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OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS



## LET THE HAWAIIAN NATION RISE

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# **lāhui**

1. race, nation, people, nationality

# **nation**

1. a people united by common descent, history, culture, or language, inhabiting a particular country or territory.

## **This year the Native Hawaiian community will be defining its role as a nation**

Hawaiian elections will be held to select delegates in September 2014. The delegates will convene at an 'Aha to draft a governing document for the Hawaiian nation, and then in early 2015 the governing document will be ratified by the people.

### **What can you do?**

1. Sign up for the Native Hawaiian Roll
2. Vote for or run as a delegate for the Hawaiian Governance 'Aha
3. Vote on the governing document after the Governance 'Aha

## **Don't forget to vote! Rise and be heard.**

Register by May 1 at [HawaiianRoll.org](http://HawaiianRoll.org).

Learn more. We will be going door-to-door in the community and will be at town hall meetings to provide more information. Or visit [OHA.org/nationbuilding](http://OHA.org/nationbuilding).

**RISE**  
**BE HEARD**  
**HO'OU LU LAHUI**

## LAYING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

**T**he Office of Hawaiian Affairs is busy laying the groundwork for a new governing body. One designed and implemented by the people. We are pledging neutrality and will be working to bring everyone together.

Why do we want everyone to participate?

Once the new nation forms, we are going to transfer our \$360 million investment portfolio from our Native Hawaiian Trust Fund to the new entity. We're also going to transfer all of our real property – including roughly 26,000 acres in Wao Kele o Puna, 500 acres at the former Galbraith Estate, 1,800 acres in Waimea Valley, 30 acres in Kaka'ako Makai, and more than 20 acres in Palauea, Maui.

We're also working to complete an inventory of ceded lands. It's 85 percent complete and should be finished in the next year. It's important because once we know where the ceded lands are and how much money the state is making off those lands, we can advocate to ensure that Native Hawaiians get the 20 percent of ceded land revenues the state has promised as well as a future potential global ceded land settlement with the state for the entire lāhui.

Currently, OHA gets \$15.1 million per year – that is an estimate of what OHA should be getting. But we believe that number isn't accurate. By completing the inventory, we will give the new nation a valuable tool to make sure Hawaiians get what they have been promised.

There's a lot at stake and that's why everyone should get involved. We have a responsibility to make sure that decisions on how our portfolio is invested and spent is done in a pono way. We must take the kuleana

to make sure our nation thrives for generations to come.

You can only do that if you're a part of the process. One way to ensure you have a seat at the table and a vote at the ballot box is to sign up for the Native Hawaiian Roll. There are currently 120,000 names on the roll. You can check to see if your name is on the roll at [hawaiianroll.org](#). You can also register for the roll on that website.

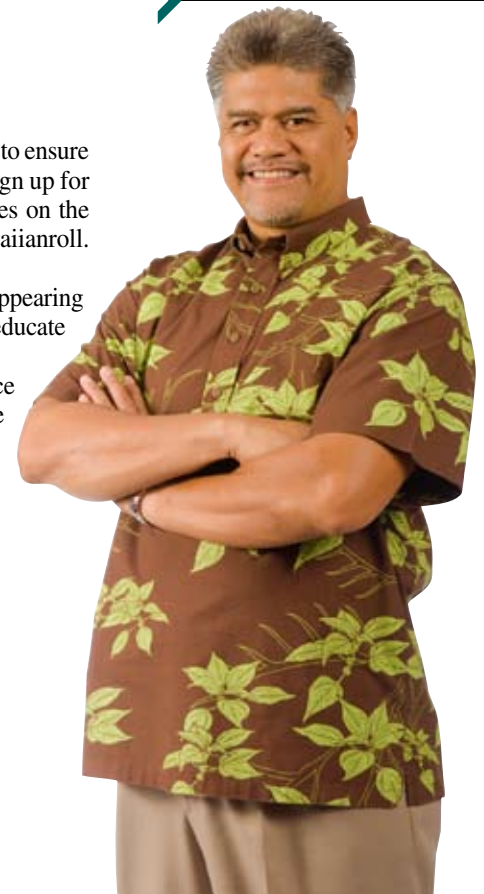
In addition, people will be visiting your neighborhood and appearing at town hall meetings to encourage people to get involved and educate people on the process.

Our job at OHA is to get everyone to the table and convince them to stay. We will remain neutral and let the people decide where we can go from here. Our Ali'i and our ancestors would expect no less. ■

'O au iho nō me ke aloha a me ka 'oia'i'o,



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## Rodney "Boy" Keali'imahiai Burgess III 1942-2014

Former OHA trustee's pursuit of ceded lands claims was strengthened by his 'great knowledge of land values'

By Garrett Kamemoto

Former Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee Rodney "Boy" Keali'imahiai Burgess III is being remembered as an innovative businessman who vigorously pursued ceded land claims that led to retroactive payments to OHA and increased revenues from the state. He died in March at the age of 71.

Trustee Rowena Akana, who served as co-chair of Burgess' first campaign, credits his work toward a settlement of past-due revenues due OHA. "I attribute our first settlement with the State of Hawai'i in 1993 to the efforts of Rod and his great knowledge of land values."

She added, "the first 10 years of the Office of



OHA Trustee Rodney Burgess served from 1980-1990. - Photo: KWO Archives

Hawaiian Affairs were different for the trustees because they worked for very little compensation. They all should be commended for their dedication and commitment to our Hawaiian people."

Burgess was a successful businessman running a number of enterprises when he decided to run for the first Board of Trustees. He left behind many of his business enterprises to serve as a trustee. He served from 1980 to 1990 and was chairman of the Land and Natural Resources Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, among other leadership posts. He was appointed by Gov. George Ariyoshi and the Secretary of the Interior to the Federal-State Task Force on Hawaiian Homes.

He led efforts at OHA to defend kuleana lands from quiet title actions and was a strong advocate for Hawaiian self-governance, Hawaiian language schools and Hawaiian cultural centers.

One of Burgess' sons, Kāwika, now serves at OHA as Ka Pou Nui, Chief Operating Officer.

Burgess is survived by his mother, Margaret; brothers, Reynard and Randall; sons Chad, Eric, Kāwika and Kona; daughters Danielle Cunha, Crystal Cabral and Eala Burgess; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, at Nu'uuanu Memorial Park and Mortuary. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Aloha Attire. ■

## Getting a piece of the federal contracting pie

By Harold Nedd

More than 150 veterans and other small-business owners are expected to benefit in a big way from a conference meant to help them clear hurdles in the path to securing federal government contracts.

The 2014 Hawai'i Veterans and Small Business Forum has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 17, and is being organized by the Hawai'i Procurement Technical Assistance Center, or HI-PTAC, whose mission is to help local small businesses compete for lucrative federal government contracts.

In 2012, spending in Hawai'i by the U.S. Department of Defense reached \$19.7 billion, down from \$21 billion the previous year. HI-PTAC in 2012 was credited with

helping local businesses secure 78 federal government projects valued at an estimated \$272 million.

Features of the conference include opportunities for small-business owners to expand their network of contacts among federal and state government officials, prime contractors and local entrepreneurs.

Among the highlights of the conference are break-out sessions on the Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit, or HART; an overview of small business opportunities in Hawai'i and Guam; and veterans becoming small-business owners.

More than a dozen public, private and nonprofit organizations are helping HI-PTAC organize the conference, whose keynote speaker will be Jennifer Sabas, executive director of the rail advocacy group Move O'ahu Forward and former chief of staff for the late U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye.

To register online, visit bit.ly/1hMsWUp. For more information about the conference, email erink@hookipaipai.org or call 596-8990 ext. 1008. ■

## Delbert's dream

By Lillian Harwood

On Oct. 28, 2011, at 4:44 p.m., Delbert Ka'ahanui Wakinekona walked out of the Hālawa Correctional Facility a free man for the first time in 41 years. Delbert was granted parole under the state's compassionate release program. He had been diagnosed with terminal liver disease and was only expected to live a few weeks. He beat the odds and lived 26 months and nine days.

Delbert was a well-known prisoner because of his lifelong advocacy for more and better educational programs for inmates, and better prison conditions. As a result of his efforts, Delbert was branded a troublemaker and exiled to Folsom Prison for two decades. He pursued a lawsuit all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the right

of the state to send prisoners to the continent. Despite 40 years of exile, he never gave up his dream of one day returning to Hawai'i and creating a pu'uhonua or place of refuge where former prisoners could begin healing their spirits through ho'oponopono while learning a trade, going to school and connecting with the 'āina. He envisioned a hospice as part of the pu'uhonua, where terminally ill and dying prisoners like himself could reconcile with family and live out their last days in dignity and peace.

Delbert's release allowed him to bring closure. He met his great-grandchildren, hugged his sons and daughter and married his childhood sweetheart. He was given the gift of 26 months and nine days to eat fish and poi, feel the ocean breeze and wiggle his toes in the sand. But, not all was a happy ending. On the eve of the second anniversary of his release, Delbert was watching the evening news on television and saw a story about a traffic accident in Maui in which a man was killed. It turned out that the man was the son Delbert

had never known, because he had been adopted when Delbert was sent to prison for life. Delbert had hoped to repair the broken bridge that separated him from knowing this son, who by this time had grown into an adult. He wanted to ho'oponopono for not being a good father, but it was too late. The reconciliation Delbert hoped for with this son was not to be.

Those who attended his memorial service heard of his love and loyalty for family, friends and homeland. They celebrated his dream for pu'uhonua, where people would prepare for productive lives and take responsibility to prevent their children's children from becoming statistics.

We, as a people of Hawai'i, have a responsibility to mālama this dream for a better future for our families. We must not abandon a com-



Delbert Wakinekona looks out at Ka'ala Farms and dreams of a pu'uhonua, a place of rehabilitation, restoration and reconciliation. - Courtesy photo

passionate release program and pu'uhonua for all people, not just released prisoners.

I would like to thank the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. (NHLC) and NHLC board member Bob Merce for their efforts to obtain compassionate release for Delbert. ■

Lillian Harwood is Delbert's childhood sweetheart and widow.



'Aha Ho'okūkū 'Ōlelo 2014 Competition grand prize winner Kamakaleihiwa Purdy-Avelino with judges. - Courtesy photo

# Moloka'i competition celebrates Hawai'i's mother tongue

By Cheryl Corbiell

Moloka'i's Hawaiian language educators turned a dream into reality by staging the first 'Aha Ho'okūkū 'Ōlelo Hawaiian Language Competition in February in honor of Mahina Aloha 'Ōlelo, Hawaiian Language Month.

In 2013 a new law was passed recognizing February as 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Month, codifying into law a longstanding practice of the Hawaiian language community.

"Language is the foundation of the Hawaiian culture because an individual understands the culture through the language," said event organizer Kilia Purdy-Avelino. "Therefore the Moloka'i event was to honor, preserve and perpetuate 'ōlelo makuahine; instill pride among Hawaiian speakers; encourage non-speakers to learn the language; and inspire young speakers to speak Hawaiian in the community and not just at school."

Turning an idea into a reality was challenging because of a whirlwind of planning details such as inviting off-island judges, choosing passages and completing countless tasks in less than

a month. Participants had only three weeks to practice for the two-hour event. On the morning of Feb. 28, the committee was relieved to have 30 participants and a class registered, but by the start of the day's competition at Kūlana 'Ōiwi Hālau, a dozen more individuals had registered. The event became a four-hour marathon of Hawaiian language delighting over 150 community supporters and cheerleaders.

The event categories were Pa'ana'au (memorized ali'i verse) and Uluwale (impromptu speaking). The ali'i speeches chosen originated from the University of Hawai'i's Hawaiian Language Newspaper Project. Elementary-age keiki recited verses such as "The Law of the Splintered Paddle: Kānāwai Māmalahoe," while older keiki individually recited passages from the Kumulipo, a chant telling a creation story and a genealogy of the members of the Hawaiian royalty. The 'O Hina I Ka Malama class sang and chanted the Kumulipo as a group. The Uluwale participants were asked random questions about Moloka'i and Hawaiian language and culture and participants

delivered spontaneous two- to four-minute answers.

"The enthusiasm of the participants was heartwarming," said Manuwai Peters, Hawaiian language advocate and former language immersion teacher. "They put themselves out on a limb by memorizing lengthy verses and overcoming the fear of speaking in public. Keiki to kūpuna stood in the spotlight before well-known Hawaiian speakers who volunteered as judges, such as O'ahu's Lolena Nicholas, Puakea Nogelmeier, Kamuela Yim, and from Moloka'i Mikiala Pascaia and Kainoa Pali."

Ekolu Ah-Yee was a participant in the spotlight as a college first-year speaker and overcame his nervousness to speak in public to honor his late grandmother's birthday, which was on Feb. 28. "I wanted to make her proud on her birthday by speaking the language she loved. She is my inspiration to succeed, and her guidance kept me on the straight path," said Ah-Yee. "I want to reach for the top." Ah-Yee won first prize

in the college category.

The participants were assessed on their greeting, correct pronunciation, proper inflections, tone and body language reflecting the verse, and closing words. "The participants not only memorized the words, they had to understand what the words meant in order to pause and accentuate in the right places," said Peters.

The highest scoring participants won prizes such as a kōnane board, 'ukulele, poi board and books. The highest overall score of the evening won the perpetual trophy, which was a wood niho palaoa, carved in the shape of a traditional pendant worn by Hawaiian chiefs. The stylized tongue symbolizes the Hawaiian language. The overall winner of the perpetual trophy was Kamakaleihiwa Purdy-Avelino, who flawlessly recited the entire first sections of the Kumulipo, a 122-line verse.

"Over a hundred years ago, a U.S. law outlawed the Hawaiian language in public and private schools. Then in the 1980s, the

Hawaiian language was reintroduced into public schools in the first elementary school immersion classes. The 'Aha Ho'okūkū 'Ōlelo competition demonstrated that the Hawaiian language is vibrantly alive in the Moloka'i community," said organizer Kilia Purdy-Avelino. "The event reminded everyone who attended and participated – Hawaiian language speakers and non-speakers – that they were honoring the kūpuna who kept the language alive and inspiring the perpetuation of 'ōlelo in the Moloka'i community. The Hawaiian language doesn't just live in schools; it is once again a part of the community's future."

Funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Community Outreach Program assisted in staging the family-oriented free event. ■

*Cheryl Corbiell is an instructor at the University of Hawai'i Maui College-Moloka'i and coordinator for TeenACE and ACE Reading programs.*



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# Building a vibrant future for our lāhui

By Dee Jay Kauluwena Mailer

**K**amehameha Schools and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs share a mission: To build a vibrant future for Native Hawaiians guided by the wisdom of our kūpuna.

Since 2004, I have had the honor of helping shape that future as chief executive officer of Kamehameha Schools. As I write this I am preparing to retire from that post with optimism and pride, knowing that the trust is in the caring hands of our leaders and dedicated faculty and staff.

Over the years I have watched with enthusiasm as those caring hands have elevated educational excellence by preparing our students to be global citizens, teaching young leaders to protect the natural habitats of endangered species, and cultivating a renewed interest in farming and sustainability.

These efforts were guided by the goals of our 2000-2015 strategic plan. That plan – developed with mana'o from Kamehameha



Dee Jay Mailer. - Courtesy photo

stakeholders and the community – defines the educational, cultural and financial excellence that form our kahua today.

Since the implementation of the plan and with kōkua from our community partners, we doubled the number of Hawaiian learners and caregivers we serve to over 47,000 – especially in the areas of early learning, scholarship and community school support.

Together, we have enriched educational excellence and relevance in our state and advocated for changes that will strengthen generations to come.

I am thrilled to hear of the lives we have touched academically, spiritually and culturally and am so hopeful for the future of our lāhui as I see examples of innovation, achievement and leadership everywhere!

In early 2013 we began planning for our next 25 years by developing a new strategic vision. We had conversations with Kamehameha alumni, employees, parents, students, as well as community members from all walks of life.

Within a generation of 25 years, we envision a thriving lāhui where our learners are achieving post-secondary educational success – enabling good life and career choices. These learners are also leading and contributing to their communities locally and globally, and are grounded in the Christian and Hawaiian values embraced by Ke Ali'i Pauahi.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the ali'i trusts and other Hawaiian organizations have embraced each other's visions and found common paths to support a strong lāhui. It is through our combined will and resources that we will support our people to fulfill the greatness envisioned by our ancestors.

Mahalo piha e ka lāhui Hawai'i for your love of our lands and our people. ■

*Dee Jay Kauluwena Mailer retired as CEO of Kamehameha Schools on April 1, after a decade at the helm.*



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## OHA Board Actions Compiled by Garrett Kamemoto

The following actions were taken by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees, and are summarized here. For more information on board actions, please see the complete meeting minutes, including the legislative matrix mention below, posted online at [oha.org/about/board-trustees](http://oha.org/about/board-trustees).

### LEGEND

- 'Ae (Yes)
- 'A'ole (No)
- Kānalua (Abstain)
- Excused

		Board of Trustees								
		Ahuna	Akana	Apo	Apoliona	H. Lindsey	R. Lindsey	Machado	Stender	Waihe'e
<b>February 20, 2014</b>										
Motion to approve Administration's recommendations on New Bills and Bill Positions for Reconsideration, on the OHA Legislative Matrix dated February 12, 2014.	<i>Motion passes with nine AYES.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Motion to approve Administration's recommendations on New Bills and Bill Positions for Reconsideration, on the OHA Legislative Matrix dated February 19, 2014.	<i>Motion passes with nine AYES.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Motion to amend and approve amendments to OHA's Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Spending Policy and Fiscal Reserve Withdrawal Guidelines in accordance with revised language changes to Attachment "A" (OHA Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Spending Policy), as proposed by the BOT at its February 20, 2014 BOT meeting; and to approve amendments in Attachment "B" (OHA's Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Spending Policy's Fiscal Reserve Withdrawal Guidelines) as recommended to the BOT by the ARM Committee.	<i>Motion passes with seven AYES, and two NO votes.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Motion to further amend the amendment to limit the spending withdrawal amount from \$5 million to \$3 million	<i>Motion passes with seven AYES, and two NO votes.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Motion to approve amendments to OHA's Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Spending Policy and Fiscal Reserve Withdrawal Guidelines in accordance with revised language changes to Attachment "A" (OHA Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Spending Policy), as proposed by the BOT at its February 20, 2014 BOT meeting; and to approve amendments in Attachment "B" (OHA's Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Spending Policy's Fiscal Reserve Withdrawal Guidelines) as recommended to the BOT by the ARM Committee. (1st Reading)	<i>Motion passes with eight AYES, and one NO vote.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>March 6, 2014</b>										
Motion to approve Administration's recommendations regarding NEW BILLS on the OHA Legislative Positioning Matrix dated March 5, 2014.	<i>Motion passes with seven AYES, and two EXCUSED/NOT PRESENT.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Motion that the Board of Trustees commits to and approves OHA's Statement of Commitment on Governance.	<i>Motion passes with seven AYES, and two EXCUSED/NOT PRESENT.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
MOTION: OHA's Board of Trustees authorizes and approves an operating budget of \$3,971,008 for governance planning efforts proposed by its Ad Hoc Committee on Governance Planning (the "Committee") as outlined in Attachment #1 from the following funding sources: 1. \$3,000,000 approved pursuant to Section V. of its Native Hawaiian Trust Fund Spending Policy entitled Native Hawaiian Self-Governance Spending Withdrawal; 2. \$271,008 approved for reallocation in OHA's FY 2014 Core Operating Budget Realignment #1 pursuant to OHA's delegated authority to its Ka Pouhana or Chief Executive Officer under Section 3.5.f of the OHA Board of Trustees Executive Policy Manual; and 3. \$700,000 approved for reallocation in OHA's FY 2015 Core Operating Budget Realignment #1 pursuant to OHA's delegated authority to its Ka Pouhana or Chief Executive Officer under Section 3.5.f of the OHA's Board of Trustees Executive Policy Manual. 4. Furthermore, its Board of Trustees authorizes its Ka Pouhana, its Chief Executive Officer, to immediately identify any and all financing options to replenish any withdrawals from its Native Hawaiian Trust Fund completed pursuant to this approval and to present all options to its BOT for further approval.	<i>Motion passes with eight AYES and one EXCUSED.</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

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## E ola mau



By Claire Ku'uleilani Hughes,  
Dr. PH., R.D.

A recent newspaper article reconfirmed that Kānaka Maoli are among the heaviest adults in Hawai'i. And, many Kānaka Maoli suffer from health problems associated with being overweight, such as hypertension, diabetes, high blood cholesterol and triglycerides and joint problems. We need healthy Hawaiians, but how can that change? Change is difficult! Recently, small groups of Kānaka Maoli have taken action, slightly altering their food and exercise practices. And, improvements show in their health tests and measurements.

Perhaps Kānaka can recall the inherited pono ways of our ancestors. Our early ancestors focused on keeping healthy to survive and expand their numbers. From a few dozen who first settled Hawai'i, the population swelled to somewhere between several hundred thousand to nearly a million by 1778. Our ancestors committed their energies, ingenuity and determination into building a strong and healthy population.

Habits, temptations and constraints in time and budget will often interfere with efforts to control or lose weight. Habits resist change, as the strong tendency is to continue doing things in familiar ways. Supermarkets know precisely where to place "food temptations," so the shopper's eyes will find them, assuring many unnecessary items will drop into the shopper's cart ... "messing up" the food budget and waistline. Rushing assures impulsive choices. And, the ultimate temptation is a "fully prepared meal" that's selling at an attractive price.

The way to make best and economical food choices is have a written plan ... and, to stick to it!

Plan meals for at least a week and shop for as many days as the budget will allow. Reducing the number of trips to the store saves money. Look for the weekly "store specials" using newspapers or other ads. Check your food cupboard and freezer before shopping, so you don't buy duplicates. Shop only for things on your plan so you don't pick up unnecessary items. Stews, casseroles and mixed dishes, like stir-fry over noodles and spaghetti with meat sauce, are the least expensive and will feed larger families best. Vegetables can be added to these dishes to increase nutritional value. Tape your plan on the "fridge" or cupboard, so your family can stick to the plan.

Planting papaya, banana, sweet potatoes and greens in the yard is a great long-range plan. These plants grow easily and will add vitamins and minerals to meals. Mango and citrus, like tangerines and oranges, grow well in most yards, too. All family plans involve participation from everyone; divide up the chores, like watering plants, preparing meals, storing groceries, setting and clearing tables, and doing dishes.

Planning for a healthy family requires a "family exercise plan." Sometimes splitting into morning and evening groups will work best. Some like to squeeze exercise into the "waiting time" when the family gathers before driving home. Others opt to wake early and exercise before work. Others choose noon-hour walks in a shady park. Modern living provides many labor-saving machines that work against weight loss. Saving work energy can add body weight. Years ago, exercise experts estimated that secretaries who changed from manual to electric typewriters could gain between 10 to 12 pounds a year! It's that easy to gain weight.

Kānaka Maoli have survived many adversities. As mākuā and kūpuna, we are entrusted with the kuleana for 'ohana health and survival of the lāhui. With clear and ever-increasing evidence of poor health among Kānaka Maoli, action must be taken to survive. Mākuā and kūpuna must help ourselves and our keiki to face, fight and win over health issues plaguing Kānaka Maoli, today. ■

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# Aloha 'Āina at Merrie Monarch

Every year crowds flock to the streets of Hilo for the Merrie Monarch Festival Parade where family fun and entertainment can be had by all. This year it will be held Saturday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m.

A special feature in the parade to support the Native Hawaiian voice in our community will be members of the local community promoting Aloha 'Āina, which means love of the land – a lifestyle focused on the preservation and care of the land, its resources and the people connected with those lands. It's a prominent theme of many oli, mele and hula that continues to resonate

for Hawaiians today.

From a Hawaiian perspective, the land and the people are integrally connected. As stewards, people care for the land and in return the thriving land provides clean air, water and food.

## Merrie Monarch Royal Parade

**When:** Sat., April 26

**Where:** Pauahi St.

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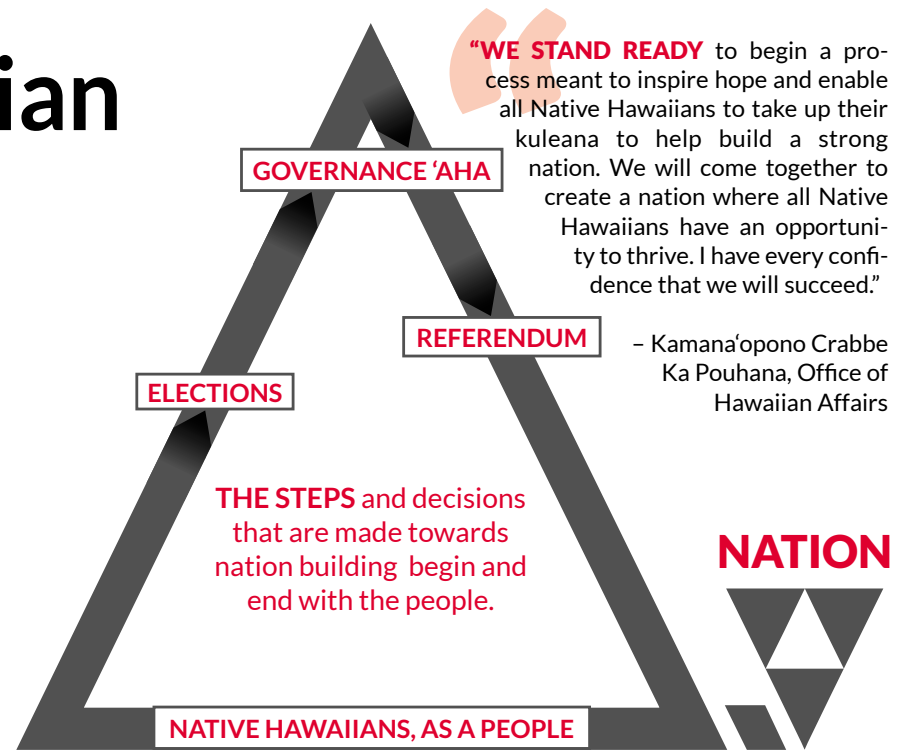
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is committed to facilitating a process for Native Hawaiians to form a governing entity. OHA will remain neutral in the process. OHA will continue to support efforts to open pathways for state, federal recognition, as well as international redress for Native Hawaiians. Ultimately, the decision of whether or not to pursue any pathway will rest with the future Hawaiian nation.



## PROPOSED PROCESS

▶ **Register on the Official Roll by May 1.**

▶ **Election of Delegates** by those on the Official Roll

▶ **Convening an 'Aha** at which delegates would draft a governing document for the Hawaiian nation

▶ **Holding a referendum** to have those on the Official Roll approve or disapprove of the governing document.

▶ If approved, **implementing the governing document** to rebuild a Hawaiian nation.



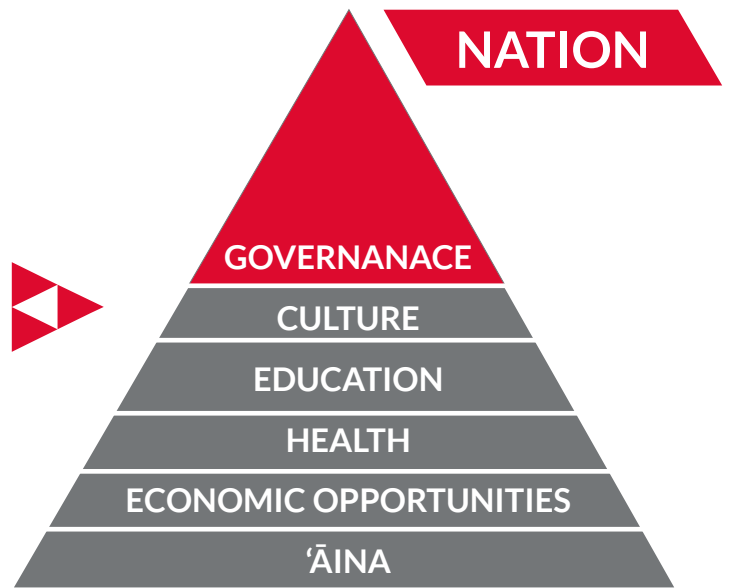
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# Kākou: one people, one nation, one lāhui



Kamana'opono M. Crabbe, Ph.D.  
Ka Pouhana/Chief Executive Officer

**W**hen the Office of Hawaiian Affairs announced a new plan to achieve nationhood, I knew there would be many skeptics. Had we not done this before only to have OHA pull the plug?

We have been down this road. We've made mistakes and have bumps and bruises to prove it. We know people are skeptical about our pledge to remain neutral in this process and they have every right to be.

As long as I'm the Pouhana at the

Office of Hawaiian Affairs, I will see this through. I won't allow it to fail. I've made a promise that we will see this process through and fulfill our commitment to the people.

This time is different. We're listening and reconnecting with Native Hawaiians and we're more open to everyone's ideas.

We are truly committed to be a facilitator and convener. This means we won't take sides, but we will bring together a broad cross-section of the Native Hawaiian community in order to reach our goals.

We've met with Ali'i trusts, Hawaiian benevolent societies and Native Hawaiian community organizations. We're talking to people who may have previously opposed OHA and we're pledging financial support to groups with divergent views on self-determination and sovereignty.

While many are focused on the final form of governance, we're con-

cerned with making sure the final decision is the will of the Native Hawaiian people. So far, 120,000 are on the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission's roll. Every single person on the roll will have a voice. We want this to be an inclusive process.

We need to stop focusing upon what divides us, but on what brings us together. We need to focus on our common bonds. We need to do this in the spirit of Kākou: one people, one nation, one lāhui.

Nothing has been predetermined; there are so many things that are up in the air. We are committed to a process. The great value of this process is it brings hope to our people.

At the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, we will help facilitate and educate the people on all options for self-governance. We are maintaining relationships with the state and federal governments and with the international community in order

to facilitate the will of the people. Cutting off these relationships would mean we couldn't bring the latest information to the table for the people to decide upon. So if you hear of "secret" trips or back-room dealing, rest assured that we aren't straying from the process. We're doing our job to keep diplomacy alive and keeping all options open for the Hawaiian people.

This will be a movement. It's not an OHA-led movement; it is a people-driven movement. The people will make the decisions: first, the delegates to the 'aha and secondly, the people who will ratify the governing documents.

OHA will serve the role of a convener – a group that brings a diverse group of people together to solve a problem. It's a role considered essential to bring together groups to achieve positive collaborative outcomes. Conveners get

people to find solutions together, but don't seek to impose their will. Our goal is to keep everyone at the table and everyone talking together.

For us, a win isn't a specific form of government. A win for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs would be bringing everyone at the table, letting them talk, getting their mana'o and keeping them involved in the process. With a diverse and broad-based group working together, and getting the rest of the lāhui to buy into the fruits of their labor, we all win.

And that's why OHA is committed to be a neutral party. And that's why we want to level the playing field so everyone can participate.

It's time we started working together, to be less suspicious of each other's motives and to pledge to work together for the good of everyone to establish a nation that we can be proud to leave to our children and grandchildren. One that will live on in perpetuity, and will benefit all Native Hawaiians today and for generations to come. ▲

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## Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly takes initiative to register homesteaders



On March 25 members of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA) met with OHA leaders to offer their support for nation building. Seated left to right: Nalani Benioni, OHA Chair Colette Machado, Dr. Agnes "Auntie Aggie" Kalaniho'okaha Cope and Kamaki Kanahale, chairman of SCHHA. Second row: Hadoa Benioni; Carol Ho'omanawanui, chief of staff for OHA Chairperson Machado; OHA Community Engagement Director Kehau Abad; OHA Chief Advocate Kawika Riley; OHA Ka Pouhana, CEO Kamana'opono Crabbe; Michelle and Al Harrington; Kalena and Uilani Hewlen; and Helen O'Connor. - Photo: Francine Murray

**T**he Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly will join OHA's Community Outreach Program to educate Hawaiian Homestead communities about Hawaiian nation-building plans.

Volunteers from homestead associations will be canvassing in homestead neighborhoods to share

with 'ohana about the anticipated election of delegates who will develop a draft governing document for a restored Hawaiian nation.

Homesteaders will be given the opportunity on the spot to sign up, if they so choose, so that they will be able to take part in those elections as well as the later referendum where they will either approve or

disapprove of the draft governing document developed by the convention delegates.

"This is the kind of initiative that our lāhui needs. We all benefit when community leaders take up the kuleana to get more of our Hawaiian 'ohana involved in rebuilding our nation," said OHA Ka Pouhana Kamana'opono Crabbe. ■

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### ▶ O'AHU, 6:30 P.M.

APR 09 Waimānalo Homestead Association Hālau

APR 15 Ka Waihona o Ka Na'auao Public Charter  
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APR 23 Stevenson Middle School, Papakōlea

APR 30 Hale Pono'i, DHHL, Kapolei

### ▶ KAUA'I, 5 P.M.

APR 15 Anahola Clubhouse

APR 17 Waimea Neighborhood Center

### ▶ MAUI

APR 11 Waikapu Community Center  
(2 sessions) 1 and 5 p.m.

APR 12 Helene Hall, Hāna, 1 p.m.

APR 15 Kihei Community Center, 5 p.m.

APR 16 Lāhainā Civic Center, 5 p.m.

### ▶ LĀNA'I, 5 P.M.

APR 17 Hale Kupuna

### ▶ MOLOKA'I, 10 A.M.

APR 18 Lanikeha Community Center

### ▶ WEST HAWAI'I ISLAND, 6 P.M.

APR 11 Kahilu Townhall, Waimea

APR 16 Maka'eo Pavillion, Kailua-Kona

APR 21 Yano Hall, Kealakekua

APR 24 Kohala Intergenerational Center

### ▶ EAST HAWAI'I ISLAND, 6 P.M.

APR 05 Pāhala Community Center

APR 08 Keaukaha Elementary Cafeteria

APR 15 Queen Liliu'okalani Children's Center

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Native Hawaiians representing diverse sectors of the community listen as OHA Ka Pouhana, Chief Executive Officer Kamana'opono Crabbe discusses a nation-building initiative. - Photo: Nelson Gaspar

## OHA to serve as a facilitator in Hawaiian nation building

By Harold Nedd

In an unprecedented move, a diverse group is rallying around a commitment from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to serve as facilitator as Native Hawaiians determine the next steps in a process that empowers them to participate in building a governing entity.

The announcement came at a press conference attended by an enthusiastic, broad-based group of Hawaiian leaders, who are prepared to help shape the process and determine the outcome of a path in which OHA will remain neutral as a facilitator and supporter.

"We stand ready to begin a process meant to inspire hope and enable all Native Hawaiians to take up their kuleana to help build a strong nation," said OHA Ka Pouhana, Chief Executive Officer Kamana'opono Crabbe.

The announcement was followed by a decision from the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission to reopen its roll, effective March 17, to allow Hawaiians who have not yet signed up an opportunity to be part of the process.

"This is different from past OHA efforts," said OHA Trustee Haunani Apoliona, the chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance Planning created by the OHA Board of Trustees. "We

**We stand ready to begin a process meant to inspire hope and enable all Native Hawaiians to take up their kuleana to help build a strong nation."**

—OHA Ka Pouhana, Chief Executive Officer Kamana'opono Crabbe

will remain neutral and ensure that the people can provide meaningful input on the process and that the outcomes reflect the will of the Native Hawaiian people. As a facilitator, OHA is committed to encouraging Native Hawaiians to participate in the process of building a Hawaiian nation."

The move was applauded by such community activists as Bumpy Kanahale, known as the head of state for the Nation of Hawai'i and who has been critical of OHA's efforts in the past.

"I'm so proud of OHA for supporting an effort that moves us forward," Kanahale told 'ŌiwiTV in an interview.

He also encouraged Hawaiians

to sign up with the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission to be part of the process. "If you haven't signed up, sign up," Kanahale said. "And if you are kānalua (doubtful) about signing up, then find out more information or contact me. I can give you the perspective of why I'm involved."

Kihei Nahale-a, a Native Hawaiian educator, conveyed optimism about the process. "It's not about any one person or one thing," he told 'ŌiwiTV. "It's about how everybody in the community can move forward together, even if it's just a little bit."

Walter Ritte, a Native Hawaiian community organizer, also expressed optimism in an 'ŌiwiTV interview. "The call to come together is a great call and I hope it is a true call," said Ritte, who attended the press conference. "But only time is going to tell us that."

Speaking to reporters at the press conference, Crabbe said: "We will come together to create a nation where all Native Hawaiians have an opportunity to thrive. I have every confidence that we will succeed." ▲

For more information, visit [www.oha.org/nationbuilding](http://www.oha.org/nationbuilding).

To view the 'ŌiwiTV story, visit <http://vimeo.com/88418763>.

The following are remarks delivered at OHA's news conference on March 6, 2014.

### Trustee Haunani Apoliona's remarks



Aloha nō kākou. I am speaking today as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee who along with Trustee Waihe'e were appointed by the OHA Board of Trustees to figure out where we go from here on governance.

The Hawaiian community has a great opportunity to consider how we will use the Native Hawaiian Roll, which includes 107,000 people eligible to participate in a nation building process.

As you know, the Roll commission will complete its work in June. Today, we take the next step to build a

Hawaiian Nation – a nation that will bring opportunities to our people and strengthen all of Hawai'i.

I am pleased to announce that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is committed to *facilitating* a process that empowers Native Hawaiians who are listed on the Roll to form a governing entity.

This is different from past OHA efforts. We will remain neutral and ensure that the people can provide meaningful input on the process and that the outcomes reflect the will of the Native Hawaiian people.

As a facilitator, OHA is committed to encouraging Native Hawaiians to participate in the process of building a Hawaiian nation. Simply put, our commitment is to provide support by letting Native Hawaiians determine the desired outcome.

In light of our announcement today, OHA has asked the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission to reopen the Roll so that those who have yet to sign up can be a part of the process. OHA will work with Hawaiian leaders who will help shape the process of nation building. That process will likely include such steps as electing delegates, convening delegates to develop a document to build a Hawaiian nation, and holding a referendum to approve or disapprove of the proposed governing document.

We look forward to helping ensure that this process of building a Hawaiian nation runs smoothly and effectively. ▲

### Ka Pouhana Kamana'opono Crabbe's remarks



Aloha.

It is an honor and privilege to have this opportunity to play a role in building our Hawaiian nation.

We are approaching nation building today with a new sense of urgency. We are inspired by the actions of our ancestors who sought to preserve our Hawaiian nation. We are also enriched by the work of many Hawaiian leaders of the last decades who have done much to pave the way.

I stand here today with an impressive and diverse group. These leaders have already begun building a nation.

They are the keepers of Hawaiian arts and traditions.

They are the stewards who sustain our 'āina.

They are the innovators of improved Hawaiian education, health and housing.

They are the navigators of various political paths for our people.

Together, we stand ready to begin a process meant to inspire hope and enable all Native Hawaiians to take up their kuleana to help build a strong nation.

Our Queen gave us a powerful charge. She said, "Never cease to act because you fear you may fail."

*We will come together.* E ala! E alu! E kuilima! To arise, unite and join hands to create a nation where all Native Hawaiians have an opportunity to thrive.

I have every confidence that we will succeed.

Our Ali'i would expect no less. ▲



# OHA Statement of Commitment on Governance

Passed by the OHA Board of Trustees on Thursday, March 6, 2014. This statement was submitted for consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance Planning.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs commits itself to serving the Native Hawaiian people by facilitating a process, in collaboration with other Native Hawaiian institutions, by which Native Hawaiians may choose to create a governing entity that comes from, consists of, and represents Native Hawaiians through an independent election that utilizes the Native Hawaiian Roll. OHA will support the election of delegates by Native Hawaiians to convene a gathering of delegates at a Governance 'Aha. The Governance 'Aha would facilitate the opportunity for delegates to propose the form, scope and principles that would guide the Governing Entity, for the approval of Native Hawaiians. OHA commits to working with that Governing Entity, if created, to empower and assist it in ways that are consistent with OHA's statutory responsibilities and fiduciary obligations to its beneficiaries.

As a facilitator and convener, OHA also commits to seeking partnerships with such entities as the Ali'i Trusts, the Royal Societies, and other Native Hawaiian institutions and organizations, to maximize the likelihood that OHA is one of several entities providing support, including funds and in-kind contributions. In collaboration with other supporting Native Hawaiian institutions, OHA's commitment will include extensive outreach to Native Hawaiians encouraging them to participate in each stage of the post-Native Hawaiian Roll Commission process, including 1.) Staying informed about activities, and making informed and educated choices on decisions such as 2.) Voting for or running as delegates for the Governance 'Aha, and 3.) Voting in the referendum to follow the completion of the Governance 'Aha.

OHA strongly encourages Native Hawaiians who have not signed up for the Roll to consider doing so, in order to preserve the option of participating in one or all of these steps. To assist with these steps, once the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission announces that its work is complete and publishes the Roll, OHA will request and accept custody of the Roll. That Roll will be used as the basis for verifying eligibility to vote or run in the delegate elections, and to vote in any referendum on the Native Hawaiian governing entity's form, scope and principles. OHA will continue its current responsibilities with its Hawaiian Registry Program, consistent with applicable law. OHA will not undermine the future Governing Entity's inherent right to determine its membership criteria. ▲



## Ho'oulu Lāhui



On March 7 Hawaiian leaders gathered for a press conference about Hawaiian nation building at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.



OHA Community Outreach Manager Joseph Kūhiō Lewis, Walter Ritte and Paulette Hedemark of OHA's Program Improvement department attended the Hawaiian nation press conference.



Bumpy Kanahale, retired U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, Fred Cachola and OHA Chair Colette Machado share their enthusiasm for the decisions announced at the OHA press conference on March 7.



The renewed effort for Hawaiian self-governance enjoys broad-based support. Among those taking part in the announcement were, from left: Leimana DaMate, executive director of the 'Aha Kiolo Advisory Committee; Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa of Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club; and Maile Alau, Hawai'i Maoli executive director.



OHA Trustees John Waihe'e IV and Haunani Apoliona, OHA Ka Pouhana, CEO Kamana'opono Crabbe and Chair Colette Machado stood unified at the press conference on March 7.



# A call for unity at nation-building summit



OHA Ka Pouhana, CEO Kamana'opono Crabbe opened the Kāmau a Ea Summit on Hawaiian Governance, where an array of Hawaiian leaders participated in the discussion on March 14 and 15. - Photos: OHA Communications

By Harold Nedd

Hawaiian leaders pressed their call for unity at a statewide summit designed to adopt an ambitious set of goals to provide a jolt of energy to Hawaiian nation building.

Called Kāmau a Ea, the two-day summit brought together about 70 leading thinkers on Hawaiian sovereignty for lively discussions around such topics as establishing a nation under the state of Hawai'i, working to achieve recognition as a nation within the United States, and seeking to restore a Hawaiian nation that once stood independently among an international family of nations.

In work sessions at the summit, leading voices made strong and impassioned pleas supporting the need to remedy harm caused by the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, including the seizure of 1.8 million acres of lands that belonged to the Hawaiian Kingdom government and Queen Lili'uokalani.

The summit was the third in a series organized by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and followed the

agency's public announcement about facilitating a process that empowers its beneficiaries to participate in building a governing entity.

"There is a strong feeling that now is the time to move forward unified to achieve all paths of recognition at the state, federal and international levels, and a confidence in OHA's role to facilitate the process," said Davianna McGregor, a professor of ethnic studies at the University of Hawai'i who facilitated one of multiple group discussions at the summit.

Michelle Ka'uhane, president and CEO of the nonprofit Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, was not bashful about her excitement over the summit. "It was perhaps the most productive dialogue from all the positions on self-governance that I've participated in ever."

Others like Skippy Ioane, a self-described fisherman, mechanic and community organizer from Hawai'i Island, called the summit encouraging. "The fact that we were all together in one place was historic. I feel hopeful."

For Umi Sexton, a musician and well-known Hawaiian activist, OHA's promise to remain objective was a key factor in his decision to

participate.

"In the past, OHA has failed us as a people on this issue," said Sexton, who gave a favorable report on the group discussion he facilitated during the summit. "This time I would like for OHA to remain unattached and allow us as people to lead this process."

Dennis Ragsdale, a Hawaiian activist who is the self-described advocate general for the Kingdom of Hawai'i and the Order of Kamehameha I, echoed that sentiment. "We attended to make sure the reinstatement process is done correctly," Ragsdale said. "If not, we will formally object to any defective and flawed process."

In his remarks that opened the summit, Kamana'opono Crabbe, Ka Pouhana, chief executive officer, at OHA, acknowledged that most of the agency's efforts in the past have gone into supporting federal recognition.

Looking ahead, OHA is prepared to put additional efforts into exploring options for forwarding international claims, including organizing a symposium that would feature the insights of recommended leaders in that particular field.



"What makes this different from past OHA efforts is our commitment to stay neutral during the entire process," Crabbe said.

Rupert Rowe, retired fire fighter and self-described po'o of a heiau and ancient Hawaiian village project in Po'ipū called Kāneiolouma, took comfort in this approach. "I believe OHA has taken a better position by letting the people lead this process," said Rowe, who participated in the summit.

OHA's approach has also won critical support for the process from such high-profile figures in the Hawaiian sovereignty movement as Bumpy Kanahale, known as the head of state for the Nation of Hawai'i, and Walter Ritte, a Hawaiian activist on Moloka'i since the 1960s.

"I hope everybody (will) take this process and own it," Kanahale said.

"My participation in this process is about saving our natural resources," Ritte said. "If Hawaiians aren't in control of Hawai'i, we will lose all of our resources."

In an interview, state Rep. Faye Hanohano, who actively participated in group discussions during the summit, made her view clear: "I'm glad OHA is taking this initiative to give us an opportunity to discuss our views."

Lei Kīhoi, who has been active in the Native Hawaiian community for more than 25 years and facilitated group discussions during the summit, described her experience as a real eye-opener.

"I learned a lot from the individuals who were in my group," Kīhoi said. "I got good perspective on implementing and restoring the nation."

Other participants expressed appreciation for the summit's ability to put Hawaiian leaders face to face with each other to help mend the famously fractious relationships caused by statehood in 1959. "There is only one thing we all can do," said Nelson Armitage, a general contractor and Hawaiian community leader on Maui, "and that is the right thing." ▲

# The Apology Bill

In 1993, the U.S. Congress adopted a joint resolution commonly known as the Apology Bill and more formally known as Public Law 103-150. The law, printed here in its entirety, answers the question, **“Why do Native Hawaiians have a legitimate right to re-establish a Hawaiian Nation?”**

To acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the January 17, 1893 overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, and to offer an apology to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

Whereas, prior to the arrival of the first Europeans in 1778, the Native Hawaiian people lived in a highly organized, self-sufficient, subsistent social system based on communal land tenure with a sophisticated language, culture, and religion;

Whereas, a unified monarchical government of the Hawaiian Islands was established in 1810 under Kamehameha I, the first King of Hawaii;

Whereas, from 1826 until 1893, the United States recognized the independence of the Kingdom of Hawaii, extended full and complete diplomatic recognition to the Hawaiian Government, and entered into treaties and conventions with the Hawaiian monarchs to govern commerce and navigation in 1826, 1842, 1849, 1875, and 1887;

Whereas, the Congregational Church (now known as the United Church of Christ), through its American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, sponsored and sent more than 100 missionaries to the Kingdom of Hawaii between 1820 and 1850;

Whereas, on January 14, 1893, John L. Stevens (hereafter referred to in this Resolution as the “United States Minister”), the United States Minister assigned to the sovereign and independent Kingdom of Hawaii conspired with a small group of non-Hawaiian residents of the Kingdom of Hawaii, including citizens of the United States, to overthrow the indigenous and lawful Government of Hawaii;

Whereas, in pursuance of the conspiracy to overthrow the Government of Hawaii, the United States Minister and the naval representatives of the United States caused armed naval forces of the United States to invade the sovereign Hawaiian nation on January 16, 1893, and to position themselves near the Hawaiian Government buildings and the Iolani Palace to intimidate Queen Liliuokalani and her Government;

Whereas, on the afternoon of January 17, 1893, a Committee of Safety that represented the American and European sugar planters, descendants of missionaries, and financiers deposed the Hawaiian monarchy and proclaimed the establishment of a Provisional Government;

Whereas, the United States Minister thereupon extended diplomatic recognition to the Provisional Government that was formed by the conspirators without the consent of the Native Hawaiian people or the lawful Government of Hawaii and in violation of treaties between the two nations and of international law;

Whereas, soon thereafter, when informed of the risk of bloodshed with resistance, Queen Liliuokalani issued the following statement yielding her authority to the United States Government rather than to the Provisional Government:

“I Liliuokalani, by the Grace of God and under the Constitution of the Hawaiian Kingdom, Queen, do hereby solemnly protest against any and all acts done against myself and the Constitutional Government of the Hawaiian Kingdom by certain persons claiming to have established a Provisional Government of and for this Kingdom.

“That I yield to the superior force of the United States of America whose Minister Plenipotentiary, His Excellency John L. Stevens, has caused United States troops to be landed a Honolulu and declared that he would support the Provisional Government.

“Now to avoid any collision of armed forces, and perhaps the loss of life, I do this under protest and impelled by said force yield my authority until such time as the Government of the United States shall, upon facts being presented to it, undo the action of its representatives and reinstate me in the authority which I claim as the Constitutional Sovereign of the Hawaiian Islands.”.

Done at Honolulu this 17th day of January, A.D. 1893.;

Whereas, without the active support and intervention by the United States diplomatic and military representatives, the insurrection against the Government of Queen Liliuokalani would have failed for lack of popular support and insufficient arms;

Whereas, on February 1, 1893, the United States Minister raised the American flag and proclaimed Hawaii to be a protectorate of the United States;

Whereas, the report of a Presidentially established investigation conducted by former Congressman James Blount into the events surrounding the insurrec-



Then-President Bill Clinton in 1993 signed a joint resolution of Congress apologizing for the United States' role in the overthrow of the sovereign Kingdom of Hawai'i a century earlier. - Photo: KWO Archives

tion and overthrow of January 17, 1893, concluded that the United States diplomatic and military representatives had abused their authority and were responsible for the change in government;

Whereas, as a result of this investigation, the United States Minister to Hawaii was recalled from his diplomatic post and the military commander of the United States armed forces stationed in Hawaii was disciplined and forced to resign his commission;

Whereas, in a message to Congress on December 18, 1893, President Grover Cleveland reported fully and accurately on the illegal acts of the conspirators, described such acts as an “act of war, committed with the participation of a diplomatic representative of the United States and without authority of Congress”, and acknowledged that by such acts the government of a peaceful and friendly people was overthrown;

Whereas, President Cleveland further concluded that a “substantial wrong has thus been done which a due regard for our national character as well as the rights of the injured people requires we should endeavor to repair” and called for the restoration of the Hawaiian monarchy;

Whereas, the Provisional Government protested President Cleveland's call for the restoration of the monarchy and continued to hold state power and pursue annexation to the United States;

Whereas, the Provisional Government successfully lobbied the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate (hereafter referred to in this Resolution as the “Committee”) to conduct a new investigation into the events surrounding the overthrow of the monarchy;

Whereas, the Committee and its chairman, Senator John Morgan, conducted hearings in Washington, D.C., from December 27, 1893, through February 26, 1894, in which members of the Provisional Government justified and condoned the actions of the United States Minister and recommended annexation of Hawaii;

Whereas, although the Provisional Government was able to obscure the role of the United States in the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy, it was unable to rally the support from two-thirds of the Senate needed to ratify a treaty of annexation

Whereas, on July 4, 1894, the Provisional Government declared itself to be the Republic of Hawaii;

Whereas, on January 24, 1895, while imprisoned in Iolani Palace, Queen Liliuokalani was forced by representatives of the Republic of Hawaii to officially abdicate her throne;

Whereas, in the 1896 United States Presidential election, William McKinley replaced Grover Cleveland;

Whereas, on July 7, 1898, as a consequence of the Spanish-American War, President McKinley signed the Newlands Joint Resolution that provided for the annexation of Hawaii;

Whereas, through the Newlands Resolution, the self-declared Republic of Hawaii ceded sovereignty over the Hawaiian Islands to the United States;

Whereas, the Republic of Hawaii also ceded 1,800,000 acres of crown, government and public lands of the Kingdom of Hawaii, without the consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people of Hawaii or their sovereign government;

Whereas, the Congress, through the Newlands Resolution, ratified the cession, annexed Hawaii as part of the United States, and vested title to the lands in Hawaii in the United States;

Whereas, the Newlands Resolution also specified that treaties existing between Hawaii and foreign nations were to immediately cease and be replaced by United States treaties with such nations;

Whereas, the Newlands Resolution effected the transaction between the Republic of Hawaii and the United States Government;

Whereas, the indigenous Hawaiian people never directly relinquished their claims to their inherent sovereignty as a people or over their national lands to the United States, either through their monarchy or through a plebiscite or referendum;

Whereas, on April 30, 1900, President McKinley signed the Organic Act that provided a government for the territory of Hawaii and defined the political structure and powers of the newly established Territorial Government and its relationship to the United States;

Whereas, on August 21, 1959, Hawaii became the 50th State of the United States;

Whereas, the health and well-being of the Native Hawaiian people is intrinsically tied to their deep feelings and attachment to the land;

Whereas, the long-range economic and social changes in Hawaii over the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries have been devastating to the population and to the health and well-being of the Hawaiian people;

Whereas, the Native Hawaiian people are determined to preserve, develop and transmit to future generations their ancestral territory, and their cultural identity in accordance with their own spiritual and traditional beliefs, customs, practices, language, and social institutions;

Whereas, in order to promote racial harmony and cultural understanding, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii has determined that the year 1993, should serve Hawaii as a year of special reflection on the rights and dignities of the Native Hawaiians in the Hawaiian and the American societies;

Whereas, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ in recognition of the denomination's historical complicity in the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893 directed the Office of the President of the United Church of Christ to offer a public apology to the Native Hawaiian people and to initiate the process of reconciliation between the United Church of Christ and the Native Hawaiians; and

Whereas, it is proper and timely for the Congress on the occasion of the impending one hundredth anniversary of the event, to acknowledge the historic significance of the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, to express its deep regret to the Native Hawaiian people, and to support the reconciliation efforts of the State of Hawaii and the United Church of Christ with Native Hawaiians; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APOLOGY.

The Congress —

(1) on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii on January 17, 1893, acknowledges the historical significance of this event which resulted in the suppression of the inherent sovereignty of the Native Hawaiian people;

(2) recognizes and commends efforts of reconciliation initiated by the State of Hawaii and the United Church of Christ with Native Hawaiians;

(3) apologizes to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the people of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii on January 17, 1893 with the participation of agents and citizens of the United States, and the deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to self-determination;

(4) expresses its commitment to acknowledge the ramifications of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, in order to provide a proper foundation for reconciliation between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people; and

(5) urges the President of the United States to also acknowledge the ramifications of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii and to support reconciliation efforts between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people.

## SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Joint Resolution, the term “Native Hawaiians” means any individual who is a descendent of the aboriginal people who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now constitutes the State of Hawaii.

## SEC. 3. DISCLAIMER.

Nothing in this Joint Resolution is intended to serve as a settlement of any claims against the United States.

Approved November 23, 1993

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY - S.J. Res. 19:

SENATE REPORTS: No. 103-125 (Select Comm. on Indian Affairs)  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 139 (1993):  
Oct. 27, considered and passed Senate.  
Nov. 15, considered and passed House.

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Everyone who is on the Roll and is at least 18 years of age is automatically eligible to participate in the election of delegates to the 'Aha, slated for this fall. Those on the Roll will then vote to ratify the governing documents developed at the 'Aha.

Given this exciting news, the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission has agreed to **reopen the registry from March 17 to May 1** for those who have yet to register!

**‘O kēia nō ka manawa!**

Now is the time! Make sure you have a seat at the table and can engage in the process to protect our existing rights, programs, and institutions and advance the native Hawaiian community even further!

The path to self-government and the restoration of our government has been a long one. But I think this step is very critical because it's an opportunity for people to unite.

- Gov. John D. Waihe'e III



I've been a part of this since the beginning and to me it's a job that we need to finish. This might not be all of the answers that everyone is looking for right now, but it is a start. I'm not letting this one get away.

- Dennis "Bumpy" Kanahela



I think it's important that our people, if they want to have a say in their future and their destiny, take up the opportunity and be a part of this. Because we should have our own say in what is going to happen to us, not somebody else.

- Veto Baker



I think it's very exciting for our people to come together to form a Constitution to start a government that will represent us here, in the State of Hawai'i. We should have a government that is really designed for taking care of us, and our needs.

- Lilikalā Kame'eleihiwa



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You may also call the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission office at 808.594.0088 for information, assistance, and to request registration forms.

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Native Hawaiian Roll Commission  
**KANA'IOWALU**

## DECLARATION

- I affirm the unrelinquished sovereignty of the Native Hawaiian people, and my intent to participate in the process of self-governance.
- I have a significant cultural, social or civic connection to the Native Hawaiian community.
- I am a Native Hawaiian: a lineal descendant of the people who lived and exercised sovereignty in the Hawaiian islands prior to 1778, or a person who is eligible for the programs of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, or a direct lineal descendant of that person.

**GENERAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)** *This section is information about the person who is registering to be a part of the Kana'iolowalu Registry. 1 through 7 must be completed.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME

**NAME ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMAIL ADDRESS DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER**

6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY, STATE)**

MALE  FEMALE (check box)

8. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANCESTRAL HOME(S) (PLACE, ISLAND)

*This is the area(s) your Hawaiian ancestors are from.*

## SIGNATURE

- I affirm the Kana'iolowalu Declaration.
- I authorize the organization named or government agency such as the Department of Health to release my information for the purposes of confirming my ancestry for this registry.
- I hereby declare that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If any of the statements are proven to be misleading or false my name may be removed from the official list and other penalties may be imposed under law.

REGISTRANT/PERSON COMPLETING FORM (**PRINT**) SIGNATURE DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON TO REGISTRANT CONTACT # OR EMAIL (IF NOT REGISTRANT)

## VERIFICATION OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN ANCESTRY

If you have already verified your ancestry through another program, please indicate this here. You do not need to provide the records again. Or, please attach a copy of your birth certificate, or documentation of any kind that say Hawaiian or part-Hawaiian. **Please do not submit original copies.**

I verify my ancestry through the following: **(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

- \_\_\_\_ Birth certificate  
 \_\_\_\_ Other certificate listing Hawaiian or Part-Hawaiian (death, marriage, baptismal, etc)  
 \_\_\_\_ Attended The Kamehameha Schools, Class of \_\_\_\_\_, and attest to being Native Hawaiian  
 \_\_\_\_ Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands Lessee  
 \_\_\_\_ Kamehameha Schools Ho'oulu Hawaiian Data Center  
 \_\_\_\_ Operation 'Ohana # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Hawaiian Registry at OHA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Kau Inoa (ancestry confirmed)  
 \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If "Hawaiian" or "part Hawaiian" is not on the birth certificate, or if no certificate is produced: Full name of the parent(s) who is/are Native Hawaiian **as it appears on her/his birth certificate.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 FIRST NAME (please print) MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME

**BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) BIRTH PLACE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 FIRST NAME (please print) MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME

**BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) BIRTH PLACE**

Please sign, date and mail completed form to:

**Native Hawaiian Roll Commission**

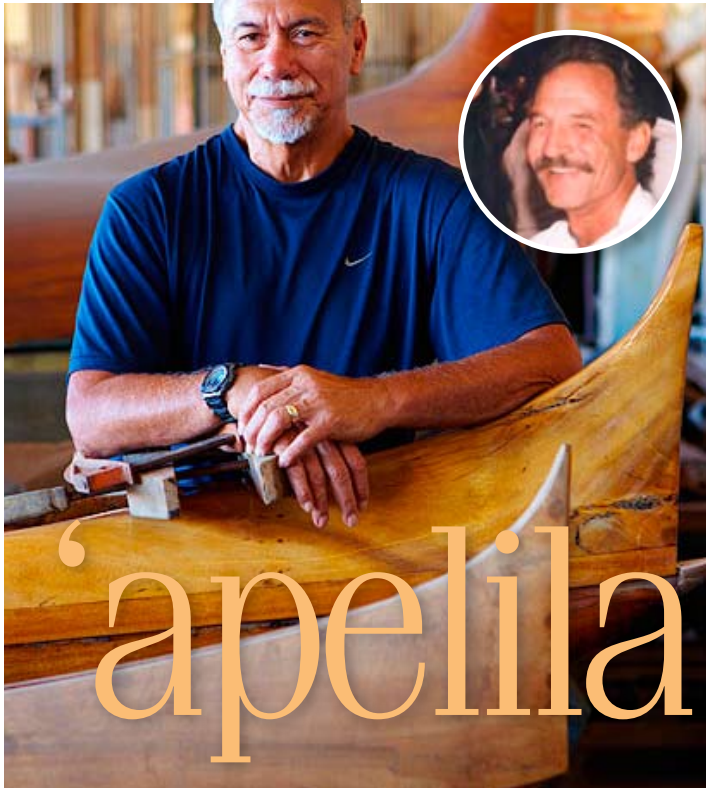
711 Kapi'olani Blvd., Suite 1150  
 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

If you have any questions call (808) 594-0088.

The form can also be filled in and submitted on-line at [www.kanaiolowalu.org/registernow](http://www.kanaiolowalu.org/registernow).

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Hawaiian canoeing legends Billy Richards and Kimo Lyman, inset, are the 2014 honorees of the Duke Kahanamoku Beach Challenge, April 13 in Waikīkī. - Photo: Kyle Rothenborg

**KUMU HINA**

*Thurs., April 10, 7 p.m.*

Kumu Hina is a powerful new film from Pacific Islanders in Communications about a hula teacher struggling to keep Hawaiian cultural traditions alive in modern Honolulu. The film will be the closing-night feature at the Hawai'i International Film Festival's Annual Spring Showcase. Hawai'i Theatre. \$8 members, \$10 students/seniors, \$12 general. [hiff.org](#).

**YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY**

*Sat., April 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.;*

*8:30 a.m. registration*

OHA is a proud sponsor of this fun-filled day that teaches healthy behaviors to keiki and families through exhibits, Native Hawaiian games, healthy cooking demonstrations, free health screenings, prize giveaways and non-stop entertainment. Bishop Museum Great Lawn. Free admission for kama'āina and military includes museum exhibits and planetarium. Pre-register at [ymcahonolulu.org](#) for express entry. 531-YMCA.

**DUKE KAHANAMOKU BEACH CHALLENGE**

*Sun., April 13, 9 a.m.*

The Waikīkī Community Center celebrates its 29th annual Duke Kahanamoku Beach Challenge at the Duke Kahanamoku Beach and Lagoon in Waikīkī. This fun, community event features canoe racing, ancient Hawaiian Makahiki games and entertainment – and opens with a double-hull canoe procession, oli and hula kahiko. Each year, the challenge honors water sports legends of Hawai'i. The 2014 honorees – Billy Richards and Kimo Lyman – are legends of Native Hawaiian canoeing and have played a major role in perpetuating the legacy of the voyaging canoe Hōkūle'a. 923-1802 or [waikikicomunitycenter.org](#).

**NAKE'U AWAI FASHION SHOW**

*Sat., April 19, 11 a.m. doors open, 12:30 p.m. show*

Nake'u Awai was introduced to the fashion industry while working as a stage dancer in Hollywood,

and his hand-made macramé belts (created with a fellow *Flower Drum Song* performer) adorned the likes of Elvis, Goldie Hawn and Carol Burnett. Some 30 years ago, Awai brought his talents home to Hawai'i. Known for his annual pre-holiday fashion show at Ko'olau Ballrooms on O'ahu – always a production worthy of a professional showman – he'll bring his popular hand-screened printed designs to Waimea in a fashion show dubbed "The Egg and I," which doubles as a benefit for Hawai'i Island's Kahilu Theatre. Kahilu Theatre. \$45 show and box lunch; \$30 show only. (808) 885-6868.

**WAIMEA VALLEY LĀ 'OHANA**

*Sun., April 20 (repeats the third Sunday of each month through December)*

Waimea Valley holds a monthly family day featuring a scavenger hunt, mo'olelo with kūpuna, petro-

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## DHHL draft water policy

The state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is seeking public input on its draft Water Policy Plan, available for review and comment at [dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/water](http://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/water).

The agency is holding statewide beneficiary consultation meetings on the draft plan. All meetings are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as follows: April 1, O'ahu, Blanche Pope Elementary School cafeteria; April 2, Moloka'i, Lanikeha Community Center; April 7, Maui, DHHL Paukūalo Community Center; April 8, O'ahu, Stevenson Middle School cafeteria; April 9, Lāna'i, Lāna'i High and Elementary School cafeteria; April 14, O'ahu, Kapolei Middle School cafeteria; April 15, Hawai'i Island, DHHL Kūhiō Hale in Waimea; and April 16, Hawai'i Island, Hilo High School cafeteria.

For information, visit the website listed above or call the DHHL Planning Office at (808) 620-9517.

## New partnership agreement

Three native groups have agreed to work with each other with the goal of advancing Native Hawaiian business and economic development for native communities.

On Feb. 20, the Native American Contractors Association, Native Hawaiian Organization Association and Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce signed a Memorandum of Understanding Statement of Partnership.

According to PR Newswire, the three organizations also plan to make "joint visits to local and national political representatives to educate policymakers on the importance of small-business development for Native Hawaiian communities."

The MOU was part of the Native American Contractors Association's weeklong outreach to Native Hawaiian groups. On Feb. 19 NACA and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement co-hosted a reception attended by retired U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI), U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI) and Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chief Advocate Kāwika Riley.

## WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE AN IMPACT



On Monday, March 24 members of the Ali'i Trusts gathered to make a collective impact with our beneficiaries in mind at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Left to right front row: Lunalilo Home Administrator Michelle Nālei Akina, Queen's Health Systems Trustee Maenette Benham, OHA Chair Colette Machado, KSBE Chairperson and Trustee Janeen-Ann Ahulani Olds, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust Trustee Patrick Yim, and Interim Kamehameha Schools CEO Jack Wong. Back rows, from left: OHA COO Kāwika Burgess, OHA Ka Pouhana and CEO Kamana'opono Crabbe, Chairman of Lunalilo Home Harvey McInerney, Jr., Queen's Health Systems' Dr. Gerard Akaka, Kamehameha Schools Trustee Lance Wilhelm, OHA Trustee Peter Apo and Kamehameha Schools Chief of Staff Walter Thoenmes III. - Photo: Nelson Gaspar

## 'Ō'ō Awards

Master navigator Nainoa Thompson and two others will be honored by the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce at an awards dinner 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom.

The chamber will also present 'Ō'ō Awards to Noreen Mokuau, dean of the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawai'i, and Dr. Clayton Chong, oncology chief at the Queen's Medical Center and assistant professor of medicine in the Department of Medical Oncology at UH's John A. Burns School of Medicine.

The award recognizes Native Hawaiians who have a long history of making significant contributions to improve the lives of Hawaiians, their communities and their professions. The annual event is the chamber's primary fundraiser and proceeds support the organization's college scholarship, business mentoring and student internship programs. The evening features a silent auction with unique items from Native Hawaiian artisans, artists and businesses.

Early reservation is encouraged for best seating by contacting Leilani Williams-Solomon at [leilani.williams@boh.com](mailto:leilani.williams@boh.com) or 265-6349. For information, visit [nativehawaiianchamberofcommerce.com](http://nativehawaiianchamberofcommerce.com).

## Kalaupapa photo exhibit

A photo exhibit sponsored by Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa will open Thursday, April 10, at the One-Stop Center at Kaua'i Community College in Līhu'e with a blessing and welcome at noon. The public is welcome.

The free exhibit, "A Reflection of Kalaupapa: Past, Present and Future," will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays through May 6 and features 90 historical and contemporary photos of the residents of Kalaupapa and their family members, along with scenes from Kalaupapa. The contemporary photos were taken by acclaimed Hawai'i photographer Wayne Levin, who began his work at Kalaupapa in 1984. The historical photographs are from various sources.

A guided walk-through of the exhibit, led by Levin and 'Ohana Coordinator Valerie Monson, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. April 10.

"Remembering Kalaupapa," a panel discussion featuring descendants of those sent to Kalaupapa with ties to Kaua'i, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the One-Stop Center. Doors open

at noon for exhibit viewing.

Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and remembering the estimated 8,000 individuals sent to Kalaupapa because of government policies regarding leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease.

The exhibit is made possible by grants from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Young Brothers. For information, call 245-8260.

## Essay contest

The 2014 Young Native Writers Essay Contest is accepting submissions from Native Hawaiian, American Indian and Alaska Native high school students through April 22.

This year's essay topic focuses on the cultural images, symbols or art forms historically utilized by one's native community to communicate a message or value or serve a specific purpose.

In writing their 1,200-word-maximum essay, students should draw from both personal knowledge and research from various sources.

Five first-place winners will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., as part of Scholar Week, July 20-24, 2014, and a \$2,500 scholarship paid directly to the college or

university of their choice.

This contest is co-sponsored by the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, the National Indian Education Association and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. For information, visit [nativewriters.hklaw.com](http://nativewriters.hklaw.com).

## 'Imi Pono

The 21st annual 'Imi Pono Concert and Craft Fair will be held Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pū'ōhala Elementary School, 45-233 Kulauli St. in Kāne'ohe.

The event, a benefit for the children of the Hawaiian language immersion school at Pū'ōhala, is organized by Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'O Pū'ōhala Alumni and Papā Makua.

There will be free entertainment featuring Hawaiian-language students of Pū'ōhala and Pūnana Leo 'o Ko'olaupoko, hula hālau, Tahitian performers, crafters, cultural demonstrations and exhibitors, keiki activities and games. Vendors are welcome.

Hawaiian food (kālua pig, chicken long rice, squid lū'au, lomi salmon, rice, poi, cake, pineapple and haupia) will be sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 a plate.

For information, call Carol Pa'ao'ao at 233-5667 or Hulali Mohi at 699-7736.

## Scholarship fundraiser

Nā Kū'auhau 'o Kahiwakānekapolēi presents its 14th Annual Scholarship and Benefit Fundraiser on Saturday, April 12 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Rumours nightclub at the Ala Moana Hotel.

Fabulous Hawaiian entertainment includes: Ku'uipo Kumukahi, the sweetheart of Hawaiian music; Jeff Rasmussen and Friends; 'Uhe'uhene, Nā Hoahānau, hula and much more. The fundraiser supports higher education and a commitment to the empowerment and educational enrichment of Hawaiian people.

There will be 'ono pūpū from 4 to 6 p.m., a silent auction and one person will win a trip for two to Las Vegas. Raffles will be available for purchase. Save \$10 by getting your tickets in advance by contacting Keali'i Gora at 386-1363. Or get your tickets at the door for \$25. ■



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glyph rubs and hourly mini tournaments, where guests of all ages may compete in traditional Hawaiian games. Cultural practitioners and artisans share their knowledge of lomilomi massage, feather lei making, pōhaku shaping and more. Half-price admission for kama'āina and military. 638-7766 or waimeavalley.net.

### MERRIE MONARCH FESTIVAL AND COMPETITION

*Festival is Sun.-Sat., April 20-26; Competition is Thurs.-Sat. starting at 6 p.m.*

Art exhibits, craft fairs, demonstrations, performances and a parade lead up to the world-renowned three-day hula competition featuring dancers vying for titles in Miss Aloha Hula, group hula kahiko and group hula 'auana. OHA is a proud sponsor of this event through the annual Miss Aloha Hula Hawaiian Language Award. A free Hō'ike is Wednesday at 6 p.m. Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium in Hilo. Luana, (808) 935-9168; or merriemonarch.com.

### LEI DAY CELEBRATION

*Thurs., May 1, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*

The Lei Queen and Court will be on hand for the day's festivities featuring entertainment, hālau hula, crafts, 'ono food and the not-to-be-missed Lei Contest Exhibit, from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Hawaiian artisans will share their talents and Tūtū's Hale offers storytelling, Hawaiian games, hula, lei making and lauhala weaving. Kapi'olani Park and Bandstand in Waikīkī. Free admission. 768-3042 or honolulu parks.com.

### BROTHERS CAZIMERO LEI DAY CONCERT

*Fri., May 2, 7:30 pm*

The annual tradition of a Lei Day concert is always a much-anticipated event, especially when it's put on by the Brothers Cazimero. Pre-show festivities include music in the courtyard and island lei-makers selling finely crafted lei to make your day. Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Castle Theater. \$12-\$37. (808) 242-7469 or mauiarts.org.

### EAST MAUI TARO FESTIVAL

*Sat., May 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*

Celebrate everything taro with 20 food booths, agricultural tent with a farmers'



The Brothers Cazimero. - Courtesy photo

market, 40 crafts booths, hands-on demonstrations of poi-pounding, lauhala weaving, Hawaiian musical instruments and toys, and all-day hula and entertainment by Pa'u O Hi'iaka and Kumu Hula Hōkūlani Holt, Abrigo 'Ohana, CJ Helekahi, Leokane Pryor, Pat Simmons Jr., James "Kimo" West and Keoni Darisay. Hāna Ballpark. Free admission. Call Judy Kinser, (808) 264-1553; tarofestival.org.

### NĀ HŌKŪ HANO HANO LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

*Sat., May 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*

As part of the monthlong Mele Mei Festival, the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts will honor Hawai'i music industry icons Sam and Gary Aiko (sons of Genoa Keawe), the late singer 'Iwalani Wilson Kahalewai, the late singer Israel Kamakawiwo'ole, kī hō'alu (slack key guitar) master Cyril Pahinui and *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* entertainment columnist Ben Wood. Ala Moana Hotel. \$85; \$75 HARA members. 593-9424 or nahokuhano.org.

### PALIULI EXHIBIT

*Fri.-Thurs., April 4-24; opening reception 5 p.m. April 4*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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**'Aha Ho'okūkū 'Ōlelo Hawai'i**

The inaugural 'Aha Ho'okūkū 'Ōlelo Language Competition was held Friday, Feb. 28 at Kūlana 'Ōiwi Hālau on Moloka'i to celebrate Mahina Aloha 'Ōlelo, Hawaiian Language Month, which is a statewide observance signed into law last year. Over 50 participants of all ages demonstrated their skill in two competitions: Pa'ana'au (memorized verse) and Uluwale (impromptu) two-

outlawed Hawaiian language in both public and private schools. By 1984, the number of fluent speakers was confined to elders and a few dozen children.



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Three years later, Hawaiian language was reintroduced into public schools with the opening of the first elementary school immersion classes. The 'Aha Ho'okūkū 'Ōlelo demonstrated that the Hawaiian language is vibrantly alive and being passed along to the next generation in the Moloka'i community. Event



'Aha Ho'okūkū 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Competition 2014 event coordinators, from left: U'ilani Ramos, Uluhoni Waialeale, 'Iolani Hamakua-Kuoha, Kilia Purdy-Avelino, Kalei Kawaa and Manuwai Peters. - Courtesy photo

to four-minute answers to random questions. The verses and questions honored Hawaiian ali'i and Moloka'i history.

The selected verses were passages still used today. Keiki in first to second grade recited the Law of the Splintered Paddle, which grants protection to those traveling across the islands. Older keiki recited passages from the Kumulipo.

The participants were assessed on their greeting, correct pronunciation, proper inflections, tone and body language reflecting the verse, and closing words. The participants could not just memorize the words, they had to understand it to pause and accentuate in the right places. The highest scoring participants won prizes and Hawaiian works of art. The highest overall score of the evening won a hand-carved niho palaoa perpetual trophy carved in the shape of a traditional pendant worn by Hawaiian chiefs. It represents a tongue to symbolize language.

The event was a celebration of the preservation and perpetuation of the Hawaiian language, which was nearly lost. Just 117 years ago, a U.S. law

participants were not just school-age children, but community speakers from all walks of life such as gas station attendants, pharmacy employees, librarians, firefighters and other occupations. Today, the Hawaiian language doesn't just live in schools; it is used in the community. The event was so successful that the two-hour event turned into a four-hour event because of dozens of last-minute adult registrations.

The community rallied around the event by attending and organizations showcased language-learning opportunities on Moloka'i. Resources on island included UH Maui College introductory and intermediate courses, Kualapu'u Charter School's beginning classes for parents, Keawanui Learning Center's adult beginning language course, and Pūnana Leo o Moloka'i cultural preschool for keiki.

The event reminded everyone who attended and participated – Hawaiian language speakers and non-speakers – that they were honoring the kūpuna who kept the language alive and inspiring the perpetuation of 'ōlelo in the Moloka'i community. ■

**Time for unity, time to move forward**

Aloha from Kāua'i and Ni'ihau!

Ma h a l o everyone who joined us at our OHA Open House at our new home at Nā Lama Kukui, the former Gentry Pacific Design Center, in Iwilei. It was a proud moment for OHA to have our own hale to welcome beneficiaries, partners, friends, tenants and community members.

Recently, the OHA Trustees voted 8-0 to commit to serving as facilitator, in collaboration with other Native Hawaiian organizations, over a process of Hawaiian nation-building that may lead to the creation of a governing entity. More information is available online at oha.org/nationbuilding, and I encourage you to read more about it for yourself. Keep in mind this is the closest we have come to rebuilding our nation.

This process and its results must reflect the will of the Hawaiian people to succeed. The direction and outcome of this process will be determined by those who are registered. The Roll is being kept open for a limited time to give additional time for those who have yet to sign up.

OHA's commitment is not just about Kāua'i, which is considered the first step in this process. Rather, it is about everything that comes after, or could come after if we are organized, unified and ready to move forward. This is no small matter to me. From very early on, I had concerns about the amount of funding and the way in which those funds were being used for Kāua'i. I also felt more could and should have been done to outreach to and include the mana'o of more independence-minded groups.

While these concerns still remain on my mind to this day, I am adamant in my commitment to what comes after Kāua'i, building and rebuilding a Hawaiian nation. These concerns are still



**Dan Ahuna**

Trustee,  
Kāua'i and  
Ni'ihau

on the minds of many others who have expressed their views to me. But the fact is, Kāua'i, flawed as it may be, is the vehicle we have at this time to organize the Hawaiian community. I choose to look beyond my issues with Kāua'i and instead look toward the momentous opportunity that is before us as Hawaiians to restore our nation and in the process restore our people. Siting at the board table, it was eye-

opening to hear Hawaiian leaders who once opposed passage of the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act (or the "Akaka bill"), now fully supporting OHA's facilitator role and these next steps.

Taking a cue from what many others have been advocating, in short, it is time for us as Hawaiians to move forward. We can disagree on the details; in fact, some disagreement is a good thing and ensures a wide range of views are expressed and considered. But we cannot disagree on doing what is right and what is best for the Hawaiian community. And the time for us to do it, for us to organize as a community and for us to participate as individuals, is now. Our Hawaiian beneficiaries have waited long enough and deserve our steadfast commitment and strong support.

Finally, here's a shout-out to Kevin Chang and KUA (Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo), formerly the Hawai'i Community Stewardship Network. Their kōkua was instrumental in getting the Trustees to pass "A Resolution Supporting Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area Designations and Rules," which I had the honor of introducing after seeing some of the great work being done in Hā'ena on Kāua'i to advance a CBSFA. ■

Mahalo nui loa! ■

## UH needs to pay its fair share

**A**no'ai kakou ... Here are two important issues affecting Native Hawaiians that require special attention:

### Mauna Kea

The 11,300 acres of land within the Mauna Kea Science Reserve are public land trust lands classified under section 5(b) of the Admissions Act. The revenues from public trust lands must be dedicated to specific purposes including the betterment of Native Hawaiians.

House Bill 1689 requires the University of Hawai'i to use the fair market value for the lease of lands when calculating the amount of funds that it must transfer to the public land trust fund.

OHA receives a portion of revenues generated from the use of these public land trust lands. HB 1689 will ensure that OHA and its beneficiaries receive adequate compensation for any future subleases.

Mauna Kea lands have long been mismanaged by UH. Sacred cultural lands have been industrially developed without any payment or clear benefit to Native Hawaiians.

At the same time, UH has been receiving a substantial benefit from its lessees in the form of telescope time, which has been valued in some cases at more than \$100,000 a night. This benefit has mostly gone only to the astronomy program at UH; since none of this value is seen as sublessee rent. OHA beneficiaries and the State Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) have not received a fair share of this substantial revenue.

To avoid possible fiscal impacts to the University of Hawai'i's educational mission, any proposed general lease for Mauna Kea lands should require UH to charge more appropriate rent for the sublease or use of such lands. This would ensure that



Rowena  
Akana

Trustee, At-large

OHA beneficiaries and the State receive appropriate compensation for the use of these public land trust lands, and ensures that UH also receives adequate revenues to support its broader educational mission.

It should also be noted that the requirement for UH to conduct a financial review of all public land trust revenue will help to identify gaps in revenue from public land trust lands, as well as clarify what revenues may be generated from specific lands, such as Mauna Kea.

In the meantime, OHA should also propose a financial audit of all revenues UH derives from its use of public trust lands. This will allow OHA to ensure more appropriate level of benefits flow to public trust beneficiaries for the use of our sacred mountain. Finally, UH's authority to manage public trust lands must be re-evaluated because of its continual abuse and mismanagement of our precious lands.

### Niihau Konohiki

Senate Bill 180 SD 2 proposes to give one individual resident on Niihau the exclusive konohiki rights to regulate fishing around Niihau. The konohiki will be appointed by the Chairperson of BLNR, in consultation with the private owner of Niihau.

While I understand the arguments in support of this proposal, I believe that we must be very careful about setting a precedence of having only one person making all of the fishing rules for an entire island. Especially if that person may have vested interests to protect and could abuse their power as konohiki to lock out any competition.

Aloha Ke Akua. ■

*Interested in Hawaiian issues and OHA? Please visit my website at [www.rowenaakana.org](http://www.rowenaakana.org) for more information or email me at [rowena@oha.org](mailto:rowena@oha.org).*

## The Hawaiian Nation: If not now, when? If not us, who?

**O**n March 6 a historic step was taken by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). Trustees voted to adopt a plan that in its final phase will see OHA dissolved! Why would a Board vote to dissolve its own organization? How will this happen? Can OHA be trusted to implement this historic decision?

The Board voted to begin the process of dissolving OHA because the constitutional provision that established OHA requires OHA to hold its assets in trust for the Hawaiian people. OHA has always interpreted this to mean we are a temporary placeholder for the Hawaiian Nation. Most recently, Act 195 passed in 2011 provides: "The Legislature urges the office of Hawaiian affairs to continue to support the self-determination process by Native Hawaiians in the formation of their chosen governmental entity."

OHA, in collaboration with other leading Hawaiian organizations, is initiating a process that will lead to an election of delegates to a Governance 'Aha (constitutional convention). 'Aha delegates will then propose the form, scope and principles that would guide the governing entity. To them will fall the task of considering the various models of sovereignty and nationhood, and redefining the relationship between Hawaiians and international, federal and state governments. Nothing is on or off the table. Their proposal would be ratified – or not – through a referendum of the Hawaiian people. The voters will be the 120,000 people who have registered on the Native Hawaiian Roll to date, or who register when the Roll reopens from March 17 to May 1, 2014. Over \$550,000,000 in trust assets, now managed by OHA, will be transferred to this new governing entity, which will succeed OHA as an independent body politic



Peter  
Apo

Trustee,  
O'ahu

separate from state government. The 'Aha and its mission is to be shaped by a democratic process so that the outcome truly reflects the will of the people.

People ask, can OHA be trusted? The Trustees of OHA are totally committed to (1) standing in a third-party status without any attempt to influence the outcome, (2) providing the resources necessary to see it through to its end, and (3) transferring authority and resources to the new governing entity. In rather dramatic terms,

OHA is on the brink of putting itself out of business – but breathing life into its successor – making sure the ship of state is properly equipped and ready to sail and sending it off to a new horizon.

Since the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893, there has been a sometimes painful and abiding tension between Hawaiians and the rest of Hawai'i. The tension is not so much personal as it is institutional. If we, all of us who share this place called Hawai'i, are to free ourselves of the yoke of injustice and breaches of human dignity and become whole, the 'Aha must succeed. While I cannot say what the process will yield in the form of a new governance structure for Hawaiians and its impact on the rest of Hawai'i, I can tell those of you who are not Hawaiian that we are still, and always will be, the people of aloha. That is why the Hawaiian Kingdom citizens included people of all races from all over the world.

The moment is upon us. Hawaiians are standing together. We have come full circle on the path of reconciliation and a Hawaiian Nation is on the verge of being reborn. ■

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## Ua hiki mai ka wana'ao no ka ho'olā a me ka ho'āla hou

**A**loha e nā 'ōiwi 'ōlino, nā pulapula a Hāloa, mai Hawai'i a Ni'ihau, puni ke ao mālamalama. Thursday, March 6, 2014, marked a significant crossroad in the ongoing task and challenge that lay ahead for Native Hawaiian governance and self-determination.

On March 6, 2014, the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs committed itself to: "serving the Native Hawaiian people by facilitating a process, in collaboration with other Native Hawaiian institutions, by which Native Hawaiians may choose to create a governing entity that comes from, consists of, and represents Native Hawaiians through an independent election that utilizes the Native Hawaiian Roll. OHA will support the election of delegates by Native Hawaiians to convene a gathering of delegates at a Governance 'Aha. The Governance 'Aha would facilitate the opportunity for delegates to propose the form, scope and principles that would guide the Governing Entity, for the approval of Native Hawaiians. OHA commits to working with the Governing Entity, if created, to empower and assist it in ways that are consistent with OHA's statutory responsibilities and fiduciary obligations to its beneficiaries."

As facilitator and convener, OHA seeks partnerships with entities like the Ali'i Trusts, the Royal Societies ('Ahahui) and other Native Hawaiian institutions and organizations in order to maximize collaboration and in-kind and funding contributions.

Further, in collaboration with other Native Hawaiian institutions, OHA's commitment will include "extensive outreach to Native Hawaiians encouraging them to participate in each stage" of the process. Staying informed about the activities in order to make informed and educated choices on decisions such as voting for or running as delegate at the Governance 'Aha and voting in the referendum to follow the completion of the Governance 'Aha are two substantial reasons for making sure you are registered



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Apoliona, MSW**

Trustee,  
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for the Native Hawaiian Roll.

Following the announcement on March 6, 2014, by OHA, the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission voted March 7, 2014, to reopen the Rolls effective March 17, 2014, in order to encourage those who have not registered on the Roll to do so by the new deadline. I encourage each qualified Native Hawaiian to respond to this "kuleana" wherever you reside. Do not delay. The Roll is reopened only until May 1, 2014.

The Roll will be used as the basis for verifying eligibility to vote or run in the delegate elections, and to vote in the referendum on the Native Hawaiian governing entity's form, scope and principles. Mai lohilohi mai.

By way of background, in December 2013, the OHA BOT unanimously approved the appointment of the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance Planning (formerly labeled Ad Hoc Committee on Post-Native Hawaiian Roll Commission Planning). The task(s) at hand included: developing a 2014/2015 framework for strategies to clarify and define OHA's kuleana as advocate, asset manager and facilitator/convenor following the publication of the base roll and dissolution of Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, determining appropriate resources needed to fulfill OHA's kuleana and commitment to plan, strategies and activities; determining appropriate means and extent to which OHA utilizes the resulting base roll completed by the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, and proposing a statement of commitment regarding OHA's activities following publication of the base roll and the dissolution of the NHRC.

As Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee, I wish to acknowledge the work of Trustee Waihee IV, Dr. Kamana'opono Crabbe, Kawika Riley, Jim McMahon, Ad Hoc Committee members. Mahalo nui also to Breann Nu'uhiwa, Kehau Abad, Reynold Freitas and Louise Yee Hoy.

Register for the Roll today. E mau ana ka ha'aheo, ka ha'aheo o ka nohona, ke ola kamaehu o ka lāhui, o ka lāhui Hawai'i. 16/48 ■

## Education: The key to building our Lāhui

I think everyone agrees that there is no shortage of passion on the part of Native Hawaiians. We speak with energy and righteousness about sovereignty. We worry about the needs of our Lāhui and what we must do to perpetuate our culture and traditions. But it is time to be more strategic in how we think about the future of the generations who will come after us. Passion alone will not suffice. We need planning and persistence. We cannot just look back with longing. We must look forward with skills and the ability and readiness to apply them to the challenges of today and tomorrow.

I was very glad to hear the visiting President/CEO of the national Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF), Lulani Arquette, recently say that the foundation joins others in urging that we approach education in terms of not just STEM but STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. As someone whose career has been grounded in business, arts and culture, I understand the importance of the arts in helping us mediate our differences and find creative solutions to problems. If we can make music together, surely we will be less inclined to make war.

It is part of OHA's responsibility to encourage among our beneficiaries the aspiration to become as educated as possible, whatever their chosen discipline. Whether it is in the arts or the sciences, working to earn the highest academic qualifications and demonstrating your expertise is a proven way to ensure that Native Hawaiians have a seat at the policy-making table. It is the best way to ensure that we help shape decisions, not just react to them.

We are blessed to have the generous legacy of Princess Bernice Pauahi, but we

also know that not every Native Hawaiian child gets into Kamehameha Schools. That places an obligation on all of us to ensure that those who attend our public schools are not short-changed. Our community used to prize literacy. Today, our prisons are crowded with too many Native Hawaiians who cannot read, who are there in part because a good education has become a privilege and too many of our public schools are failing. No wonder children are dropping out. No wonder some parents are

working two and three jobs and looking for help to get their children into private schools. This is not sustainable. It will only increase the gap between those who have access to opportunity and those who don't. Those who will be able to build useful lives as contributors to society and those who will be left so far behind that they become a cost to the community.

We need to be more present in our children's lives. When parents, teachers and students approach public school as a shared enterprise, everyone succeeds. The data proves it. In 2010, Craig Howes and Jon Osorio published the very important book, *The Value of Hawaii: Knowing the Past, Shaping the Future*. In her contributing chapter, law professor and a product of public schools herself, Mari Matsuda reminds us: "A child who gets quality early childhood education is more likely to graduate, to get a job, to stay off welfare, to avoid teen pregnancy, to stay out of prison, to go to college, and to stay off drugs. Just about any social ill you can name is increased by bad education and improved by good education."

The message is clear. Making sure our young people push themselves to their fullest potential and get the highest education possible is the best thing we can do for the Lāhui. ■



**Carmen "Hulu"  
Lindsey**

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## 'Tell me what you think ...'

My March 2014 article was about "Home Sweet Home" and the exhilaration I feel when I come home to Moku O Keawe to all that is familiar: Waimea's green hills, Hāmākua's lush valleys, the glassy waters of Hilo Bay, Puna's warm rain and thick lauhala groves, the remoteness and untouched beauty of Ka'ū, Kona steeped in history – the land of the billowing clouds, Wai-koloa's vast savanna and the 'Āpa'a winds of Kohala – where Paiea, our warrior King, was born. For those of us who are kanaka and were born and raised in these islands, the feeling of "ku'u home" is embedded in our DNA. It doesn't matter where we're from: Pā'ia-Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Ni'ihau, Hanapēpē-Kaua'i or Kualoa-O'ahu.

We've all seen the changes (for better or worse), yes the changes which have swept through, over, across our towns and island. Parker

Ranch was the rock on which our town was built. Mahalo ke Akua, the ranch is still here, but it is not the dominant force it used to be. When my brother Ben and I went to Waimea School in the 1950s and early '60s, our school had 200 kids. It was a K-9 school. Today it's a K-8 school (we lost our ninth grade to Honoka'a way back when) and the enrollment hovers consistently at 800. Waimea had no traffic control signals then. Today three of our intersections are signalized. When we were kids we helped our tūtū man and dad chase cattle from our house to our grandpa's a distance of two miles on Māmalahoa Highway. No one does that anymore. It's not allowed. We're losing our traditional paniolo ways and are slowly becoming "rhinestone cowboys." We used to be able to ride a horse



Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.

Trustee, Hawai'i

through town. Now you can't, the guy (or lady) with the blue light on the top of his car will gladly give you a ticket. It's too dangerous; too many cars, trucks and humans. At one time the drive from Waimea to Hilo took three and a half hours. Today one can make the drive in an hour and fifteen minutes. When I was growing up there were sugar fields from Waipi'o Valley to the Wailuku River. Today guinea grass, eucalyptus forests and houses have displaced "waving fields of cane." I never dreamt sugar would die. Such is life; times change but as people we are resilient. Yes we grumble and yearn for the "old days" but then we do what we have to; pick up the broken pieces and move on.

Enough reminiscing, the bottom line is these are exciting times for our island. In bringing us back to

real issues in real time so that we can welcome in the future, I will have folks write viewpoint opinions (pro and con) on the large issues we as a lāhui have concern for: geothermal, astronomy, a rising military presence, GMO and self-determination. My intent is not to "stir up the pot," but to raise awareness so that when the opportunity to take a position on any of these issues emerges (for or against) we will be better informed because the times we live in demand that we are so informed. Today the battles we face are not resolved by brawn but by brains (wits). Let us say what we must on any issue civilly, respectfully, thoughtfully and with aloha.

If you are interested in offering mana'o on any of the issues mentioned above or one I did not even think of, please write me at [boblindsey808@gmail.com](mailto:boblindsey808@gmail.com), [boblindsey808@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:boblindsey808@hawaii.rr.com) or [robertl@oha.org](mailto:robertl@oha.org). Or feel free to call me at (808) 936-6795. ■


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**ALAPA** – The Alapa 'Ohana Reunion will be held in St. George/Washington UT area from June 11-14, 2014. The descendants of Oliva and Pahuani Alapa invite their 'ohana for four days of cultural and fun activities. The opening activities will be held at the King's Row Club House at 180 N 1100 E #200 in Washington UT at 6 p.m., where the program and T-shirts will be distributed. Donations for 18 years and older is \$25, 5 years to 17 years – \$10 and those under 5 years are free. Please send donations to Vermine K. Haws at 180 N 1100 E #53 by April 1, 2014. Check family site on Facebook for cost of T-shirt. If you have any questions, call Vermine at (435) 674-1439 or Linette Alapa Hunter at (503) 342-8700.

**HULU/KALALAU** – Hulu and Kalalau 'Ohana planning a camping get-together Fourth of July weekend, July 3 to 6, 2014, in Hāna, Kaeieku 90A Ulaino Road. Bring camping gear. Please kōkua 'ōlelo to 'ohana of Lucy Kalani Kalalau and John Kalalawaia Hulu. Your help is very important. Mahalo nui loa. In need of addresses. Can reach me, Kupuna Luke Nu (Hulu), by phone, 242-0733 or address: 638 Kohomua St., Wailuku, HI 96793. Or on Facebook.

**KALEHUAWEHÉ** – The descendants of Nalaniewalu and John I Kalehuawehe will be having a family reunion July 3-6, 2014, on the island of Maui at Hale Nanea. Please email us with your address, email or contact number so we can send you the registration form and other information. You can email Shauna Gomes at hoolahou42maui@gmail.com or send any information to 42 Hoolahou St., Wailuku, HI 96793, or call 808-357-8767. You can also visit our Facebook page, "Are you a Kalehuawehe descendant."

**KAMOKU** – The descendants of Herman K. Kamoku and Lydia K. (Naki) Kamoku will be having a reunion on the island of Maui. The weeklong celebration is from July 23-27, 2014. For more info, email kamokureunion2014@gmail.com or call Jona Kamoku at 808-870-1105.

**KAPU** – The Kapu 'Ohana 1st Reunion is set for July 5, 2014. This is the first family reunion of Samuel & Esther (Pih) Kapu 1891. Grandchildren of Mary Kapu (John Nakoa) are "reunion committee." Lydia Kapu (h) Ernest (Kala), David, Naomi (Ah On Lee), Ezekiel (LaVerne Seto), "Ala" (Frank Baguio), Lydia (Leiai Laa), Rowland (Nona Ah Quin), "Cissy" (Bernard Adams), "Pinky" (Thomas Bacos), Donald (Carole Miyamoto), Mary Kapu (John Nakoa), "Keola" (Gladys Duncan), Esther Santiago, "Kainoa" (Honeykid Naholowaa), Edgar (Kay Kaeka), Buddy (Suki Richardson), "Ipo" Kahiamoe, Faith (Tony Distajo), Lillian Joy (Manuel Cano), Maggie ("Junior" Santiago), Samuel Kapu (Juanita Guerrero), Carol (Ronald Gilbert), "Nani" (Ernest Chan), "Dutchie" Kapu Saffery, Sam Kapu (Marsha Kalima), Margaret Kapu (Eddie Spillner), Edward Marooni, Edwina. Henry

Kapu Sheldon (Sarah Wong), Henry Jr. (Gladys Smith), Samuel (Siebel Kajiwaru), Thomas (Nancy Jenewein), Joyanne (James Dilwith), Richard (Jeanne Belcher). Also looking to contact with unknown 'ohana connected to Kapu Kauakahi (birth name) of Hāmākua district. Contact Belinda Nakoa-Patinio (Buddy & Suki): okoholast@yahoo.com, 808-216-2941, Facebook. Check your email, mail box, Facebook for any information sent if we have your contact.

**KA'UPU** – Na 'Ohana 'O Edward Kikino Ka'upu family reunion is scheduled for July 25-26 at the old Kona airport facility in Kailua-Kona. Please contact Walter Wong Yuen at P.O. Box 29, Pāhala, HI 96777 or email dwong\_yuen@yahoo.com for additional information. You may also email secretary Melani Mokuhalii, at pearl96720@hawaii.rr.com, to add your name to our mailing list to receive minutes of our monthly meetings. Send genealogy updates to Chauncy Wong Yuen at email wongyuenc001@hawaii.rr.com.

**STEVENS** – The Stevens 'Ohana is holding a family reunion, "The Bond That Links Us All," on Hawai'i Island in Waimea on Aug. 14-16, 2014. All descendants of James Umialiloa Stevens and Fannie Kaleoili Purdy are encouraged to attend. Family genealogy, meet and greet, games and workshops, tours and entertainment are on the schedule. Early registration for the three-day event: \$60/adult \$30/child 12 and under, before June 30. \$75/\$35 late registration starting July 1. Children 5 and under are free of charge. Lunch and dinner included with registration on Friday and Saturday, potluck dinner on Thursday. Attendees are encouraged to make travel and accommodation plans as soon as possible as local rooms may be limited due to the season. For registration, contact Makani Stevens at (808) 885-9348 or (808) 430-9633. For other issues, contact Reunion Coordinator Norah Kualii at (808) 989-0617. Deadline for submission of Family Group Sheets for inclusion into the Genealogy Report is May 31. Please forward all genealogy data to Michael Stevens at naeahuau@hotmail.com or visit our Facebook page: Stevens/Purdy Ohana.

**THOMPSON** – The Thompson 'Ohana will host a reunion on Aug. 2, 2014, at the Mānoa Grand Ballroom at 5 p.m. (Hawaiian buffet), on the Island of O'ahu for the descendants of William Thompson of Kainaliu, Kona, and Mary S. Sherman of Nu'uano, O'ahu, and their seven children: William (Kamala) of Maui; Caroline (Frank Chaney) of O'ahu; Louisa Ana (Frank Poor) of O'ahu; Ellen (David Morton) of Maui/O'ahu; John of O'ahu; Charles Edward (Annie, Akuini, Amoe Ahlo, Isabelle Namau, Lillian Eckart) of Maui; and Mena (Franklin Ferguson) of O'ahu. For details, please contact Sharman Elison 808-226-3288, or Guy Patterson 808-351-4286, or email hawaiiithompsons@gmail.com. ■

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