

Hawaii Republican lawmakers weigh in on budget shortfall

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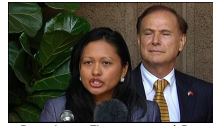
HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - Republican lawmakers are weighing in on the budget shortfall. They say they've come up with a plan to balance the budget, fund the entire \$92 million to end the school furlough fiasco and all without raising taxes.

Some of their suggestions include selling non-ceded lands, cutting salaries and withholding some of the counties share of tourism tax money.

"This shows there's a big difference between the Republican's perspective and the Democrat's perspective in this building. We feel that we do have to make hard choices for the future, but at the same time we want to show the people of Hawaii that there is a plan. The Republicans are putting forth a plan that you don't have to raise taxes" said Representative Lynn Finnegan.

They believe it is a realistic plan. They called on the Democrats, who are the majority at the Capitol, to listen to the ideas before session ends in 16 days.

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