

DOH Neurotrauma Program



Hawaii's Neurotrauma Program

TRAUMATIC BRAIN & SPINAL CORD INJURIES ♥ STROKE

Partner Agency Workgroup

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BETTER TOGETHER

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	YOUR STORY
How does your agency/organization interact with the community?	
Is there one neurotrauma related project your agency has done/is doing that stands out in your mind?	
What were the successes, outcomes, and lessons learned from this project?	
How were project barriers addressed?	
Are there barriers or gaps in services that still need to be addressed?	
Is there a state function or entity that either helped or hindered in addressing the barrier?	
What role, if any, do you see for Neurotrauma Program to collaborate with your organization?	

Do you know of other agencies who work in the areas of TBI, SCI and/or stroke that may be interested in partnering with the NTP?	
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	YOUR STORY	NOTETAKER GUIDE	NOTETAKER CHECKLIST
Can you please share a story about a TBI, SCI, or stroke project your organization worked on?			
Who was impacted by the project and how?			
What were the "takeaways" from the project for your organization.			
Are you aware of any lasting outcomes <u>as a result of</u> the work done through this project?			
What role, if any, do you see for Neurotrauma Program to collaborate with your organization?			

Partner Agency Workgroup, Continued

PAW interview with Executive Office on Aging

Project: Brain health awareness involving TBI, stroke and dementia

Input: Community action teams

Distribution: Statewide, workshops, presentations, social media
1-page quick reference and booklet

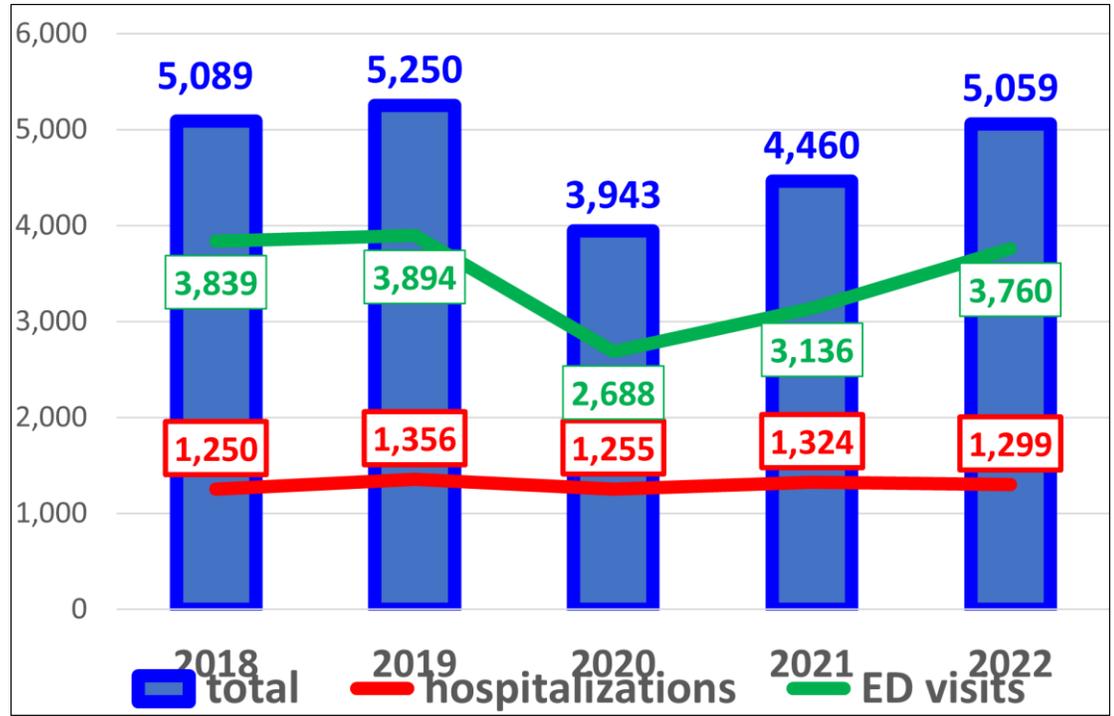
Lessons learned: Keep message clear and simple

Community & professionals work in silos, missing opportunities to slow decline

Opportunities for partnering

- Increase public & professional education to promote brain health, risk reduction and early detection of compromised brain health & function
- Foster communication & collaboration between public & professionals statewide
- Identify community-based approaches to increase public awareness and access to resource information
- Collaborate on new chapter in the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) to include brain health

Graph 1: Annual number of hospital treatments for TBI in Hawai'i, by level of care, 2018-2022 .
Source: Laulima Data Alliance (2018-2022).



Graph 1 includes non-residents and TBI related fatalities.
 Graph 1 excludes “unspecified head injury” documented as the only TBI diagnosis, records not meeting CDC indicators criteria for a TBI, and patients discharged to another short-term acute care facility.

VA Pacific Islands Health Care System

Connecting brain injured military to services

- Post 9-11, any service member deployed can access this benefit
- Initial screen can be done by any provider
- If service member screens positive, then an in-depth screen will be conducted
- Service members are connected to outpatient rehabilitation services
- Once the service member reaches set goals they are discharged from the program

Opportunities for partnering

- Increase service members' education on brain injury, brain health, & function
- Change view & services to recognize & treat brain injury as a chronic condition

Neurotrauma Special Fund

Category	FY 2022 (Actual)	FY 2023 (Actual)	FY 2024 (Actual)	FY 2025 (Actual)	FY 2026 (Estimated)	FY 2027 (Estimated)	FY 2028 (Estimated)
Appropriation Ceiling	1,074,994	1,074,994	1,043,209	1,055,594	1,055,594	1,055,594	1,055,594
Beginning Cash Balance	723,698	590,671	645,149	934,086	1,164,599	879,599	559,599
Revenues	515,100	462,802	435,074	396,811	450,000	415,000	415,000
Expenditures	648,127	408,324	146,137	166,298	735,000	735,000	735,000

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SURFER'S MYELOPATHY RESOURCES



Pause (k) **Jon**
Surfer's Myelopathy

The image shows a video player interface. At the top, there is a dark green navigation bar with white text and dropdown arrows. Below it, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Home' followed by 'Spinal Cord Injury' and 'Surfer's Myelopathy Resources'. A large teal heading reads 'SURFER'S MYELOPATHY RESOURCES'. The main content is a video player showing a man with dark hair and a blue t-shirt speaking. The video player has a dark overlay at the bottom with the text 'Pause (k) Jon Surfer's Myelopathy'. The background of the video shows a wooden fence and some foliage.

[Download Video Transcript – PDF Format](#)

Surfer's myelopathy (SM) is a rare, non-traumatic spinal cord injury, usually in new surfers, caused by intense hyperextension of the lower back while paddling, which temporarily cuts blood flow (ischemia) to the spinal cord, leading to pain, weakness, numbness, and potentially paralysis below the waist (paraplegia).

ABOUT SURFER'S MYELOPATHY

- [Surfer's myelopathy: A review of etiology, pathogenesis, evaluation, and management](#) (National Library of Medicine)
- [Ask a Specialist: Surfer's Myelopathy with Dr. Stacy Brown](#) (The Queen's Health Systems)
- [Surfer's Myelopathy or Surfer's Paralysis \(PDF Format\)](#) (Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation)
- [Surfer's Myelopathy](#) (GS Silver Award Surfer's Myelopathy project)
- [Surfers Myelopathy Awareness](#)
- [Annals of Internal Medicine Clinical Cases](#)

E-bikes in Hawaii

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November 3, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety of our students is always our top priority. With the growing popularity of e-bikes and other motorized vehicles, we've seen both the convenience they provide and the risks they pose. Despite being legal to ride by children over the age of 15, we are taking steps to help ensure the safety of our students.

Effective immediately for all Hawai'i State Department of Education (Department) schools:

- **E-motorcycles** (sometimes called electric dirt bikes or recreational vehicles) are not allowed on any Department campuses or properties. These vehicles can reach very high speeds—well above 40 miles per hour—and are not designed for student use. Unlike e-bikes, they do not have pedals and often have foot pegs instead. This restriction also applies to e-motorcycles that have fake e-bike pedals, also known as "ghost pedals" or "non-propulsion pedal kits," attached. E-motorcycles cannot be registered as e-bikes.
- **Elementary and middle/intermediate schools:** E-bikes are not allowed on these campuses. Children under the age of 15 are not legally permitted to have or operate e-bikes under Hawai'i Revised Statutes § 291C-143.5.
- **High schools:** Students 15 and older may bring e-bikes to campus only if the bike is properly registered with the county and displays the required decal. E-bikes without a valid decal will not be allowed on school property and must be picked up by a parent, if confiscated. E-bikes can be distinguished from recreational vehicles, such as e-motorcycles, by the presence of traditional bicycle pedals.

E-bikes can cause serious injury when used unsafely. We ask for your partnership in talking with your children about safe riding habits and following the law. Together, we can help protect our students and our school communities.

Mahalo for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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Measure Title: RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

Report Title: Electric Bicycles; Electric Micro Mobility Devices; Regulation; Electric Mobility Devices; High-Speed Electric Device; Electric Motorcycles

Description: Establishes safe riding behaviors for electric bicycles. Prohibits the operation of high-speed electric devices in certain locations. Beginning 12/31/2026, establishes labeling and signage requirements for electric bicycles. Prohibits the operation of a moped or electric motorcycle in certain locations. Amends the definition of "bicycle" for purposes of county vehicular taxes. Defines "electric bicycle" in place of "low-speed electric bicycle". Defines "electric micro-mobility device" and requires the same regulations as electric foot scooters. Prohibits a person under the age of sixteen from operating a class 3 electric bicycle. Authorizes a person under the age of fourteen to operate class 2 electric bicycles under supervision. Prohibits a person from riding a class 3 electric bicycle on a sidewalk. Authorizes a person to ride a class 1 or class 2 electric bicycle on a sidewalk under certain circumstances. Prohibits a person from operating a bicycle or electric foot scooter under the age of eighteen without a helmet. Repeals the requirement that moped drivers use bicycle lanes. Substitutes the term "motor-driven cycle" with the term "motor scooter".

All Versions of this Measure

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