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Boosting STEM skills aim of Hawaiian Electric's $60,000 in donations

HONOLULU, June 9, 2017 – In the second quarter of 2017, Hawaiian Electric donated a total of $60,000 to five nonprofit organizations that are inspiring the next generation of innovators and leaders in science, technology, engineering and math:

- **Blue Planet Foundation** will use the donation for Project Power Play, a student-driven coding competition to gamify electricity generation and consumption data.

- **Hawai'i *FIRST* Robotics**, supported by Hawaiian Electric since 2005, plans to use the donation for the annual State Championship Tournament & Expo scheduled on Dec. 2, 2017, at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall.

- **Hawaii Open Data** is co-partnering with the state on plans for the Hawai'i Annual Code Challenge, a month-long event that engages the local tech community in the modernization of Hawai'i state government.

- **Hawai'i Space Grant Consortium** is organizing three events that advance student interest in STEM, build confidence and self-esteem, and teach critical thinking and basic life skills:

    - 16th Annual Astronaut Lacy Veach Day of Discovery in October
    - 2017 Pan Pacific VEX and VEX IQ Robotics Championships in November
    - 2017-18 Hawai'i State VEX and VEX IQ Championships next January

- **Honolulu Community Action Program** (HCAP) is using the donation to continue its "Hā Initiative: Creative STEM After-School Program" offered to children in grades 2 to 8 at HCAP locations in Aiea, Kalihi, Pālolo, Wai'anae and Kāne'ohe. The free, year-round program provides opportunities for students to improve math and science skills.

To date in 2017, Hawaiian Electric has contributed more than $102,000 to advance STEM learning and enrichment programs for Hawai'i students and educators. The company has supported STEM programs and initiatives in Hawai'i for more than 30 years, contributing more than $1.2 million during that time.

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