounting for 1.9 percent of total Hawai'i emissions. Emissions from landfills accounted for the largest share of Waste sector emissions (73.7 percent), followed by emissions from wastewater treatment (18.0 percent) and composting (8.3 percent). Figure 6-1 and Figure 6-2 show emissions from the Waste sector by source for 2019.

Figure 6-1: 2019 Waste Emissions by Source



⁵¹ In Hawai'i, incineration of MSW occurs at waste-to-energy facilities and thus emissions from incineration of waste (IPCC Source Category 4C) are accounted for in the Energy sector.

Changes in Estimates since the Previous Inventory Report

The 2017 inventory report applied the First Order Decay (FOD) model to estimate emissions prior to 2010 and utilized data from GHGRP on landfill operation and gas collection systems to estimate emissions for years after 2010. To improve upon this estimate, this inventory report incorporated CH₄ emissions reported to EPA’s GHGRP for years after 2010, and then applied a back-casting method based on GHGRP-reported data for years prior to 2010, resulting in lower emission estimates across the time series. This inventory report also incorporated CH₄ emissions from Hawai’i’s industrial landfill based on data reported to GHGRP. The resulting changes in historical emission estimates are presented in Table 6-3.

Table 6-3: Change in Emissions from Landfills Relative to the 2017 Inventory Report

Sink Estimates	1990	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017
2017 Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.65	0.92	0.87	0.75	0.69	0.73
This Inventory Report (MMT CO ₂ Eq.)	0.81	0.67	0.44	0.36	0.32	0.29
Percent Change	24.7%	-27.3%	-48.9%	-51.4%	-53.8%	-60.9%

Uncertainties

Due to the change in methodology for calculating landfill methane emissions directly from EPA’s GHGRP, uncertainty bounds are considerably smaller in this report compared to the previous iteration. To estimate uncertainty associated with emissions from landfills, uncertainties for several quantities were assessed, including: (1) landfill methane emissions from GHGRP, (2) landfill waste-in-place data from EPA’s LMOP, (3) methane generation potential, (4) methane generation rate constant, (5) Hawai’i state population, and (6) landfill disposal rates. Uncertainty was estimated quantitatively around each input variable based on expert judgment, IPCC (2006), and EPA (2020a). The following parameters contributed the most to the quantified uncertainty estimates for MSW landfills: (1) reported methane emissions from the South Hilo landfill, (2) Maui county’s population, and (3) reported methane emissions from the Central Maui landfill. Since Hawai’i only has one industrial landfill and methane emissions are taken directly from the GHGRP report, this parameter was the only one that contributed to the uncertainty estimate for industrial landfills.

The results of the quantitative uncertainty analysis are summarized in Table 6-4 for MSW landfills and Table 6-5 for industrial landfills. Emissions from MSW landfills were estimated to be between 0.25 and 0.27 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately three percent below and four percent above the emission estimate of 0.26 MMT CO₂ Eq. Emissions from industrial landfills were estimated to be between 0.04 and 0.05 MMT CO₂ Eq. at the 95 percent confidence level. This confidence level indicates a range of approximately five percent below and five percent above the emission estimate of 0.05 MMT CO₂ Eq.

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Category Code and Name		Included in Inventory	Notes
4C	Incineration and Open Burning of Waste		In Hawai'i, incineration of MSW occurs at waste-to-energy facilities and thus emissions are accounted for under the Energy sector.
4D	Wastewater Treatment and Discharge	✓	

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated).

and production was zeroed out in 2018 and onward due to the closure of the last sugarcane mill in Hawai'i. Emissions were then estimated using the methodology described in section 5.4.

Urea Application

State-level urea fertilizer application data were allocated to each county based on the percent of cropland area by county by year. Agricultural land use by county was obtained from Agricultural Land Use Maps (Hawai'i State Office of Planning 2015) for 1992 and the University of Hawai'i (2016 & 2022) for 2015 and 2020. Agricultural land use by county for the years 1990 and 1991 were proxied to 1992, years 1993 through 2014 were interpolated, and years 2016, 2017, and 2019 were interpolated between 2015 and 2020. Emissions were then estimated using the methodology described in section 5.5.

Agricultural Soil Carbon

Emissions from agricultural soil carbon were estimated using the methodology described in section 5.6 and allocated to each county based on the percent area of cropland and percent area of grassland by county by year. Agricultural land use by county was obtained from Agricultural Land Use Maps (Hawai'i State Office of Planning 2015) for the year 1992 and the University of Hawai'i for year 2015 (2016) and year 2020 (2022). Agricultural land use by county for the years 1990 and 1991 were proxied to 1992, years 1993 through 2014 were interpolated, and years 2016 through 2019 were interpolated.

Forest Fires

Emissions from forest fires were estimated using the methodology described in section 5.7 and allocated to each county based on the share of forest and shrubland area in each county relative to total forest and shrubland area in the state (DBEDT 2022a, NOAA-CCAP 2000, Selmants et al. 2017).

Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps

Carbon sequestration in landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps were estimated using the methodology described in section 5.8 and allocated to each county based on the ratio of county population to state population (DBEDT 2022a).

Urban Trees

Urban tree cover by county was estimated based on urbanized area and cluster data in 1990, 2000, and 2010 from the U.S. Census and percent tree cover in Honolulu and throughout the state. Census-defined urbanized areas and clusters were mapped to their respective county to establish county-level urban area estimates. Then, county-level urban area estimates were interpolated and extrapolated throughout the time series based on available data, as described in section 5.9. The time series of Honolulu-specific percent tree cover in urban areas (MacFaden et al. 2016; Nowak et al. 2012), described in section 5.9, was applied to urban areas in Honolulu to obtain urban tree cover, while the time series of state-level percent tree cover in urban areas (Nowak et al. 2012, 2018a, 2018b) was applied to urban areas for all

counties except Honolulu. CO₂ sinks were calculated based on urban tree cover and Hawai'i-specific sequestration rates, as described in section 5.9

Forest Carbon

Carbon sequestration in forests and shrubland were estimated using the methodology described in section 5.10 and allocated to each county based on forest and shrubland area data by island from DBEDT (2022a). County-level emissions estimates were then calculated as the sum of each island in the county. CO₂ sinks were calculated using Hawai'i-specific forest and shrubland sequestration rates (Selmants et al. 2017), as described in section 5.10.

Waste

Landfills

Landfill emissions were calculated for each county using the methodology described in section 6.1.

Composting

Composting emissions were calculated based on per capita rates of composting per year by county, which were provided by Hawai'i's Department of Health (Hawai'i DOH 2022a).

Wastewater Treatment

Wastewater treatment emissions were calculated for each island using the methodology described in section 6.3; county-level emissions estimates were calculated as the sum of each island in the county.

Table G-18: Fraction Volatile Solids Distribution by Animal Type, Waste Management System (WMS), and Year

Animal Type	WMS	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Dairy Cows	Pasture	0.4%	7.1%	6.6%	5.8%	4.4%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Dairy Cows	Anaerobic Lagoon	67.7%	55.0%	54.8%	54.6%	54.2%	54.1%	54.1%	54.1%	54.1%
Dairy Cows	Liquid/Slurry	21.2%	12.5%	10.6%	7.8%	3.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%
Dairy Cows	Solid Storage	10.6%	18.8%	20.3%	22.4%	26.1%	26.8%	26.8%	26.8%	26.8%
Dairy Cows	Deep Pit	0.1%	4.9%	5.7%	7.0%	9.0%	9.4%	9.4%	9.4%	9.4%
Dairy Replacement Heifers	Liquid/Slurry	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Dairy Replacement Heifers	Dry Lot	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other Dairy Heifers	Liquid/Slurry	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Other Dairy Heifers	Dry Lot	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Dairy Calves	Pasture	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Beef Cows	Pasture	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Beef Replacement Heifers	Pasture	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Heifer Feedlot	Liquid/Slurry	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
Heifer Feedlot	Dry Lot	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Heifer Stockers	Pasture	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Steer Feedlot	Liquid/Slurry	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
Steer Feedlot	Dry Lot	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Steer Stockers	Pasture	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Animal Type	WMS	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Beef Calves	Pasture	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Bull	Pasture	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sheep	Pasture	54.9%	68.9%	68.9%	68.9%	68.9%	68.9%	68.9%	68.9%	68.9%
Sheep	Dry Lot	45.1%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%	31.1%
Goats	Pasture	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%
Goats	Dry Lot	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Swine	Pasture	36.0%	27.3%	29.8%	34.5%	40.6%	41.5%	42.4%	42.4%	42.4%
Swine	Anaerobic Lagoon	13.5%	22.0%	21.3%	20.6%	18.4%	18.1%	17.7%	17.7%	17.7%
Swine	Liquid/Slurry	17.7%	23.3%	23.9%	23.7%	22.4%	22.2%	22.0%	22.0%	22.0%
Swine	Deep Pit	30.0%	19.5%	16.4%	12.8%	11.5%	11.3%	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%
Swine	Solid Storage	2.8%	0.9%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Horses	Pasture	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%
Horses	Dry Lot	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Chickens	Anaerobic Lagoon	80.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Chickens	Poultry without bedding	10.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Chickens	Solid Storage	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: EPA (2022a).

Appendix H. ODS Emissions

ODS—including chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), halons, carbon tetrachloride, methyl chloroform, hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), and other chlorine and bromine containing compounds—have been found to deplete the ozone levels in the stratosphere. In addition to contributing to ozone depletion, CFCs, halons, carbon tetrachloride, methyl chloroform, and HCFCs are also potent greenhouse gases. The GWP values for ODS are summarized in Table H-1.

The *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer* is the international treaty that controls ODS; parties to the *Montreal Protocol* are required to provide statistical data about ODS to the Ozone Secretariat annually. In the United States, the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 implement the *Montreal Protocol* controls. IPCC (2006) guidelines exclude the reporting of ODS emissions because they are controlled under the *Montreal Protocol* controls.

For informational purposes, ODS emissions were estimated for the state of Hawai'i. To estimate ODS emissions for Hawai'i, national ODS emissions were apportioned based on the ratio of Hawai'i population to U.S. population. Estimates of national ODS emissions (in kilotons (kt) by gas) were obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). National population numbers were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau (2021) while Hawai'i population data were obtained from the State of Hawai'i Data Book (DBEDT 2020b). Table H-2 summarizes ODS emissions in Hawai'i by gas for 1990, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015 – 2019.⁶³

Table H-1: 100-year Direct Global Warming Potentials for Ozone Depleting Substances

Gas	GWP
CFC-11	4,750
CFC-12	10,900
CFC-113	6,130
CFC-114	10,000
CFC-115	7,370
Carbon Tetrachloride	1,400
Methyl Chloroform	146
Halon 1211	1,890
Halon 1301	7,140
HCFC-22	1,810
HCFC-123	77
HCFC-124	609
HCFC-141b	725
HCFC-142b	2,310
HCFC-225ca	122
HCFC-225cb	595

Source: IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (2007).

Table H-2: ODS Emissions by Gas (kt)

Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CFC-11	0.16	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05
CFC-12	0.68	0.11	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	+
CFC-113	0.30	0.08	0.06	0.03	+	+	+	NO	NO
CFC-114	0.02	0.01	+	+	+	+	+	NO	NO

⁶³ The methodology and data sources used to estimate ODS emissions in Hawai'i are consistent with the methodology and data sources used to estimate emissions from ODS substitutes.

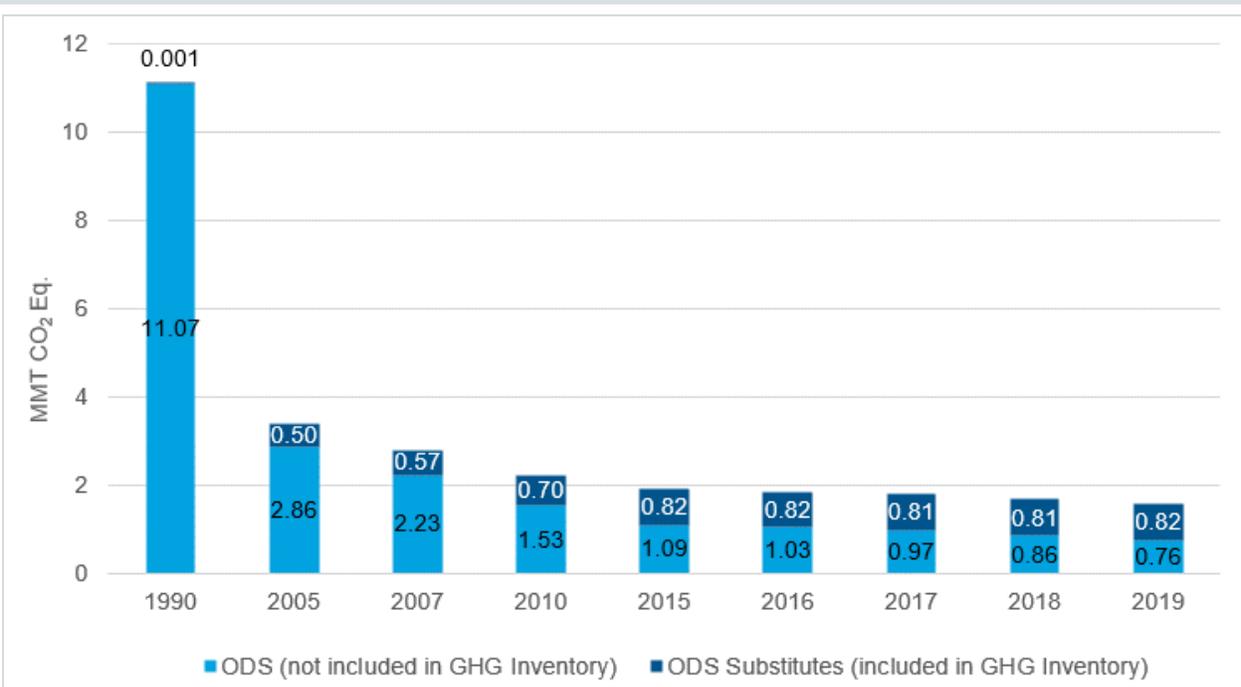
Gas	1990	2005	2007	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CFC-115	0.04	0.01	0.01	+	+	+	+	+	+
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.02	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Methyl Chloroform	1.12	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Halon 1211	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Halon 1301	0.01	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HCFC-22	0.15	0.36	0.36	0.34	0.28	0.27	0.25	0.23	0.21
HCFC-123	NO	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HCFC-124	NO	0.01	0.01	+	+	+	+	+	+
HCFC-141b	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05
HCFC-142b	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
HCFC-225ca/cb	+	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08
Total	2.52	0.70	0.65	0.57	0.49	0.47	0.46	0.43	0.42

+ Does not exceed 0.005 kt; NO (emissions are Not Occurring).

Source: EPA (2022a).

Emissions from ODS in Hawai'i have decreased significantly since 1990, following the implementation of the *Montreal Protocol*. Figure H-1 below presents combined emissions from ODS and ODS substitutes in Hawai'i. Combined emissions have similarly decreased between 1990 and 2019, even though emissions from ODS substitutes increased during the same period.

Figure H-1: Emissions from ODS and ODS Substitutes



Appendix I. Uncertainty

This appendix provides a summary of the methodology used to develop the quantitative uncertainty results as well as a discussion on limitations of the analysis. Consistent with the U.S. Inventory, and following the IPCC Chapter 3 Uncertainties guidelines (IPCC 2006), this inventory quantifies uncertainty for the current inventory year (i.e., 2019).

Methodology

Uncertainty analyses are conducted to qualitatively evaluate and quantify the uncertainty associated with GHG emission and sink estimates. Quantitative uncertainty analyses capture random errors based on the inherent variability of a system and finite sample sizes of available data, measurement error, and/or uncertainty from expert judgement (IPCC 2006). Systematic errors from models, measurement techniques, and data recording and interpretation are difficult to quantify and are therefore more commonly evaluated qualitatively (IPCC 2006). The results of an uncertainty analysis serve as guidance for identifying ways to improve the accuracy of future inventories, including changes to activity data sources, data collection methods, assumptions, and estimation methodologies.

The IPCC provides good practice guidance on two methods for estimating uncertainty for individual source categories (i.e., Approach 1 and Approach 2). Approach 1 is appropriate where emissions or sinks are estimated by applying an emission factor to activity data or by summing individual sub-source or sink category values to calculate an overall emissions estimation. Approach 2 is appropriate for more complex calculations and employs the Monte Carlo Stochastic Simulation technique and is more reliable than Approach 1. It is useful for input variables that are particularly large, have non-normal distributions, and are correlated with other input variables. Approach 2 is also appropriate if a sophisticated methodology or multiple input variables are used for the emissions estimation, as was the case for the sources estimated in this inventory.

For this inventory report, Approach 2 was applied to quantify uncertainty for all source categories in accordance with the *2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines (IPCC 2019)* and *2006 IPCC Guidelines (IPCC 2006)*. Under this method, GHG emissions (or sinks) for each source category are estimated by generating randomly-selected values according to the specified probability density function (PDF)⁶⁴ for each of the constituent input variables (e.g., activity data, emission factor) 10,000 times using @RISK, a commercially-available simulation software. The results of this methodology are presented as an overall emission (or sinks) PDF for each source category. The quantified uncertainties for each source category were then combined using Approach 2 to provide uncertainty estimates at the sector level as well as for the overall net and total emissions for the current inventory year.

⁶⁴ The PDF, which is dependent upon the quality and quantity of applicable data, describes the range and likelihood of possible values for constants and estimates that are not exactly known (IPCC 2006).

Consistent with the U.S. Inventory, this inventory quantifies uncertainty for the current inventory year (i.e., 2019). Although uncertainty was not quantified for other inventory years, the uncertainty range relative to emission estimates across all inventory years are expected to be similar to those quantified for 2019. Similarities in quantitative uncertainties are expected because, in most cases, particularly for those that contribute the most to overall emissions, the same methodologies and data sources were used for all years. As a result of time series consistency, any future changes in the estimates will likely affect results similarly across all years.

Limitations of the Analysis

The uncertainty analysis results presented in this report reflect an IPCC Approach 2 Monte Carlo Uncertainty analysis that was completed for the second time for the Hawai'i inventory. The IPCC publishes uncertainty information for most emission factors and some activity data (e.g., level of uncertainty associated with stationary combustion activity data), but most activity data uncertainty must be provided by the original data source.

Developing this analysis required a review of original data sources as well as outreach and collaboration with all data providers to establish uncertainty bounds for each of the input parameters. In cases where uncertainties have already been assessed for certain activity data, PDFs for these input parameters are derived using this information. If this information was not published, data providers were contacted. If data providers were unable to provide a quantitative measure of uncertainty for their data, PDFs were built around the input parameters using qualitative responses from data providers, default values provided by IPCC, and/or expert judgement based on ICF's experience in developing uncertainty bounds for the U.S. inventory of GHG emissions and sinks in accordance with the *2019 Refinements to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines* (IPCC 2019) and *2006 IPCC Guidelines* (IPCC 2006).

While this uncertainty analysis quantified parameter uncertainty, which arises due to a lack of precision and/or accuracy in input data such as emission factors and activity data, it did not quantify model-based uncertainty, which arises when emission/sink estimation models do not fully or accurately characterize the emission/sink process due to a lack of technical details or other resources. Model based uncertainty is extremely difficult to quantify given, in most cases, only a single model has been developed to estimate emissions from any one source. Nonetheless, these uncertainties are discussed qualitatively, where appropriate, for each emission source and sink category in the subsequent sections of this report. Confidence in the uncertainty analysis results will improve over time as gaps in understanding and quantifying the uncertainty for additional data sources are addressed.

This uncertainty analysis is specific to the methods and data used for this report and is independent from those used in previous reports. These estimates consider the inherent uncertainty associated with these methodologies and data and their ability to accurately and precisely describe the activities within the scope of the inventory. While the uncertainty analysis is a useful tool for identifying areas for improvement in an inventory, the uncertainty analysis should not be used to quantitatively compare changes observed between inventory reports where data sources and methods may have been revised.

Appendix J. Emission Projections Methodology

This appendix summarizes the methodology used to project statewide emissions for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 by source and sink category under both the baseline and alternate scenarios. Both baseline and alternate scenarios were based on key forecasts, including gross state/county product, visitor arrivals, future fossil fuel prices (residual oil, gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel), deployment of renewable energy technology, and uptake of electric vehicles in ground transportation. These forecasts are provided in Table J-1 below. This appendix also provides a discussion of key uncertainties and areas for improvement.

Macroeconomic and Fuel Price Forecasts

Table J-1: Gross County Product (Normalized to 2019=1)

Scenario	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Hawai'i	0.89	1.03	1.17	1.33	1.50	1.68
Honolulu	0.89	1.03	1.12	1.22	1.33	1.43
Kaua'i	0.89	1.03	1.15	1.29	1.44	1.62
Maui	0.89	1.03	1.17	1.32	1.48	1.67

The forecast for Gross County Product (GCP) was developed based on three sources. First, the relationship between GCP to Gross State Product (GSP) was determined based on the 2018 ratio for each county, as this was the most recent year for which both state-level and county-level metrics were available (DBEDT 2022b). Next, the DBEDT short-run forecast of GSP through 2025 was used, which included actual GSP for 2020 (DBEDT 2022c). Lastly, the DBEDT long-run forecast expected growth rate was applied through 2045 (DBEDT 2018). GCP was estimated using the ratio for each county. For simplicity, GCP and GSP are used interchangeably hereafter. The forecast for resident population was developed similarly to that of GSP. The DBEDT short-run forecast was used through 2025, and thereafter the long-run forecast (DBEDT 2022b and 2018). The ratio of statewide to county resident population was determined by actual 2021 population per county (DBEDT 2022c). The resident populations forecasts for each county, normalized to 2019, are provided in Table J-2 below.

Table J-2: Resident Population (Normalized to 2019=1)

Scenario	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Hawai'i	1.00	1.02	1.08	1.14	1.19	1.25
Honolulu	1.00	0.98	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.02
Kaua'i	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.08	1.12	1.16
Maui	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.09	1.13	1.16

The forecast for visitor arrivals similarly used the DBEDT short-run forecast through 2025, after which the DBEDT long-run forecast for visitor arrivals was applied. These forecasts are provided in Table J-3 below.

Table J-3: Visitor Arrivals by Air (Normalized to 2019=1)

Scenario	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Hawai'i	0.26	1.01	1.08	1.16	1.23	1.30
Honolulu	0.26	1.01	1.04	1.08	1.10	1.14
Kaua'i	0.26	1.01	1.06	1.12	1.17	1.22
Maui	0.26	1.01	1.07	1.13	1.19	1.25

The forecast for de facto population, shown in Table J-4 below, was based on both residents and visitors and returns to 2019 levels by 2025, after which the DBEDT long-run forecast for de facto population was applied.

Table J-4: De Facto Population (Normalized to 2019=1)

Scenario	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Hawai'i	0.92	1.00	1.07	1.13	1.20	1.26
Honolulu	0.94	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.05	1.06
Kaua'i	0.81	1.00	1.05	1.10	1.14	1.19
Maui	0.80	1.00	1.06	1.11	1.17	1.21

There were four fuel types for which the EIA Annual Energy Outlook (AEO) 2022 high and low fuel price forecasts (relative to the baseline) were used to determine outcomes in Scenarios 1A and 1B. These forecasts are given in Table J-5 below, where the baseline AEO (EIA 2022b) forecast was used to normalize the high and low price scenarios per fuel type.

Table J-5: Fuel Prices (Baseline=1)

Fuel Type	Scenario	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Residual Fuel Oil	High (1A)	1.70	1.71	1.68	1.70	1.70
	Low (1B)	0.48	0.42	0.57	0.54	0.47
Gasoline	High (1A)	1.54	1.51	1.46	1.43	1.42
	Low (1B)	0.78	0.74	0.75	0.73	0.71
Diesel	High (1A)	1.50	1.53	1.50	1.51	1.50
	Low (1B)	0.75	0.73	0.74	0.70	0.67
Jet Fuel	High (1A)	1.38	1.38	1.34	1.37	1.38
	Low (1B)	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.58	0.56

Energy

Stationary Combustion

Baseline Scenario Methodology

Emissions from stationary combustion were projected based on the macroeconomic forecast as well as utility-specific electricity demand forecasts and renewable energy deployment per county. For the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors, statewide emissions were assumed to grow at the rate of forecasted gross state product. For the energy industries sector, emissions were projected for the petroleum refinery⁶⁵ and each of the two electric utilities in Hawai'i: Hawaiian Electric, which serves O'ahu, Hawai'i Island, and Maui County; and the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC), which serves the island of Kaua'i.

For the petroleum refinery, emissions were projected out from 2019 based on the projected growth in aviation emissions (see the transportation section below for details on the method used to project aviation emissions).

For all counties, electric sector emissions in 2020 were based on facility emissions reported to the US EPA Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (EPA 2022h). KIUC electricity demand was based on annual average historical growth in overall demand (Rockwell, personal communication, August 2022) and the electricity demand increase that was estimated to come from electric vehicles (EVs) in each year (see Ground Transportation, below). Renewable energy deployment was assumed to meet KIUCs goal of 70 percent renewables by 2030 (Rockwell, personal communication, August 2022) and the State RPS target of 100 percent by 2045 as amended by Act 240, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022 (Act 240 of 2022). Emissions from fossil fuels were calculated based on 2020 average heat rates for diesel reported in EIA form 923 (EIA 2020) and 2022 emission factors from EPA (EPA 2022d).

For the service area under Hawaiian Electric, emissions projections for 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 were developed based on the utility's preliminary Integrated Grid Plan (IGP) and Power Supply Improvement Plan (PSIP) (PUC 2016; Hawaiian Electric 2021). The IGP underlying forecast assumptions provided a projection for future electricity demand as well as several pathways for renewable energy deployment. Overall, the Hawaiian Electric utility expected a twenty percent increase in net sales from 2019-2045. The IGP "land constrained" scenario served as the starting point for assumed expansion of renewable generation for O'ahu. The PSIP was used for Maui and Hawai'i counties (PUC 2016).⁶⁶ Two key adjustments were made. First, future renewable energy generation was scaled to historic renewable generation in 2021 by taking the difference in expected generation stated in the PSIP and actual generation reported in the companies report to the PUC for the year 2021. The PSIP is used for comparison for all service areas, as HECO's IGP forecast starts in the year 2027. Second, due to the more

⁶⁵ In 2018, Par Hawai'i Inc. acquired Island Energy Services, LLC., which had recently ceased refinery operations and converted to an import terminal (Mai 2018).

⁶⁶ Within the "grid modernization" scenario.

than 40 percent increase in assumed underlying demand between 2027 and 2045, and because renewable energy generation in Honolulu County in 2021 is substantially lower than what was planned (at 26 percent), the baseline assumed that renewable energy deployment for O’ahu continued this lag by taking the prior five year period within the IGP “land constrained” scenario.⁶⁷ Maui and Hawai’i island were assumed to reach 100 percent renewables energy generation in 2045.

Annual GHG emissions from the electric sector, by county, were then estimated as follows:

$$E_{c,t} = \sum_f (D_{f,c,t} \times HR_{f,c,t} \times EF_f)$$

where,

$E_{c,t}$	= Emissions of GHGs for year t (MMT CO ₂ Eq.) and county c
$D_{f,c,t}$	= Demand (GWh) for each type of fossil fuel fired generation f (diesel, LSFO, etc.) in county c in year t
$HR_{f,c,t}$	= Weighted average heat rate for fossil fuel fired generation f in county c within the PSIP or KIUC production plan for year t
EF_f	= GHG CO ₂ Eq. emission factor for fuel in county c for year t (Mt CO ₂ Eq. per MMBtu)

As the level of renewable energy deployment increases, the level of demand for fossil fuel-based generation decreases and subsequently change the electric sector emissions.

Alternate Scenario 1A and 1B

Future energy prices, especially oil prices, are one of the greatest sources of uncertainty that will affect future GHG emissions. Hawai’i’s demand for refined petroleum products depends on the price of refined petroleum products, which depends directly on world crude oil prices. Prices could fluctuate due to market forces external to Hawai’i as well as state or national policy regarding GHG pricing.⁶⁸

To understand the potential effect of oil prices on Hawai’i’s future emissions from the electric sector, the study team considered both a *high* (Alternate Scenario 1A) and *low* (Alternate Scenario 1B) future oil price pathway based on the EIA’s Annual Energy Outlook (AEO) 2022 for refined petroleum products (EIA 2022b). As shown, in Table J-5 under the *high* oil price forecast, the price of oil was expected to be roughly 70 percent greater than in the baseline case in all years, while in the low oil price forecast, the price of residual fuel oil was expected to be roughly half the price of the baseline case in 2025 and 40 percent of the baseline case in 2045.⁶⁹

⁶⁷ Compliance within the RPS statute after 2030 is potentially less strict, as there are a number of stated reasons that the 70 and 100 percent targets could not be met; for example, if it is not cost-effective or economically beneficial (HRS §269-92).

⁶⁸ An economy-wide carbon pricing scheme would also affect the price of coal and natural gas, which is not accounted for as part of this analysis. Given that coal phased out in 2022 and natural gas currently represents a small portion of total fuel consumption in Hawai’i, the impact of a carbon-pricing scheme on future coal and natural gas emissions is expected to be small.

⁶⁹ For context, a \$25/MT CO₂ Eq. tax equates to approximately an additional \$10/bbl of crude oil.

To estimate the percent change in electricity demand as a result of higher and lower residual oil prices, the underlying electricity demand which was met with fossil generation in the baseline case was multiplied by the percentage change in price for each scenario and each year as well as the price elasticity of demand. Based on recent literature, electricity demand is relatively inelastic, meaning that a one percent increase in price is expected to result in much less than a one percent decrease in consumption (Coffman et al. 2016). For this analysis, an elasticity parameter equal to -0.1 was selected based on the Electric Power Research Institute (2010). This means that a one percent increase in electricity price results in a 0.1 percent decrease in electricity demand. This elasticity parameter was similar to findings published by Nakajima and Hamori (2010), Paul et al. (2009), and Metcalf (2008). Using this parameter, the change in demand for fossil fuel-based electricity under each scenario was calculated based on the following equation:

$$DS_{f,c,t} = D_{f,c,t} \times (1 + \% \Delta EP_{t,s} \times \sigma)$$

where,

- $DS_{f,c,t}$ = Demand (GWh) for each type of fossil fuel generation in Scenario 1A or 1B
- $D_{f,c,t}$ = Baseline demand (GWh) for each type of fossil fuel fired generation in county c in year t
- $\% \Delta EP_{t,s}$ = The percentage change from the baseline in electricity price in year t under scenario s
- σ = Price elasticity of demand for electricity

This new demand for fossil fuel generation was then used to determine GHG emissions.

Alternate Scenario 2A and 2B

There is considerable uncertainty associated with the energy technologies that will ultimately be used to meet future electricity demand. For the purposes of this alternate scenario, two additional renewable energy deployment pathways were considered. Scenario 2A assumed that renewable energy deployment largely follows the IGP “baseline” scenario presented in the Honolulu and Maui County Grid Needs Assessment report, with several modifications (Hawaiian Electric 2022b and 2022a). Because annual generation was not presented by source in the Hawai‘i Island Grid Needs Assessment Report, the county of Hawai‘i was assumed to follow renewable energy deployment as described in the PSIP (similar to the baseline). Maui and Hawai‘i island were assumed to follow the utility’s plan starting in 2025 and reach 100 percent renewables by 2045. O‘ahu was assumed to lag five years behind the IGP “baseline” throughout the projection period, reaching 95 percent renewables in 2045. This is similar to the baseline using the IGP “land constrained” scenario; however, the IGP “baseline” is considerably more aggressive in its assumptions about the rate of renewable energy adoption. Kaua‘i’s renewable energy deployment pathway did not change from the baseline.

Scenario 2B assumed that delays in grid-scale renewable energy deployment follow the average annual capacity (MW) delay that has occurred between 2016 and 2022 for the Hawaiian Electric service area. The average annual delay was estimated by taking the difference between proposed renewable energy capacity buildouts in the PSIP (PUC 2016) and completed projects as listed in the State Energy Office’s

renewable energy project directory (HSEO 2022). Delays in renewable energy projects can occur for a number of reasons – from concerns about siting to changes in prices due to changes in the global market for supplies.

Alternate Scenario 3A and 3B

The level of adoption of EVs and other electrification of transportation will affect electricity demand and therefore GHG emissions within the electric sector. This alternate scenario accounted for electric sector GHG emissions from two alternative electric vehicle adoption pathways, as described below in the Transportation section. The electric sector demand forecasts (by county) were adjusted to account for the difference in the penetration of EVs from the baseline.

County-level Projections

For the commercial and industrial economic sectors, county emissions were based on the allocation of county emissions for 2019 from section 2.6, and assumed to grow with the rate of GCP, taking into account sector-specific efficiency gains (EIA 2022b). The residential sector is assumed to grow with the rate of population, also taking into account expected household efficiency gains (EIA 2022b). Emissions for energy industries were calculated using the bottom-up methodology described in section 3.1, Stationary Combustion.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

As highlighted by the alternate scenarios described above, there is uncertainty associated with fluctuating electricity demand due to changes in world oil prices and the future build out of renewable energy capacity. Additional uncertainties exist in the future of renewable energy technology costs, particularly due to inflation and supply chain constraints, further land use constraints, and the viability of the remaining refinery. This analysis also did not account for future policies or programs that could impact fuel consumption by the Residential, Commercial, and Industrial sectors.

Transportation

Baseline Scenario Methodology

Projected emissions for ground transportation were estimated based on changes to on-road vehicle fossil fuel consumption due to vehicle miles traveled (VMT), vehicle fuel efficiency, types of vehicles on the road, and their related fuel sources. For domestic marine and military-related transportation, emissions were assumed to remain constant in the future relative to 2019 due to a lack of available data and inconsistencies in the historical emissions trends. For non-military air transportation, emissions were based on future expectations of visitor arrivals and gross state product. Further discussion of these assumptions is provided in the sections that follow.

Ground Transportation

Statewide emissions from ground transportation were forecasted based on projections of fossil fuel consumption by light duty vehicles (LDVs), heavy duty vehicles (HDVs), and motorcycles.

Light Duty Vehicles

LDVs represent statewide usage of on-road gasoline consumption, which comprise 85 percent of 2019 emissions in ground transportation.⁷⁰ An LDV turnover model was used to forecast the consumption of gasoline and its associated emissions from passenger cars and trucks – which included cars, light trucks, minivans, and sports utility vehicles. Vehicle turnover models estimate the rate at which older vehicles retire and new ones enter the road. The LDV model was calibrated to 2019 and tracks the miles, fuel efficiency, and fuel use of the existing stock of vehicles as well as all post-2019 vintages. Major changes to GHG emissions result from changing assumptions about the adoption of EVs and fuel prices.

To forecast future emissions from LDVs, the properties of the 2019 stock of vehicles first needed to be defined. This was particularly important to calculate the fleet’s VMT by internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEVs) and EVs, as well as the average fuel efficiency of each. DBEDT (2021) and the FHWA (2022) provided data on the total number of LDVs by county and the average VMT per LDV by county; however, ICEVs and EVs were not distinguished. To compute the number of ICEVs, the number of EVs was subtracted from the total number of LDVs. The number of EVs on the road by county were based on both 2019 EV sales and registrations (DBEDT 2020c). Using FHWA (2022) for VMT per vehicle by county and assuming that average travel by EVs and ICEVs is the same, the total VMT by each vehicle type was computed as follows:

$$ICEV_{VMT_{c,2019}} = ICEV_{LDV_{c,2019}} \times VMT_{perVeh_{c,2019}}$$

where,

- $ICEV_{VMT_{c,2019}}$ = The distance (miles) driven by ICEVs by county c in 2019
- $ICEV_{LDV_{c,2019}}$ = The number of ICEVs by county c in 2019
- $VMT_{perVeh_{c,2019}}$ = the distance (miles) driven per vehicle by county c in 2019

Next, as the inventory represents gasoline consumption but not ethanol that is used by vehicles, an adjustment was made to account for the Federal Renewable Fuel Standard such that blended gasoline contains 10 percent ethanol. The fuel efficiency of ICEVs was then given as follows:

$$ICEV_{FE_{c,2019}} = ICEV_{VMT_{c,2019}} \div \left(\frac{Gasoline_{c,2019}}{(1 - shE)} \right)$$

where,

- $ICEV_{FE_{c,2019}}$ = Fuel efficiency of the stock of ICEVs by county c in 2019
- $Gasoline_{c,2019}$ = Petroleum gasoline (E0) consumption in county c in 2019
- shE = Share of ethanol in gasoline pool (10 percent)

To forecast future LDV GHG emissions, the 2019 calibration was projected into the future based on the assumptions about the following additional elements:

⁷⁰ It is assumed that all gasoline in Hawai'i is used by LDVs.

- A forecast for LDV VMT. For Honolulu, this forecast accounted for the proposed impact of the Honolulu rail transit project.
- An assumption of the relative contribution to the overall change in VMT from the change in VMT per vehicle or the change in the number of vehicles.
- Assumptions about new vehicle characteristics such as fuel efficiency, and the rate of additional EV adoption.
- Lastly, new vehicles enter the fleet based on assumptions on the scrappage rate of vehicles by vintage.

Future LDV VMT

To estimate future LDV VMT, an Ordinary Least Squares regression between historical county level defacto population (DBEDT 2022c) and county VMT, from 1979 to 2020, was estimated. Using the state’s most current long range-forecast for the growth rate of defacto population to the year 2045 (DBEDT 2018), total future VMT for passenger cars and trucks was projected to 2045 for each county using the following equation:

$$VMT_{c,t} = \text{Intercept } (c) + \text{Slope } (c) \times \text{Defacto}P_{c,t}$$

where,

- $VMT_{c,t}$ = Total county level VMT from all LDVs in year
- $\text{Intercept } (c)$ = Intercept term in the least squares fit by county
- $\text{Slope } (c)$ = Slope term in the least squares fit by county
- $\text{Defacto}P_{c,t}$ = Forecast for defacto population by county in year t

The resulting value for VMT served as an effective demand for travel. For Honolulu, this demand could also be satisfied by future rail trips. To isolate future energy used for LDVs, the LDV VMT was adjusted such that future VMT met through rail transit was subtracted. The Honolulu Area Rapid Transit (HART) initially estimated the maximum VMT that could be displaced from passenger cars and trucks, once the rail is fully operational and running at full capacity, to be 566 million miles (HART 2010). However, given the planned truncated service to the system (HART 2019), this was adjusted downward. Using HART (2019) estimates for expected passenger trips and making assumptions for peak and off-peak utilization, a new estimate for VMT reduction was made, reaching 456 million miles in 2045. To adjust LDV VMT, VMT services provided by LDVs was given by the following:

$$LDV_VMT_{c,t} = VMT_{c,t} - VMTDispyRail_{c,t}$$

where,

- $LDV_VMT_{c,t}$ = Adjusted (Honolulu) total county level VMT from all LDVs in year t
- $VMTDispyRail_{c,t}$ = VMT displaced by rail for Honolulu, zero for all other counties

VMT per LDV

The next step was to further define LDV VMT per vehicle, which was determined based on the number of vehicles and the average VMT per vehicle. Assuming that this was weighted equally, the VMT per LDV was given by the following:

$$VMTperLDV_{c,t} = (1 + 0.5 \times VMTGrow_{c,t}) \times VMTperLDV_{c,t-1}$$

where,

$VMTperLDV_{c,t}$ = Average VMT per Vehicle (miles) in county c in year t

$VMTGrow_{c,t}$ = Annual growth in VMT in county c in year t

$VMTperLDV_{c,t-1}$ = Average VMT per Vehicle (miles) in county c in year $t-1$

Composition of the Vehicle Fleet

The LDV turnover model introduced new vehicles and retired older vehicles based on the assumed survival rate for cars and trucks by vehicle age (EPA 2016c). Vehicle sales by type in the current year was the difference between the total number of vehicles by type in the current year less the total number of vehicles in the previous year that remain on the road in the current year. The following standard vehicle turnover equation was used to compute the number of vehicles of each vintage, except the current year vintage.

$$Veh_{c,type,v,t} = (1 - Decay_{age}) \times New_{c,type,v,t-1}$$

where,

v = all vintages except the current year vintage

$type$ = ICEV car, ICEV truck, EV car, or EV truck, for all post-2019 vintages

$Veh_{c,type,v,t}$ = Existing vehicles on the road in county c , by $type$, vintage v , and year t

$Decay_{age}$ = One year decay rate of vehicles of age $(t-v)$

The total number of vehicles was estimated by the ratio of total VMT and average VMT per vehicle. The number of new vehicles was the difference between the total number of all vehicles and the total number of existing vehicles:

$$NewVeh_{c,t} = TtlVeh_{c,t} - \sum_{type,v} Veh_{c,type,v,t}$$

for $v=2019, \dots, t-1$

where,

$NewVeh_{c,t}$ = New vehicles in county c and year t

$TtlVeh_{c,t}$ = Total vehicles in county c and year t

New vehicles were then disaggregated into the four $types$ of LDVs, first by splitting EVs and ICEVs. The share of new vehicles that are EVs came from HECO's IGP (Hawaiian Electric 2021):

$$TtlNewEV_{c,t} = EVSh_{c,t} \times NewVeh_{c,t}$$

where,

$TtlNewEV_{c,t}$ = New EVs in county c and year t

$EVSh_{c,t}$ = Share of new vehicle sales that are EVs

The difference between total new vehicles and total new EVs gave total new ICEVs. Next, new EVs were split into those that were cars and trucks. The share of new vehicles that were cars was set equal to the share of 2019 vehicle sales that were cars. So, the number of new car sales that were ICEVs was the difference of total car sales of all types and sales of EV cars, which then left the number of new LDVs that were ICEV trucks as the remainder of new vehicle sales after accounting for all EV sales and ICEV cars.

Fuel Efficiency of New Passenger Cars and Trucks

After computing the VMT per vehicle and number of vehicles, the only parameter needed to compute energy consumed by LDVs and hence their associated GHG emissions was the fuel efficiency of these vehicles. The calibration of the benchmark year, 2019, provided the average fuel efficiency of the stock of vehicles in 2019. What remained to be computed was the fuel efficiency for all post-2019 vintages.

Fuel efficiency of new passenger cars and trucks was estimated using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards for cars and light trucks, recently updated and returned to Obama era figures (EPA 2022e). CAFE standards require light duty cars and trucks to have an EPA rated efficiency of 165 g CO₂ Eq./mile and 240 g CO₂ Eq./mile, respectively, by 2026. These standards can be met through a combination of improving vehicle efficiency and/or reducing emissions of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) from vehicle air conditioning. For this analysis, it was assumed based on Davis and Boundy (2019) that a portion of improvements was made through reductions in leakage of refrigerants from vehicle air conditioning systems. Specifically, this method of compliance meant that fleet average fuel economy standards in 2025 declined from 54.5 to 45.4 mpg (Lattanzio et al., 2018; Davis and Boundy 2019). These fleet average fuel efficiency standards translated into effective tailpipe fuel efficiency standards for light duty cars and trucks, respectively, of 60.9 and 40.7 mpg in 2026 (EPA 2022e). Because the EPA assumes small changes in the vehicle composition through 2029, the efficiency standard was 62.6 and 42.1 mpg, respectively, for light duty cars and trucks. This level of CAFE standard was assumed to remain constant from 2029 through 2045.

New vehicle fuel efficiency was adjusted to account for the difference between federal fuel standards and true on-road fuel efficiency as estimated by new car window labels. EPA estimated this difference to range from 20 to 25 percent (EPA 2014). It was assumed that the actual fuel efficiency of new vehicles would be 22.5 percent lower than the CAFE standards. This efficiency standard was an average across ICEVs and EVs.

To compute emissions from light duty ICEVs, the implied on-road fuel efficiency standard for ICEVs needed to be determined. Using the AEO (EIA 2022b) forecast for EV sales, the Electric Vehicle's Database (2022) for EV efficiency, and the overall fleet efficiency, the effective efficiency standard for new ICEVs over the model horizon was computed. The efficiency of the existing stock of EVs was taken as the average across all 2021 EVs (EIA 2022b). The 2045 value was taken to be the efficiency of the Lightyear 0 concept car (Electric Vehicle's Database 2022). The efficiency from 2021 to 2045 was assumed to increase exponentially between the 2021 and 2045 value.

In addition to EVs embedded in the fuel efficiency achieved through CAFE, the model assumed different EV adoption rates for each county. For the baseline, annual sales shares for EVs were based on HECO's IGP (Hawaiian Electric 2021). Since Kaua'i is not a part of HECO's service territory, EV penetration in this

county was assumed to mirror that of Maui. By 2045, the baseline forecast projected the share LDV sales to be EVs: 40, 52, 59, and 59 percent for Hawai'i, Honolulu, Kaua'i, and Maui counties, respectively.

Total Energy Consumption

With the number of ICEVs, EVs, VMT per vehicle, and fuel efficiency, the amount of gasoline and electricity used to power the fleet of LDVs throughout the model time horizon was calculated as follows:

$Gasoline_{c,t} = \sum_v (VMT_{perLDV_{c,t}} \times (NewVeh_{c,type,v,t} \div FE_{type,v}))$ for type = ICEV car and ICEV truck

$Electricity_{c,t} = \sum_v (VMT_{perLDV_{c,t}} \times (NewVeh_{c,type,v,t} \div FE_{type,v}))$ for type = EV car and EV truck

where,

$FE_{type,v}$ = Fuel efficiency of vehicles by type (in miles for ICEVs and miles per kWh for EVs)

$Gasoline_{c,t}$ = Blended gasoline consumption (E10) in county c and year t

$Electricity_{c,t}$ = Electricity demand in county c and year t

LDV GHG Emissions

Lastly, tailpipe GHG tailpipe emissions for ICEVs were computed as the product of the fossil gasoline (E0) consumed and GHG emissions factor for fossil gasoline plus the product of ethanol (E100) consumed and GHG emissions factor for ethanol.⁷¹ GHG emissions from ICEVs were given by:

$Emissions_{ICEV_{c,t}} = Gasoline_{c,t} \times (1 - shE) \times EF_{Gasoline} + Gasoline_{c,t} \times shE \times EF_{Ethanol}$

where,

$Emissions_{ICEV_{c,t}}$ = Emissions (MMT CO₂ Eq.) in county c and year t

$EF_{Gasoline}$ = Emissions factor for gasoline (MT CO₂ Eq./gal of gasoline)

$EF_{Ethanol}$ = Emissions factor for ethanol (MT CO₂ Eq./gal of ethanol)

Total statewide emissions from gasoline for each year are the sum of emissions over all counties. GHG emissions resulting from the consumption of electricity used by both EVs and future rail transit were accounted for through emissions from power generation.⁷²

Heavy Duty Vehicles

The existing stock of diesel-powered vehicles were categorized as HDVs, including buses, other HDVs, and medium HDVs (MHDVs). Other HDVs included large trucks and cranes. MHDVs included all diesel-powered vehicles that were not HDVs. This breakout was used because of the large difference among these vehicle types in their characteristics, usage, and forecasts for electrification.

⁷¹ Consistent with standard emissions accounting practices, the CO₂ emission factor for ethanol is assumed to be zero. CH₄ and N₂O emissions from biofuels are included in the overall CO₂-equivalent GHG emission factor.

⁷² Assuming that rail transit takes 15 MW to operate the entire line (Honore 2019) and its current planned level of service will be fully operational by 2035.

As with the forecast of GHG emissions for gasoline powered LDVs, the characteristics of HDVs into the future were identified using a fleet turnover model where 2019 diesel fuel consumption was used for data calibration. FHWA (2022) data were used to disaggregate the country totals into these vehicle types. To forecast future emissions from HDVs, the properties of the 2019 stock of HDVs needed to be defined, specifically, the three fleet's VMT, fuel use, and average fuel efficiency.

For buses, fuel use equaled the product of the number of buses, annual mileage per bus, and average fuel economy of buses. The FHWA provided data on the number of buses by county; DBEDT (2021) provided data on the annual mileage of buses on O'ahu, which was assumed to hold for the other counties; and the average fuel efficiency for the fleet of buses was taken to be 7.3 mpg (EPA 2016a). Thus, total fuel use for buses by county was given by the following:

$$HDV_Fuel_{c,bus,2019} = HDV_VMT_{c,bus,2019} / FE_{c,bus,2019}$$

where,

$HDV_Fuel_{c,bus,2019}$ = Fuel consumed by buses in county in 2019 (millions of gallons of B5 diesel)

$HDV_VMT_{c,bus,2019}$ = VMT for buses in county in 2019 (millions of miles)

$FE_{c,bus,2019}$ = Average fuel efficiency for buses in county in 2019 (mpg)

For MHDVs, fuel consumption was computed in a similar manner to buses. The number of these vehicles in the state is 17,900 (AFDC 2019). The number per county was assumed to equal the product of the state total and the county's share of all LDV vehicles. The annual mileage for these vehicles was given by FHWA, and the average fuel economy of these vehicles was taken to be 17.6 (FHWA 2022). Thus, total fuel use for these vehicles by county was given by the following:

$$HDV_Fuel_{c,MHDV,2019} = HDV_VMT_{c,MHDV,2019} / FE_{c,MHDV,2019}$$

where,

$HDV_Fuel_{c,MHDV,2019}$ = Fuel consumed by MHDVs in county in 2019 (millions of gallons of B5 diesel)

$HDV_VMT_{c,nHDV,2019}$ = VMT for MHDVs in county in 2019 (millions of miles)

$FE_{c,nHDV,2019}$ = Average fuel efficiency for MHDVs in county in 2019 (mpg)

Fuel consumption for all other diesel-powered vehicles (other HDVs) was then taken to be the remainder of diesel fuel used in ground transportation. That is, diesel fuel consumed by other HDVs equaled the total diesel used in ground transportation less the diesel used for buses and MHDVs. The VMT for other HDVs was set equal to the total fuel use times the average fuel efficiency of other HDVs. The average fuel efficiency was taken to be 6.0 mpg (FHWA 2022; based on the fuel economy for combination trucks).

$$HDV_VMT_{c,HDV,2019} = HDV_Fuel_{c,HDV,2019} \times FE_{c,HDV,2019}$$

where,

$HDV_Fuel_{c,HDV,2019}$ = Fuel consumed by other HDVs (millions of gallons of B5 diesel) in county c in the year 2019

$HDV_VMT_{c,HDV,2019}$ = VMT for other HDVs (millions of miles) in county c in the year 2019

$FE_{c,HDV,2019}$ = Average fuel efficiency for other HDVs (mpg) in county c in the year 2019

It was assumed that diesel used in ground transportation was comprised of five percent biodiesel and 95 percent petroleum diesel. Therefore, gallons of fossil diesel and biodiesel consumed equaled 95 and five percent of total diesel, respectively. Thus, GHG emissions from each vehicle type equaled 95 percent of the product of the amount of diesel consumed by each vehicle type and the emissions factor for fossil diesel plus 5 percent of the product of the amount of diesel consumed by each vehicle and emissions factor for biodiesel.⁷³

To estimate future GHG emissions from HDVs, the 2019 calibration year was projected into the future based on the assumptions about the following additional elements:

- Forecasted VMT by type of vehicle.
- Change in fleet average fuel efficiency.
- The rate of electrification.

Specifically, future GHG emissions for each diesel vehicle type equaled the product of the diesel consumed by each vehicle type and the emissions factor for diesel. The level of diesel consumption was found by dividing VMT from diesel powered vehicles by the average fuel efficiency of these vehicles. Emissions associated with future electric buses, HDVs, and MHDVs were found in a similar manner where the average fuel efficiency was measured in miles per kWh and emissions factor depended on the generation mix in the county of interest.

VMT Forecast for HDVs

Unlike LDVs, where VMT was projected based on the historic relationship to de facto population, county level VMT from all types of diesel powered vehicles were assumed to grow at the rate of GCP.

$$HDV_VMT_{c,tpe,t} = HDV_VMT_{c,type,2019} \times GCP_{c,t}/GCP_{c,2019}$$

where,

$HDV_VMT_{c,type,t}$ = Total VMT by HDVs by type and county in year t (millions of miles)

$HDV_VMT_{c,type,2019}$ = Total VMT by HDVs by type and county in 2019 (millions of miles)

$GCP_{c,t}$ = Forecast for real gross county product in year t

$GCP_{c,2019}$ = Gross county product in 2019

⁷³ Consistent with standard emissions accounting practices, the CO₂ emission factor for ethanol is assumed to be zero. CH₄ and N₂O emissions from biofuels are included in the overall CO₂-equivalent GHG emission factor.

type = Bus, HDV, MHDV

The VMT for each vehicle type was divided into travel by diesel powered (ICEV) and electric powered (EV) vehicles. For buses, the share of VMT by electric vehicles was based on each county's projections for purchases of new buses that are electric. Based on a Federal grant, Hawai'i's and Maui's counties are planning to entirely electrify their bus fleets by 2035 (Maui Now 2022). Honolulu's was based on the City and County's Zero-Emission Fleet Transition Plan, which forecasted all buses to be electric by 2040 (City & County of Honolulu 2022). For Kaua'i, the transition to electric buses was based on personal communication (email) with the county's department of transportation services, which stated that they expect all buses to be electric by 2035.

For MHDVs, given this is a much slower vehicle class to transition to EVs, the share of new vehicle sales that are EVs was taken to equal the low penetration forecast for LDVs (see scenario 3B). Similarly, because of the challenges associated with electrifying large HDVs, the penetration of these vehicles was assumed to be even slower than the other categories of diesel vehicles. Electric HDVs are assumed to first appear in 2025 with one percent of new sales being electric and increasing by 0.5 percent per year through 2045.

VMT by diesel powered and electric vehicles was given by the following:

$$HDV_ICE_VMT_{c,type,t} = HDV_VMT_{c,type,t} \times (1 - EV_Share_{c,type,t})$$

$$HDV_EV_VMT_{c,type,t} = HDV_VMT_{c,type,t} \times EV_Share_{c,type,t}$$

where,

$HDV_ICE_VMT_{c,type,t}$ = HDV ICE VMT (millions of miles) by county *c* and *type* in year *t*

$HDV_EV_VMT_{c,type,t}$ = HDV EV VMT (millions of miles) by county *c* and *type* in year *t*

$EV_Share_{c,type,t}$ = Share of travel by EVs (percent) by county *c* and *type* in year *t*

Fuel Efficiency and Fuel Consumption

The fleet average fuel efficiency of each type of ICEV HDV was based on the harmonic average fuel efficiency of the prior year's fleet and the fuel efficiency of new vehicles.

$$FE_HDV_ICEfleet_{c,type,t} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1 - ShrVMT_HDV_ICEnew_{c,type,t}}{FE_HDV_ICEfleet_{c,type,t-1}} + \frac{ShrVMT_HDV_ICEnew_{c,type,t}}{FE_HDV_ICEnew_{c,type,t}} \right)}$$

where,

$FE_HDV_ICEfleet_{c,type,t}$ = Fleet average HDV ICE fuel efficiency (mpg) by county *c* and *type* in year *t*

$ShrVMT_HDV_ICEnew_{c,type,t}$ = Share (percent) of miles driven by new ICE HDVs by county *c* and *type* in year *t*

$FE_HDV_ICEnew_{c,type,t}$ = Average fuel efficiency for new ICE HDVs (mpg) by county *c* and *type* in year *t*

A similar calculation was made for each type of fleet of HDVs that are EVs.

$$FE_HDV_EVfleet_{c,type,t} = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{ShrVMT_HDV_EVnew_{c,type,t}}{FE_HDV_EVfleet_{c,type,t-1}} + \frac{ShrVMT_HDV_EVnew_{c,type,t}}{FE_HDV_EVnew_{c,type,t}}\right)}$$

where,

$FE_HDV_EVfleet_{c,type,t}$ = Fleet average EV fuel efficiency (mpg) by county c and $type$ in year t

$ShrVMT_HDV_EVnew_{c,type,t}$ = Share (percent) of miles driven by new EV HDVs by county c and $type$ in year t

$FE_HDV_EVnew_{c,type,t}$ = Average fuel efficiency (mpg) for new EV HDVs by county c and $type$ in year t

The fuel efficiency for each fleet was solved recursively starting with the year 2020, so for each year the fuel economy for new vehicles and the share of the fleet that was comprised of new vehicles need to be determined. The improvement in fuel efficiency for buses over time was assumed to follow the EPA's Phase II standards (EPA 2016a), which imply about 10 percent improvement over 2016 efficiencies by 2025 or 8.9 mpg. From 2026 onward, fuel efficiency was forecasted to improve by the same absolute annual mpg fuel efficiency improvement from 2024 to 2025 of 0.15 mpg. The fuel efficiency of new types of other diesel (internal combustion) engines was assumed to increase over time in proportion with the increase in EPA's fuel efficiency standards for HDVs (EPA 2016a). Averaging across the different engine classes for HDVs yielded an average increase in fuel efficiency from 2016 to 2025 of about 11 percent, or 1.2 percent per year. This rate of annual improvement in fuel efficiency was assumed to persist through 2045. The rates of improvement in EV bus and EV HDV fuel efficiency followed the same rate of improvement as their ICEV counterparts. The fuel efficiency of new electric 2021 buses and new 2021 HDVs was assumed to be 3 times that of their diesel counterparts on a diesel gallon equivalent.⁷⁴

The fuel efficiency for new ICEV MHDVs was assumed to match the EPA CAFE standards combined for cars and trucks through 2029. Fuel efficiency for ICEVs was assumed to remain constant after 2029 because of the increased penetration of electric vehicles, which eases compliance with the CAFE standards. The efficiency for the electric MHDVs was assumed to follow that of the LDVs.

As for the share of miles traveled by new vehicles, this analysis assumed that approximately nine percent of VMT for HDVs and MHDVs was undertaken by new vehicles of the respective type each year. This figure was derived from estimates of HDV VMT by model year as obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a).⁷⁵ For bus fleets, the model assumed four percent of travel by diesel powered buses was conducted by new buses. Note that the overall share of VMT by new buses was larger because more of the new buses were expected to be electric.

⁷⁴ The ratio of three was taken from the GREET model's ratio of fuel efficiency of electric buses to that of diesel buses (2020).

⁷⁵ The share of miles driven by new vehicles was estimated based on new vehicle data for 2007 because 2007 is believed to be a representative year in terms of typical vehicle sales.

The share of travel by electric vehicles that was made by new HDV EVs was represented by the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 HDV_New_EV_VMT_{c,type,t_0} &= Shr_VMT_EV_{c,type,t_0} \times HDV_VMT_{c,type,t_0} \\
 HDV_EV_VMT_{c,type,t} &= Shr_VMT_EV_{c,type,t} \times HDV_VMT_{c,type,t} \\
 HDV_New_EV_VMT_{c,type,t} &= HDV_VMT_EV_{c,type,t} - Sum(tt, HDV_New_EV_VMT_{c,type,tt})
 \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 HDV_New_EV_VMT_{c,type,t} &= \text{VMT covered by new EVs sold in county } c \text{ and } type \text{ in year } t \\
 HDV_EV_VMT_{c,type,t} &= \text{Total VMT covered by EVs sold through year } t \text{ by } type \text{ and in county } c \\
 t_0 &= \text{First year EVs appear in the fleet for the } type \text{ (buses, other HDVs, and MHDVs) in county } c \\
 tt &= t_0, \dots, t-1
 \end{aligned}$$

The share of travel by new HDV EVs for a given *type* and county in year *t* is the ratio of the travel conducted by new EVs sold to the total travel conducted by EVs.

Knowing the VMT for each type of vehicle and its fleet average fuel efficiency, the fuel consumption by each type of HDV was computed as the ratio of VMT to fuel efficiency. The first equation computed the amount of diesel consumed, and the second equation computed the amount of electricity consumed:

$$Diesel_{c,type,t} = \frac{HDV_ICE_VMT_{c,type,t}}{FE_HDV_ICEfleet_{c,type,t}}$$

where,

$$Diesel_{c,type,t} = \text{Consumption of B5 (gallons), which contains 95 percent fossil and five percent bio diesel, in county } c \text{ by } type \text{ and in year } t$$

$$Electricity_HDV_{c,type,t} = \frac{HDV_EV_VMT_{c,type,t}}{FE_HDV_EleFleet_{c,type,t}}$$

where,

$$Electricity_HDV_{c,type,t} = \text{Electricity consumption (GWh) in county } c \text{ by } type \text{ and in year } t$$

HDV GHG Emissions

Lastly, tailpipe GHG emissions for diesel powered vehicles were computed as the product of the fossil diesel consumed and GHG emissions factor for fossil diesel. Total statewide emissions for each year were the sum of emissions over all counties. It was assumed that the share of biodiesel in the diesel pool remained constant at 2019 levels of five percent over time.

$$\begin{aligned}
 HDV_ICE_Emissions_{c,type,t} &= ((1 - ShrBiodiesel(t)) \times Diesel_{c,type,t} \times EF_fDiesel) \\
 &+ (ShrBiodiesel(t) \times Diesel_{c,type,t} \times EF_bDiesel)
 \end{aligned}$$

where,

$HDV_ICE_Emissions_{c,type,t}$	= Emissions (MM MT CO ₂ Eq.) from diesel HDVs in county c by $type$ and in year t
$ShrBiodiesel_t$	= Share of biodiesel in the diesel pool (five percent)
$EF_fDiesel$	= Emissions factor for fossil diesel (MT CO ₂ Eq./gallon)
$EF_bDiesel$	= Emissions factor for biodiesel (MT CO ₂ Eq./gallon)

Total statewide emissions from transportation diesel for each year were the sum of emissions over all counties and vehicle types. GHG emissions resulting from the consumption of electricity used by HDV EVs were accounted for through emissions from power generation.

Motorcycles

Annual county level GHG emissions from motorcycles were calculated based on the average fuel efficiency of motorcycles and the total county level annual VMT for motorcycles. As with the forecast of GHG emissions for other ground transportation, 2019 was used for data calibration. Historic data for county level gasoline consumption and emissions associated with motorcycles were based on county level data on the number of motorcycles (DBEDT 2021), VMT per motorcycle (FHWA 2022), and the average fuel efficiency of motorcycles (FHWA 2022).

$$Mot_VMT_{c,2019} = VMT_{perMot}_{c,2019} \times NMot_{c,2019}$$

where,

$Mot_VMT_{c,2019}$	= Motorcycle VMT in county c in the year 2019
$VMT_{perMot}_{c,2019}$	= Average VMT per motorcycle in county c in the year 2019
$NMot_{c,2019}$	= Number of motorcycles in county c in the year 2019

Total VMT for motorcycles was assumed to grow at the same rate as total VMT for LDVs.

$$Mot_VMT_{c,t} = VMT_Growth_Index_{c,t} \times VMT_Mot_{c,2019}$$

where,

$Mot_VMT_{c,t}$	= Motorcycle VMT in county c and year t
$VMT_Growth_Index_{c,t}$	= Growth rate of VMT, based on LDV VMT, in county c and year t
$VMT_Mot_{c,t}$	= Motorcycle VMT in county c and the year 2019

Motorcycle gasoline consumption was calculated by dividing total VMT for motorcycles by their average annual fuel efficiency, which was assumed to be 44 mpg (FHWA 2022) (and assumed to remain constant over time).

$$Mot_Gasoline_{c,t} = Mot_FE \times VMT_Mot_{c,t}$$

where,

$Mot_Gasoline_{c,t}$	= Motorcycle gasoline consumption (gallons) in county c and year t
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Mot_FE = Fuel efficiency for motorcycles (mpg)
 $VMT_Mot_{c,t}$ = Motorcycle VMT in county c and year t

GHG emissions from motorcycles were then calculated by multiplying gasoline consumption by the GHG emissions factor for gasoline. As with gasoline consumed by LDVs, this analysis assumed that gasoline consumed was E10, which contains 10 percent ethanol by volume.

$$Mot_Emissions_{c,t} = EF_Gasoline \times (1 - shE) \times Mot_Gasoline_{c,t}$$

where,

$Motorcycle_Emissions_{c,t}$ = GHG emissions (MM MT CO₂ Eq.) from motorcycles in county c and year t

Statewide GHG emissions from motorcycles were aggregated from county emissions for each year.

Domestic Aviation

GHG emissions from domestic aviation include emissions from passenger and cargo travel between Hawai'i and other domestic locations (including within Hawai'i). Passenger travel represents both residents and visitors. The inventory convention for attributing air travel emissions is to assign half the emissions to the location of the flight's origin and the other half to the flight's destination.

To forecast emissions for domestic aviation, the characteristics in these three categories – visitors, residents, and cargo traveling to and from domestic locations needed to be calibrated. Total jet fuel consumption by county in 2019 was broken into these three categories based on data for visitor arrivals and cargo shipments. First, all air travel was disaggregated into passenger overseas travel, passenger interisland travel, and cargo. This followed the methods presented in the City & County of Honolulu Climate Action Plan, Technical Appendix, for domestic aviation (City & County of Honolulu 2021).

In brief, air travel was split between that used to move passengers and cargo based on a share parameter from data on the number of passengers and tons of cargo, where tons of cargo were converted to passengers based on the assumed constraints of a Boeing 767. Overseas and interisland travel were combined in such a way that accounts for the difference in energy used for the two different types of trips. To do so, it was then assumed that an overseas trip required five times the amount of energy than an interisland trip (see City & County of Honolulu 2021). Next, passenger travel was further disaggregated into visitor overseas travel, visitor within Hawai'i travel, and residential travel. The share of overseas visitor travel was estimated based on the ratio of visitor arrivals to Hawai'i to total arrivals to Hawai'i, at 86 percent (City & County of Honolulu 2021). Interisland travel was assumed to be split evenly between visitors and residents.

Visitor and residential travel, as well as cargo were further disaggregated into international and domestic sources. Based on City & County of Honolulu (2021), two-thirds of visitor travel were found to come from the US. The share of air cargo traveling between Hawai'i and US destinations was taken to equal the ration of domestic jet fuel consumption to the sum of domestic jet fuel and international bunker jet fuel consumption.

Last, these categories were combined to make the following categories that accounted for all domestic aviation:

- Domestic visitor travel = Overseas visitor travel from domestic locations + Interisland visitor travel
- Domestic Residential travel = Overseas residential travel from domestic locations + Interisland residential travel
- Cargo = Cargo flown between domestic locations + Interisland cargo shipments

Since residential travel and cargo were assumed to increase with each county’s GCP, domestic air travel was divided into visitor air travel and everything else. Thus, the share of travel by visitors was given by the following:

$$VisShr = DomVisTravel_{2019} / (DomVisTravel_{2019} + DomCargo_{2019} + ResTravel_{2019})$$

where,

$DomVisTravel_{2019}$ = Total 2019 travel by visitors between Hawai’i and domestic locations (including Hawai’i) (miles)

$DomCargo_{2019}$ = Total 2019 travel by cargo between Hawai’i and domestic locations (including Hawai’i) (miles)

$DomResTravel_{2019}$ = Total 2019 travel by residents between Hawai’i and domestic locations (including Hawai’i) (miles)

With the base year, 2019, value for jet fuel consumed in domestic activities by county and the share of jet fuel due to visitors, the model then forecasted the jet fuel consumed by visitors and all other domestic sources. To forecast jet fuel consumption due to visitor travel, the value of county level emissions from jet fuel was used as a starting point. The base year value was then multiplied by the growth index in visitor travel and the share of 2019 jet fuel due to visitor travel. This product was then multiplied by an efficiency index for air travel to account for the increase in efficiency of air travel over time.⁷⁶ The growth in domestic visitor travel was based on DBEDT’s short- and long-range county level forecasts for visitor arrivals.

$$JetFuel_Visitors_{c,t} = VisNdx_{c,t} \times Eff_t \times VisShr \times JetFuel_{c,2019}$$

where,

$JetFuel_Visitors_{c,t}$ = Jet fuel consumed by visitors traveling between domestic locations and county, c, in year t (gallons)

$VisNdx_{c,t}$ = Visitor index for county, c, in year t (2019 = 1)

Eff_t = Efficiency index for air travel in year t (2019 = 1)

The growth in resident travel and cargo was based on DBEDT’s short- and long-range county level forecasts for GCP.

$$JetFuel_Cargo\&Res_{c,t} = GCPNdx_{c,t} \times Eff_t \times (1 - VisShr) \times JetFuel_{c,2019}$$

⁷⁶ Efficiency index was based on EIA’s AEO 2022 air travel efficiency metric.

where,

$JetFuel_Cargo\&Res_{c,t}$ = Jet fuel consumed by residents and cargo traveling between domestic locations and county, *c*, in year *t* (gallons)

$GCPNdx_{c,t}$ = Gross product index for county, *c*, in year *t* (2019 = 1)

Emissions from domestic aviation were then calculated by multiplying total jet fuel consumption by ICF's emission factors.

$DomAir_Emissions_{c,t} = EF_JetFuel \times (JetFuel_{Visitors_{c,t}} + JetFuel_Cargo\&Res_{c,t})$

where,

$DomAir_Emissions_{c,t}$ = County level emissions from domestic air in year *t* (MM MT CO₂ Eq.)

$EF_JetFuel$ = Emission's factor for jet fuel (MT CO₂ Eq./gallon)

Domestic Marine, Military Aviation, and Military Non-Aviation

Emission projections were not developed for domestic marine or military. Instead, future emissions were assumed to remain constant relative to 2019. For the domestic marine category, emissions were not projected due to inconsistencies in the historical emissions trends. Emissions from military operations were also not projected because decisions regarding the magnitude of activities are generally external to Hawai'i's economy. Therefore, growing emissions based on gross state product or other Hawai'i specific economic indicators was determined to be inappropriate. Further discussion of data uncertainties for these sources is provided in the section below.

Alternate Scenario 1A and 1B

To understand the potential effect of oil prices on Hawai'i's future emissions from the transportation sector, *high* (Alternate Scenario 1A) and *low* (Alternate Scenario 1B) future oil price pathway based on the EIA's Annual Energy Outlook (AEO) 2022 for gasoline, diesel and jet fuel were assessed.

Ground Transportation

Light Duty Vehicles

To estimate the impact of a price change on LDV fossil fuel demand, the percent change in gasoline price between each oil price scenario and the baseline case was multiplied by the price elasticity of demand for gasoline. This analysis assumed that the elasticity started at -0.24 in 2022 and linearly increased in magnitude to -0.47 in the long run in 2035 (Hössinger et al. 2017). The change in demand for LDV gasoline for each scenario was then calculated based on the following equation:

$$\% \Delta LDV_{t,c,s} = \sigma_t \times \% \Delta GP_{t,s}$$

where,

$\% \Delta LDV_{t,c,s}$ = The percent change in LDV gasoline demand in county *c* and year *t* and under scenario *s*

σ_t = The price elasticity of LDV gasoline demand in year *t*

$\% \Delta GP_{t,s}$ = The percent change in gasoline price in year *t* under scenario *s*

As a last step, the percent change in gasoline demand under each alternate scenario was multiplied by emissions estimated under the baseline scenario and then added to the baseline emission estimates to adjust emissions accordingly.

Heavy Duty Vehicles

To estimate the sensitivity of HDV fuel demand to changing diesel prices, the same technique as that for LDVs was used. The percent change in diesel price between each oil price scenario and the baseline case was multiplied by the price elasticity of demand for diesel. Based on recent literature, this analysis assumed that the elasticity started at -0.07 in 2022 and linearly increased in magnitude to -0.27 in the long-run in 2035 (Dahl 2012; Washington Department of Commerce 2015). The change in demand for HDV diesel for each scenario was then calculated based on the following equation:

$$\% \Delta HDV_{t,c,s} = \sigma_t \times \% \Delta DP_{t,s}$$

where,

- $\% \Delta HDV_{t,c,s}$ = The percent change in HDV diesel demand in county *c* and year *t* and under scenario *s*
- σ_t = The price elasticity of HDV diesel demand in year *t*
- $\% \Delta DP_{t,s}$ = The percent change in diesel price in year *t* under scenario *s*

As a last step, the percent change in diesel demand under each alternate scenario was multiplied by emissions estimated under the baseline scenario and then added to the baseline emission estimates to adjust emissions accordingly.

Domestic Aviation

To estimate the sensitivity of aviation fuel demand to changing fuel prices, the same methodology used to calculate the sensitivity of LDV and HDV fuel demand to changing fuel prices was applied to jet fuel. The percent change in the jet fuel price between each oil price scenario and the baseline case was multiplied by the price elasticity of demand for jet fuel for domestic aviation. Based on recent literature, this analysis assumed that the elasticity started at -0.19 in 2022 and linearly increased in magnitude to -0.24 in the long run in 2035 (Fukui 2017; Sobieralski 2012). The change in demand for HDV diesel for each scenario was then calculated based on the following equation:

$$\% \Delta Air_{t,c,s} = \sigma_t \times \% \Delta JFP_{t,s}$$

where,

- $\% \Delta Air_{t,c,s}$ = The percent change in jet fuel demand in county *c* and year *t* under scenario *s*
- σ_t = The price elasticity of jet fuel demand in year *t*
- $\% \Delta JFP_{t,s}$ = The percent change in jet fuel price in year *t* under scenario *s*

As a last step, the percent change in aviation fuel demand under each alternate scenario was multiplied by emissions estimated under the baseline scenario and then added to the baseline emission estimates to adjust emissions accordingly.

Alternate Scenario 3A and 3B

In addition to the uncertainties around oil prices caused by global events and macroeconomic forces, there is great uncertainty over the future penetration of EV. To quantify these uncertainties, alternate scenario 3A and 3B accounted for potential variations in the sale of EVs. Alternate Scenarios 3A and 3B assumed higher and lower sales of EVs, respectively, than the baseline scenario.

For Alternate Scenario 3A, the share of LDV sales that are EVs were assumed to match that of the California Air Resources Board’s Advanced Clean Cars II (CARB 2022). This rule calls for all new sales of LDVs in California to be EVs from 2035 onward. Though Hawai‘i does not have the same waiver to federal CAFE as does California, this scenario was nonetheless selected to illustrate GHG reduction potential from such an approach.

For Alternate Scenario 3B, the share of new LDV sales that are EVs were based on the growth rate of the EIA AEO (2022b) “Reference” scenario for national EV adoption. Since the EIA’s forecast starts at a sales share below that of Hawai‘i’s, the ratio of Hawai‘i’s to EIA’s EV sales share in 2021 was applied to the EIA forecast for all future years, leading to the low EV sales forecast for Hawai‘i being about twice as great as the EIA’s reference scenario.

County-level Projections

Projected statewide ground transportation and domestic aviation emissions were built from the bottom-up by first developing forecasts for the four counties. The starting emissions for each country are taken from ICF’s county level inventories for 2019 emissions. Projected statewide emissions from domestic marine, military aviation, and military non-aviation transportation were allocated solely to Honolulu County, consistent with the 2019 inventory.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

As highlighted by the alternate scenarios described above, there is uncertainty associated with fossil fuel prices and EV adoption. There is also uncertainty from other economic forces, changes in VMT, and biofuel usage. Though this study accounted for LDV VMT reduction from the Honolulu Rail Project, there is uncertainty in future ridership estimates and thus potentially offset LDV VMT.

Lastly, emission projections were not developed for domestic marine or military. For domestic marine, there were large fluctuations in marine-based fuel consumption from 2010 to 2019, which did not align with the activities of the overall economy. For the military, the data similarly showed large year-to-year variability. Decisions regarding future military operations in Hawai‘i are largely external to Hawai‘i’s economy.

Incineration of Waste

Methodology

Emissions from incineration of waste represent the waste-to-power plant operating on O‘ahu. Emissions from this facility for 2020 were taken from the EPA GHG FLIGHT data (EPA 2022h). Emissions for future years were assumed to grow based on the percentage change in generation from the PSIP (PUC 2016).

County-level Projections

Projected statewide emissions from incineration of waste were allocated to Honolulu County because HPOWER, the only operational waste-to-power plant in Hawai'i, is located on the island of O'ahu.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

There are no notable uncertainties or areas for improvement.

Oil and Natural Gas Systems

Methodology

Fugitive emissions from the Par East petroleum refinery were projected forward from 2019 based on projected growth in aviation emissions (see the transportation section above for details on the method used to project aviation emissions).⁷⁷ Fugitive emissions from gas distribution and transmission pipelines were assumed to remain constant relative to 2019 emissions.

County-level Projections

Projected statewide emissions from oil and natural gas systems were allocated to Honolulu County because Par East, the only operational refinery in Hawai'i, is located on the island of O'ahu.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

During the COVID-19 pandemic Par East invoked a contract clause leading to a renegotiation of rates with Hawaiian Electric due to shutting down part of its operations (Segal 2020). How the refinery continues to respond to the planned decline in demand for fossil fuel products is an area of uncertainty. The methodology used to project emissions from oil and natural gas systems was based on the assumption that at least one oil refinery will remain in operation. Emissions from transmission pipelines are another area of uncertainty and will change based on the overall amount of gas and petroleum, as well as the changing ratio of refined versus imported products.

Non-Energy Uses

Methodology

Emissions from non-energy uses were assumed to grow at the rate of gross state product.

County-level Projections

Projected statewide emissions from non-energy uses were allocated to each county by assuming that the ratio of county-level emissions in 2019 remains constant through 2045.

⁷⁷ In 2018, Par Hawai'i Inc. acquired Island Energy Services, LLC., which had recently ceased refinery operations and converted to an import terminal (Mai 2018).

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project emissions from non-energy uses was based on the observation that emissions from this sector correlate with economic activity. This analysis did not account for policies or programs that could impact fuel consumption for non-energy uses.

IPPU

Cement Production

Methodology

Consistent with the 2019 inventory, emissions from cement production in Hawai'i were projected to be zero through 2045.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

There are no notable uncertainties or areas for improvement.

Electrical Transmission and Distribution

Methodology

Electrical transmission and distribution emissions were projected forward from 2019 based on the electricity sales forecast for 2019-2045 for each county, as described under the Stationary Combustion methodology section above. Due to rounding and the relatively small magnitude of emissions, the emission projections presented in Table 7-6 show that emissions from this source remain constant across the time series even though they are projected to increase slightly.

County-level Projections

Projected county-level emissions from electrical transmission and distribution were calculated using the methodology described in section 4.2, Electrical Transmission and Distribution.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project electrical transmission and distribution emissions was based on the historical trend of emissions from this source being correlated with the trend in electricity sales. Because emissions from this source are small, future improvements to electrical transmission and distribution systems that could reduce the intensity of emissions (kg SF₆ per kWh sold), which has decreased over time, were not considered for the projections.

Substitution of Ozone Depleting Substances

Methodology

Statewide emissions from the substitution of ozone depleting substances (ODS) were assumed to depend on the implementation of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act (AIM Act), the rate of turnover of existing air conditioning systems, and the share of new air conditioning systems that use

hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and other ODS substitutes. The AIM Act directs the EPA to phase down production and consumption of HFCs in the US by 85 percent over the next 15 years. Specifically, related to our projection years, the effective targets were to achieve a reduction in production and consumption of HFCs by 40 percent by 2025, 70 percent by 2030, 80 percent by 2035, and 85 percent by 2040 and 2045 (EPA 2022f).

There were four steps to compute the emissions from ODS substitutes. First, the expected emissions from ODS substitutes, assuming that there is no policy in place to eliminate HFCs or other ODS substitute chemicals, is determined based on growing county level 2019 emissions by each county's GCP, accounting for the change in energy consumption intensity for the commercial sector (EIA 2022b).⁷⁸ This was given by the following equation:

$$TtlUnregE_{c,t} = TtlUnregE_{c,2019} \times GSPIndex_{c,t} \times Eff_t$$

where,

$TtlUnregE_{c,t}$ = Estimated ODS substitute emissions if unregulated in county c and year t

$TtlUnregE_{c,t}$ = ODS substitute emissions in county c and in the year 2019

$GSPIndex_{c,t}$ = Forecast for Gross State Product in county c and year t

Eff_t = Energy efficiency improvements in year t

Estimated unregulated emissions were then shared between existing units (i.e., appliances and air conditioning systems) and the vintages of new units. Emissions from the latest vintage were computed by taking the difference between the estimated unregulated emissions and the sum of emissions from prior vintages:

$$NewODSE_{c,t} = TtlUnregE_{c,t} - \sum_v UnregVintageE_{v,c,t}$$

where,

$NewODSE_{c,t}$ = New emissions from ODS substitutes in county c and year t

$UnregVintageE_{v,c,t}$ = Emissions from prior vintages v in county c and year t

To reflect the retirement of each vintage, it was assumed that the emissions of pre-2024 vintages decayed by 1/15 and emissions from post-2023 sources decayed at a rate of five percent (based on the typical life of an air conditioning system) (DOE 2022). So, the equation above was solved recursively for emissions from new sources for a given year after computing the emissions from all prior year vintages as shown below:

$$UnregVintageE_{v,c,t} = \frac{14}{15} \times UnregVintageE_{v,c,t-1}, \text{ for } t < 2024$$

$$UnregVintageE_{v,c,t} = 0.95 \times UnregVintageE_{v,c,t-1}, \text{ for } t > 2023$$

⁷⁸ Commercial sector energy consumption intensity in thousand Btus per square foot.

Last, to find the emissions under the AIM Act (i.e., regulated emissions), the AIM Act’s reduction schedule was applied to the values for unregulated emissions for each county:

$$ODSE_{c,t} = \sum_v \text{UnregVintage} E_{v,c,t} \times (1 - AIM_{t-v})$$

where,

$ODSE_{c,t}$ = Emissions from ODS substitutes in county *c* and year *t*

AIM_{t-v} = AIM Act targets applied to new vintages

Statewide emissions from ODS substitutes were determined based on aggregating county level emissions.

County-level Projections

Projected statewide emissions from the substitution of ozone depleting substances were calculated using the methodology described in section 4.3, Substitution of Ozone Depleting Substances.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

This analysis considered the implementation of the AIM Act; however, the level to which sources of GHG emissions from ODS substitutes will be reduced also depends on the continued use of existing appliances and air conditioning systems. There is uncertainty in the usable life of these goods, as well as any future policy that might speed up their retirement.

AFOLU

Enteric Fermentation

Methodology

Emissions from enteric fermentation were projected by projecting animal populations and animal-specific emission factors, and applying the same methodology used to estimate 2019 emissions. Animal population data were projected based on the trends in data, as obtained from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a), the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) (USDA 2020b), and the USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA 2009, 2014, and 2019). Animal population baselines varied to accurately capture historic trends by animal type. Swine population projections used a twenty-year baseline to capture the decline in swine husbandry. Alternatively, dairy cattle projections were based on five years of historic data to accurately capture the recent decline. Within beef cattle, steers and bulls were using different baselines years, twenty year and five-year baselines, respectively. This methodology was chosen to capture the significant drop in steer stockers between 1990 and 2005. Where necessary, animal population trends were set with a minimum value to ensure that projections remain greater than or equal to zero.

Annually variable enteric fermentation emission factors were projected using the ten-year average by cattle type from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). Emission factors for sheep, goats, horses, and swine, which come from IPCC (2006), were assumed to remain constant.

County-level Projections

County-level animal population data were estimated by disaggregating statewide animal population projections based on the breakout of the most recently available state-level population data from the US Inventory and historical county-level population data from USDA for each animal type (EPA 2022a; USDA 2019, 2020b). Projected county-level emissions from enteric fermentation were then calculated based on the county-level population data using the methodology described in section 5.1, Enteric Fermentation.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project emissions from enteric fermentation was based on the assumption that animal populations will follow a trend consistent with the past. However, there is potential for future animal populations to deviate from the historical trend. In addition, historical population estimates for sheep, goats, and horses are reported every five years in the USDA Census of Agriculture, with the latest data available from the 2017 Census of Agriculture (USDA 2019). The 2022 Census of Agriculture is currently underway, and results are expected to be released in 2024. Because data is not available for every year in the time series, historical estimates for these animals were interpolated between years up to 2017, the most recent year of reported data. Further research into the accuracy and drivers of historical trends may be considered in future analyses.

Manure Management

Methodology

Emissions from manure management were projected by projecting activity data and emission factors, and applying the same methodology used to estimate 2019 emissions. Animal population data were projected using the same methodology as the enteric fermentation sector. For chicken populations, which have been historically decreasing over time, an annualized percent change method was applied instead to maintain projections greater than zero.

For non-cattle animal types, typical animal mass (TAM) and maximum potential emissions were assumed to remain constant relative to 2019 values (EPA 2022a). Volatile solids (VS) excretion rates, nitrogen excretion (Nex) rates, weighted methane conversion factors (MCF), and the percent distribution of waste to animal waste management systems for non-cattle types were projected using the ten-year average by factor from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). For cattle, TAM, maximum potential emissions, VS excretion rates, Nex rates, MCF, and percent distribution of waste-to-waste management systems, which are all from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a), were projected using the ten-year average by factor.

County-level Projections

County-level animal population data were estimated by disaggregating statewide animal population projections based on the breakout of the most recently available state-level population data from the US Inventory and historical county-level population data from USDA for each animal type (EPA 2022a; USDA 2019, 2020b). Projected county-level emissions from manure management were then calculated

based on the county-level population data using the methodology described section 5.2, Manure Management.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project emissions from manure management was based on the assumption that animal populations will follow a trend consistent with the past. However, there is potential for future animal populations to deviate from the historical trend. In addition, historical population estimates for sheep, goats, horses, and chickens are reported every five years in the USDA Census of Agriculture. As a result, historical estimates for these animals were interpolated between years up to 2017, the most recent year of reported data. Further research into the accuracy and drivers of historical trends may be considered in future analyses.

Agricultural Soil Management

Methodology

Emissions from agricultural soil management were projected by projecting animal populations, crop area, crop production, as well as emission factors and other inputs, and applying the same methodology used to estimate 2019 emissions. Animal population data were projected using the same methodology as the enteric fermentation and manure management sectors.

Sugarcane crop area and production were projected to be zero starting in 2018 due to the closing of the last sugar mill in Hawai'i (Honolulu Magazine 2016, USDA 2020a). For other crops, crop area and production data were projected based on the twenty-year trend of historical data obtained from the USDA Census of Agriculture (USDA 2009, 2014, 2019). For pineapple production, which has been historically decreasing over time, an annualized percent change method was applied instead to maintain projections greater than zero. Seed crop production data were projected based on the average of the last five years of data, as obtained from the USDA NASS (USDA 2004b, 2015, 2016, 2020a).

The percent distribution of waste to animal waste management systems was projected based on the ten-year average of data from the U.S. Inventory (EPA 2022a). Synthetic fertilizer consumption was projected based on the five-year historical trend from 2010 to 2014 (AAPFCO 1995 – 2019) while commercial organic fertilizer consumption was assumed to remain at zero. Crop residue factors from IPCC (2006) were also assumed to remain constant.

County-level Projections

County-level animal population and crop data were estimated by disaggregating statewide animal population and crop acreage projections based on the breakout of the most recently available state-level data from the US Inventory and historical county-level data from USDA for each animal and crop type (EPA 2022a; USDA 2019, 2020b). Projected county-level emissions from agricultural soil management were then calculated using the methodology described in section 5.3, Agricultural Soil Management.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project emissions from agricultural soil management was based on the assumption that animal populations, crop area, crop production, fertilizer consumption, and seed production will follow a trend consistent with the past. However, there is potential for future animal populations and agricultural activity data to deviate from the historical trend. In addition, historical animal populations, crop area, and crop production are reported every five years in the USDA Census of Agriculture. As a result, historical estimates for these data were interpolated between years up to 2017, the latest year of reported data. Historical fertilizer consumption data were also extrapolated out to 2019 based on data available through 2014. Further research into the accuracy and drivers of historical trends may be considered in future analyses.

Field Burning of Agricultural Residues

Methodology

Sugarcane crop area and production was projected to be zero starting in 2018 due to the closing of the last sugar mill in Hawai'i (Honolulu Magazine 2016, USDA 2020a). Historically, sugarcane was the only major crop in Hawai'i whose residues were regularly burned (Hudson 2008). As a result, no emissions from field burning of agricultural residues were projected in 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

It is uncertain whether sugarcane production will return to Hawai'i as markets and trade regulations evolve. In addition, it is possible that other crop residues will be burned in the future. Further research into field burning practices in Hawai'i may be considered in future analyses.

Urea Application

Methodology

Emissions from urea application were projected by projecting fertilizer consumption and applying the same methodology used to estimate 2019 emissions. Fertilizer consumption data were projected based on the five-year historical trend (AAPFCO 1995 – 2019).

County-level Projections

County-level urea fertilizer application data were estimated by disaggregating statewide urea fertilizer application data based on the percent of cropland area by county in 2015 and 2020, as obtained from the Hawai'i DOA (2016 and 2022). Projected county-level emissions from urea application were then calculated using the methodology described in section 5.5, Urea Application.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project urea application was based on the assumption that urea consumption will follow a trend consistent with the past. However, there is potential for urea application activity to deviate from the historical trend, specifically as crop acreage changes. Further research into the drivers of historical trends may be considered in future analyses.

Agricultural Soil Carbon

Methodology

Emissions from agricultural soils—both grassland and cropland—were projected based on projected changes in land cover and carbon stock from 2011 to 2061 by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) (Selmants et al. 2017). Specifically, the estimated percent change in grassland and cropland area from 2011 to 2061 were annualized and applied to the 2019 emission estimates for grassland and cropland, respectively, to obtain 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 estimates.

County-level Projections

Projected statewide emissions from agricultural soil carbon were allocated to each county based on the percent area of cropland and percent area of grassland by county, as obtained from the Hawai'i DOA (2016 and 2022) for the year 2015 and year 2020.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project emissions from agricultural soil carbon in grassland and cropland was based on USGS projections of emissions and area that are specific to Hawai'i and consider land transitions, impacts of climate change, and other factors under a business-as-usual (BAU) scenario (Selmants et al. 2017). There is potential for these projections to change as the impacts of climate change are realized and policies evolve. The projections were also based on the assumption that emissions from grassland and cropland will decrease at constant rates annually from 2011 to 2061. This methodology did not consider inter-annual variability in emissions from grassland or cropland.

In addition, the methodology assumed that emissions from cropland will decrease at the same rate as cropland area. However, emissions may not align with trends in cropland area if carbon sequestration rates in cropland improve over time, such as through improved management practices (e.g., no tilling). The Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force established by Act 15 of 2018 will work to identify practices in agriculture to improve soil health, which may also reduce future emissions from cropland. Further research into emission reductions from improved agricultural soil management practices may be considered in future analyses.

Forest Fires

Methodology

Emissions from forest fires were projected by projecting activity data and emission factors, and applying the same methodology used to estimate 2019 emissions. Wildfire acres burned were projected based on the projected average area of land burned annually from 2012 to 2061, as obtained from USGS (Selmants et al. 2017). Forest and shrubland areas were projected based on projected changes in forest and shrubland area from 2011 to 2061 by the USGS (Selmants et al. 2017). Specifically, the percent change in forest and shrubland area from 2011 to 2061 was annualized and applied to the 2019

estimates of forest and shrubland area from the State of Hawai'i Data Book to obtain 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 estimates (DBEDT 2021).

The annual percent of area burned for each vegetation class were based on estimates from 1999 through 2019, which were obtained from USGS (Selmants 2020). The averages across the timeseries were used to project the percent of area burned for each vegetation class through 2030. Emission factors for CO₂ for each vegetation class were based on estimates from USGS and were assumed to remain constant (Selmants et al. 2017). Emission factors for CH₄ and N₂O as obtained from IPCC (2006) were also assumed to remain constant.

County-level Projections

Projected statewide emissions from forest fires were allotted to each county based on the share of forest and shrubland area in each county relative to total forest and shrubland area in the state as obtained from DBEDT (2020b) and projected forward using forest and shrubland area growth factors from USGS (Selmants et al. 2017).

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project emissions from forest fires was based on USGS projections of area that are specific to Hawai'i and consider land transitions, impacts of climate change, and other factors under a BAU scenario (Selmants et al. 2017). There is potential for these projections to change as the impacts of climate change are realized and policies evolve. The projections were also based on the assumption that forest and shrubland area will change at constant rates annually from 2011 to 2061. This methodology does not consider inter-annual variability in forest and shrubland area. Further research into the annual changes in composition of forest and shrubland in Hawai'i may be considered in future analyses.

Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps

Methodology

Carbon sequestration in landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps were estimated by projecting activity data, emission factors, and other inputs, and applying the same methodology used to estimate 2019 emissions.

Estimates of the amount of yard trimmings and food scraps discarded in landfills in the United States were projected using the five-year historical trend, based on data obtained from EPA's State Inventory Tool (EPA 2022c). Hawai'i and U.S. population estimates were projected based on five-year growth rates in Hawai'i's population from the State of Hawai'i Data Book (DBEDT 2021) and annual growth rates in national population from the U.S. Census Bureau (2017).

The estimated carbon conversion factors and decomposition rates obtained from the State Inventory Tool (EPA 2022c) were assumed to remain constant over the projected time series.

County-level Projections

Projected statewide carbon sequestration in landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps were allocated to each county based on the projected ratio of county population to state population (DBEDT 2020b).

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project carbon sequestration in landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps was based on the assumption that the amount of landfilled yard trimmings and food scraps in Hawai'i will follow a trend consistent with the past. The methodology did not consider increases in composting yard trimmings and food scraps. For example, Honolulu County prohibits commercial and government entities from disposing yard trimmings in landfills (City & County of Honolulu 2005). Further research into Hawai'i trends in diverting yard trimmings and food scraps from landfills may be considered in future analyses.

Urban Trees

Methodology

Estimates of carbon sequestration in urban trees were projected by projecting urban area and other inputs, and applying the same methodology used to estimate 2019 emissions. Urban area was projected based on projected changes in developed area from 2011 to 2061 by the USGS (Selmants et al. 2017). Specifically, the percent change in developed area was annualized and applied to the 2019 estimate of urban area to project 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 estimates. The estimated carbon sequestration rates for urban trees and the percent tree cover in urban areas in Hawai'i were assumed to remain constant with 2019 estimates (Nowak et al. 2012; Nowak 2018a and 2018b; EPA 2022a).

County-level Projections

County-level tree canopy areas were estimated by disaggregating statewide tree canopy area projections based on the average breakout of tree canopy area by county for 2000 and 2010, as derived using the methodology described in section 5.9, Urban Trees. Projected county-level carbon sinks from urban trees were then calculated using the methodology described in section 5.9, Urban Trees.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project carbon sequestration in urban trees was based on USGS projections of area that are specific to Hawai'i and consider land transitions, impacts of climate change, and other factors under a BAU scenario (Selmants et al. 2017). There is potential for these projections to change as the impacts of climate change are realized and policies evolve. The projections were also based on the assumption that urban area and carbon sequestration will increase linearly over the projected time series. This methodology did not consider potential changes in the rate of urbanization over time. Similarly, the current methodology did not consider potential changes in urban density that would be assumed as urban expansion becomes limited. The sequestration rate in urban trees may also vary over time due to possible changes in the percent tree cover, which can be impacted by urban planning initiatives. In addition, the Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force established by Act 15 of 2018 will work to identify opportunities to increase urban tree cover. Further research into urban

planning initiatives that involve tree cover and trends in urbanization may be considered in future analyses.

Forest Carbon

Methodology

Estimates of carbon sequestration in forests and shrubland were projected by projecting forest and shrubland area and emission factors, and applying the same methodology used to estimate 2019 emissions. Forest and shrubland areas were projected based on projected changes in forest and shrubland area from 2011 to 2061 by the USGS (Selmants et al. 2017). Specifically, the percent change in forest and shrubland area from 2011 to 2061 was annualized and applied to the 2019 estimates of forest and shrubland area by county from the State of Hawai'i Data Book to obtain 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045 estimates (DBEDT 2021).

Average net C sequestration rates by forest type in Hawai'i from 2011 through 2030 were calculated using net ecosystem production estimates from USGS (Selmants 2020). These estimates were assumed to remain constant over the projected time series, based on USGS estimates that statewide carbon density in Hawai'i will remain relatively stable through 2061 (Selmants et al. 2017). To obtain annual net C flux, the total net ecosystem production for forest and shrubland in Hawai'i were divided by the projected area of the respective land cover type.

County-level Projections

Projected county-level carbon sequestration in forests and shrubland were estimated using the methodology described in section 5.10, Forest Carbon.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project carbon sequestration in forests and shrubland was based on USGS projections of area that are specific to Hawai'i and consider land transitions, impacts of climate change, and other factors under multiple future scenarios (Selmants 2020). There is potential for these projections to change as the impacts of climate change are realized and policies evolve. Further research into the annual changes in composition of forest and shrubland in Hawai'i may be considered in future analyses.

The projections similarly assumed that carbon sequestration will increase linearly with forest and shrubland area. This methodology did not consider potential changes in sequestration rates due to the age of the forest ecosystem and forest management practices. USGS notes that there are uncertainties associated with the age of Hawai'i forest ecosystems, which can impact sequestration rates (Selmants et al. 2017). In addition, the Hawai'i Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force established by Act 15 of 2018 will work to identify practices to increase forest carbon and promote sequestration, which may increase future sequestration rates in forests. Further research into the age of Hawai'i forests, improved forest management practices, and their emissions reduction potential may be considered in future analyses.

Waste

Landfills

Methodology

As a starting point, emissions from landfills in 2020 were taken from EPA GHG FLIGHT data (EPA 2022h) and then scaled to match reported landfill tonnage as described for waste in the 2019 inventory. Taking this as a jumping off point, emissions for 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040 and 2045 were projected based on extrapolating trends in historical emissions between 1990 and 2020 into future years for each county then summed to obtain state-wide landfill emissions.

County-level Projections

Projected county-level emissions from landfills were calculated using the methodology described in section 6.1, Landfills.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

This analysis was based on historical emissions trends and therefore did not account for waste diversion policies or programs that could impact future waste generation. Because a substantial portion of waste on O‘ahu is already diverted to waste-to-power, this is more relevant for the counties of Maui, Hawai‘i and Kaua‘i. This analysis also did not take into consideration a potential increase in methane capture activities, or an increase in waste-to-power generation, as there are no clearly stated plans for this within Hawaiian Electric’s PSIP or IGP.

Composting

Methodology

For each county, emissions from composting were assumed to grow at the rate of population (DBEDT 2018). County-level emissions were then summed together to estimate statewide emissions.

County-level Projections

Projected county-level emissions from composting were calculated using the methodology described in section 6.2, Composting.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project emissions from composting was based on the assumption that per capita composting tonnage will remain constant through 2045. This analysis did not account for policies or programs that could impact composting activities but may be considered in future analyses.

Wastewater Treatment

Methodology

For each county, emissions from wastewater treatment were assumed to grow at the rate of population (DBEDT 2018).⁷⁹ County-level emissions were then summed together to estimate statewide emissions.

County-level Projections

Projected county-level emissions from wastewater treatment were calculated using the methodology described in section 6.3, Wastewater Treatment.

Uncertainties and Areas for Improvement

The methodology used to project emissions from wastewater treatment was based on the assumption that wastewater flows are mainly impacted by population growth. Because wastewater N₂O emissions are primarily impacted by protein consumption, any economic, political, or social shifts that impact per capita protein consumption would change overall wastewater emissions.

⁷⁹ The City and County of Honolulu in 2018 implemented a biogas project at the Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant. Each year the project will capture and reuse 800,000 therms of biogas (County & City of Honolulu 2018b). While this biogas, which is otherwise flared, is used to displace other fuel types used to generate energy and therefore leads to emission reductions from the energy sector, this activity does not lead to a reduction in GHG emissions from wastewater treatment.

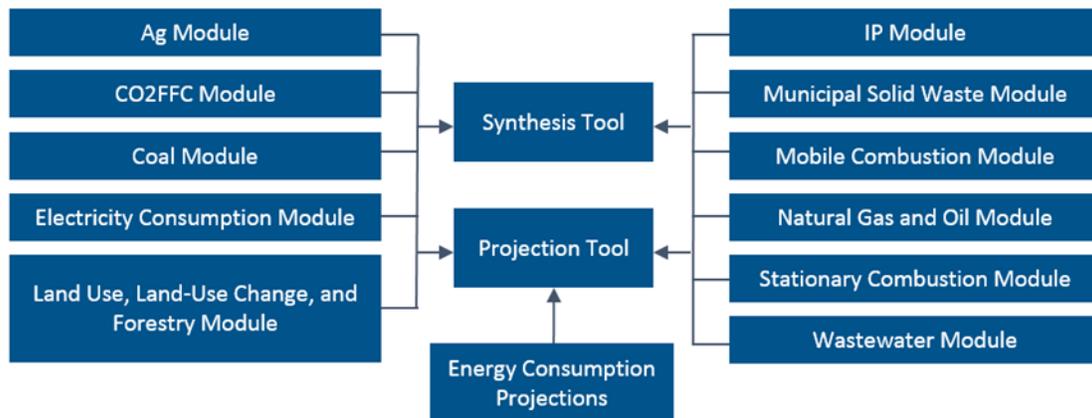
Appendix K. Comparison of Results with the State Inventory Tool and Projection Tool

EPA's State Inventory and Projection Tool is an interactive spreadsheet model designed to help states develop greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventories. The tool has two components:

- The State Inventory Tool (SIT)** consists of 11 estimation modules applying a top-down approach to calculate GHG emissions, and one module to synthesize estimates across all modules. The SIT gives users the option of applying their own state-specific data or using default data pre-loaded for each state. The default data are gathered by federal agencies and other resources covering fossil fuels, electricity consumption, agriculture, forestry, waste management, and industry. All of the modules estimate direct GHG emissions, with the exception of the electricity consumption module, which estimates indirect GHG emissions from electricity consumption. The methods used are, for the most part, consistent with the U.S. GHG Inventory.
- The Projection Tool** allows users to create a simple forecast of emissions through 2050 based on historical emissions that are imported from the SIT modules, combined with projections of future energy consumption, population, and economic factors.

Figure K-1 below provides an overview of the files that make up the SIT and projection tool.

Figure K-1: Overview of the SIT and Projection Tool File Structure



In an effort to evaluate the accuracy and usability of the SIT and Projection Tool estimates for the state of Hawai'i, ICF ran the tool for Hawai'i using default values and compared the output against the 2019 inventory and inventory projections for 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2045, as developed by ICF and the

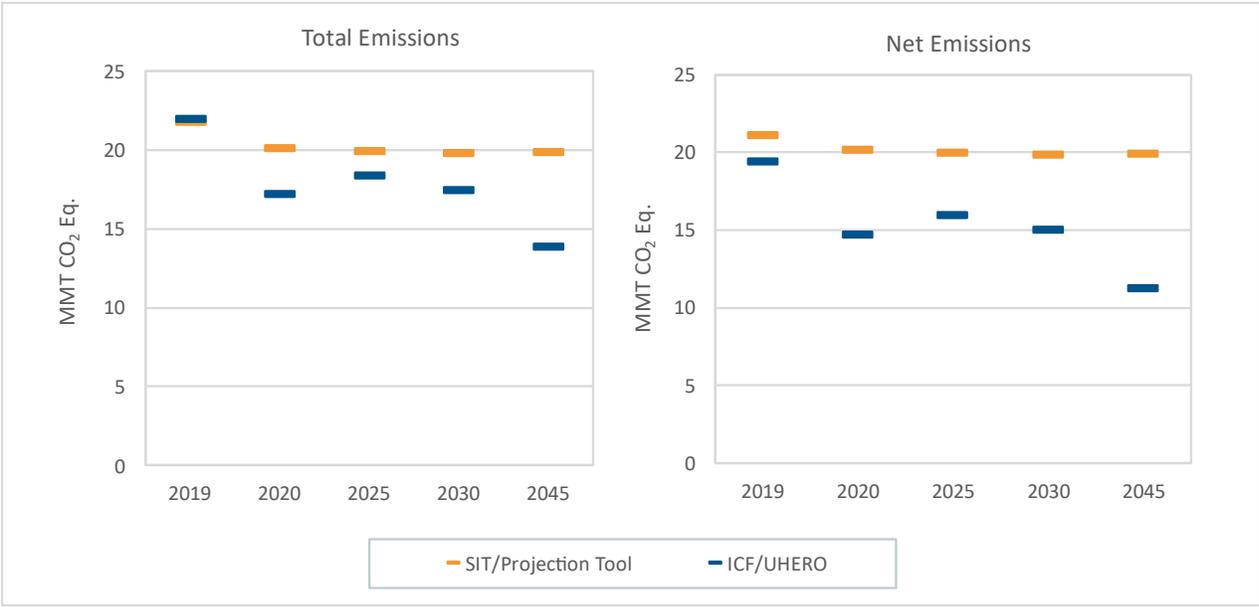
University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization (UHERO).⁸⁰ This document presents the results of this comparison.

Key Observations and Conclusions

ICF's estimate of total GHG emissions for Hawai'i in 2019 is one percent greater than the SIT, while the difference in net GHG emissions is eight percent lower than the SIT.⁸¹ The difference in net emissions is largely due to the lack of default forest carbon flux data available in the SIT.

Total GHG emissions for Hawai'i are 17 percent higher in 2020 using the Projection Tool compared to ICF/UHERO's analysis, eight percent higher in 2025, 13 percent higher in 2030, and 43 percent higher in 2045. Net GHG emissions for Hawai'i are 37 percent higher in 2020 using the Projection Tool compared to ICF/UHERO's analysis, 25 percent higher in 2025, 32 percent higher in 2030, and 76 percent higher in 2045. The Projection Tool notably does not estimate emissions from Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry (LULUCF) source and sink categories. Total and net emissions for 2019, 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2045 as estimated by ICF/UHERO and the SIT/Projection Tool, are shown in Figure K-2.

Figure K-2: Comparison of Total and Net GHG Emission Estimates (2019, 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2045)



⁸⁰ The SIT and Projection Tool are available online at <https://www.epa.gov/statelocalenergy/download-state-inventory-and-projection-tool>. The SIT modules, Synthesis Tool, and Projection Tool used for this analysis were downloaded from EPA's website in October 2022.

⁸¹ Net emissions take into account both emission sources and carbon sinks.

Key observations from using the SIT for 2019 GHG estimates include the following:

- Total GHG estimates from the SIT are 0.2 MMT CO₂ Eq. lower than ICF/UHERO. Net GHG estimates from the SIT are 1.64 MMT CO₂ Eq. greater than ICF/UHERO.
- ICF assessed contributions to differences in emissions using absolute values. While total emissions estimates from the SIT and ICF/UHERO are similar, the magnitude of the difference at the sector level varies. Higher emission estimates for the SIT for some sectors (e.g., in IPPU and Waste) counterbalances lower emissions estimates in other sectors (e.g., in the Energy sector).
- About 38 percent of the difference in net emissions is from Forest Carbon (see Table K-2). The SIT does not provide default data for estimating Forest Carbon sinks.
- About 40 percent of the difference in total emissions and 22 percent of the difference in net emissions is from Transportation (see Table K-2). One of the reasons for this difference is due to the inclusion of emissions from military non-aviation transportation, which is not accounted for in the SIT.
- Estimates for seven categories comprise 89 percent of the difference in net emissions between the SIT and ICF analysis. These include Forest Carbon, Transportation, Landfills, Iron and Steel Production, Incineration of Waste, Oil and Natural Gas Systems, and Substitution of Ozone-Depleting Substances (ODS). The likely reasons for these differences are discussed below in Methodology Comparison.
- Relative to ICF's estimates, the SIT estimated higher emissions from the IPPU, AFOLU, and Waste sectors, but lower emissions from Energy emission sources.

Key observations from using the Projection Tool for 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2045 GHG estimates include the following:

- The Projection Tool does not estimate emissions from LULUCF source and sink categories.
- The Projection Tool does not account for the COVID-19 pandemic in emission estimates, whereas the ICF/UHERO 2020 projections use some actual data for 2020 that account for the impacts of COVID-19.
- About 74 percent of the difference in 2020 net emission projections is from Transportation, Forest Carbon, and Stationary Combustion source and sink categories (see Table K-4).
- The estimate for Transportation is 66 percent higher in 2020 using the SIT (however, it is only 29 percent higher in 2025). Some of this difference is because ICF/UHERO accounted for Light Duty Vehicle Miles Traveled reduction from the Honolulu Rail Project. Additionally, ICF/UHERO projections for domestic marine or military transportation emissions were assumed to remain constant in the future relative to 2019 due to a lack of available data and inconsistencies in the historical emissions trends.
- About 84 percent of the difference in 2025 net emission projections are from the Transportation, Forest Carbon, Stationary Combustion, Agricultural Soil Carbon, and Urban Trees source and sink categories (see Table K-6).
- Relative to ICF/UHERO's estimates, the Projection Tool estimates higher emissions from the Energy, IPPU, and Waste sectors in 2020, 2025, and 2030. In 2045, the Projection Tool estimates higher emissions for Energy and IPPU, but slightly lower emissions for Waste.

- ICF/UHERO’s projected emissions are much lower in 2045 than the Projection Tool. For this analysis, the Projection Tool estimates future emissions based on default historical activity data for Hawai‘i. There is a large degree of uncertainty associated with the default activity data within the Projection Tool, as most of the data is from national sources, rather than Hawai‘i-specific sources. Additionally, some of the default activity data within the Projection Tool are from older sources and may not capture recent economic, political, or social trends that impact activity data, such as decreased consumption of certain fuels or decreased livestock populations. The ICF/UHERO team used Hawai‘i-specific assumptions for each sector to project future emissions, which is likely the cause of the disparity between the Projection Tool and ICF/UHERO in 2045. The likely reasons for these differences are discussed in more detail in Methodology Comparison.

Detailed results, observations, and likely reasons for differences in the estimates can be found in the body of this report.

Comparison of Results

To compare the results from the SIT against the 2019 inventory developed by ICF, results from each estimation module were compared against the source and sink categories defined in the 2019 inventory.⁸² Figure K-3 summarizes how the results from the SIT were mapped to the 2019 inventory.

⁸² All modules were run except for the Electricity Consumption Module and the Coal Module; the Electricity Consumption Module double counts emissions estimated by the Fossil Fuel Combustion Module and the Coal Module, which estimates emissions from coal mining, is not applicable to the state of Hawai‘i.

Figure K-3: Mapping of SIT Modules to Hawai'i's 2019 Inventory

Inventory Source	Inventory Source Category	SIT Module (Source)
Energy	Stationary Combustion	Stationary Combustion
		CO ₂ FFC (Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Electric Utilities)
	Transportation	CO ₂ FFC (Transportation)
	Oil and Natural Gas Systems	Mobile Combustion
	Incineration of Waste	Natural Gas and Oil
	Non-Energy Uses	Municipal Solid Waste (Combustion)
		CO ₂ FFC (Transportation and Industrial)
IPPU	Substitution of ODS	IP (ODS Substitutes)
	Electrical Transmission and Distribution	IP (Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Systems)
	Cement Production	IP (Cement)
AFOLU	Enteric Fermentation	Ag (Enteric Fermentation)
	Manure Management	Ag (Manure Management)
	Agricultural Soil Management	Ag (Ag Soils)
		LULUCF (N ₂ O from Settlement Soils)
	Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	Ag (Agricultural Residue Burning)
	Forest Carbon	LULUCF (Forest Carbon Flux)
	Urea Application	LULUCF (Urea Fertilization)
	Urban Trees	LULUCF (Urban Trees)
	Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps	LULUCF (Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps)
Forest Fires	LULUCF (Forest Fires)	
	Agricultural Soil Carbon	LULUCF (Agricultural Soil Carbon Flux)
Waste	Landfills	Municipal Solid Waste (Landfills)
	Wastewater	Wastewater
	Composting	

Please note, the inventory source category list in Figure K-3 omits source categories that were assumed to be not occurring (NO) within Hawai'i by the ICF/UHERO inventory team. However, because the SIT was run using the default data assumptions for each sector, the tool estimates emissions for some of these not occurring IPPU and AFOLU source categories, such as soda ash manufacture and consumption, iron and steel production, urea consumption, and liming of agricultural soils. Please see Table K-12 and Table K-13 in the Methodology Comparison section for additional detail on the methodology of these categories estimated in the SIT.

2019 Inventory Comparison

For the state of Hawai'i, ICF estimates that in 2019 total GHG emissions were 22.01 MMT CO₂ Eq., which is one percent greater than the SIT's estimate of 21.81 MMT CO₂ Eq. ICF estimates that in 2019 net emissions were 19.42 MMT CO₂ Eq., while the SIT estimates 21.06 MMT CO₂ Eq., a difference of eight percent. A summary of 2019 emissions and sinks by sector and category, as estimated by ICF and the SIT, are provided in Table K-1.

Table K-1: Comparison of 2019 Total and Net Emission Results (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Sector/Category	ICF	SIT	Difference	Percent Difference
Energy	19.44	18.01	(1.44)	(7%)
Transportation	10.68	9.59	(1.09)	(10%)
Stationary Combustion	8.33	8.26	(0.07)	(1%)
Incineration of Waste	0.28	0.16	(0.12)	(44%)
Oil and Natural Gas Systems ^a	0.11	NE	NA	NA
Non-Energy Uses ^b	0.04	IE	NA	NA
IPPU	0.84	1.05	0.21	25%
Substitution of ODS	0.83	0.73	(0.10)	(12%)
Electrical Transmission and Distribution	0.01	0.01	+	3%
Cement Production	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Soda Ash Manufacture and Consumption ^c	NO	0.01	0.01	NA
Urea Consumption ^c	NO	+	+	NA
Iron and Steel Production ^c	NO	0.30	0.30	NA
Limestone and Dolomite Use ^c	NO	NO	0.00	NA
AFOLU	(1.28)	0.71	1.99	(156%)
Agricultural Soil Carbon	0.83	0.89	0.07	8%
Enteric Fermentation	0.25	0.26	+	1%
Agricultural Soil Management	0.18	0.23	0.05	30%
Forest Fires ^a	0.04	NE	NA	NA
Manure Management	0.02	0.05	0.03	195%
Urea Application	+	+	+	5%
Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps	(0.05)	(0.05)	+	(1%)
Urban Trees	(0.63)	NE	NA	NA
Forest Carbon ^a	(1.91)	NO	1.91	NA
Liming	NO	0.03	0.03	NA
N ₂ O from Settlement Soils ^d	IE	0.01	NA	NA
Waste	0.41	1.29	0.88	213%
Landfills	0.30	1.13	0.83	273%
Wastewater Treatment	0.07	0.16	0.08	111%
Composting ^e	0.03	NE	NA	NA
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	22.01	21.81	(0.20)	(1%)

Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	19.42	21.06	1.64	8%
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+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated); NA (Not Applicable); IE (Included Elsewhere).

^a The SIT does not provide default data for Oil and Natural Gas Systems, Forest Fires, or Forest Carbon in Hawai'i.

^b The SIT includes emissions from Non-Energy Uses in emissions CO₂ from Fossil Fuel Combustion (CO₂FFC).

Therefore, these emissions are captured within the Stationary Combustion and Transportation emission sources.

^c ICF estimates that this activity is not applicable to Hawai'i, and therefore emissions are not occurring.

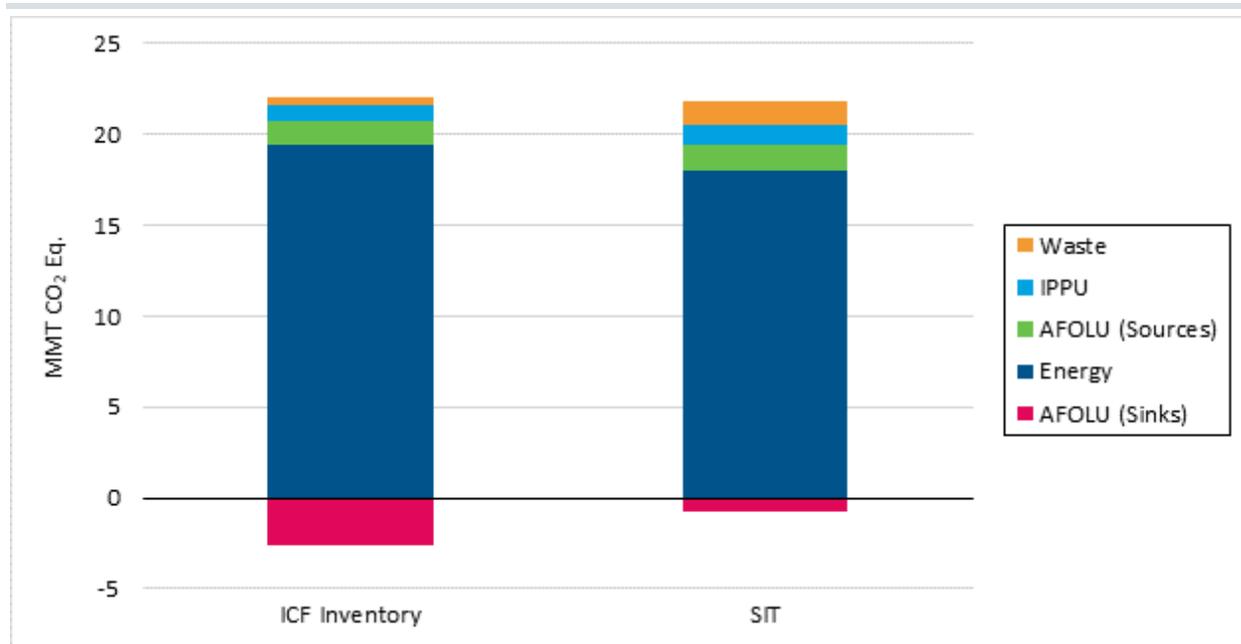
^d Emissions are included under Agricultural Soil Management.

^e The SIT does not estimate emissions from Composting.

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Emissions by sector as calculated by ICF and the SIT are presented in Figure K-4.

Figure K-4: Comparison of 2019 Emission Results (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Seven source and sink categories account for 89 percent of the absolute difference between ICF's Inventory and the SIT's estimates. Table K-2 summarizes the absolute and cumulative difference in emission estimates for these seven categories. The likely reasons for these differences are discussed below in Methodology Comparison.

Table K-2: Key Sources of Differences between ICF Inventory and SIT 2019 Net Emission Results

Category	ICF	SIT	Absolute Difference	Cumulative Percent of Total Difference
Forest Carbon	(1.91)	NE	1.91	38%
Transportation	10.68	9.59	1.09	60%

Landfills	0.30	1.13	0.83	77%
Iron and Steel Production	NO	0.30	0.30	83%
Incineration of Waste	0.28	0.16	0.12	85%
Oil and Natural Gas Systems	0.11	NE	0.11	87%
Substitution of ODS	0.83	0.73	0.10	89%
All Other Categories			0.53	100%

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated).

2020 Projection Comparison

ICF, with support from UHERO, projects 2020 total GHG emissions to be 17.24 MMT CO₂ Eq., while net emissions are projected to be 14.70 MMT CO₂ Eq. The Projection Tool, which does not project emissions from LULUCF categories, projects total and net emissions in 2020 to be 20.17 MMT CO₂ Eq. A summary of projected emissions and sinks by sector and category, as estimated by ICF/UHERO and the Projection Tool for 2020, are provided in Table K-3.

Table K-3: Comparison of 2020 Total and Net Emission Projection Results (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Difference	Percent Difference
Energy	14.79	17.63	2.84	19%
Transportation	7.41	12.27	4.86	66%
Stationary Combustion	7.02	5.29	(1.73)	(25%)
Incineration of Waste	0.27	0.05	(0.21)	(80%)
Oil and Natural Gas Systems	0.06	0.02	(0.04)	(66%)
Non-Energy Uses ^a	0.03	IE	NA	NA
IPPU	0.74	1.09	0.35	48%
Substitution of ODS	0.73	0.67	(0.06)	(8%)
Electrical Transmission and Distribution	0.01	0.01	+	(17%)
Cement Production	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Soda Ash Manufacture and Consumption	NO	0.01	0.01	NA
Urea Consumption	NO	+	+	NA
Iron and Steel Production	NO	0.41	0.41	NA
Limestone and Dolomite Use	NO	NO	0.00	NA
AFOLU	(1.25)	0.54	1.78	(143%)
Agricultural Soil Carbon ^b	0.81	NE	NA	NA
Enteric Fermentation	0.25	0.23	(0.01)	(5%)
Agricultural Soil Management	0.18	0.25	0.07	41%
Forest Fires ^b	0.05	NE	NA	NA
Manure Management	0.02	0.05	0.03	184%
Urea Application	+	+	+	(4%)
Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps ^b	(0.04)	NE	NA	NA
Urban Trees ^b	(0.64)	NE	NA	NA

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Difference	Percent Difference
Forest Carbon ^b	(1.86)	NE	NA	NA
Liming	NO	0.01	0.01	NA
N ₂ O from Settlement Soils ^{b,c}	IE	NE	NA	NA
Waste	0.42	0.91	0.49	117%
Landfills	0.31	0.71	0.40	130%
Wastewater Treatment	0.08	0.20	0.12	160%
Composting ^b	0.03	NE	NA	NA
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	17.24	20.17	2.92	17%
Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	14.70	20.17	5.47	37%

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated); NA (Not Applicable), IE (Included Elsewhere).

^a The Projection Tool includes projected emissions from Non-Energy Uses under CO₂ emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion (CO₂FFC). Therefore, these emissions are captured within the Stationary Combustion and Transportation emission sources.

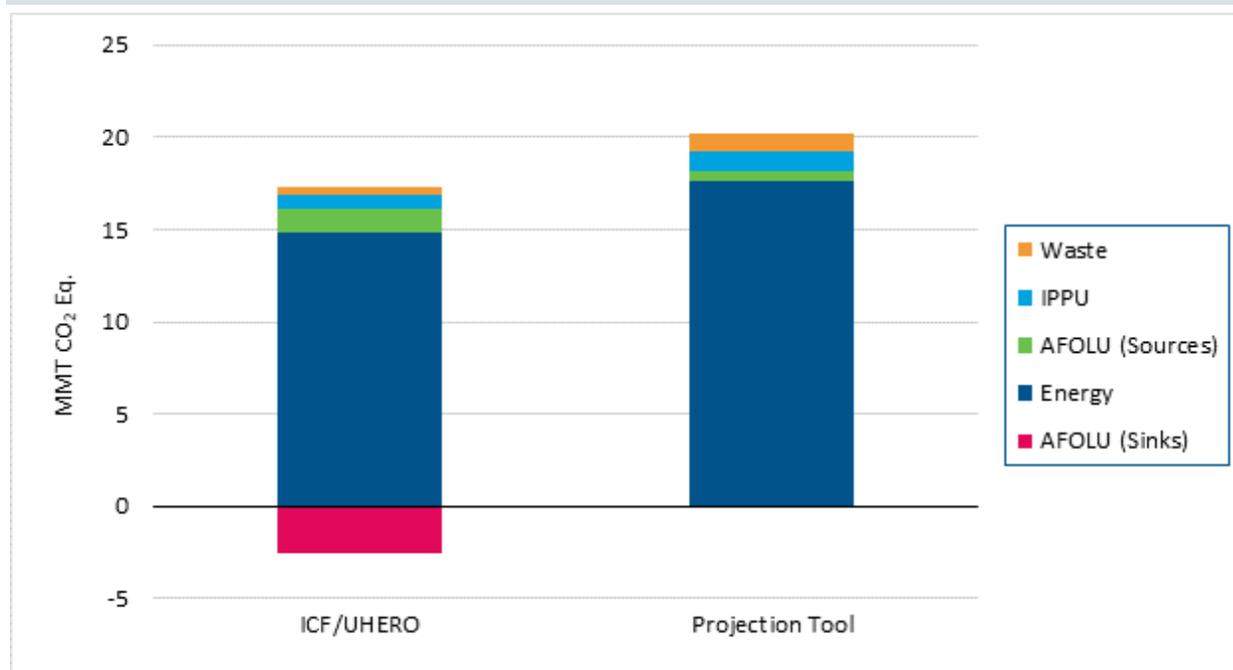
^b The Projection Tool does not project emissions from LULUCF categories or Composting.

^c Emissions are included under Agricultural Soil Management.

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Emissions projections for 2020 by sector as calculated by ICF/UHERO and the Projection Tool are presented in Figure K-5.

Figure K-5: Comparison of 2020 Emission Projection Results (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Seven source and sink categories account for 94 percent of the absolute difference between the ICF/UHERO projections and the Projection Tool estimates. Table K-4 summarizes the absolute and

cumulative difference in emission estimates for these top seven categories. The likely reasons for these differences are discussed below in Methodology Comparison.

Table K-4: Key Sources of Differences between ICF/UHERO Projections and Projection Tool Estimates in 2020

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Absolute Difference	Cumulative Percent of Total Difference
Transportation	7.41	12.27	4.86	43%
Forest Carbon	(1.86)	NE	1.86	59%
Stationary Combustion	7.02	5.29	1.73	74%
Agricultural Soil Carbon	0.81	NE	0.81	81%
Urban Trees	(0.64)	NE	0.64	87%
Iron and Steel Production	NO	0.41	0.41	90%
Landfills	0.31	0.71	0.40	94%
All Other Categories			0.71	100%

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated).

2025 Projection Comparison

ICF, with support from UHERO, projects 2025 total GHG emissions to be 18.43 MMT CO₂ Eq., while net emissions are projected to be 15.93 MMT CO₂ Eq. The Projection Tool projects total and net emissions to be 19.93 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2025. A summary of projected emissions and sinks by sector and category, as estimated by ICF/UHERO and the Projection Tool for 2025, are provided in Table K-5.

Table K-5: Comparison of 2025 Total and Net Emission Projection Results (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Difference	Percent Difference
Energy	16.02	17.37	1.35	8%
Transportation	10.07	13.02	2.95	29%
Stationary Combustion	5.52	4.27	(1.25)	(23%)
Incineration of Waste	0.29	0.05	(0.24)	(81%)
Oil and Natural Gas Systems	0.10	0.02	(0.08)	(78%)
Non-Energy Uses ^a	0.03	IE	NA	NA
IPPU	0.77	1.26	0.49	64%
Substitution of ODS	0.76	0.81	0.05	7%
Electrical Transmission and Distribution	0.01	0.01	+	(26%)
Cement Production	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Soda Ash Manufacture and Consumption	NO	0.01	0.01	NA
Urea Consumption	NO	+	+	NA
Iron and Steel Production	NO	0.43	0.43	NA
Limestone and Dolomite Use	NO	NO	0.00	NA
AFOLU	(1.29)	0.52	1.81	(141%)

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Difference	Percent Difference
Agricultural Soil Carbon ^b	0.74	NE	NA	NA
Enteric Fermentation	0.24	0.23	(0.01)	(4%)
Agricultural Soil Management	0.18	0.24	0.06	31%
Forest Fires ^b	0.05	NE	NA	NA
Manure Management	0.01	0.05	0.03	282%
Urea Application	+	+	+	(7%)
Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps ^b	(0.04)	NE	NA	NA
Urban Trees ^b	(0.69)	NE	NA	NA
Forest Carbon	(1.77)	NE	NA	NA
Liming	NO	0.01	0.01	NA
N ₂ O from Settlement Soils ^{b,c}	IE	NE	NA	NA
Waste	0.43	0.78	0.35	82%
Landfills	0.31	0.58	0.27	86%
Wastewater Treatment	0.08	0.20	0.12	147%
Composting	0.04	NE	NA	NA
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	18.43	19.93	1.50	8%
Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	15.93	19.93	4.00	25%

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated); NA (Not Applicable), IE (Included Elsewhere).

^a The Projection Tool includes projected emissions from Non-Energy Uses under CO₂ emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion (CO₂FFC). Therefore, these emissions are captured within the Stationary Combustion and Transportation emission sources.

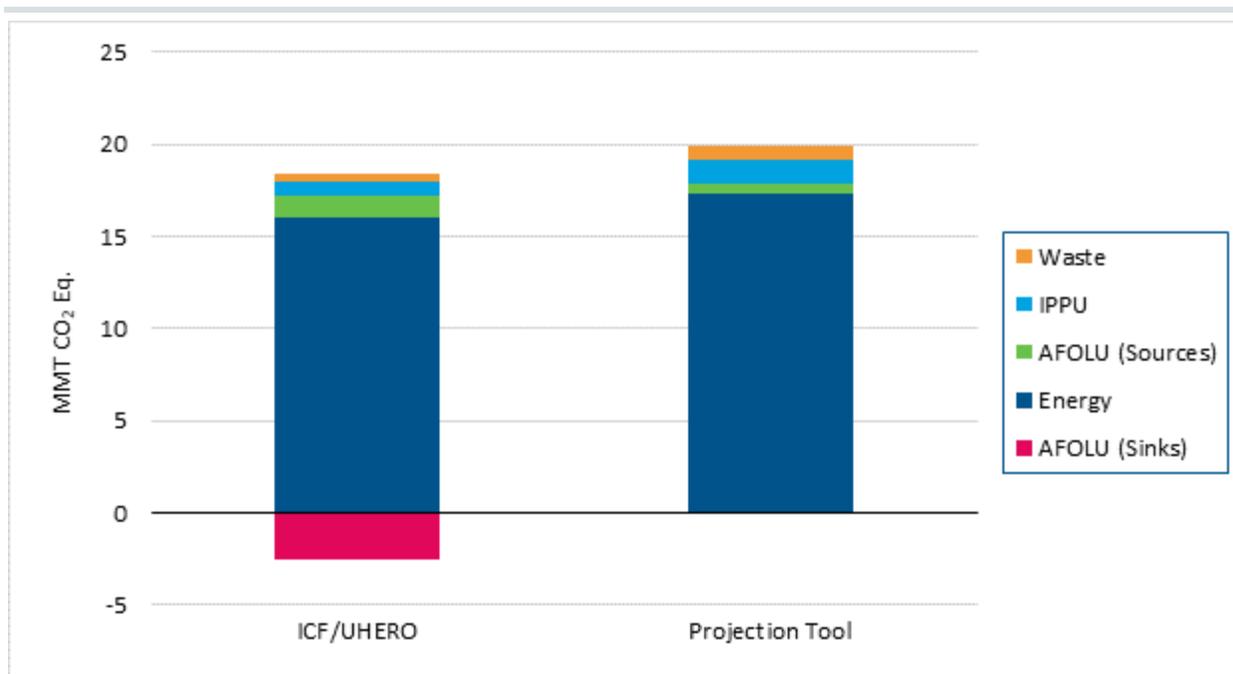
^b The Projection Tool does not project emissions from LULUCF categories or Composting.

^c Emissions are included under Agricultural Soil Management.

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Emissions projections for 2025 by sector as calculated by ICF/UHERO and the Projection Tool are presented in Figure K-6.

Figure K-6: Comparison of 2025 Emission Projection Results (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Seven source and sink categories account for 92 percent of the absolute difference between the ICF/UHERO projections and the Projection Tool estimates. Table K-6 summarizes the absolute and cumulative difference in emission estimates for these top seven categories. The likely reasons for these differences are discussed below in Methodology Comparison.

Table K-6: Key Sources of Differences between ICF/UHERO Projections and Projection Tool Estimates in 2025

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Absolute Difference	Cumulative Percent of Total Difference
Transportation	10.07	13.02	2.95	33%
Forest Carbon	(1.77)	NE	1.77	54%
Stationary Combustion	5.52	4.27	1.25	68%
Agricultural Soil Carbon	0.74	NE	0.74	76%
Urban Trees	(0.69)	NE	0.69	84%
Iron and Steel Production	NO	0.43	0.43	89%
Landfills	0.31	0.58	0.27	92%
All Other Categories			0.72	100%

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated).

2030 Projection Comparison

ICF, with support from UHERO, projects 2030 total GHG emissions to be 17.49 MMT CO₂ Eq., while net emissions are projected to be 15.02 MMT CO₂ Eq. The Projection Tool projects total and net emissions to be 19.82 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2030. A summary of projected emissions and sinks by sector and category, as estimated by ICF/UHERO and the Projection Tool for 2030, are provided in Table K-7.

Table K-7: Comparison of 2039 Total and Net Emission Projection Results (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Difference	Percent Difference
Energy	15.29	17.27	1.98	13%
Transportation	9.91	13.14	3.23	33%
Stationary Combustion	4.95	4.05	(0.90)	(18%)
Incineration of Waste	0.29	0.06	(0.24)	(81%)
Oil and Natural Gas Systems	0.10	0.02	(0.08)	(79%)
Non-Energy Uses ^a	0.04	IE	NA	NA
IPPU	0.62	1.36	0.74	120%
Substitution of ODS	0.61	0.89	0.28	46%
Electrical Transmission and Distribution	0.01	0.01	+	(32%)
Cement Production	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Soda Ash Manufacture and Consumption	NO	0.01	0.01	NA
Urea Consumption	NO	+	+	NA
Iron and Steel Production	NO	0.46	0.46	NA
Limestone and Dolomite Use	NO	NO	0.00	NA
AFOLU	(1.32)	0.51	1.83	(138%)
Agricultural Soil Carbon ^b	0.67	NE	NA	NA
Enteric Fermentation	0.23	0.22	+	(2%)
Agricultural Soil Management	0.19	0.23	0.04	23%
Forest Fires ^b	0.05	NE	NA	NA
Manure Management	0.01	0.04	0.04	488%
Urea Application	+	+	+	(11%)
Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps ^b	(0.04)	NE	NA	NA
Urban Trees ^b	(0.74)	NE	NA	NA
Forest Carbon ^b	(1.68)	NE	NA	NA
Liming	NO	0.01	0.01	NA
N ₂ O from Settlement Soils ^{b,c}	IE	NE	NA	NA
Waste	0.43	0.68	0.24	56%
Landfills	0.31	0.48	0.17	54%
Wastewater Treatment	0.09	0.20	0.12	136%
Composting	0.04	NE	NA	NA
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	17.49	19.82	2.33	13%
Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	15.02	19.82	4.80	32%

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated); NA (Not Applicable), IE (Included Elsewhere).

^a The Projection Tool includes projected emissions from Non-Energy Uses under CO₂ emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion (CO₂FFC). Therefore, these emissions are captured within the Stationary Combustion and Transportation emission sources.

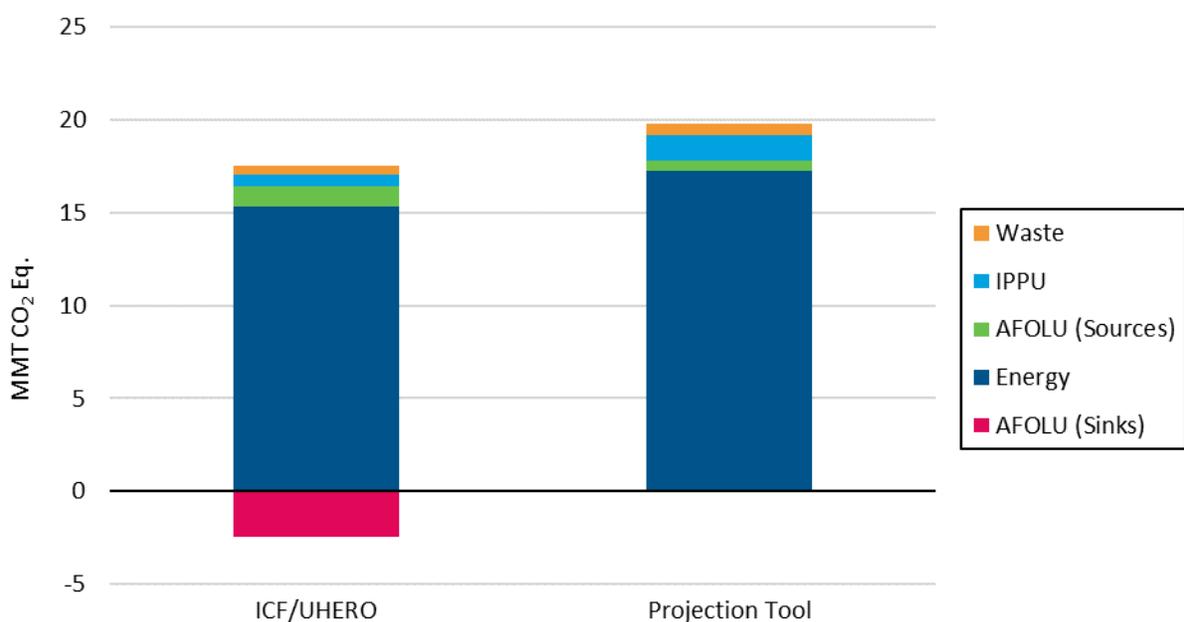
^b The Projection Tool does not project emissions from LULUCF categories or Composting.

^c Emissions are included under Agricultural Soil Management.

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Emissions projections for 2030 by sector as calculated by ICF/UHERO and the Projection Tool are presented in Figure K-7.

Figure K-7: Comparison of 2025 Emission Projection Results (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Seven source and sink categories account for 91 percent of the absolute difference between the ICF/UHERO projections and the Projection Tool estimates. Table K-8 summarizes the absolute and cumulative difference in emission estimates for these top seven categories. The likely reasons for these differences are discussed below in Methodology Comparison.

Table K-8: Key Sources of Differences between ICF/UHERO Projections and Projection Tool Estimates in 2030

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Absolute Difference	Cumulative Percent of Total Difference
Transportation	9.91	13.14	3.23	37%
Forest Carbon	(1.68)	NE	1.68	56%

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Absolute Difference	Cumulative Percent of Total Difference
Stationary Combustion	4.95	4.05	0.90	66%
Urban Trees	(0.74)	NE	0.74	75%
Agricultural Soil Carbon	0.67	NE	0.67	82%
Iron & Steel Production	NO	0.46	0.46	88%
Substitution of ODS	0.61	0.89	0.28	91%
All Other Categories			0.82	100%

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated).

2045 Projection Comparison

ICF, with support from UHERO, projects 2045 total GHG emissions to be 13.88 MMT CO₂ Eq., while net emissions are projected to be 11.26 MMT CO₂ Eq. The Projection Tool projects total and net emissions to be 19.87 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2045. A summary of projected emissions and sinks by sector and category, as estimated by ICF/UHERO and the Projection Tool for 2045, are provided in Table K-9.

Table K-9: Comparison of 2045 Total and Net Emission Projection Results (MMT CO₂ Eq.)

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Difference	Percent Difference
Energy	12.16	17.49	5.32	44%
Transportation	8.77	14.49	5.72	65%
Stationary Combustion	3.02	2.92	(0.11)	(4%)
Incineration of Waste	0.22	0.06	(0.16)	(73%)
Oil and Natural Gas Systems	0.10	0.02	(0.08)	(79%)
Non-Energy Uses ^a	0.05	IE	NA	NA
IPPU	0.25	1.45	1.20	483%
Substitution of ODS	0.24	0.89	0.65	277%
Electrical Transmission and Distribution	0.01	0.01	(0.01)	(42%)
Cement Production	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Soda Ash Manufacture and Consumption	NO	0.01	0.01	NA
Urea Consumption	NO	+	+	NA
Iron and Steel Production	NO	0.55	0.55	NA
Limestone and Dolomite Use	NO	NO	0.00	NA
AFOLU	(1.64)	0.46	2.10	(128%)
Agricultural Soil Carbon ^b	0.52	NE	NA	NA
Enteric Fermentation	0.20	0.20	+	1%
Agricultural Soil Management	0.20	0.20	+	2%
Forest Fires ^b	0.05	NE	NA	NA
Manure Management	0.01	0.04	0.03	458%
Urea Application	+	+	+	(21%)

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Difference	Percent Difference
Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	NO	NO	0.00	NA
Landfilled Yard Trimmings and Food Scraps ^b	(0.01)	NE	NA	NA
Urban Trees ^b	(0.92)	NE	NA	NA
Forest Carbon ^b	(1.69)	NE	NA	NA
Liming	NO	0.01	0.01	NA
N ₂ O from Settlement Soils ^{b,c}	IE	NE	NA	NA
Waste	0.49	0.47	(0.02)	(4%)
Landfills	0.35	0.26	(0.08)	(24%)
Wastewater Treatment	0.10	0.21	0.11	111%
Composting	0.05	NE	NA	NA
Total Emissions (Excluding Sinks)	13.88	19.87	5.98	43%
Net Emissions (Including Sinks)	11.26	19.87	8.61	76%

+ Does not exceed 0.005 MMT CO₂ Eq.

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated); NA (Not Applicable), IE (Included Elsewhere).

^a The Projection Tool includes projected emissions from Non-Energy Uses under CO₂ emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion (CO₂FFC). Therefore, these emissions are captured within the Stationary Combustion and Transportation emission sources.

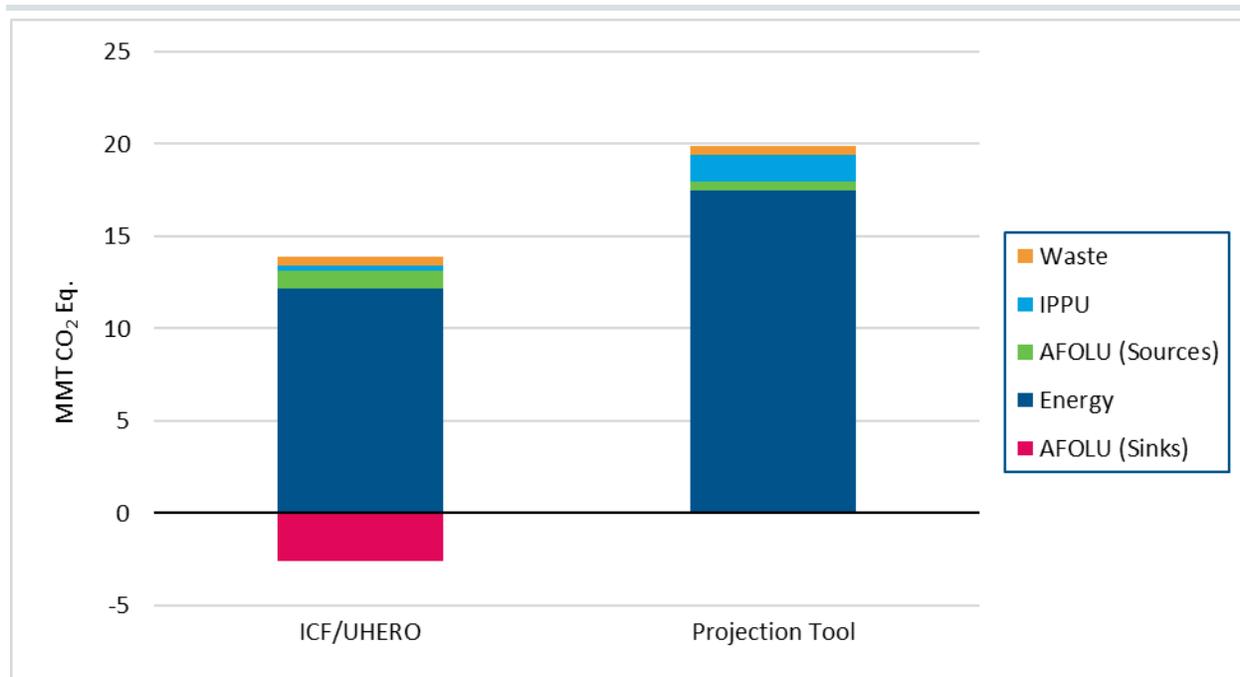
^b The Projection Tool does not project emissions from LULUCF categories or Composting.

^c Emissions are included under Agricultural Soil Management.

Notes: Totals may not sum due to independent rounding. Parentheses indicate negative values or sequestration.

Emissions projections for 2045 by sector as calculated by ICF/UHERO and the Projection Tool are presented in Figure K-8.

Figure K-8: Comparison of 2045 Emission Projection Results (Including Sinks and Aviation)



Seven source and sink categories account for 95 percent of the absolute difference between the ICF/UHERO projections and the Projection Tool estimates. Table K-10 summarizes the absolute and cumulative difference in emission estimates for these top seven categories. The likely reasons for these differences are discussed below in Methodology Comparison.

Table K-10: Key Sources of Differences between ICF/UHERO Projections and Projection Tool Estimates in 2045

Sector/Category	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool	Absolute Difference	Cumulative Percent of Total Difference
Transportation	8.77	14.49	5.72	53%
Forest Carbon	(1.69)	NE	1.69	69%
Urban Trees	(0.92)	NE	0.92	77%
Substitution of ODS	0.24	0.89	0.65	84%
Iron and Steel Production	NO	0.55	0.55	89%
Agricultural Soil Carbon	0.52	NE	0.52	93%
Incineration of Waste	0.22	0.06	0.16	95%
All Other Categories			0.54	100%

NO (emissions are Not Occurring); NE (emissions are Not Estimated).

Methodology Comparison

2019 Inventory Estimates

This section compares the methodology and data sources used by ICF and the SIT for each source and sink category to develop the 2019 inventory estimates.

Energy

For the Energy sector, the methodology and activity data used by ICF and SIT to calculate emissions from stationary combustion and transportation are similar. For emissions from the incineration of waste and oil and natural gas systems, both the methodologies and data sources used by ICF and SIT differ. The SIT estimates emissions from non-energy uses of fossil fuels directly within CO₂F_{FC} calculations, rather than by summarizing emissions in a distinct source category. A description of the key differences in methodology and data sources used by ICF and the SIT to estimate emissions for the Energy sector are presented in Table K-11.

Table K-11: Key Differences in Methodology and Data Sources for the Energy Sector

Source	ICF Inventory	SIT
Stationary Combustion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fuel consumption data is primarily taken from the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) State Energy Data System (SEDS) database, with naphtha and fuel gas data for the energy industries sector coming from the Environmental Protection Agency's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP).ICF does not include petroleum coke consumption in the estimates as it was determined that it is not used in Hawai'i.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fuel consumption data is taken from EIA's SEDS database and EIA's Natural Gas Annual report.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fuel consumption data is taken from EIA's SEDS database. Fuel consumption data collected by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) are used to apportion SEDS data to subsectors.Additional EIA fuel consumption data for military non-aviation applications are compiled through a data request to EIA, which is not accounted for in the SIT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fuel consumption data is taken from EIA's SEDS database. Emissions from alternative fuel vehicles are calculated separately.
Incineration of Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Emissions are taken from EPA's GHGRP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Calculates combustion of fossil-derived carbon in waste for plastics,

Source	ICF Inventory	SIT
		synthetic fibers, and synthetic rubber by estimating the mass of waste combusted (obtained from BioCycle), applying a carbon content, and assuming a 98 percent oxidation rate.
Oil and Natural Gas Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions from refineries are taken from EPA's GHGRP. Emissions from natural gas distribution and transmission pipelines are estimated using miles and services data from the Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration database. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses activity data on natural gas production, number of wells, the transmission and distribution of natural gas, and the refining and transportation of oil.
Non-Energy Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The percentage of non-energy use consumption by fuel type are based on estimates from the U.S. Inventory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The percentage of non-energy use consumption by fuel type are based on estimates from the U.S. Inventory; however, emission estimates are included in emissions CO₂ from Fossil Fuel Combustion (CO₂FFC). Therefore, these emissions are captured within the Stationary Combustion and Transportation emission sources.

IPPU

For the IPPU sector, the methodology used by ICF and SIT to calculate emissions from electrical transmission and distribution and substitution of ODS is similar, while the source of activity data differs. ICF determined that soda ash manufacturing and consumption, urea consumption, and iron and steel production do not occur in Hawai'i; however, the SIT includes estimates for these sources based on allocations of national or regional data. A description of the key differences in methodology and data sources used by ICF and the SIT to estimate emissions for the IPPU sector are presented in Table K-12.

Table K-12: Key Differences in Methodology and Data Sources for the IPPU Sector

Source	ICF Inventory	SIT
Electrical Transmission and Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National electricity sales data are taken from EIA. Hawai'i's electricity sales data are taken from the State of Hawai'i Data Book. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both national and state-level electricity sales data are taken from EIA.
Substitution of ODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population data are taken from the U.S. Census Bureau. Hawai'i's population data are taken from the State of Hawai'i Data Book. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both national and state-level population are taken from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Source	ICF Inventory	SIT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National emissions estimates are taken from the 1990-2019 U.S. Inventory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National emissions estimates are taken from the 1990-2019 U.S. Inventory.
Soda Ash Manufacture and Consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions from soda ash manufacturing and consumption were determined to not occur in Hawai'i. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocates national emissions from soda ash consumption using the ratio of state population to national population.
Urea Consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions from urea consumption were determined to not occur in Hawai'i. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiplies the total urea applied to Ag Soils in each state (from LULUCF module) by 0.13 to obtain urea consumption.
Iron and Steel Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions from iron and steel production were determined to not occur in Hawai'i. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evenly distributes regional production data among states within the region.

AFOLU

For the AFOLU sector, the methodology used by ICF and SIT to calculate emissions and sinks from enteric fermentation and urban trees are similar, while the activity data differs. For emissions from manure management, agricultural soil management, field burning of agricultural residues, urea application, and landfilled yard trimmings, both the methodologies and data sources used by ICF and SIT differ. The SIT does not provide default estimates for forest fires or forest carbon. ICF does not present emissions from N₂O from Settlement Soils but rather includes these emissions under the Agricultural Soil Management source category. ICF also does not estimate emissions from Liming. A description of the key differences in methodology and data sources used by ICF and the SIT to estimate emissions and sinks for the AFOLU sector are presented in Table K-13.

Table K-13: Key Differences in Methodology and Data Sources for the AFOLU Sector

Source	ICF Inventory	SIT
Enteric Fermentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtains sheep and goat population data from the USDA Census of Agriculture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtains sheep population data from the U.S. Inventory.
Manure Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes hens within the chicken population but does not include turkeys. Obtains chicken, sheep, and goat population data from the USDA Census of Agriculture. Uses constant VS rates for non-cattle animal types. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimates emissions from turkeys and hens greater than one year old. Obtains sheep population data from the U.S. Inventory. Uses volatile solids (VS) rates for breeding swine, poultry, and horses that vary slightly by year.
Agricultural Soil Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumes no commercial organic fertilizer is consumed in Hawai'i based on the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimates state-level organic fertilizer consumption by applying the percentage of national fertilizer consumption that is organic fertilizer

Source	ICF Inventory	SIT
	<p>(AAPFCO) Commercial Fertilizer reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtains 1990-2014 fertilizer consumption estimates from AAPFCO and estimates consumption in 2019 based on a five-year trend from 2010 to 2014. Calculates emissions from sugarcane, pineapple, sweet potatoes, ginger root, taro, and seed production. Obtains corn for grain production data from the USDA Census of Agriculture. 	<p>to total state-level fertilizer consumption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses the 2014 fertilizer consumption estimate from AAPFCO as a proxy for 2019. Does not calculate emissions from sugarcane, pineapple, sweet potatoes, ginger root, taro, or seed production. Obtains crop production data from USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Surveys. USDA NASS Surveys do not include corn for grain production data for Hawai'i.
Field Burning of Agricultural Residues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumes the fraction of sugarcane residue burned is zero in 2019, as the last sugarcane mill in Hawai'i closed in 2017. Emissions from the field burning of agriculture residue are assumed to be zero in 2019. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumes that the fraction of Hawai'i sugarcane residue burned is zero. Data on the burning of sugarcane residue is not available from U.S. Inventory. Emissions from the field burning of agriculture residue are assumed to be zero.
Urea Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extrapolates urea fertilization consumption to 2019 based on the historical five-year trend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses 2014 data from AAPFCO (2017) as a proxy for 2019 urea fertilization.
Agricultural Soil Carbon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions estimates are from the 1990-2019 U.S. Inventory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions estimates are from the 1990-2019 U.S. Inventory.
Forest Fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtains forest area burned data from the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not include default data of forest area burned.
Landfilled Yard Trimmings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hawai'i population data were obtained from the State of Hawai'i Data Book. Extrapolates waste generation to 2019 based on the historical five-year trend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hawai'i population data were obtained from U.S. Census. Uses 2018 waste generation data as reported in EPA's Advancing Sustainable Materials Management Fact Sheet as a proxy for 2019.
Urban Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses carbon sequestration rates are calculated based on state-specific values from the U.S. Inventory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses carbon sequestration rates for Hawaiian urban trees based on Nowak et al. (2013).
Forest Carbon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses carbon flux estimates calculated by the Tier 1 Gain Loss Method outlined by the 2006 IPCC Guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not include carbon flux estimates for Hawai'i.
N ₂ O from Settlement Soils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions included under Agricultural Soil Management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumes one percent of synthetic fertilizer consumption is used on settlement soils.

Source	ICF Inventory	SIT
Liming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions from lime used for agricultural purposes are not estimated by ICF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated using data on limestone used for agricultural purposes from the USGS's 2018 Mineral Yearbook.

Waste

For the Waste sector, the methodology used by ICF and SIT to calculate emissions from landfills and wastewater treatment are similar, while the activity data differs. The SIT does not provide estimates of emissions from composting. A description of the key differences in methodology and data sources used by ICF and the SIT to estimate emissions for the Waste sector are presented in Table K-14.

Table K-14: Key Differences in Methodology and Data Sources for the Waste Sector

Source	ICF Inventory	SIT
Landfills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data on the tons of waste landfilled per year were provided by the Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH), Solid & Hazardous Waste Branch. Volumes of landfill gas recovered for flaring and energy were obtained from EPA's GHGRP. Historical MSW generation and disposal volumes were calculated using population data from the State of Hawai'i Data Book. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimates state-level waste disposal by allocating national waste data from EPA's Municipal Solid Waste Report and BioCycle and based on population. Hawai'i flaring data is from EPA's Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) Landfill and Landfill Gas Energy Project Database.
Composting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated based on data from the Hawai'i DOH, Solid & Hazardous Waste Branch. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not estimate emissions from composting.
Wastewater Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data on non-National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater treatment plants, including flow rate and BOD5 are provided by Hawai'i DOH, Wastewater Branch and Clean Water Branch. Population data from the State of Hawai'i Data Book were used to calculate wastewater treatment volumes. The number of households on septic systems were calculated using data from the U.S. Inventory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses data from the 1990-2019 U.S. Inventory. Municipal Wastewater emissions estimated using state population data from the U.S. Census Bureau. State-specific red meat production data from USDA are used to estimate industrial emissions.

2020, 2025, 2030, and 2045 Emission Projections

This section compares the methodology used by ICF/UHERO and the Projection Tool to develop the 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2045 inventory projections. While the projections developed by ICF/UHERO take into account the potential impact of COVID-19 on future emissions, the Projection Tool does not currently account for these impacts. In addition, the methodologies differ significantly between the ICF/UHERO and Projection Tool estimates. A description of the key differences in methodology used by ICF and the Projection Tool to project emissions for each sector are presented in Table K-15. A more detailed description of the methodology and data sources used by ICF/UHERO can be found in the Technical Support Document: Preliminary Inventory Projections of Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions for 2020 – 2045, and Assessment of Statewide Progress.

Table K-15: Key Differences in Methodology Used to Project Emissions

Sector	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For energy industries and incineration of waste, emissions were projected based on direct communication with the utilities and the utility’s Power Supply Improvement Plan (PSIP). • For stationary combustion, electric sector emissions in 2020 were based on facility emissions reported to the GHGRP. • For residential energy use, commercial energy use, industrial energy use, and non-energy uses, emissions were projected using forecasted gross state product, and adjusted to account for RNG consumption in place of SNG consumption. • For ground transportation, emissions were projected based on estimates of future vehicle miles traveled, fuel efficiency by vehicle type, types of vehicles on the road, and their related fuel sources. Light Duty Vehicle emission projections account for Vehicle Miles Traveled reduction due to the Honolulu Rail Project. • For domestic aviation, emissions were projected for 2020 based on projected reductions in visitor arrivals, resident travel, and cargo shipments as a result of COVID-19. By 2025, air travel is assumed to return to 2019 levels. • For oil and natural gas systems, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forecasts regional energy consumption data based on EIA’s AEO 2020. Allocates regional consumption to states based on 2018 state-level consumption taken from EIA’s State Energy Data 2020.

Sector	ICF/UHERO	Projection Tool
	emissions were projected based on projected growth in aviation emissions.	
IPPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions from Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Systems were projected based on the electricity sales forecast. Emissions from ODS Substitutes were projected using forecasted gross state product and adjusted to account for the implementation of the American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasts emissions from Soda Ash Manufacture and Consumption, Iron & Steel Production, and Urea Consumption based on historical trends. Forecasts emissions from Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Systems and ODS Substitutes based on publicly available forecasts.
AFOLU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions were projected by forecasting activity data using historic trends and published information on future trends. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasts emissions based on either historical trends or publicly available forecasts (varies by category). Results differ due to minor differences in how activity data is projected and differences in historical estimates. Emission sinks are not estimated.
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emissions from landfills in 2020 were taken from EPA Facility Level Information on Greenhouse Gases Tool (FLIGHT) data and then scaled to match reported landfill tonnage as described for waste in the 2019 inventory. Composting and Wastewater Treatment emissions were projected based on DBEDT population growth projections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasts activity data based on projected population from the U.S. Census Bureau.