

STATE OF HAWAI'I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
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(VIRTUAL MEETING - VIA ZOOM WEBINAR)

COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY AND EMPOWERMENT
MINUTES

May 3, 2023 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Keli'i Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria
Trustee C. Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee John Waihe'e, IV

EXCUSED:

Trustee Keoni Souza

BAE STAFF:

Nathan Takeuchi
Mark Watanabe

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:

Brown, Casey / COO
Hinck, Ramona / CFO
Ozawa, Nietzsche / Interim Senior Counsel
Ohta, Everett / Interim General Counsel
Poe, Capsun / Interim Chief Advocate
Aguinaldo, Arlene / IT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Akaka calls the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment meeting for Wednesday, May 3, 2023 to order at **10:01 a.m.**

Chair Akaka notes for the record that **PRESENT** are:

MEMBERS			AT CALL TO ORDER (10:01 a.m.)	TIME ARRIVED
CHAIR	KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA	PRESENT	
Trustee	DAN	AHUNA	PRESENT	
Trustee	KELI'I	AKINA	EXCUSED	10:02 a.m.
Trustee	LUANA	ALAPA	EXCUSED	10:02 a.m.
Trustee	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	PRESENT	
Trustee	CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	PRESENT	
Trustee	KEONI	SOUZA	EXCUSED	
Trustee	MILILANI	TRASK	PRESENT	
Trustee	JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV	PRESENT	

At the Call to Order, **SIX(6) Trustees are PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

II. Unfinished Business

A. 2023 OHA State Legislative Bill Package – OHA-1 – Matrix 1**

The 72 Hour rule, pursuant to OHA BOT Operations Manual, Section 49, shall be waived for distribution of new committee materials.

NO TESTIFIERS ON THIS ITEM

Chair Akaka yields the floor to Ka Pouhana Hussey

Ka Pouhana Hussey: Thank you, Chair. We'll go ahead and have Ka Pou Nui and Capsun take the agenda items.

COO Brown: Mahalo, Ka Pouhana. Straight lateral to Capsun. We're gonna wrap this session up and so Capsun will walk us through where all the measures ended up.

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2	3	4 First Crossover Filing (Concurrent Resos)	5 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos) Single Referral (House Bills) Filing	6 Second Decking (Bills)	7 HOLIDAY Good Friday	8
9	10 Recess #5	11	12 Recess #6	13 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree	14 Second Lateral Filing (Senate Concurrent Resos)	15
16	17 Second Lateral (Senate Concurrent Resos)	18	19	20	21 Constitutional Amendments & Second Crossover Filing (Concurrent Resos)	22
23	24 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	25	26 Recess #7	27 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)	28 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)	29
30	MAY					
	1 Recess #8	2	3 Recess #9	4 Adjournment Sine Die	(Session pau!)	

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Mahalo, Casey and Sylvia. Aloha kakahiaka, Trustees. We will just briefly, as normal, we'll just briefly share the leg. calendar. So just so you see like I said last week, we were approaching the end and we are basically at the end today is May 3rd. As you can see recess #9 the very last recess and tomorrow's day 60th session the last day of what's proven to be a pretty busy session. So as

we are at the end of the process and the legislature has been meeting in conference, all of the matrices that are being presented to you today are for information only and no motions are being requested, so with that we'll just jump into Matrix one.

+Matrix 1 - 2023 OHA State Legislature Bill Package							
Item No.	Bill No.	Title	Description	History	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	HB133	RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Appropriates moneys to fund the operating expenses of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning on 7/1/2023 and ending on 6/30/2025. Effective 6/30/2023. (SD2)	4/28/2023 S 48 Hrs. Notice (as amended CD 1) 05-02-23.	SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party)	HWN, WAM	SUPPORT
2	SB205	RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.	Appropriates moneys to fund the operating expenses of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning on 7/1/2023, and ending on 6/30/2025. (SD1)	2/3/2023 S Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)	HWN, WAM	SUPPORT

Matrix Shading Legend		
New Track	Bill Number, Title, and Position	
Measure Update	Bill Number, Title, and Position	
Conference	Bill Number, Title, and Position	
Dead Measure	Bill Number and Title	
Governor/Final Action	Bill Number, Title, and Position	

I did want to make a quick note about the matrix shading legend. Green was updated to include Governor or final action just because resolutions do not need the Governor's signature and the pink did indicate conference. I did want to make sure you knew we didn't miss that. That pink shading was accurate at the time of preparation and distribution because late Friday night, the legislature extended the final decking deadline to Monday at noon, with both the Senate President and Speaker agreeing to it and I want you to know that that's a pretty rare occurrence for them to do that. In fact, even more rare is that on Monday they actually extended the deadline until 6:00 PM, so there's a lot of stuff that was still floating. Normally, all bills would have died if they didn't meet that Friday deadline, but they did continue to be alive and that was helpful for us because while the conference committee decided on our bill, they hadn't filed the paperwork for it. So other adjustments are that the legislature did a large number of floor amendments in both the Senate and the House yesterday. So they're just pushing through to the end.

So as you can see, we've been talking the only bill that's been alive here for a while is item number one on Matrix three, which is HB133. This is our budget bill, the final conference draft, it only has the \$3 million of our initial request in HB133 which we OHA will also match for each of the next two years of the biennium. Let me just say, I know it's always good to finish session with something, but the \$3 million that are contained in the CD1 is far below the amount that was in the SD2, the Senate Draft two that included money for bulkhead repairs and environmental impact study as well as Kūkaniloko. It wasn't certain at the end. The legislature had a rare procedure known as a cattle call on Friday night. I think some folks did come to our Thursday hearing in conference and then they rolled that over very quickly to Friday. And so the Friday was a cattle call. It's basically every bill that's left and hasn't been decided gets put in one conference room and you literally have to just get up there and start calling meetings together. So it's a big mess and like we call it is the cattle call before they could make their decisions by 6:00 PM was their deadline on Friday.

One other note about HB133, the state is expected or will exceed the general fund expenditure ceiling. It's set in the Constitution and by law, and so it's supposed to keep up with, spending is supposed to keep up with revenues and so because of the big surplus that the Ige Administration left, everything that passes after the executive budget, HB300 will exceed the general fund expenditure ceiling and every bill that does that has to have language in it noting that. So in total, the state is well over a billion dollars over the expenditure ceiling and it does require a 2/3 vote in both the House and the Senate. Our bill was originally scheduled to be voted on yesterday, but because the state budget was not passed yet our bill is deferred to tomorrow, floor vote tomorrow, and as of conversations I had this morning, it is expected to be passed tomorrow as planned and with the 2/3 vote in each of the chambers, so both the Senate and the House. So with that, that was kind of a long one for Matrix one, but we are available, Administration is available to answer any questions on Matrix one.

Chair Akaka: Mahalo, Capsun. Members are there any questions or comments?

Chair Akaka recognizes Trustee Trask

Trustee Trask: Thank you. Thank you, Capsun. Prior to this time we were carrying a bill with significant more funding in it. So I'm just asking you now for the short of it. How much money did we get, do we have now? And of the remaining funds, because I think it was 65 million for the bulkhead, etc., what did Saiki get gutted out from our bill? How much money remains and we've lost significant, I mean we've lost the vast amount of the funding we were seeking. Let me have the figures.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Yes, Trustee, it's going to be very straightforward. The amount we're getting is \$3 million. And as you've noted, that is \$84 million less than the SD2 version of HB133.

Trustee Trask: Right, can I have the breakdown of the 84 million that we didn't get. We had some of it allocated for bulkhead.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Yes, Trustee, that was 65 million was for the bulkhead repairs revetments, 6 million was for the EIS and 13 million was for Kūkaniloko. So yes, that should add up to 84 and you know as we've said the three million we are left with now is significantly less.

Trustee Trask: Yeah, it sure is but we still don't have the three million, do we? We won't really know until tomorrow.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: We won't know for sure till tomorrow and definitely we, you never know until it's signed, sealed, delivered. But all indications for me are that the legislature will pass it tomorrow.

Trustee Trask: Thank you.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Sure thing. Mahalo, Trustee.

Chair Akaka: Mahalo, I just wanted to note, you know, to acknowledge those that have been really pushing for us during this conference committee time, Rep. Tarnas, he really has been fighting to make sure that we at least get that \$3 million funding, which is very admirable being that even that was looked at to not come through and as well as Senator Fevella and Senator Michelle Kidani, as well as Senator Maile Shimabukuro for all of their efforts to advocate for us.

Chair Akaka recognizes Trustee Waihe'e

Trustee Waihe'e: Thank you, Chair Akaka. Capsun, I'm wondering if I should even bring this up. I heard rumors that the repairs to the bulkhead would be funded through different departments and that might be something that was happening. Is that just rumors or do we know anything about that?

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Trustee, let me respond to that, that was always a possibility. There were conversations, Trustee and I think the most explicit one was about if not giving it to OHA, then perhaps the money could be appropriated to the Hawaii Community Development Authority, who also had their own separate ask of about \$25 million in there to do repairs. That did not get approved and neither did there. So our 65 million did not get approved either in OHA's budget or someone else's budget, and neither did the 25 million that HCDA was requesting. So right now there does not seem to be any state investments in the wharf or bulkhead areas. Our understanding of the budget is that HCDA is going to get some money to do either some street repairs in the area. But yes, nothing in the water, nothing in the bulkhead, nothing in the wharf.

Chair Akaka recognizes Trustee Trask

Trustee Trask: Yes, I just have a comment, colleagues, because we're right at this point that we had discussed a few times earlier the outcome, what would we anticipate to be the outcome of finally having our office come forward to advocate for property or value exceeding 600 million, and what we're seeing right now is Scott Saiki and these settlers that have seized our property. And now I'm referring you to the article that came out from Jonathan Okumura, asian settler colonialism explains why OHA should be allowed to develop Kaka'ako. But as you could see, the legislature and the power brokers will not be doing that. So I just want it to prevail upon the Board now and I want it on the record that I would have something placed for the Trustees executive discussion in terms of initiating litigation with regards to the state for the inventory of our ceded lands and assets and also for the value of this property.

You know, I think we did the right thing as Trustees with fiduciary obligation, but it's pretty clear. I do very much support what Trustee Kalei is saying. We have a press statement to write for this week and we need to be clear and strong that what they do here is nothing more than I think you know and example of settler colonial racism, but that we will now have to contemplate proceeding in the Federal Court. I think we need to make a statement that thanks Rep. Tarnas, Fevella, that thanks Michelle Kidani and Maile because they knew what they were up against. It wasn't just us against us Saiki. They all knew, and they all knew his power, but they still helped us. So I would like to see that thanks and mahalo in our press conference statement at the end of the week and the commitment that we will go forward now and also now must consider review with the assistance of the Federal District Court. It'll be a conversation we'll have in the future Trustees, but I would like to see it within the next month or so, and we head now to Washington, so it's appropriate for us to put it on the agenda. Thank you.

Chair Akaka recognizes Trustee Akina

Trustee Akina: Thank you, Madam Chair. First, I'd like to say thanks to everyone who is involved in our lobbying efforts for our bills this legislative session, both formally and informally. I appreciate that greatly, including Trustees who were directly involved. What I would like to ask is for an opportunity for us to hear an evaluation of our strategy and our messaging in the lobbying efforts that took place this year. I think as we holomua, as we go forward, which we definitely are going to do. It would stand us well if we would look at the strategies and specific messaging that we use and examine them. I would love to hear from those qualified in Administration what the evaluation would be and I'd love us to discuss that together as we go forward. So, Madam Chair, if we can do that in some venue I'd appreciate that.

Chair Akaka recognizes Board Chair Hulu Lindsey

Board Chair Hulu Lindsey: What Trustee Akina is asking is on tomorrow's agenda.

Chair Akaka: Yes, that is correct. Trustee Akina, did you have anything further that you wanted to share?

Trustee Akina: No, thank you. I appreciate that we're gonna discuss this and look forward to that process.

B. 2023 OHA State legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA – Matrix 2**

NO TESTIFIERS ON THIS ITEM

Chair Akaka yields the floor to Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe

Matrix 2 - 2023 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA							
Item No.	Bill No.	Title	Description	History	Introducer	Referral	Position
1	HR114	URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIVE HAWAIIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS POLICIES AND LEGISLATION WITH RESPECT TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.		4/5/2023 H Resolution adopted in final form.	KILA, CHUN, POEPOE, TAKENOUCI	JHA	SUPPORT
2	HB90	RELATING TO COMMITTEE FUNDRAISERS.	Amends section 11-342, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to increase transparency by requiring candidate committees and noncandidate committees to file fundraiser notices regardless of the price or suggested contribution for attending the function.	4/3/2023 S Act 004, 03/31/2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 1104).	SAIKI (Introduced by request of another party)	JDC	MONITOR
3	HB308	RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS.	Establishes the sustainable food systems working group within the Department of Agriculture. Requires the working group to submit a plan, any recommendations for implementing the plan, and any proposed legislation to the Legislature. Appropriates funds to establish the working group and develop the plan and for an unspecified number of sustainability specialist positions to be employed by the Department of Agriculture. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD2)	4/28/2023 S Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-28-23 4:30PM; Conference Room 309	GATES, GARRETT, HOLT, HUSSEY-BURDICK, KILA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, TAM, TARNAS	AEN, WAM	SUPPORT
4	SB295	RELATING TO THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.	Establishes within the office of wellness and resilience the malama ohana working group to seek, design, and recommend transformative changes to the State's existing child welfare system and allow the office to contract with an administrative facilitator to provide necessary support for the working group. Requires the malama ohana working group to report to the legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)	4/28/2023 H The Conference Committee recommends that the measure be Passed, with Amendments. The votes were as follows: 3 Ayes: Representative(s) Mizuno, Kobayashi, Alcos; Ayes with reservations: none; 0 Noes: none; and 0 Excused: none.	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, CHANG, KANUHA, KEITH-AGARAN, LEE, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, Kidani, Richards, Wakai	HUS, FIN	SUPPORT
5	SB458	RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES.	Establishes the geothermal energy resources development special fund. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Redistributes geothermal royalties to the counties for specific purposes, geothermal energy resources development special fund, department of land and natural resources, and office of Hawaiian affairs. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD3)	4/13/2023 H Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 888).	WAKAI, CHANG, Fukunaga, Kidani, Shimabukuro	EEPWAL, CPC, FIN	OPPOSE

Matrix 2 - 2023 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA							
Item No.	Bill No.	Title	Description	History	Introducer	Referral	Position
6	SB299	RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED SUBMISSIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE.	Authorizes the legislature, upon the agreement of form by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate, to specify the form in which the proposed budgets of the executive branch, judicial branch, and office of Hawaiian affairs are submitted to the legislature. Requires the executive branch, judicial branch, and office of Hawaiian affairs to conform no later than 12/1/2023. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD 1)	4/18/2023 H Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 904).	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, CHANG, DECOITE, INOUE, KANUHA, KEITH-AGARAN, KEOHOKALO, LEE, MCKELVEY, RHOADS, Kidani, Kim, Moriwaki, Richards, Wakai	LGO, FIN	HIGH MONITOR
7	HCR108	URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIVE HAWAIIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS POLICIES AND LEGISLATION WITH RESPECT TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.		4/28/2023 S Received notice of Agreement and Adoption in House (Hse. Com. No. 891).	KILA, CHUN, KAHALOA, POEPOE, TAKENOCHI	JDC/HWN	SUPPORT

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Mahalo, Chair and Trustees for your ‘ike and mana‘o on Matrix one and taking note of that as well. As I said, Matrix two is for information only, but I did want to highlight item 7, which I believe is. On the next page and that's HCR108 about Native Hawaiian intellectual property rights. There were several performers and others involved in this effort and so OHA was very supportive of this and it is adopted because the House finally agreed to the Senate's changes and so that's one I just wanted to sort of highlight for the Trustees this morning. Otherwise, you've seen Matrix two and if there are any questions or concerns on any of the items on Matrix two, we can discuss those.

C. 2023 OHA State legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians – Matrix 3**

NO TESTIFIERS ON THIS ITEM

Chair Akaka yields the floor to Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Mahalo, Chair. Again, the last matrix provided today, Matrix three is provided for information only, and the Trustees did have it and an opportunity so we can discuss any of the questions or comments you may have. I did want to very quickly if I could, though highlight item 11.

Matrix 3 - 2023 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Affecting Native Hawaiians							
Item No.	Bill No.	Title	Description	History	Introducer	Referral	Position
11	HB819	RELATING TO LIMU KALA.	Designates limu kala (Sargassum echinocarpum) as the official Hawaii state limu. (SD 1)	4/28/2023 S Received notice of House agreement and passage on Final Reading (Hse. Com. No. 890).	KAHALOA, AIU, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, GANADEN, GARCIA, GARRETT, GATES, HASHIMOTO, HOLT, HUSSEY-BURDICK, ICHYAMA, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TARNAS, TODD, Alcos	TCA, JDC	SUPPORT

Chair Akaka recognizes Trustee Trask

Trustee Trask: You know, I have a question that I'd like to ask, but it's not pink or green. You know, I know the process that we use when we're going through this because we have hundreds of bills, but I am concerned about what happened with the Public Land Trust measure, House Bill 1227. It's on the third page of the matrix, #11.

Matrix 2 - 2023 OHA State Legislature Bill Positions Related to Measures Naming OHA							
Item No.	Bill No.	Title	Description	History	Introducer	Referral	Position
10	SR12	REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN HAWAIIAN CULTURAL CENTERS WITHIN THE STATE.		3/3/2023 S Report and Resolution Adopted.	FEVELLA, CHANG, KIM, Awa	HWN	COMMENT
11	HB1227	RELATING TO THE PUBLIC TRUST LANDS.	Formally recognizes that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is not barred from pursuing and may negotiate with respect to public land trust claims not addressed in Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.	1/30/2023 H Referred to WAL, JHA, FIN, referral sheet 3	SOUZA, ALCOS, COCHRAN, GARCIA, PIERICK, Amato, Ganaden	WAL, JHA, FIN	SUPPORT

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Apologies, so Trustee, I'm glad we were able to go back and cover the question. That bill has been dead for quite some time in that it was never, I mean it did get a referral but it did not get any hearings.

Trustee Trask: When it had come up before, I had wanted to look at what the referrals were. I am watching this bill because it had some important implications for the office. It was taken out early on but I wanted to track to see what their concern was because this bill related to our larger budget bill, which now has been gutted and that's why I wanted to get some input from staff on this thing. Following this meeting let's take a look at it.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Yes, Trustee, we can do that. We'll definitely try and decipher what's going on.

Trustee Trask: Yeah, because we have a working group that the legislature was creating specifically on the Public Land Trust and that's what I'm looking at and comparing it with. But I'm also very concerned with the language in this bill and the PLT Working Group because my beneficiaries are not limited to Public Land Trusts, are not and the Constitution and the overarching statutes referred to the Ceded Land Trust. Public

Land Trust is a small fraction of that. But I have a fiduciary obligation to look broader. Okay, we can follow it up and I'll be back next week too, aloha.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Mahalo, Trustee and just to confirm Trustee, yes, we are aware of the issue. You know it was very similar to our budget bill and even our Hakuone bill, you know it got referred to some of the same committees. So this was supposed to go to the House Water and Land Committee, then the Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs and then to Finance. This of course is a bill that was introduced by a minority member, and it's never say never, but it's not often that the majority will schedule minority member bills, at least not in the House, in the Senate that can happen sometimes. But in the House, that's not been very common. And so unfortunately, I think we didn't get a chance to publicly discuss and hear from people what their concerns were because no hearing was ever scheduled.

Trustee Trask: You're so right, Capsun and thank you for making that point. And Trustees, we see how our legislature works. But let me tell you one thing. When you file in the Federal District Court there is no power in the legislature, there is no bill that prevents us from moving forward with our position for our people. We will not be silenced when we get an accounting there and I'm really looking at full ceded land accounting, but we may need to also have the court facilitate review of what the legislature is doing under this new Public Land Trust approach which takes out all our minerals, all our water, all our land, all removed, only brings it down to receipts from rent that they receive. So we take it to the next step. Good work, Capsun.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Mahalo for your vigilance Trustee. So, Chair, if it's okay we can go back to Matrix three. Item number 11 and Matrix three, which I think is on page three of the matrix. So item number 11 is HB819, I know several of the Trustees were able to attend the bill signing for Lā Kū'oko'a. So we are trying to make inroads in other advocacy and this is a small but symbolic one, but it does designate Limu Kala as the official Hawai'i state limu and my most recent conversations are Governor is excited to sign this and you know, we're hoping that other advocates will also be embracing the idea here. And so I just wanted to bring that up and highlight that. It is one we do hopefully expect we'll be signed by the Governor and we can continue to build on some of the recognition of issues that are important to Hawaiians as we continue to advocate for some of the other important issues like Public Land Trust, like ceded lands and or OHA's correct amount of the income and proceeds of all of those.

And then also noting for those that were in green, that are heading to the Governor. This bill also included. The Governor is going to have until June 26 to place them on the intent to veto list. The Constitution does require the Governor has to give the legislature 10 days notice before the veto deadline if he intends to veto a bill, and he can only veto a bill that is on the intent to veto list. But anything on the list does not have to be vetoed. So the intent to veto deadline is June 26th and the actual veto deadline is July 11th. If the Governor does not sign or veto a bill by then it will automatically become law without his signature, and then usually if the legislature is going to override, they'll usually vote that same day to override the Governor's veto. Back in the day it was less common, but the legislature, at least the Senate, has already overridden the Governor's first veto of one bill, so it does show that I think they may have an appetite if you know, especially if a bill passed by a large amount and had a lot of support, it's very likely that if it is vetoed, the legislature may very well override the Governor's veto.

And then Chair, sorry as always, if there are any questions on this matrix for Matrix three, Administration is available to answer any of those questions or address any concerns.

Chair Akaka: Mahalo, Capsun. Members any other questions or comments or Matrix 3? Not seeing any.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: If there are no questions or comments, Chair with your indulgence and the Committee's indulgence I wanted to take a few minutes to make some acknowledgments, if that's okay with you, Chair.

Chair Akaka: Yes, thank you.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Mahalo. Well, first to Chair Akaka, mahalo to you on behalf of me, my gang and Administration for your leadership of the Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee. It has been enjoyable and fruitful I think and I also wanted to thank Mark and Nathan of your staff who have really supported our collective efforts and have helped helped us get there to wherever we needed to go and help take care of the little things so it is appreciated and I know we don't have all the Trustees on, but I did want to thank all the Trustees, including those who are not on today. I do want you to know that we appreciate your oversight, direction, 'ike and mana'o in our advocacy, especially at the legislature, but throughout all of the efforts we have going on.

While I have been the main presence at the BAE meetings, I did start I think the first one talking about the team of hard working individuals behind all of this work and I wanted to recognize a few of them. I do have some on and I was going to just ask them to turn on their cameras for now, but I'm going to perhaps start with those who aren't here. I did want to thank from Community Engagement, Public Policy, Shane Nelsen and Kamaile Puluole-Mitchell, who are our moku o keawe staff and they've infused their efforts in several issues. Especially those that affected homestead communities. From compliance Kamakana Ferreira contributed on historic preservation, iwi issues, environmental review and really helped fine tune some of our advocacy. From Advocacy, we also have Kealoha Pisciotto and Michele McCoy, who helped at the beginning of session and then got some special assignments from every level above them let's say but continue their advocacy, especially related to Papahānaumokuākea and some of our federal efforts, which you know, just to sort of pin that for you Chair and Trustees, Administration will be probably bringing back to the Board later this summer.

And so I think all of my folks have their cameras on, so I'm going to just one by one kind of introduce you to those who have joined us on the Zoom this morning. First to Keli'i Nixon that you see here. He is our newest hire to our team and has already contributed much of his health background to some of our immediate needs and discussions on either resolutions but also in some of our planning and next steps for what we're going to work on during interim and perhaps for next Legislative Session. So welcome, Keli'i, I know you're the newest but definitely just jumped right in there and is always willing to help so appreciate it. Next you'll see it says Zuri Aki, but next to Zuri is Maka Masuda. You know, Maka is just are all around utility person. He helps with research and you know, maybe we shouldn't tell too many secrets but Maka brings a lot of legislative experience. You know, he was a longtime staffer at the legislature and that is some much needed legislative and policy experience to our policy shop, you know, and also a great bill drafter sometimes is hard to find and Maka can just make it in no time at all, so thank you, Maka. I'd also point out that you know Maka, no matter how early I come in or how late I leave, he's always here before me and he usually stays after me. So I want to thank you, Maka, for that time.

Next is Grant Nakaya and I want to thank Grant, first of all for always being available and around when needed. Hopefully Grant you won't you know, file anything about the HIPAA violation I'm about to commit right now, but Grant is actually not supposed to be here today. He's taking a sick day but didn't want to miss the opportunity to come here, so I do want to thank you for that dedication grant. He has been phenomenal at building systems and linking some of our work together and maybe most visibly for the Trustees, I want you to know that Grant is the workhorse behind the matrices, and he spends pretty much his whole weekend tweaking every little thing I want changed or updated for the Trustees and you know, as we kind of make our commitment to getting information presented as clearly as possible to the Trustees. So Grant, thank you again for being here. Grant has even cut short his wife's birthday party celebration because Capsun was bugging him on one Saturday night and so sorry for that Grant and thank you for that Grant but you know, don't let me do that going forward.

And finally, Trustees, I did want to highlight Zuri Aki. You know "Z", our Public Policy Manager in Advocacy, who, like me, is experiencing his second tour of duty here at OHA, and I think making every day count and really realizing some of the opportunities, but some of the challenges, but also trying to approach it with

commitment to our lāhui. “Z”, I want you to know I don't think I could have done it without you in bringing this gang together. Trustees, I want you to know that “Z” was instrumental in getting all of these people hired, onboarded. When he came I just told him “Z”, we need more people here before session. Do whatever you have to do to get them here and he did and I want to thank you for that. I also want to make sure people know that “Z” has really made sure OHA has been fierce in our advocacy effort. Sometimes I take a more gentle approach and sometimes “Z” is like no, this one we got to push on Capsun. So I want to thank you for that because I think it's really helped I think in our efforts to reestablish OHA's primacy as the principal public agency in Hawai'i, responsible for the performance, the development and the coordination of programs and activities for our lāhui. So I thank you and “Z”, you know, just a quick joke here for everyone. I want to thank “Z” for the one time I gave him about 65 minutes to write testimony on Hakuone and he managed to do it with 15 minutes to spare. So Trustees, I do want you to know that and Ka Pou Nui, I know you have your hand up. I was just going to wrap up really quickly if that was okay. And so again, Trustees and team I did want to mahalo this awesome team of advocates for their tireless efforts. Who are supporting the Trustees and their guidance and Ka Pouhana and Ka Pou Nui as they oversee OHA. I also wanna thank Ka Pouhana for her guidance and always being available. She sometimes is on vacation but you wouldn't realize that from how quickly she approves some of my things and Ka Pou Nui also for the guidance as well as also helping to help present the documents through each of these meetings and to everyone I do appreciate the opportunity for allowing me to serve as Interim Chief Advocate and I hope that despite some of the setbacks we see this session as being fairly productive for all of that. So with that, Chair Akaka, mahalo for letting us provide this update. I know Ka Pou Nui had something he wanted to say as well.

Chair Akaka: Mahalo and before you do so, Ka Pou Nui, I also want to acknowledge you Capsun for all of your work and dedication, your daily visits to the legislature. As we know at the legislature days roll into the nights and oftentimes the next day, and I really appreciate this time where we can acknowledge all that are involved from the background to the forefront and everyone in between. I also want to acknowledge our Board Chair, our Board Vice Chair, Ka Pou Nui, Ka Pouhana, those that have helped us in Kuilei, everyone that have and those that have testified for our people and for our efforts, it's very important that we're able to acknowledge all that are seen and unseen in this process. As you're saying Capsun you know, in terms of productivity, there has been a lot of traction as always and it's just a matter of timing. Often the timing and placement of things, but we continue to move forward and I'm looking forward to seeing more positive results with our work and it moves forward even beyond the State Legislative Session through the year, Ka Pou Nui.

COO Brown: Yeah, really quickly I didn't want to let Capsun go without recognizing Capsun. You know, as a reminder, the team that you see in front of you now wasn't in place you know, even a month before session started, right and so for the team to come together and for things to be led in the way they've been led it couldn't have happened without Capsun as well. One thing we also focused on in responding to your needs, Trustees and your desires from last year, putting into place lessons learned, the ability to bring you folks just the essence, the matrices, the reviews that you guys go through, the evaluation that you guys go through each week really it was a task to focus on what the essence ought to be, and that's what we attempted to do and under Capsun's leadership. I think we succeeded, you folks let me know if we didn't, whether or not the outcomes of this session were what they were. I think the way that the meetings were focused and allowed you folks to really have the time on the matters that mattered the most. I think we were successful, so just wanted to mahalo, Capsun. Yeah, thanks, Capsun.

Chair Akaka: Absolutely, the smile and grace is always appreciated, Capsun. Yes, and mahalo nui to all our Public Policy Team, we really truly appreciate all your folks work.

Interim Advocacy Director/Chief Advocate Poe: Chair then one last thing, not as a thank you, but just as a heads up. I did want to make sure, Chair that you knew and that the Trustees know that Administration does expect to come back on a final wrap up of the session probably later this summer after the veto deadline.

Chair Akaka: Mahalo.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Chair Hulu Lindsey: Madam Chair, I just want to announce if the Trustees did not see the memo from Administration that we are having a press conference on Friday at 10:00 o'clock to recap the legislature. The results or the not results. So if you could be present here at Na Lama Kukui, it would be appreciated.

And also if you haven't seen the memo I sent out shortly before the meeting. I'm saddened to announce that Pouhana will be leaving us on June 30 and I do want to thank her for all that she has contributed to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The craziness that she gotta have been going through, it's not an easy job for anybody and it'll be very difficult to replace her. So I want her to know that we let her go with full aloha as she has been a part of our 'ohana here at OHA. Sylvia, thank you very much for all your service to our people.

Ka Pouhana Hussey: Thank you, Chair.

Chair Akaka: Mahalo, Board Chair and Ka Pouhana, you know, minds can be changed. So before that time that you said, should you change your mind, we are here and we could certainly use kōkua here. But until then, we shall move forward.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Hulu Lindsey: I'd like to move for adjournment.

Trustee Waihe'e: Second

Chair Akaka: It's been moved and seconded. Any other comments members? Seeing none, Nathan, can I please have a **roll call vote**.

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KELI'I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY	1		X			
KEONI	SOUZA						EXCUSED
MILILANI	TRASK						EXCUSED
JOHN	WAIHE'E, IV		2	X			
CHAIR KALEIHIKINA	AKAKA			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				7	0	0	2

MOTION: [] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [] DEFERRED [] FAILED

Chair Akaka: Mahalo, Nathan, the meeting is now adjourned. Mahalo members, all in attendance, and to all live streaming. A hui hou kākou, mālama pono.

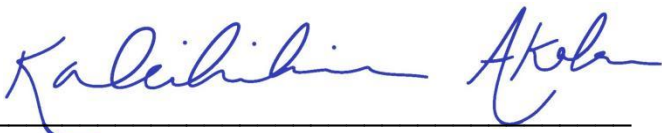
Chair Akaka adjourns the BAE meeting at **10:46 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Watanabe Trustee Aide
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment

As approved by the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment (BAE) on 10/30/24.



Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Chair
Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment