



# Island Community Report: Kaua'i



Compiled by the Office of Strategy Management

## Purpose

The Island Community Report provides an annual summary of the latest information on Native Hawaiian communities on Kaua'i, including community issues which the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is actively monitoring, available Native Hawaiian data, and OHA's grants and loans. Topics are organized by our Strategic Directions of Educational Pathways, Health Outcomes, Quality Housing, and Economic Stability.

Island Community Reports are produced by Administration to inform the OHA Board of Trustees prior to trustee meetings held on each island. Following each Island Community Meeting, this report is posted to the OHA website for public review.

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## Kaua'i At-A-Glance

### Population

- Kaua'i County had a population of 17,105 Native Hawaiians, representing 23% of the county's total population of 73,247 and 6% of the state's total Native Hawaiian population of 310,789 (2017-2021).<sup>1</sup>

### Governance

(For the complete Governance listings, including Senate; House of Representatives; County Level Governance Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Agencies; and Networks, refer to [Appendix A](#))

#### Office of the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i<sup>2</sup>

- Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami
- Michael A. Dahilig, Managing Director
- Sarah Blane, Chief of Staff

#### Kaua'i County Council Chair<sup>3</sup>

- Mel Rapozo, Chair

#### Kaua'i-Ni'ihau Island Burial Council<sup>4</sup>

- Waimea/Napali* - Wayne 'Palala' Harada
- Ni'ihau* - Leiana Robinson
- Koloa* - Sandra Quinsaas, Chair
- Kawaihau* - Carol Lovell
- Hanalei* - Barbara Say
- Līhu'e* - Johnnette Kahalekai
- Landowner/Developer* - VACANT
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# EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

**STRATEGY 1:** Support development and use of educational resources for all Hawaiian lifelong learners in schools, communities and 'ohana.

**STRATEGY 2:** Support education through Hawaiian language medium and focused Charter Schools.

## Current Issues/ OHA Activities

No current issues related to Educational Pathways at this time.

## Current Conditions

### Strategic Outcome 1.1

**Increased number and percent of Native Hawaiian students who enter educational systems ready to learn**

**Table EP1. Early Learning Programs on Kaua'i**

| Type   | Number of Locations |
|--|---------------------|
| DOE Public Pre-kindergarten <sup>5</sup>               | 3                   |
| Head Start / Early Head Start <sup>6</sup>             | 4                   |
| 'Aha Pūnana Leo/'Ōlelo <sup>7</sup>                    | 1                   |
| Home Visiting <sup>8</sup>                             | 1                   |
| Private/Nonprofit Preschools and Programs <sup>9</sup> | 14                  |

Note. For complete Early Learning information, refer to [Appendix B](#)

- Among all Native Hawaiian children ages 0 to 4 living in Kaua'i County (1,456), only 19% (276) are enrolled in preschool, compared to 27% of Native Hawaiian children statewide (8,187 of 30,170)<sup>10</sup>

**Table EP2. Kaua'i Island Public and Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools, SY22-23**

| Elementary | Intermediate/Middle | High School | Multi-Level Schools | Total DOE schools |
|------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 9          | 3                   | 3           | 5                   | 20                |

Note. For complete Enrollment Counts by School Type, refer to [Appendix C](#)

- 27% (2,528) of the total public school students enrolled on Kaua'i Island (9,458) were Native Hawaiian (SY22-23).<sup>11</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 1.2

**Increased number or percent of Native Hawaiian students graduating high school who are college, career, and community ready**

- 34% (224) of the 661 Kaua'i public high school graduates were Native Hawaiian (SY21-22).<sup>12</sup>
- 44% (99) of all Kaua'i Island Native Hawaiian public high school graduates (224) enrolled in colleges across the nation, compared to 53% (231) of all non-Hawaiian Kaua'i Island public high school graduates (437) (SY21-22).<sup>13</sup>

**Table EP3. Kaua'i Island Public High School Graduates Enrolled in College Nationwide, SY21-22<sup>14</sup>**

| School      | Total Number of Graduates | Total Number of Native Hawaiian Graduates | Percent of Native Hawaiian Graduates | Percent of Native Hawaiian Graduates Enrolled in College Nationwide | Percent of Total School Graduates Enrolled in College Nationwide |
|-------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Kapa'a High | 239                       | 87  | 36%                                  | 39%   | 49%  |
| Kaua'i High | 246                       | 51  | 21%                                  | 51%   | 54%  |
| Waimea High | 176                       | 86  | 49%                                  | 45%   | 47%  |

Note: Due to data suppression rules set by the Department of Education (HIDOE) there is no nationwide college enrollment data available for the following schools: Kanuikapono Learning Center, Kawaikini PCS, Ke Kula Ni'ihau 'o Kekaha Public Charter School, Kula Aupuni Ni'ihau a Kāhelelani Aloha NCPSC, Ni'ihau High and Elementary

### Strategic Outcome 1.3

**Increased number of Native Hawaiians engaged in traditional learning systems that re-establish/maintain strong cultural foundations/identity**

- 64% of Native Hawaiians in Kaua'i County reported participating in Native Hawaiian culture-based activities daily, weekly, or monthly compared to 42% non-Hawaiians (2022).<sup>15</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 2.1

**Adequately resourced Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and Hawaiian-medium schools, including funding of transportation, special education, facilities and meals, and availability of qualified teachers**

Of the 17 Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and 28 Hawaiian-medium schools (of which six (6) are also listed as Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools) located throughout the state, Kaua'i currently has four (4) Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools or stand-alone Hawaiian Medium Schools and two (2) Hawaiian-medium schools. Since 2006, OHA has provided the Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools over \$25 million dollars through

its Grants Program. More research is needed to establish each school's baseline definition of "adequately resourced" and its status.

## Strategic Outcome 2.2

### Increased availability of Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and Hawaiian-medium schools

#### Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools, Programs, and Hawaiian-Medium Schools on Kauaʻi, SY22-23<sup>16</sup>

- Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools
  - Kawaikini
  - Kanuikaponu
  - Ke Kula Ni'ihau o Kekaha
  - Kula Aupuni Ni'ihau A Kahelelani Aloha
- Kaiapuni Programs
  - Kawaikini PCS
  - Ke Kula Ni'ihau o Kekaha

## Strategic Outcome 2.3

### Establishment of a Native Hawaiian Charter School and Hawaiian-medium system

The Office of Hawaiian Education (OHE) was established in 2015 to administer and implement policies related to the HDOE Hawaiian Studies Program (Kupuna Program) and Hawaiian Language Immersion Program (Kula Kaiapuni). There are currently no Native Hawaiian Charter School or Hawaiian-medium school systems.

## OHA Funding Activities

#### Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) Mālama Education Loan Activity on Kauaʻi

- Open Education Loans as of 4/30/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0
- New Education Loans in FY22/23, 5/1/22 to 4/30/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0

#### Educational Pathways Granting Activity on Kauaʻi

**Table EP4. Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools, Funding from FB20-21 Budget**

| Grantee                        | Project Name                       | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning Ohana | Charter School Fund Administration | \$3,205,279    | Statewide        |

Note. The Grants Program continues close out activities, including reviewing final quarterly and annual reports, billings, and payments.

**Table EP5. Higher Education Scholarship Administration, Funding from FB20-21 Budget**

| Grantee                                | Project Name                                | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|--|---|----------------|------------------|
| University of Hawaii at Manoa – NHSEMP | Higher Education Scholarship Administration | \$1,100,000    | Statewide        |

Note. The Grants Program continues close out activities, including reviewing final quarterly and annual reports, billings, and payments.

**Table EP6. Kūlia Grants, Funding from FY21 Budget**

| Grantee                   | Project Name        | Amount Awarded | Community Served                |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Bishop Museum             | Extending Our Reach | \$49,999       | Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, Kaua'i |
| Kukulu Kumuhana O Anahola | Hana Ka Lima        | \$100,000      | Kaua'i Only                     |

**Table EP7. Community Grants - Education, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

| Grantee                                | Project Name               | Amount Awarded | Community Served                       |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| Educational Services Hawaii Foundation | 'Imi 'Ike Learning Centers | \$180,000      | Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Maui, O'ahu, Kaua'i |

**Table EP8. Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

| Grantee                         | Project Name                               | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana | 16 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools | \$3,205,279    | Statewide        |

**Table EP9. 'Ahahui Grants, Funding from FY22 Budget**

| Grantee                 | Project Name   | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|-------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| Adult Friends for Youth | PEARL Convention (Promoting Peace, Empathy, Acceptance, Respect, and Love) | \$5,050        | Kaua'i, O'ahu    |





## HEALTH OUTCOMES

**STRATEGY 3:** Advance policies, programs, and practices that strengthen Hawaiian wellbeing, including physical, spiritual, mental and emotional health.

**STRATEGY 4:** Advance policies, programs and practices that strengthen the health of the ‘āina and mo‘omeheu.

### Current Issues/ OHA Activities

#### 1. Kaua‘i County Council unanimously passes resolution supporting Native Hawaiian Women and Girls

**Issue Summary:** Studies show from 2017 to 2019, one (1) out of every three (3) child sex trafficking victims reported to the Child Welfare Services child sex trafficking hotline in Hawai‘i were Native Hawaiian, and 95 percent were girls.<sup>17</sup>

**Context:** In 2021, HCR 11 was passed through the Hawai‘i State Legislature. The measure requested that the Hawai‘i State Commission on the Status of Women convene a task force to conduct a study regarding missing and murdered Native Hawaiian women and girls.

**Community Positions & Related Activities:** One of the lead investigators on the Missing and Murdered Native Hawaiian Women (MMNHWG) report submitted to the Legislature this session lives on Kaua‘i. Furthermore, testimony provided

by the Kaua‘i community indicates that they have had incidents where women went missing, and violence perpetrated on Kaua‘i against Native Hawaiian female residents. Therefore, there was strong support for Resolution 2023-32, and it passed unanimously on March 8, 2023.<sup>18</sup>

**OHA Positions & Related Activities:** The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is co-chair on the MMNHWG Task Force. The task force provided a Report 20 days prior to the 2023 session and will make recommendations for proposed legislation 20 days prior to the 2024 session.<sup>19</sup> Part 2 of the report will be forthcoming in 2023. OHA will continue to advocate and participate with the Commission on the Status of Women and other task force members in developing and drafting of any proposed legislation that addresses the issues raised in the Reports.

#### 2. The Wai‘oli Valley Taro Hui Exemption from water permit process for kalo farmers

**Issue Summary:** Beneficiary kalo farmers in Waioli, Kaua‘i, continue to receive support from Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law and the Native Hawaiian Rights Clinic through the A‘o Aku A‘o Mai Initiative. The Initiative was established by OHA in 2011 to assist with the Bartell case, which involved attempts to clear title to Native Hawaiian ancestral land on Moloka‘i. The Initiative’s focus has since expanded to assist OHA beneficiaries in rural communities through free training, the

distribution of legal primers, and direct legal assistance on a range of topics.

**Context:** In April 2018, heavy rainfall and flooding severely damaged the lo‘i kalo system that the Waioli farmers relied upon. Although this system has been utilized since time immemorial, disaster relief efforts determined that the mānowai, po‘owai, and much of the ‘auwai are now on state conservation land. As such, it became necessary for the farmers to secure several permits and approvals to ensure

that they could legally continue to use the stream's water. Faced with this overwhelming task, the farmers reached out to Ka Huli Ao and the Environmental Law Clinic for assistance in navigating the legal system's maze of exemptions and other approvals.

**Community Positions & Related Activities:** With assistance from the Spring 2019 Environmental Law Clinic, the farmers formed the Waioli Valley Taro Hui (the Hui), a 501(c)(3), and requested from the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) an easement for the relevant portions of the lo'i kalo system that was on state land - which was unanimously approved at gratis. The Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 Environmental Law Clinics subsequently helped the Hui acquire a revocable permit for its water use, as well as complete several of the preliminary steps necessary to eventually submit a water lease application. In Spring 2021, the Native Hawaiian Rights Clinic continued to help the Hui set the groundwork for their water lease application. In addition to tracking relevant legislation, the clinic also facilitated the introduction and adoption of resolutions in support of the Hui's efforts to obtain a water lease from BLNR. Additionally, the

clinic is also shepherding the submittal of an amended Interim Instream Flow Standard for Waioli Stream, which will go into the Draft Environmental Assessment, which is also a necessary step towards submitting a water lease application. During the 2022 Legislative Session, House Bill 1768 was introduced which provided for an exemption to these requirements for those using water for traditional and customary kalo cultivation. The Bill passed and is now Act 27, signed by Gov. Ige on May 25, 2022.<sup>20</sup>

**OHA Position & Related Activities:** OHA supported this measure which will assist kalo farmers in rebuilding and maintaining their lo'i by exempting the instream use of water for traditional and customary kalo cultivation practices from the existing process for disposition of water. The measure recognizes, confirms, and protects traditional, customary kuleana rights to water, including rights of use, access, delivery, and quality of water. Consistent with the Taro Security and Purity Task Force's report of 2010, this measure creates a legal framework for managing Hawai'i's precious freshwater resources.

## Current Conditions

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### COVID Cases in Kaua'i County (as of 05/10/2023)<sup>21</sup>

- Test positivity 7-day moving average: 6.6%
- 7-day Avg Daily Cases per 100,000 people: 6
- Change in cases week over week: 38

### Native Hawaiian Wellbeing Indicators

#### **Overall, Health Status<sup>23</sup>**

- 50% of Native Hawaiians on Kaua'i report excellent (21%) to very good (29%) overall health, compared to 58% of all Kaua'i residents (2021).

### Vaccination Data among NHPI (as of 5/10/2023)<sup>22</sup>

- 21% of the vaccinated population are Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NHPI), whereas NHPI are 22% of the total Kaua'i County population.

#### **Mental Health<sup>24</sup>**

- 12% of Native Hawaiians on Kaua'i report ever being told they have a depressive disorder, compared to 11% of all Kaua'i residents (2021).



### Strategic Outcome 3.1

**Increased availability and access to quality, culturally based, and culturally adapted prevention and treatment interventions in 'ohana, schools, and communities**

#### Health Care Provider Rates

- Kaua'i County had 84 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2020).<sup>25</sup>
- Kaua'i County had 222 mental health providers per 100,000 people, compared to 284 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2022).<sup>26</sup>

### Strategic Outcome: 3.2

**Establishment of a fully functional, high quality, culturally adapted, primary Native Hawaiian Health System which coordinates effective wellness activities/programs**

Native Hawaiian Health Centers (NHHC) receive Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems Program funding through the federal Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Health Center Program appropriation to provide medical and enabling services to Native Hawaiians.<sup>27</sup> NHHC provides Native Hawaiians with access to health education, health promotion, and disease prevention services. Across the system, services include nutrition programs, screening and control of hypertension and diabetes, immunizations, and basic primary care services. This system is primarily federally funded under the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act.

The Kaua'i NHHC is Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i (HLH) - Kaua'i Community Health Center, a private, not for profit community-based health enhancement, disease prevention and health care center. HLH is

one of five Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems developed to improve Native Hawaiian health equity and disparities. Clinics are in Waimea and Kapa'a, and the administration office is in Lihue.

Locations:

- 1) Waimea Medical / Dental / Behavioral Health Clinic  
Address: 4643B Waimea Canyon Rd.,  
Waimea, HI 96796
- 2) Kapa'a Medical / Dental / Behavioral Health Clinic  
Address: 4800D Kawaihau Rd., Kapa'a, HI 96746
- 3) Ho'ola Admin Offices  
Phone: 808-240-0100  
Address: 4491 Rice Street, Lihue, HI 96766  
Website: <https://www.hoolalahui.org/>

### Strategic Outcome 3.3

**Decrease the number/percent of Native Hawaiian in jails and prisons**

- Native Hawaiians constituted 24% of the female inmate population and 38% of the male inmate population of Kaua'i Community Correctional Center (2018) compared to the Kaua'i County 19% female and 20% male Native Hawaiian resident population (2015).<sup>28</sup>

### Arrests in Kauaʻi County (2019 Calendar Year)<sup>29</sup>

- 24% (98 of 407) of adults arrested for Index Offenses (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, human trafficking, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson) were Native Hawaiian.
- 19% (7 of 36) of juveniles arrested for Index Offenses were Native Hawaiian.
- 26% (650 of 2,542) of adults arrested for Part II Offenses (violent, property related, drug manufacturing/sale, drug possession, gambling, alcohol related, other) were Native Hawaiian.
- 27% (191 of 701) of juveniles arrested for Part II Offenses were Native Hawaiian.

**Table HO1. Kauaʻi Police Department (2021)<sup>30</sup>**

| Indicator                  | Total | Native Hawaiian |     |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----|
|                            |       | #               | %   |
| Total Crime Victims        | 2,460 | 311             | 13% |
| Total Arrestees            | 1,070 | 262             | 24% |
| Person Offense Victims     | 1,385 | 212             | 15% |
| Person Offense Arrestees   | 567   | 129             | 23% |
| Property Offense Victims   | 1,094 | 101             | 9%  |
| Property Offense Arrestees | 284   | 71              | 25% |
| Society Offense Arrestees  | 279   | 81              | 29% |

### Strategic Outcome 3.4

#### Communities are empowered to take care of iwi kupuna

To measure the outcome of communities empowered to care for iwi kupuna, no data source has been identified at this time. While there are ongoing efforts to preserve iwi kūpuna from the grass-roots level up, a multi-prong approach utilizing state level policy, cultural education and awareness, and resources to mālama iwi kūpuna is needed. The State of Hawaiʻi established five Island Burial Councils (Hawaiʻi, Maui/Lānaʻi, Molokaʻi, Oʻahu and Kauaʻi/Niʻihau) under the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and OHA continues to seek qualified candidates to recommend to the governor as

nominees to fill vacancies. Members meet monthly to:

- Determine whether previously identified Native Hawaiian burial sites will be preserved in place or relocated.
- Assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and SHPD in developing an inventory of Native Hawaiian burial sites.
- Recommend appropriate management, treatment, and protection of Native Hawaiian burial sites, and on any other matters related to Native Hawaiian burial sites.

## Strategic Outcome: 4.1

### Preservation and perpetuation of Hawaiian language, culture, traditions, identity, and sense of lāhui

Table HO2. Spiritual, Emotional, and Cultural Health (2022)<sup>31</sup>

|  | Kaua'i County   |              | Statewide       |              |
|--|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|  | Native Hawaiian | non-Hawaiian | Native Hawaiian | non-Hawaiian |
| <b>Ke Akua Mana: Spirituality and the sacredness of mana</b>   |                 |              |                 |              |
| Respondents reporting belief in a higher power such as God (Ke Akua) or other deities (personal, family, or Hawaiian gods) | 96%             | 83%          | 93%             | 80%          |
| <b>Pilina: Mutually sustaining relationships</b>   |                 |              |                 |              |
| Respondents who report 'ohana relationships were important to their well being   | 100%            | 97%          | 100%            | 98%          |
| <b>'Ōiwi: Cultural identity and native intelligence</b>  |                 |              |                 |              |
| Respondents feeling moderately, quite a bit, or extremely connected to an ethnic or cultural community                     | 88%             | 76%          | 86%             | 75%          |
| Respondents participating in Native Hawaiian culture-based activities daily, weekly, or monthly                            | 64%             | 42%          | 70%             | 44%          |
| Respondents reporting their experience with 'ōlelo Hawai'i – understand common words and phrases                           | 67%             | 48%          | 75%             | 53%          |
| Respondents reporting their experience with 'ōlelo Hawai'i – converse at a beginner level with others                      | 21%             | 3%           | 31%             | 6%           |
| Respondents reporting their experience with 'ōlelo Hawai'i – converse at an intermediate level with others                 | 3%              | 1%           | 12%             | 1%           |
| Respondents reporting their experience with 'ōlelo Hawai'i – converse at an advanced level with others                     | 7%              | 1%           | 7%              | 0%           |
| <b>'Āina Momona: Healthy and productive land and people</b>  |                 |              |                 |              |
| Respondents reporting the health of the 'āina and kai were important to their wellbeing                                    | 98%             | 100%         | 99%             | 99%          |
| <b>Ea: Self-determination</b>  |                 |              |                 |              |
| Respondents who reported participating in an event to address a community issue in the last 12 months                      | 37%             | 34%          | 40%             | 35%          |
| Respondents who voted in the Nov. 8, 2020 election by mail or in-person  | 84%             | 89%          | 87%             | 89%          |
| <b>Waiwai: Ancestral abundance, collective wealth</b>  |                 |              |                 |              |
| Respondents who reported contributing to the well-being of Native Hawaiian community daily, weekly, or monthly             | 30%             | 23%          | 33%             | 30%          |
| Respondents who reported being very satisfied or satisfied with their overall quality of life                              | 25%             | 21%          | 29%             | 22%          |

## Strategic Outcome 4.2

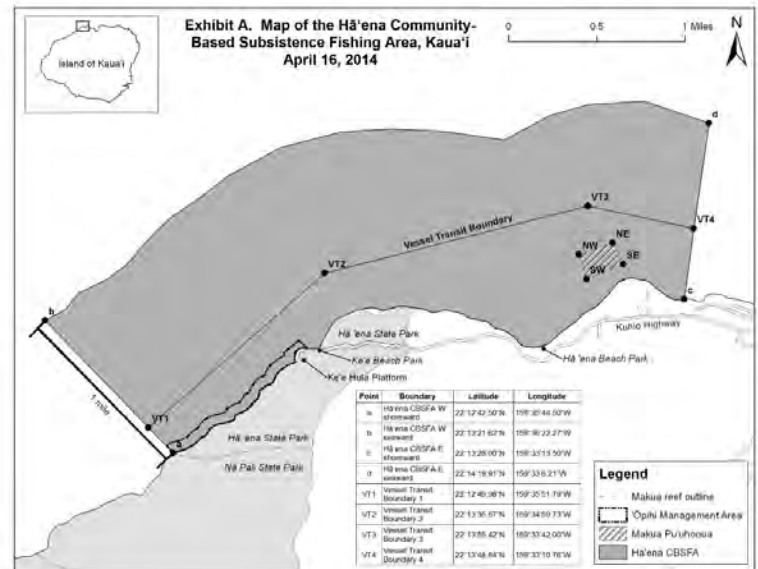
Increased community stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources that foster connection to 'āina, 'ohana, and communities

Table HO3. Cultural Health (2022)<sup>32</sup>

|   | Kaua'i County   |              | Statewide       |              |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|   | Native Hawaiian | non-Hawaiian | Native Hawaiian | non-Hawaiian |
| <b>'Āina Momona: Healthy and productive land and people</b>   |                 |              |                 |              |
| Respondents reporting that they interact with 'āina or kai for cultural, spiritual, subsistence, health, or recreational reasons: |                 |              |                 |              |
| cultural  | 48%             | 20%          | 54%             | 20%          |
| spiritual   | 43%             | 32%          | 41%             | 31%          |
| subsistence   | 35%             | 22%          | 35%             | 19%          |
| health  | 50%             | 58%          | 56%             | 56%          |
| recreational  | 72%             | 73%          | 72%             | 75%          |

### Kaua'i Community Subsistence/Fishery Areas

- There is one state-approved Community Subsistence Fishing Areas on Kaua'i. The Hā'ena Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) includes the waters and submerged lands from the shoreline to a distance of one mile off the northwestern coast of Kaua'i, bounded by a straight line extending seaward at the boundary between Hā'ena State Park and Nā Pali State Park, and a straight line extending seaward at the boundary between Hā'ena and Wainiha.<sup>33</sup>



## Strategic Outcome 4.3

Increased restoration of Native Hawaiian cultural sites, landscapes, kulāiwi and traditional food systems

More research is needed to establish a baseline measurement for restoration of Native Hawaiian cultural sites, landscapes, kulāiwi, and traditional food systems. OHA currently supports restoration of culturally significant sites and restoration efforts through its Grants Program.

## OHA Funding Activities

### OHA Legacy Land Holdings on Kauaʻi

- Total island acreage: 2.26 acres
- Hoʻomana: 0.80 acres
  - Acquired by OHA: 2016
  - Land Zoning: Open
- Kekaha Amory: 1.46 acres
  - Acquired by OHA: 1998
  - Land Zoning: Industrial Mixed Use

### OHA Consumer Micro Loan Program Loan Activity on Kauaʻi (for funeral and emergency health purposes)

- Open Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loans as of 4/30/23: one (1) loan, total disbursed \$5,000
- New Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loans in FY22/23, 5/1/22 to 4/30/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0

### Health Outcomes Granting Activity on Kauaʻi

**Table HO4. COVID-19 Impact & Response Grants: Kauaʻi, Funding from FY21 Budget**

| Grantee   | Project Name  | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|---|---|----------------|------------------|
| Hanalei River Heritage Foundation <sup>34</sup> | Project Holomua: Essential Culture-Based Support Services for Native Hawaiian Homeless Families | \$35,000       | Kauaʻi Only      |

**Table HO5. Homestead Community Grants, Funding from FY21 Budget**

| Grantee                   | Project Name         | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Kukulu Kumuhana O Anahola | Ulupono Anahola (UA) | \$75,000       | Kauaʻi Only      |

**Table HO6. Iwi Kūpuna Repatriation & Reinternment Grants, Funding from FY21 Budget**

| Grantee   | Project Name                          | Amount Awarded | Community Served                     |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Supporting the Language of Kauaʻi, Inc. (SLK, Inc.) | Nā Kuleana o Kānaka ʻŌiwi             | \$50,000       | Kauaʻi Only                          |
| The Hawaiian Church of Hawaiʻi Nei                  | E Hoʻomau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna | \$50,000       | Hawaiʻi, Maui, Lānaʻi, Oʻahu, Kauaʻi |

**Table HO7. 'Ohana & Community-Based Program Grants: Kaua'i, Funding from FY21 Budget**

| Grantee                           | Project Name  | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|------------------|
| Hanalei River Heritage Foundation | O Hanalei Kuu Kulaiwi: Building resilience to overcome adversity - East Kaua'i Hawaiian Community | \$30,000       | Kaua'i Only      |
| Hawaiian Islands Land Trust       | Kahili Beach Preserve Aina-Based Education Program  | \$56,254       | Kaua'i Only      |
| ALU LIKE, Inc. <sup>35</sup>      | Project EA (Educational Assistant)  | \$61,446       | Kaua'i Only      |

**Table HO8. Board Approved Grants, Funding from FY22 Budget**

| Grantee         | Project Name                                     | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|-----------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| Papa Ola Lokahi | COVID-19 Statewide Vaccination Sites and Clinics | \$20,000       | Statewide        |

**Table HO9. Community Grants – 'Āina/Health, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

| Grantee                | Project Name  | Amount Awarded | Community Served    |
|------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------|
| Aina Hookupu O Kilauea | Kaua'i Locally Grown Fresh Produce Boxes for Native Hawaiians | \$100,000      | Kaua'i Only         |
| ALU LIKE, Inc.         | Kohopono  | \$250,000      | Maui, O'ahu, Kaua'i |

**Table HO10. Iwi Kūpuna Repatriation & Reinternment Grants, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

| Grantee                            | Project Name                          | Amount Awarded | Community Served                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| The Hawaiian Church of Hawai'i Nei | E Ho'omau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna | \$50,000       | Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, O'ahu, Kaua'i |

**Table HO11. 'Ohana-Based Practices in Perpetuation of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i: Community Research Grant<sup>36</sup>**

| Grantee         | Project Name | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| 'Aha Pūnana Leo | Noi'i OHA    | \$79,514       | Statewide        |

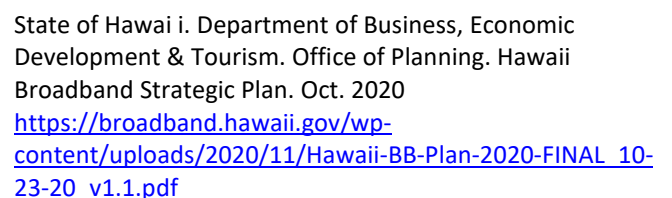




**STRATEGY 6:** Support implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and other efforts to meet the housing needs of ‘ohana.

## **1. Broadband Infrastructure – Federal Support**

**Community Positions & Related Activities** The State of Hawai'i is currently soliciting input regarding the projects that address digital



equity.<sup>38</sup> The Indicators of Broadband Need map, created by the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), provides Public Maps & Tools which uses several different data sources to show information on broadband availability within the United States.<sup>39</sup> Funding sources are available through the federal government in the Infrastructure Act and the Inflation Reduction Act and the NTIA grants. On April 27, 2023, the U.S. Department of the

Treasury announced the approval of \$115.5 million for high-speed internet projects in Hawai'i under the American Rescue Plan's Capital Projects Fund (CPF).<sup>40</sup> A key priority of the CPF program is making funding available for broadband infrastructure.<sup>41</sup> States and territories may provide input in determining locations for broadband expansion.<sup>42</sup>

**OHA Positions & Related Activities:** OHA Public Policy Advocates continue to monitor the situation, participate in the Broadband Hui meetings, and determine state and federal nexus points for funding and equity for Native Hawaiian Communities in rural areas, including the County of Kaua'i.

## Current Conditions

### Strategic Outcome 5.1

**Increased numbers/percent of Native Hawaiians who rent housing that meets their 'ohana's financial and wellbeing needs**

- 34% (1,034 of 3,048) of Native Hawaiian households in Kaua'i County rented their home compared to 38% (8,606 of 22,405) of all renters in Kaua'i County and 44% (30,679 of 69,217) of all Native Hawaiian housing units statewide (2015).<sup>43</sup>
- 43% (444 of 1,034) of Native Hawaiian renters in Kaua'i County were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward rent) compared to 42% (12,743 of 30,679) of all Native Hawaiians statewide (2015).<sup>44</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 5.2

**Increased numbers/percent of Native Hawaiians who own housing that meets their 'ohana's financial and wellbeing needs**

- 66% (2,014 of 3,048) of Native Hawaiian occupied housing units in Kaua'i County were owner-occupied compared to 62% (13,799 of 22,405) of all homeowners in Kaua'i County and 56% of all Native Hawaiian housing units statewide (38,538 of 69,217).<sup>45</sup>
- 64% (1,298 of 2,014) of Native Hawaiians homeowners (with and without a mortgage) in Kaua'i County were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward mortgage) compared to 67% (25,688 of 38,538) of all Native Hawaiians statewide.<sup>46</sup>

**Strategic Outcome 5.3**

**Increased safety, stability, social support networks, and cultural connection in Native Hawaiian communities**

**Table QH1. Community Characteristics (2022)** <sup>47</sup>

| Percentage of respondents who...  | Kaua'i County   |              | State           |              |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|   | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian |
| ...feel at least moderately connected to the geographic community in which they live.                         | 85%             | 87%          | 85%             | 86%          |
| ...believe that safe neighborhoods are important or very important to their community's wellbeing.            | 98%             | 99%          | 97%             | 99%          |
| ...feel at least moderately connected to an ethnic or cultural community.                                     | 88%             | 76%          | 86%             | 75%          |
| ...believe that cultural and historical sites are important or very important to their community's wellbeing. | 93%             | 93%          | 92%             | 92%          |
| ...within the past 12 months, have made use of cultural and historical sites at least monthly.                | 49%             | 46%          | 51%             | 44%          |
| ...within the last 12 months, have made use of locally owned businesses at least monthly.                     | 96%             | 91%          | 92%             | 95%          |
| ...in the past 12 months, did not participate in any community-building activities.                           | 26%             | 16%          | 20%             | 19%          |

**Table QH2. Community Characteristics (2021)** <sup>48</sup>

| Percentage of respondents who...   | Kaua'i County   |              | State           |              |
|--|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|  | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian |
| ...feel at least moderately connected to their neighbors.  | 76%             | 76%          | 71%             | 74%          |
| ...know someone who will help them in an emergency.  | 79%             | 85%          | 94%             | 95%          |
| ...are satisfied with the quality of the Native Hawaiian-focused education programs in their community.            | 28%             | 41%          | 40%             | 31%          |
| ...are limited in their access to education programs by distance and transportation to at least a moderate extent. | 43%             | 50%          | 33%             | 28%          |

### Strategic Outcome 6.1

Increased affordable non-traditional housing options (accessory dwelling units/tiny homes, large multi-generational lots or homes) in communities of 'ohana's choice

Table QH3. Occupied Less-traditional Housing Units (2021 and 2020)<sup>49</sup>

|  | Kaua'i County |        | Statewide |         |
|--|---------------|--------|-----------|---------|
|  | 2021          | 2020   | 2021      | 2020    |
| Total housing units                            | 22,668        | 23,331 | 478,413   | 467,932 |
| Less-traditional housing units (number)        | 1,841         | 1,588  | 49,422    | 47,428  |
| Less-traditional housing units (% total units) | 8%            | 7%     | 10%       | 10%     |

- 5% of the Native Hawaiian-occupied housing units in Kaua'i County were less-traditional housing units (163 of 3,048) compared to 7% Native Hawaiians statewide (4,547 of 69,217) (2015).<sup>50</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 6.2

Increased housing unit supply on Hawaiian Home Lands

#### Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Information (2022)<sup>51</sup>

- DHHL currently holds 20,575 acres of land on Kaua'i, 10% of its total landholdings.
- DHHL had 742 lessees on Kaua'i, 7% of the 9,981 leases statewide.
  - Residential: 695 (8% of Statewide)
  - Agricultural: 46 (4% of Statewide)
  - Pastoral: 1 (0.2% of Statewide)
- DHHL had 774 undivided interest leases (lots with no homes) statewide.
- DHHL Kaua'i Island Waitlist<sup>52</sup>
  - Total Waitlist: 4,348
  - Residential: 1,718 (7% of Statewide Waitlist)
  - Agricultural: 2,297 (12% of Statewide Waitlist)
  - Pastoral: 333 (10% of Statewide Waitlist)

### Strategic Outcome 6.3

Decreased rate of Native Hawaiian 'ohana out of state migration

Kaua'i County results did not have an admissible margin of error level and are not included in this brief.<sup>53</sup>

**Table QH4. Considering Moving in the Past Year (2022)<sup>54</sup>**

|   | Kaua'i County   |              | State           |              |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|   | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian |
| Have not considered moving away from Hawai'i in the past year | 55%             | 59%          | 52%             | 60%          |
| Have considered moving away from Hawai'i in the past year     | 43%             | 43%          | 47%             | 39%          |
| ...to take a new job or pursue a career advancement           | 8%              | 7%           | 10%             | 6%           |
| ...to continue with a current job that moved out of Hawai'i   | 2%              | 1%           | 2%              | 1%           |
| ...to increase my earnings potential (i.e., make more money)  | 16%             | 10%          | 18%             | 11%          |
| ...due to a lower cost of living elsewhere                    | 26%             | 30%          | 33%             | 26%          |
| ...to be closer to family or friends                          | 2%              | 18%          | 4%              | 13%          |
| ...for other reasons  | 12%             | 9%           | 10%             | 9%           |

Note. Respondents able to choose up to three reasons.

## OHA Funding Activities

### NHRLF Mālama Home Improvement Loans on Kaua'i

- Open Mālama Home Improvement Loans as of 4/30/23: two (2) loans, total disbursed \$34,265
- New Mālama Home Improvement Loans in FY22-23, 5/1/22 to 4/30/23: one (1) loan, total disbursed \$14,260

### NHRLF OHA Consumer Micro Loans for unexpected home repair purposes on Kaua'i

- Open Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans as of 04/30/23: one (1) loan, total disbursed \$7,500
- New Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans in FY22/23, 5/1/22 to 4/30/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0

### Quality Housing Granting Activity on Kaua'i

**Table QH5. COVID-19 Impact & Response Grants: Kaua'i, Funding from FY21 Budget**

| Grantee   | Project Name  | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|---|---|----------------|------------------|
| Hanalei River Heritage Foundation <sup>55</sup> | Project Holomua: Essential Culture-Based Support Services for Native Hawaiian Homeless Families | \$35,000       | Kaua'i Only      |

**Table QH6. 'Ohana & Community-Based Program Grants: Kaua'i, Funding from FY21 Budget**

| Grantee                      | Project Name                       | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| ALU LIKE, Inc. <sup>56</sup> | Project EA (Educational Assistant) | \$61,446       | Kaua'i Only      |



## ECONOMIC STABILITY



**STRATEGY 7:** Advance policies, programs and practices that strengthen ‘ohana’s ability to pursue multiple pathways toward economic stability.

**STRATEGY 8:** Cultivate economic development in and for Hawaiian communities.

### Current Issues/ OHA Activities

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No current issues related to Economic Stability at this time.

### Current Conditions

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#### Strategic Outcome 7.1

**Increased number / percent of Native Hawaiian ‘ohana who are able to provide high quality keiki and kupuna care**

- The average full-time rate of a licensed childcare center in Kaua‘i County for a child under 3 years of age is \$1,077 per month for 2-year-olds (there are no licensed centers available for children 0-24 months). The cost of licensed registered family childcare homes ranges from \$684 (0-6 months) to \$715 (2 years old) per month.<sup>57</sup>
- Keiki care programs (e.g., A+) are utilized at a higher rate by Native Hawaiians (32%) compared to non-Hawaiians (18%) in Kaua‘i County (2022).<sup>58</sup>
- During 2020-2021, the cost of assisted living facilities in Kaua‘i County ranged from \$4,700 to \$6,500 per month and approximately \$417-\$481 per day for semi-private skilled nursing facilities.<sup>59</sup>
- Kūpuna care programs (e.g., Meals on Wheels) are utilized at a similar rate by Native Hawaiians (5%) compared to non-Hawaiians (5%) in Kaua‘i County (2022).<sup>60</sup>



**Table ES1. Kupuna and Keiki Care Considerations (2022)<sup>61</sup>**

| Percent of respondents who...  | Kaua'i County   |              | State           |              |
|--|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|  | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian |
| ...have made use of kupuna wellness resources (for example, computer classes, exercise programs) at least monthly within the last 12 months.       | 9%              | 13%          | 12%             | 11%          |
| ...have made use of kupuna care (for example, Meals on Wheels, assisted living, memory care) at least monthly within the last 12 months.           | 5%              | 5%           | 10%             | 3%           |
| ...have made use of keiki care (for example, day care) at least monthly within the last 12 months.   | 20%             | 7%           | 22%             | 10%          |
| ...have made use of out-of-school-time programs for youth (for example, A+ after school, sports, YMCA) at least monthly within the last 12 months. | 32%             | 18%          | 27%             | 14%          |

**Table ES2. Kupuna and Keiki Care Considerations (2021)<sup>62</sup>**

| Percent of respondents who...   | Kaua'i County   |              | State           |              |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|   | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian |
| ...are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of preschool programs in their community.         | 33%             | 41%          | 38%             | 35%          |
| ...are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of the out-of-school programs in their community. | 19%             | 26%          | 28%             | 27%          |

**Table ES3. Kauaʻi County Average Monthly Cost of Child Care by Age, Licensed Centers (2023)<sup>63</sup>**

| Licensed Centers                              |                                  |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Age Group                                     | Average Part-time Rate (Monthly) | Average Full-time Rate (Monthly) |
| 0-6 months                                    | N/A                              | N/A                              |
| 6-12 months                                   | N/A                              | N/A                              |
| 12-18 months                                  | N/A                              | N/A                              |
| 18-24 months                                  | N/A                              | N/A                              |
| 2-year-olds                                   | \$553                            | \$1,077                          |
| 3-year-olds                                   | \$669                            | \$975                            |
| 4 - 5-year-olds                               | \$669                            | \$862                            |
| 5–10-year-olds                                | \$638                            | \$771                            |
| 11–15-year-olds                               | N/A                              | N/A                              |
| Registered Family Child Care Homes (Licensed) |                                  |                                  |
| 0-6 months                                    | \$538                            | \$684                            |
| 6-12 months                                   | \$544                            | \$722                            |
| 12-18 months                                  | \$557                            | \$737                            |
| 18-24 months                                  | \$557                            | \$716                            |
| 2-year-olds                                   | \$552                            | \$715                            |
| 3-year-olds                                   | \$529                            | \$721                            |
| 4 - 5-year-olds                               | \$547                            | \$721                            |
| 5–10-year-olds                                | \$561                            | \$709                            |
| 11–15-year-olds                               | \$579                            | \$710                            |

**Table ES4. Kauaʻi Child Care by Facility Type (2023)<sup>64</sup>**

| Child Care Facility                          | 2022 Site State Total | 2022 Site Kauaʻi Island Total | Number of Children Enrolled on 4/25/2023 | Desired Capacity | Licensed Capacity |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|
| Licensed Infant/Toddler Center               | 66                    | 0                             | N/A                                      | N/A              | N/A               |
| Registered Family Child Care Home/Group Home | 260                   | 30                            | 112                                      | 178              | 181               |
| Licensed Group Child Care (Preschools)       | 400                   | 24                            | 529                                      | 941              | 968               |
| Licensed Before and After School Programs    | 90                    | 4                             | 24                                       | 102              | 104               |
| Total  | 820                   | 58                            | 665                                      | 1,221            | 1,253             |

Note. Desired capacity = Number of children willing to accept; Licensed capacity = Number of children licensed to care for

**Table ES5. Kauaʻi County Capacity of Elderly Living with Assistance Facilities (2020-2021)<sup>65</sup>**

|               | Assisted living facilities |        |       | Adult residential care home |        |       | Skilled nursing facilities (elderly) |        |       |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|
|               | Facilities                 | Units  |       | Facilities                  | Beds   |       | Facilities                           | Beds   |       |
|               |                            | Number | Share |                             | Number | Share |                                      | Number | Share |
| State total   | 17                         | 2,367  | 100%  | 456                         | 2,619  | 100%  | 26                                   | 2,743  | 100%  |
| Kauaʻi County | 1                          | 82     | 3.5%  | 6                           | 26     | 1%    | 3                                    | 247    | 9%    |

### Strategic Outcome 7.2

**Increased access to capital and credit for community strengthening Native Hawaiian businesses and individuals**

More research is needed to understand the current level and nature of access to capital and credit for Native Hawaiian businesses and individuals.

Financial institutions on Kauaʻi<sup>66</sup>

- 1 Community Development Financial Institution
- 18 bank branch offices
- 1 Small Business Development Center located in Lihue
- 13 credit union branches

### Strategic Outcome 7.3

**Increase number of Native Hawaiian 'ohana who are resource stable (financial, subsistence, other)**

**Table ES6. Higher Education Institutions on Kauaʻi (2023)<sup>67</sup>**

| Community College | Public Universities | Private Colleges/Universities | For-Profit Colleges/Universities |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1                 | 0                   | 0                             | 0                                |

Note. For the list of Higher Education Institutions on Kauaʻi, refer to [Appendix D](#)

### Highest Level of Education Attainment Reported by Native Hawaiians (2015)<sup>68</sup>

- Native Hawaiian educational attainment in Kauaʻi County is at parity with the total Kauaʻi County population for:
  - One year or more of college experience with no degree attained: 7% Native Hawaiians (1,394 of 7,663) and 7% total county (8,335 of 48,963) and
  - Earning an associate degree: 5% Native Hawaiians (967) and 6% total county (6,175).
- A smaller percentage of Native Hawaiians in Kauaʻi County attained Bachelor's (3%, 528) and Graduate Degrees (2%, 342) in comparison to the total Kauaʻi County population (8%, 9,184 and 4%, 4,538 respectively).

**Table ES7. Post-secondary Educational Attainment (2015)<sup>69</sup>**

| Degree                     | Kaua'i County   |              | State           |              |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                            | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian |
| Associate's degree         | 53%             | 31%          | 36%             | 25%          |
| Bachelor's degree          | 29%             | 46%          | 43%             | 50%          |
| Masters degree             | 16%             | 15%          | 15%             | 17%          |
| Professional school degree | 3%              | 5%           | 4%              | 5%           |
| Doctorate degree           | 0.2%            | 3%           | 2%              | 3%           |
| Total                      | 100%            | 100%         | 100%            | 100%         |

#### **Native Hawaiian Income and Earnings in Kaua'i County (2015)**

- Native Hawaiian median household income in Kaua'i County was \$67,230 or 103% (\$65,101) of the countywide median household income.<sup>70</sup>
- Median earnings for Native Hawaiian men were \$3,072 less than men countywide (\$31,403 vs. \$34,475).
- Median earnings for Native Hawaiian women were \$2,666 less than women countywide (\$27,910 vs. \$30,576).
- For both Native Hawaiian women and women in general in Kaua'i County, earnings were approximately 89% of their male counterparts.<sup>71</sup>

#### **Strategic Outcome 7.4**

##### **Increased Native Hawaiian employment rate**

#### **Native Hawaiian Employment and Labor Statistics in Kaua'i County (2015)<sup>72</sup>**

- The Native Hawaiian unemployment rate<sup>73</sup> in Kaua'i County was 8.4% compared to 5.3% for all residents.
- 69% (6,683 of 9,691) of the Native Hawaiian population ages 16 and older participated in the labor force in Kaua'i County compared to 65% (36,149 of 55,747) of all Kaua'i County residents.
- 63% (6,105 of 9,691) of the Native Hawaiian population ages 16 and older were employed compared to 61% (33,996 of 55,747) for all Kaua'i County residents.

#### **Strategic Outcome 8.1**

##### **Increased number of successful, community strengthening Native Hawaiian-owned businesses**

#### **Native Hawaiian Business Ownership in Kaua'i County<sup>74</sup>**

- 811 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were in Kaua'i County, 6% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 10% of total firms (7,938) in Kaua'i County (2012).
  - 93 of these firms had paid employees, employing 712 people per pay period.
  - The total sales, receipts, or value of shipments for these firms was \$80,621,000.

## Strategic Outcome 8.2

Establishment of new markets for Native Hawaiian products (e.g., kalo, loko i'a grown fish, etc.) that can provide Native Hawaiian producers a livable wage

More research is needed to better understand the market dynamics for Native Hawaiian products.

- There were 148 acres of taro harvested from 45 farms in Kaua'i County (2017).<sup>75</sup>

**Table ES8. Kaua'i County Local Business and Food Consumption (2022)<sup>76</sup>**

|   | Kaua'i County   |              | State           |              |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|   | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian | Native Hawaiian | Non-Hawaiian |
| <b>Percentage of respondents who have used locally owned businesses in the past 12 months:</b>          |                 |              |                 |              |
| Almost Daily  | 34%             | 25%          | 30%             | 32%          |
| Weekly  | 34%             | 46%          | 36%             | 42%          |
| Monthly   | 28%             | 20%          | 26%             | 21%          |
| Once or Twice a Year  | 1%              | 4%           | 4%              | 3%           |
| Rarely  | 1%              | 3%           | 2%              | 2%           |
| Almost Never  | 3%              | 1%           | 2%              | 1%           |
| <b>Barriers to local food consumption:</b>  |                 |              |                 |              |
| Not knowing where or how to access local foods grown or raised in Hawaii is a barrier to accessing them | 16%             | 10%          | 16%             | 12%          |
| Local foods grown or raised in Hawaii cost too much to access them                                      | 58%             | 45%          | 62%             | 52%          |
| Local foods or ingredients are not available nearby   | 7%              | 8%           | 8%              | 9%           |
| It's more convenient to buy imported foods than local foods   | 31%             | 28%          | 34%             | 28%          |
| <b>Percentage of respondents who access local foods:</b>  |                 |              |                 |              |
| Directly purchased from farms   | 25%             | 22%          | 21%             | 19%          |
| At farmer's markets   | 75%             | 77%          | 76%             | 73%          |
| At grocery stores   | 76%             | 82%          | 84%             | 88%          |
| via Community Supported Agriculture networks (e.g., CSA box)  | 20%             | 12%          | 15%             | 10%          |
| Growing food at home  | 39%             | 43%          | 35%             | 40%          |
| Growing food outside the home (e.g., community garden)  | 4%              | 4%           | 7%              | 4%           |
| By hunting or fishing   | 32%             | 14%          | 25%             | 11%          |
| Through other means   | 6%              | 5%           | 5%              | 8%           |

### Strategic Outcome 8.3

Establishment of new markets for Native Hawaiian products (e.g., kalo, loko i'a grown fish, etc.) that can provide Native Hawaiian producers a livable wage

More research is needed to establish a baseline understanding of what constitutes an Indigenous economic system consistent with Native Hawaiian knowledge, culture, values, and practices.

## OHA Funding Activities

### OHA Commercial Land Holdings on Kaua'i

- None

### NHRLF Debt Consolidation Loans on Kaua'i

- Open Debt Consolidation Loans as of 4/30/23: twelve (12) loans, total disbursed \$189,551
- New Debt Consolidation Loans in FY22/23, 5/1/22 to 4/30/23: two (2) loans, total disbursed \$36,757

### NHRLF Mālama Business Loans on Kaua'i (Loan amounts from \$2,500 to \$100,000)

- Open Mālama Business Loans as of 04/30/23: five (5) loans, total disbursed \$84,407
- New Mālama Business Loans in FY22/23, 5/1/22 to 4/30/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0

### NHRLF Hua Kanu Loans on Kaua'i (Loan amounts from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000)

- Open Hua Kanu Loans as of 4/30/23: one (1) loan, total disbursed \$1,000,000
- New Hua Kanu Loans in FY22/23, 5/1/22 to 4/30/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0

### NHRLF OHA Consumer Micro Loans (for auto repair, CDL, apprenticeship program, or career development course purposes)

- Open Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans as of 4/30/23: three (3) loan, total disbursed \$16,425
- New Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans in FY22/23, 4/15/22 to 4/15/23: zero (0) loan, total disbursed \$0

### Economic Stability Granting Activity on Kaua'i

Table ES9. Community Grants - Income, Funding from FB20-21 Budget

| Grantee                                 | Project Name                   | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement | Native Hawaiian Trades Academy | \$300,145      | Statewide        |

Table ES10. Board Approved: Emergency Financial Assistance, Funding from FY21 Budget

| Grantee                  | Project Name | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Hawaii Community Lending | Ka Wailele   | \$1,044,253    | Statewide        |



**Table ES11. COVID-19 Impact & Response Grants: Kauaʻi, Funding from FY21 Budget**

| Grantee   | Project Name  | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|---|---|----------------|------------------|
| Kupu  | Conservation Leadership Development Program (CLDP)  | \$84,336       | Kauaʻi Only      |
| Hanalei River Heritage Foundation <sup>77</sup> | Project Holomua: Essential Culture-Based Support Services for Native Hawaiian Homeless Families | \$35,000       | Kauaʻi Only      |

**Table ES12. Community Grants – Economic Stability/Homestead Community, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

| Grantee   | Project Name                                      | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|---|---|----------------|------------------|
| Purple Maia Foundation                                    | Mālama Design Studio                              | \$498,660      | Statewide        |
| Homestead Community Development Corporation <sup>78</sup> | Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) | \$40,000       | Statewide        |

**Table ES13. Emergency Financial Assistance, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

| Grantee        | Project Name | Amount Awarded | Community Served |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Alu Like, Inc. | Kūlia Like   | \$830,000      | Statewide        |

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## Appendix

### APPENDIX A

#### ***Island of Kauai State Senate*<sup>79</sup>**

- Senate District 8 – *County of Kauaʻi*
  - Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President

#### ***Kauai State House of Representatives*<sup>80</sup>**

- House District 14 – *Hanalei, Princeville, Kilauea, Anahola, Kapaʻa, Wailua*
  - Representative Nadine K. Nakamura, Majority Leader
  - Member of the following committees – Legislative Management, Economic Development, Tourism
- House District 15 – *Wailua Homesteads, Hanamāʻulu, Līhuʻe, Puhi, Old Koloa Town, Omao*
  - Representative Luke A. Evslin
  - Member of the following committees: Education, Higher Education & Technology, Housing, Transportation
- House District 16 – *Niʻihau, Lehua, Koloa, Waimea*
  - Representative Dee Morikawa, Majority Floor Leader
  - Member of the following committees: Legislative Management, Corrections, Military Affairs, Finance, Water & Land

#### ***COUNTY LEVEL GOVERNANCE, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND AGENCIES***

#### ***Kauai County Council*<sup>81</sup>**

- Mel Rapozo, Chair
- KipuKai Kualīʻi, Vice Chair
- Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Councilmember
- Felicia Cowden, Councilmember
- Bill DeCosta, Councilmember
- Addison Bulosan, Councilmember
- Ross Kagawa, Councilmember

### ***Standing Committees of the Council<sup>82</sup>***

- *Public Works and Veterans Services Committee* - Bill DeCosta, Chair
- *Parks and Recreation / Transportation Committee* – Addison Bulosan, Chair
- *Planning Committee* – Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Chair
- *Housing and Intergovernmental Relations Committee* - KipuKai Kuali'i, Chair
- *Public Safety and Human Services Committee* - Felicia Cowden, Chair
- *Finance and Economic Development Committee* – Ross Kagawa, Chair

### ***County of Kauai Departments and Agencies<sup>83</sup>***

- *Agency on Elderly Affairs* - Kealoha Takahashi, Executive
- *Emergency Management Agency (formerly Civil Defense)* - Elton Ushio, Administrator
- *County Attorney* - Matthew M. Bracken, County Attorney
- *Economic Development* - Nalani K. Kaauwai Brun, Director
- *Finance* - Reiko Matsuyama, Finance Director
- *Fire Department* – Michael R. Gibson, Fire Chief
- *Housing Agency* - Adam Roversi, Director
- *Human Resources* - Annette L. Anderson, Director
- *Liquor Control* - Leo Sandoval, Director
- *Parks and Recreation* - Patrick T. Porter, Director
- *Planning Department* - Ka'aina S. Hull, Director
- *Police Department* - Todd G. Raybuck, Chief
- *Prosecuting Attorney* - Rebecca Like, Prosecuting Attorney
- *Public Works* - Troy Tanigawa, Acting County Engineer
- *Transportation Agency* - Celia Mahikoa, Executive
- *Water Department* – Kurt Akamine, Chair of the Water Board

### ***Legislative Branch<sup>84</sup>***

- *County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa, County Clerk*
- *Council Services, Office of the County Clerk, Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa, County Clerk*

### ***Semi-Autonomous City Agencies***

- None

### ***Neighborhood Boards***

- N/A – Neighborhood Boards is a City & County of Honolulu community construct.

### ***County of Kauai Boards and Commissions<sup>85</sup>***

- Arborist Committee
- Board of Ethics
- Board of Review
- Board of Water Supply
- Building Board of Appeals
- Charter Review Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Committee on the Status of Women
- Cost Control Commission
- Fire Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Kauai County Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee
- Liquor Control Commission
- Open Space Commission
- Planning Commission
- Police Commission
- Salary Commission

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## **NETWORKS**

### ***Hawaiian Agencies and Organizations***

- Kamehameha Schools
- Lili'uokalani Trust – Kīpuka Kauaʻi
- Hoʻola Lāhui Hawaiʻi (Kauaʻi's Health System affiliate)
- INPEACE
- Catholic Charities Hawaiʻi – Kauaʻi
- Alu Like – Kupuna Program
- Kauaʻi Community College (Nā Pua Noeʻau, Waialeale Project, West Oʻahu programs)
- Department of Hawaiian Home Lands – Kauaʻi District Office

### ***Hawaiian Royal Order Societies***

- Royal Order of Kamehameha 1 – Kaumualiʻi Chapter
- ʻAhahui Kaʻahumanu – Kauaʻi
- Hale ʻO Nā Aliʻi – Kapiʻolani Chapter
- Daughters of Hawaii

### ***Hawaiian Civic Clubs***

- Moku O Manokalanipo Kauai Council - Malia Nobrega-Olivera, Chair
- Hanalei Hawaiian Civic Club - Kapua Chandler, President
- Kaumualiʻi Hawaiian Civic Club - Sarah Peters, President
- Queen Deborah Kapule Hawaiian Civic Club - Liberta Albao, President
- ʻAhuhui Kiwila Hawaiʻi ʻO Moʻikeha - Naomi Yokotake, President

### ***Hawaiian Homestead Associations***

- Anahola Hawaiian Homestead Association - KipuKai Kualīʻi, President
- West Kauaʻi Hawaiian Homestead Association - Myrna Bucasas, President
- Kekaha Hawaiian Homestead Association – Benson Broyles, President

### ***Others***

- ʻAha Moku Advisory Council - Manokalanipō
- Kauaʻi-Niʻihau Islands Burial Council
- Nā Kuleana ʻO Kanaka ʻŌiwi
- Friends of King Kaumualiʻi
- Waipā Foundation
- Nā Maka Onaona
- ʻĀina Hoʻokupu O Kīlauea
- Hui Makaʻainana ʻO Makana
- Ka Hale Pono
- Kūkula Kumohana ʻO Anahola
- Hale Pihana Ka ʻIkena O Kauaʻi (aka Pihanakaʻikena)
- Papa O Mana Ohana / Na Ohana O Kilauano
- Hui Hana Paʻakai O Hanapepe
- Kumano I Ke Ala O Makaweli
- Na Kahu O Hoai
- Malie Foundation
- Malama Huleia

## APPENDIX B

**Table 1. Early Childhood Education Programs**

| Type  | Location   |
|---|--|
| DOE Public Pre-Kindergarten <sup>86</sup>               | ‘Ele‘ele Elementary<br>Kekaha Elementary<br>Kilauea Elementary   |
| Head Start / Early Head Start <sup>87</sup>             | Kapa‘a<br>Kekaha<br>Koloa<br>Līhu‘e  |
| ‘Aha Pūnana Leo/‘Ōlelo <sup>88</sup>                    | Pūnana Leo o Kaua‘i; Līhu‘e  |
| Home Visiting <sup>89</sup>                             | Līhu‘e   |
| Private/Nonprofit Preschools and Programs <sup>90</sup> | Lihue – Three (3)<br>Kapa‘a – Two (2)<br>Hanalei – Two (2)<br>Kalaheo – One (1)<br>Koloa – Two (2)<br>Kilauea – Two (2)<br>Kekaha – One (1)<br>Princeville – One (1) |

## APPENDIX C

**Table 2. Kauaʻi Island Public and Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools<sup>91</sup>**

| School Name   | Total Enrollment | Native Hawaiian Students |       |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|-------|
|   |                  | #                        | %     |
| DOE Elementary Schools  |                  |                          |       |
| ʻEleʻele Elementary School  | 408              | 103                      | 25.2% |
| Elsie H. Wilcox Elementary School   | 731              | 135                      | 18.5% |
| Hanalei Elementary School   | 192              | 30                       | 15.6% |
| Kalāheo Elementary School   | 399              | 90                       | 22.6% |
| Kapaʻa Elementary School  | 839              | 268                      | 31.9% |
| Kekaha Elementary School  | 337              | 138                      | 40.9% |
| Kilauea Elementary School   | 270              | 49                       | 18.1% |
| King Kaumualiʻi Elementary School   | 549              | 112                      | 20.4% |
| Kōloa Elementary School   | 342              | 66                       | 19.3% |
| Total   | 4,067            | 991                      | 24.0% |
| DOE Intermediate/Middle Schools   |                  |                          |       |
| Chiefess Kamakahēlei Middle School  | 808              | 137                      | 17.0% |
| Kapaʻa Middle School  | 575              | 180                      | 31.3% |
| Waimea Canyon Middle School   | 477              | 157                      | 32.9% |
| Total   | 1,860            | 474                      | 25.0% |
| DOE High Schools  |                  |                          |       |
| Kapaʻa High School  | 1,005            | 272                      | 27.1% |
| Kauaʻi High School  | 1,108            | 211                      | 19.0% |
| Waimea High School  | 767              | 279                      | 36.4% |
| Total   | 2,880            | 762                      | 26.0% |
| DOE Multi-Level Schools   |                  |                          |       |
| Alakaʻi O Kauaʻi  | 201              | 14                       | 7.0%  |
| Kanuikapono Public Charter School*  | 203              | 108                      | 53.2% |
| Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School*                                | 151              | 138                      | 91.4% |
| Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha Learning Center*                                    | 50               | NR                       | NR    |
| Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahalelani Aloha: A New Century Public Charter School* | 46               | 41                       | 89.1% |
| Total   | 651              | 301                      | 46.0% |

\*Hawaiian-Focused Charter School



## APPENDIX D

### Higher Education Institution on Kauai<sup>92</sup>

- Community Colleges
  - Kaua'i Community College
- Public Universities
  - None
- Private Colleges/Universities
  - None
- For-Profit Colleges/Universities
  - None

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