



# Island Community Report: Hawai'i Island

## *Executive Summary*

### Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Hawai'i Island



#### Educational Pathways Data

- 27% (183) of all Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian public high school graduates (677) enrolled in colleges across the nation, compared to 31% (513) of non-Hawaiian (1,660) (SY21-22).
- There are six Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and three Hawaiian-medium programs on Hawai'i Island (SY22-23).



#### Health Outcomes Data

- Hawai'i County had 78 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2020).
- 25% of Native Hawaiians in Hawai'i County reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at a beginner level (2022).



#### Quality Housing Data

- 44% (3,033 of 6,858) of Native Hawaiian renters on Hawai'i Island were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward rent) compared to 42% (13,778 of 32,538) of all Native Hawaiian renters statewide (2021).
- 25% (2,522) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) leases statewide (9,981) were on Hawai'i Island (2022).
- 35% of former Hawai'i County Native Hawaiian residents reported moving due to the high cost of living (2019).



#### Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income on Hawai'i Island was \$64,385, 94% of the median income of all Hawai'i Island residents (\$68,399) (2021).
- 3,018 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were in Hawai'i County, 23% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 17% of total firms in Hawai'i County (18,200) (2012).

## Current Issues

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### **Proposed Habitat Protections and Promulgating Rules within Ka Pa‘akai Analysis Framework**

The Department of Aquatic Resources is tasked with promulgating proposed rules for Manta Ray Sanctuary Designation at Keauhou and Makako Bays. Concern regarding the rule promulgation and incorporating Ka Pa‘akai Analysis in the rule making process has been expressed to Department of Land and Natural Resources. (See Full Report pg 7)

### **Act 255 Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority**

The Mauna Kea Working Group was established by HR33 in 2021 to “develop recommendations, building on the findings of the Independent Evaluation of the Implementation of the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan, for a new governance and management structure for Mauna Kea that collaboratively engages with all stakeholders, particularly the Native Hawaiian community.” As of July 2022, the passing of Act 255 will allow for a new governing authority to oversee Mauna Kea management – the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to decide lease terms and priorities for the Mauna. (See Full Report pg 8)

### **National Science Foundation (NSF) Public Scoping for Siting of TMT/ELT on Mauna Kea**

The NSF released a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal register regarding proposed funding for construction and operation of a Thirty-Meter Telescope within the summit area of the conservation district of Mauna Kea. The NOI triggers the start of public comments on a public scoping process being done pursuant to National Environmental Protection Act. (See Full Report pg 8)

## Current Grantees Serving Hawai‘i Island (Amount awarded)

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### **Hawai‘i Island Only**

- ‘O Maku‘u ke Kahua Community Center (\$75,000)
- Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana: KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II (\$150,000)
- La‘i‘ōpua 2020 (\$141,000)
- Five Mountains Hawaii dba Kipuka o ke Ola (\$118,454)
- Big Island Substance Abuse Council (\$150,000)
- Pōhāhā I Ka Lani (\$149,854)
- Hui o Hanohano (\$69,902)
- Kupu (\$140,088)

### **Multi-Island/Statewide Serving Hawai‘i Island**

- Kanu o Ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana: Charter School Fund Administration (\$5,914,893)
- Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana: KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II (\$2,850,000)
- Educational Services Hawaii Foundation (\$180,000)
- Purple Mai‘a Foundation: Waiw.AI: Building a Flourishing Future for Kanaka with AI (\$200,000)
- Ho‘okāko‘o Corporation (\$200,000)
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei (\$50,000)
- ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. (\$79,514)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation (\$40,000)
- Hawaiian community Assets (\$1,500,000)
- Purple Mai‘a Foundation: Mālama Design Studio (\$498,660)
- Alu Like, Inc. (\$830,000)

## Current Hawai‘i Island Lending

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60 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans.  
\$1,392,782 total dollars disbursed.