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Hawaii Munis Plunge in Latest Investor Warning on Climate Risk.

- **Index of Hawaii debt is down 2.8% in August, most of any state**
- **State's 'sizable cash balances' help disaster support: Fitch**

Hawaii state and local municipal bonds have surrendered all their 2023 gains in the past three weeks after the deadly Maui wildfires delivered a fresh reminder of climate risk in the \$4 trillion market for state and local debt.

An index comprised of Hawaiian municipal securities has dropped 2.81% in August, the worst performance of any state and compared to a 1.8% loss for the broader market, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Hawaii is one of only four states to post a negative performance this year. At the end of July, its municipal bonds were sporting a more than 2% gain for 2023.

"The Hawaii index was impacted by the large drop of bonds associated with the Maui catastrophe," said Tom Doe, president and founder of Municipal Market Analytics.

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