



# Island Community Report: O'ahu

## *Executive Summary*

### Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on O'ahu



#### Educational Pathways Data

- 36% (582) of all O'ahu Island Native Hawaiian public high school graduates (1,595) enrolled in colleges across the nation, compared to 56% (3,350) of non-Hawaiian graduates (5,938) (SY21-22).
- There are six Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and nine Hawaiian-medium programs on O'ahu (SY22-23).



#### Health Outcomes Data

- Honolulu County had 99 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2020).
- 22% of Native Hawaiians in Honolulu County reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at a beginner level (2022).



#### Quality Housing Data

- 43% (8,777 of 20,567) of Native Hawaiian renters on O'ahu 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).
- 44% (4,431) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) leases statewide (9,981) were on O'ahu (2022).
- 73% of former Honolulu County Native Hawaiian residents reported moving due to the high cost of living (2019).



#### Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income in O'ahu was \$90,868, 98% of the median income of all O'ahu residents (\$92,600).
- 7,592 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were in Honolulu County, 58% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 10% of total firms in Honolulu County (76,176) (2012).

## Current Issues

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### Army Training Land Retention at Three O‘ahu Locations

The Army is launching studies for a draft environmental impact statement to retain state lands that are leased for training purposes in three areas. Historically, there have been consistent concerns regarding military use of public trust lands and the inability to restore these lands due to, among other reasons, the presence of unexploded ordnances strewn across the land. (See Full Report pg. 9)

### Honolulu City Council Tax Changes

In response to profound increases in property valuations within Honolulu County, Honolulu City Council members have submitted a few bills in 2023 to address resident’s increased property tax liability furthering the prevention of homeownership affordability for Native Hawaiians. Housing costs have been cited as one of the main drivers of the Native Hawaiian population migration to the continent. (See Full Report pg. 19)

### Red Hill Defueling Operations

A draft environmental assessment was put out for public comment on June 2023 by the Joint Task Force-Red Hill and Defense Logistics Agency for the defueling of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility needed to protect human health and safety, and local water supplies from further contamination. There is a desire to have the fuel removed as quickly (and safely) as possible as well as general support for the proposed defueling action covered in the DEA. (See Full Report pg. 11)

## Current Grantees Serving O‘ahu (Amount awarded)

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### **O‘ahu Only**

- Aloha Week Hawai‘i (\$10,000)
- Papakōlea Community Development Corporation (\$75,000)
- Kulaniākea (\$100,000)
- Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE): Ka Lama - Teacher Education Academy (\$175,000)
- Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association (\$10,000)
- Ke Kula Nui o Waimānalo (\$148,860)
- Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai‘i (\$149,999)
- Kohanaiki ‘Ohana, Inc. (\$32,998)
- Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE): Kupu Ola Enhancement (\$134,309)
- Papahana Kuaola: Nā Kama ‘Āina (\$250,000)
- Hui Mālama O Ke Kai Foundation (\$99,840)
- Papahana Kuaola: Nā Leo Makamae (\$84,757)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation (\$75,000)
- Honolulu Habitat for Humanity (\$1,500,000)

### **Multi-Island/Statewide Serving O‘ahu**

- Kanu o Ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana: Charter School Fund Administration (\$5,914,893)
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei (\$50,000)
- Adult Friends for Youth (\$5,050)
- 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)
- Alu Like, Inc.: Kohopono (\$250,000)
- ‘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 O‘ahu Lending

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245 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans;  
\$6,798,723 total dollars disbursed.