

STATE OF HAWAII OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
560 N. NIMITZ HWY., STE. 20
HONOLULU, HI 96817

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5, 2025 11 am
{In-person at OHA Maui Ola Boardroom and
via Internet Zoom remote virtual meetings Technology}

MIN UT_E_S

**full video recording of this meeting can be found at www.oha.org*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Alapa expressed gratitude to all staff and support for this new committee's first meeting and for her as a new chair. Chair also recognized and thanked Committee Vice Chair Trustee John Waihe'e IV and acknowledged his extensive background as a OHA BOT Committee Chair.

Chair Trustee Luana Alapa called the Committee on Budget and Finance meeting for Wednesday, February 5, 2025 to order at 11:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Eight members of the Board of Trustees are present for today's meeting with Trustee Galuteria expected to join virtually late and quorum is established:

EXCUSED

Trustee Dan Ahuna (Excused)

PRESENT

Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka

Trustee Keli'i Akina

BF Committee Chair Luana Alapa

Trustee Brickwood Galuteria

BOT Chair Trustee Kaiali' i Kahele

BOT Chair Emerita Hulu Lindsey

BOT Vice Chair Keoni Souza

BF Committee Vice Chair John Waihee IV

Chair proceeded to share the purpose and powers of this new committee as defined by the Board of Trustees Bylaws on page 15:

Article VIII. Standing Committees ,Section 1. Committee of Budget and Finance

The committee shall;

- a. handle all fiscal and budgetary matters and ensure proper management, planning, evaluation, and use of OHA's Trusts funds;
- b. develop policies that strengthen OHA's fiscal controls and financial management;
- c. review, approve, or disapprove appropriate grants that support OHA's overall mission;
- d. evaluate OHA programs to determine their effectiveness to decide whether to continue, modify, or terminate a program;
- e. in consultation with the chairperson of the committee on Beneficiary advocacy and Empowerment, carry out the recruitment and selection of OHA Administrator;

f. provide oversight of special councils or commissions as assigned by the board.

Chair acknowledged and thanked BF Committee staff Pohai Ryan and Substitute staff Mark Watanabe (Trustee Aide to Trustee Akaka) and then acknowledged Committee Vice Chair John Waihee.

Kapou Nui/COO Kehaulani Pu'u acknowledges **administration staff present** in today's meeting:

CFO Ramona Hink
Endowment Director Ryan Lee
Interim Corporation Counsel, Everett Ota
Interim, Senior Legal Counsel, Nietzsche Ozawa
Senior Director of Hawaiian Cultural Affairs, Hailama Farden
Director of Education and Culture-based Learning Kuulei Anuhea Awo-Chun
Interim Information Technology Manager, Kevin Chak
IT Systems Engineer and Administrator, Daniel Santos

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-January 8, 2025*** minutes approved.

All eight Trustees present **approved** the Budget and Finance Committee minutes of January 8, 2025.

Chair Alapa asked if there are any testifiers and one testifier was registered to testify. Single testifier **Patty Kahanamoku Teruya** was announce.

111. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None**

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Action Item BF #25-07: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'akoakoa Lahui Event Sponsorship to the **Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF)** for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiʻā Kalanianaʻōle Festival on March 22, 2025, in the amount of **\$10,000.***

Chair Alapa asked if there are any testifiers and one testifier was registered to testify. Single testifier **Patty Kahanamoku Teruya** was invited to share.

Testifier

(video marker:6:08/13:02))

Patty Kahanamoku Teruya on behalf of the Waianae Coast Community Foundation offered testimony in favor of this action item. She thanked OHA for the support. This is an only event of this size in the Waianae Coast that is well attended. The team was very attentive and made it easy and friendlier for community. Stated this is a good way to move forward with OHA. expressed appreciation for the new sponsorship process and how easy it was for their organization to work with staff. She emphasized that everything is produced by the Waianae Coast community. (see attachment for further information and details can be viewed on the video recording of this meeting at www.oha.org)

Chair Alapa recognized that multiple written testimonies have been submitted in support of this action item.(see attachments for written testimonies)

Motion:

Action Item BF #25-07: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'akoakoa Lahui Event Sponsorship to the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiʻā Kalanianaʻōle Festival on March 22, 2025, in the amount of **\$9,000.**

(video marker: 6:31/13:02)

Moved by Trustee Waihee

Second by Trustee Souza

Motion passes with all eight Trustees voting to approve action item BF #25-07.

Chair Alapa confirmed that Trustees understood the motion was for **\$9,000 and not \$10,000.**

Kapou Hana/COO Pu'u explained that the administration changed their recommendation to \$9,000 because of some unqualified cost in the application.

Trustee Galuteria confirmed with **Kapou Hana/COO Pu'u** that the applicant was made aware of the change in award amount.

Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Lindsey

Second by Trustee Waihee

Trustee Alapa adjourned the meeting at 11:31 am with no opposing votes.

Respectfully submitted by,



Trustee Luana Alapa, Chair of
the Budget and Finance Committee

02/24/2025

Date



Poha Ryan, Budget and Finance Committee Staff

*for more information about action item for this meeting, refer to attached documents and you can also view the complete video recording of this meeting on www.oh.org.

Attachments

- **Action items BF #25-07 information-handout**
- **Written Testimonies Received**
- **Trustee Absence Excuse Letters**
- **Committee Report-Roll Call Vote Record**

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE (BF)

DATE: Wednesday February 5, 2025

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Remote Meeting by Interactive
Conference Technology and in-
person at OHA Maui Ola
Boardroom

A G E N D A

IV. New Business

Action Item BF #25-07: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanian'aole Festival on March 22, 2025, in the amount of \$10,000



ACTION ITEM

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
February 5th, 2025**

BF #25-07

Action Item Issue: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanian'aole Festival on March 22, 2025, in the amount of \$10,000.

Prepared by: Jan 31, 2025
Kēhaulani Pu'u Date
Ka Pou Nui, Chief Operating Officer

Reviewed by: Jan 31, 2025
Ramona G. Hinck Date
Ka Pou Kihī Kanaloa Wai, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed by: Jan 31, 2025
Everett Ohta Date
Ka Paepae Puka Kūikawā, Interim General Counsel

Reviewed by: Jan 31, 2025
Stacy K. Ferreira Date
Ka Pouhana, Chief Executive Officer

Reviewed by: Jan 31, 2025
Ke Kua, Trustee Luana Alapa Date
Luna Ho ‘omalū o ke Kōmike Budget and Finance
Chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Action Item BF#25-07: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's 2025 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'aole Festival Event.

I. Proposed Action

Approve and authorize FY 2025 sponsorship funding for Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'aole Festival Event in the amount of \$9,000.

Note: Decrease in recommended funding due to disallowed costs (perquisite).

| Organization Name | Event | Award Amount Recommendation |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation | 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'aole Festival 3/22/2025 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm Kalaniana'ole Beach Park 89-401 Farrington Highway, Wai'anae, Hawaii 96792 | \$9,000 |
| Total Recommendations (1) | | \$9,000 |

II. Issue

Whether or not the Committee on Budget and Finance will recommend approval and authorize the Board of Trustees (“BOT” or “Board) to disburse \$9,000 to sponsor the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'aole Festival Event.

III. Background and Context

The Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Native Hawaiians and the wider community along the stunning Wai'anae Coast. WCCF actively engages in promoting cultural activities, supporting local schools, fostering Hawaiian homesteads, and encouraging community engagement.

The annual Prince Kūhiō Festival holds takes place to the community of one of the largest Native Hawaiian Homesteads on O‘ahu. This festival serves as a vibrant celebration of Hawaiian culture and heritage while honoring the legacy of Kūhiō. The purpose of this festival aims to promote cultural awareness by preserving essential Hawaiian traditions, values, and practices within our community. By facilitating

Action Item BF#25-07: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's 2025 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival Event.

participation in various cultural events and activities, it fosters a sense of belonging among residents from Wai'anae Coast and neighboring areas. We seek to enlighten attendees about Prince Kūhiō's life story while emphasizing the significance of Hawaiian homesteading—an initiative that exemplifies self-sufficiency within our communities. This event encourages local economic development by providing opportunities for local artisans, businesses, and organizations to showcase their talents through vendor booths and performances. The festival not only honors Native Hawaiians' rich history but also highlights their ongoing contributions toward sustainable living practices rooted in community.

IV. Discussion

A. Benefits to OHA and OHA Beneficiaries

Alignment to Mana i Maui Ola's Economic Stability- Strategy 8: Cultivate economic development in and for Native Hawaiian communities and Outcome 8.1. Increased number of successful, community strengthening Native Hawaiian-owned businesses;

The event celebrates on of our most impactful ali'i and offers an opportunity to engage in cultural learning and activities as well as education about our Prince. This event aligns with Strategy 8 by offering a space for Native-Hawaiian owned businesses and local food vendors to operate their goods and services. The location of the event is hosted at the "center" of Wai'anae, at the Kalaniana'ole Beach Park, creating an opportunity for more participants in the surrounding areas to join in the festivities. The event is expected to serve roughly 7,600 Native Hawaiians who will be able to participate in economic education, artisanal crafts, and cultural practices. Native Hawaiian vendors will be present to share their resources. This event will increase networking and expose participants to opportunities to build reciprocal engagement with visitors, service markets and product enhancement to improve their livelihood and sustainability of Hawai'i.

B. OHA Funding Event Sponsorship Benefits

The recommended sponsorship level is \$9,000 to support allowed event costs. Sponsorship benefits are as follows:

- Speaking opportunity for OHA Trustee or representative to give a speech.
- OHA banner displayed in front of the main stage.
- Logos of OHA will be displayed i.e. flyer, banners, and Westside Community newspaper.
- 10x10 sponsorship tent with lights, table, chairs, cold drinks, and meal tickets to be offered to the attendees of OHA.
- VIP parking for all OHA guests.
- OHA's representatives will also be hosted in VIP tent with light pupu's, cold drinks.

Action Item BF#25-07: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's 2025 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival Event.

V. Recommended Action

Approve and authorize FY 2025 sponsorship funding Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's 2025 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanian'aole Festival Event on 3/22/2025 in the amount of \$9,000.00

Note: Decrease in recommended funding due to disallowed costs (perquisite).

VI. Alternative Actions

- A. Approve a different funding \$ for the sponsorship
- B. Do not sponsor event

VII. Budget Authorization

| VIII. | YEAR | PROGRAM NAME | ACCT NAME | ACCT GROUP | BUDGET | FUNDS AVAILABLE |
|--------------------|------|--|------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | 2025 | 3800 GRANTS | 56560 GRANTS IN AID - SPONSORSHIPS | GRANT | \$205,921.00 | \$63,921.00 |
| | 2025 | 4210 COMMUNICATIONS | 56560 GRANTS IN AID - SPONSORSHIPS | GRANT | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00 |
| | 2025 | 6100 ADVOCACY DIVISION DIRECTOR (CHIEF ADVOCATE) | 56560 GRANTS IN AID - SPONSORSHIPS | GRANT | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 |
| | 2025 | 6400 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (CE) DIVISION DIRECTOR | 56560 GRANTS IN AID - SPONSORSHIPS | GRANT | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| | 2025 | 7110 EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS | 56560 GRANTS IN AID - SPONSORSHIPS | GRANT | \$45,000.00 | \$45,000.00 |
| | 2025 | 7120 ECONOMICS RESILIENCE | 56560 GRANTS IN AID - SPONSORSHIPS | GRANT | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| | 2025 | 7130 HEALTH OUTCOMES | 56560 GRANTS IN AID - SPONSORSHIPS | GRANT | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00 |
| | 2025 | 7140 QUALITY HOUSING | 56560 GRANTS IN AID - SPONSORSHIPS | GRANT | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| | 2025 | 7160 HAWAIIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS | 56560 GRANTS IN AID - SPONSORSHIPS | GRANT | \$110,000.00 | \$110,000.00 |
| Grand Total | | | | | \$535,921.00 | \$393,921.00 |

VIII. Certification

The following is the certification by the Chief Financial Officer that the funds are available.



Ramona G. Hinck,
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 1/31/2025

Action Item BF#25-07: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's 2025 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival Event.

IX. Attachment(s)

A. Event Invitation

B. Event Flyer

Action Item BF#25-07: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's 2025 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival Event.



ATTACHMENT A

WAI'ANAE COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

(a nonprofit organization serving our community)

P. O. Box 2308, Wai'anae, Hawaii 96792

Phone: (808) 723-9161

www.waianaeccfoundation.org

Patty Kahanamoku Teruya
President/Director

Keoki K. Aiwohi
Vice President/Director

Christopher L. Kuaiwa
Secretary/Director

Katherine Lundgren
Treasurer/Director

November 18, 2024

RE: 2024 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Festival

Aloha! Another exciting year of our upcoming 6th annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Festival on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Kalaniana'ole Beach Park from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. We continue to focus working with our residents, community groups, leaders in the planning to bring attention to Hawaii celebrating Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day his legacy and keep the spirit alive for our next generation.

Celebrations on this day reflect his legacy through cultural exhibits, educational activities, keiki coloring contest with schools located in Nanakuli, hula halaus from the community, haku lei by Kumu Meyers, local food booths and displays by nonprofit organizations.

I would like to kindly show you of your monetary sponsorship opportunity of the following for your sponsorship monetary value towards the event cost:

- Your logo is on all advertisements, social media, flyers and display banners.
- IRS EIN donation exemption for your filing.
- VIP parking for (2) vehicle attendance.
- To be recognized on the main stage as our sponsor.
- MC to recognize your contribution during the event.
- Hang your banner on the main stage or a location in the event.

Should you require further information, please feel free to call me at 808 723-9161 or via email pattyteruya@gmail.com. Many blessings of appreciation, Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya

Prince Kuhio was the first Prince in the US Congress. He served as a Republican for 19 years until his death. Kuhio was called Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana (Prince of the People) and its well known for his efforts to preserve and strengthen the Hawaiian people. *

Action Item BF#25-07: Approval of OHA funding for an Event Sponsorship for the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's 2025 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival Event.

ATTACHMENT B

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs
presents
**The Sixth Annual
PRINCE JONAH KŪHIŌ KALANIANA'OLE
FESTIVAL**



**FIREWORK
SHOW!**



**DRINK & DRUG
FREE EVENT!**

Pohaku Band

**Saturday, March 22nd, 2025
3:00PM - 9:00PM**

**Kalaniana'ole Beach Park
(formerly Nanakuli Beach Park)**

Keiki Land * Crafters * Food Booths * Culture Display

Entertainment by: Halau Hula O Kekaikuihala, Keliinoi Polynesian
Revue with Siva Afi Crew, Prince Kuhio Coloring Contest;
Displays by Hawaiian Homestead Associations and many more!

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR - NO POP UP TENTS

Mahalo To Our Sponsors



**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
TESTIMONY
FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

(intentionally left blank)

Wai'anae Valley Homestead Community Association
P.O. Box 601, Wai'anae, HI 96792

Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i
Budget & Finance Committee
560 N. Nimitz Hwy, Ste. 200
Honolulu, HI 96817

Board of Directors

President

Jan Makepa

Vice President

Keala Rosario

Secretary

Linda Jury

Treasurer

Kehau Hanohano

Sgt. of Arms

Vacant

Directors

Georgie Navarro

Lokana Keliikoa-Pua

Aloha Mai Kakou,

2/4/2025

This letter comes in support of the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundations request for a grant to host the Annual La Kōhio event at Kalaniana'ole Beach Park in Nanakuli on March 22, 2025.

Annual events such as this play an important cultural role in gathering kanaka to come and enjoy the day. To share space, ho'olohe to beautiful mele, eat ono mea 'ai and learn about our Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana Jonah "Kōhio" Kalaniana'ole and all he did for our lahui and na 'aina ho'opulapula.

The Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation also brings together local food and craft vendors that support local business owners. As well as informational vendors that support and uplift the community. Overall a great partnership in Nanakuli for our Wai'anae Moku Kaiaulu.

The Wai'anae Valley Homestead Community Association is proud to support the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation and ask the Ke'ena Kuleana Hawai'i to support their efforts as well.

Mahala,

f IJJu

Jan Makepa, Pelekikena

'Il'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia.

There is no task too great when done together.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hale o na Luna Maka'ainana

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
415 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

January 31, 2025

Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Budget and Finance Committee
560 N. Nimitz Highway, Suite 200
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

RE: OHA Funding for Ho'akoakoa Lahui Event Sponsorship to the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanian'ole Festival

Dear Members of OHA's Budget and Finance Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to submit this letter of support on behalf of the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's (WCCF) application for a grant to fund their 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanian'ole Festival, which will be held on March 22, 2025.

This is the one and only community event along the Wai'anae Coast which celebrates and honors the Legacy of Prince Kuhio. This event is an important part of celebrating not only Prince Kuhio, but brings together members of the community to honor the work of Prince Kuhio, as the first Native Hawaiian to represent Hawaii in Congress, and the only royal-born member of Congress.

The Wai'anae Coast is the home to the largest population of Native Hawaiians and honoring Prince Kuhio and his accomplishments is one way to bring the community together. There has been so much discord in the community and an event that brings unity to the community is needed.

I strongly urge favorable consideration to approve the grant application by WCCF for the annual Prince Kuhio Festival.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Please feel free to contact me by email at repkila@capitol.hawaii.gov or by telephone at 808.586.9480.

Very truly yours,

&

Darius K. Kila
Representative, House District 44

Representative Darius K. Kila

House District 44-Honokai Hale, Nanakuli, Ma'ili
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 322 / Honolulu, HI 96813

Phone: (808) 586-9480 / Fax: (808) 586-9485 / Email: RepKila@capitol.hawaii.gov



HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

530 S. KING ST. STE. 202, HONOLULU, HI 96813

ANDRIA TUPOLA
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT I
TELEPHONE: (808) 768-5001
FAX (808) 768-1217
EMAIL: atupola@honolulu.gov

February 3, 2025

Board of Trustees
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
560 N. Nimitz Hwy, Suite 200
Honolulu, HI 96817

Subject: Support for Action Item BF #25-07 - Sponsorship for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah KŌhio Kalaniana'ole Festival

Dear Chair Alapa and Trustees,

I am writing in strong support of Action Item BF #25-07, which seeks approval of OHA funding in the amount of \$10,000 to sponsor the 6th Annual Prince Jonah KŌhio Kalaniana'ole Festival on March 22, 2025, hosted by the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF). This event is a vital celebration of Native Hawaiian culture, history, and community empowerment.

Honoring Prince KŌhio's Legacy -As the "Prince of the People," KŌhio dedicated his life to the well-being of Native Hawaiians. This festival carries forward his vision by uplifting Hawaiian identity, culture, and civic engagement.

Strengthening Community Connections - The festival provides a gathering space for families, kŌpuna, and keiki to celebrate together, strengthening our shared commitment to cultural preservation and unity.

Expanding Educational and Economic Opportunities - Through cultural demonstrations, local artisans, and educational booths, this event fosters learning and economic growth, empowering our people with knowledge and resources.

OHA's sponsorship will ensure this event remains free and accessible to the Wai'anae Coast community, advancing our collective mission of self-determination and cultural perpetuation. I urge you to approve this funding and continue supporting impactful initiatives like this one.

Mahala for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

%

Andria Tupola, Ph.D.
Honolulu City Councilmember

L



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hale o nii Luna Maka'iinana

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
415 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 4, 2025

Board of Trustees
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
560 N. Nimitz Hwy, Suite 200
Honolulu, HI 96817

Aloha Chairman Kahele and Trustees,

I'm writing in strong support of Action Item BF #25-07 which seeks approval of OHA funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Festival on March 22, 2025 hosted by the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF).

This festival serves as a crucial platform to celebrate and perpetuate the Legacy of Ke Ali'i Maka'aiana-Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. Prince Kuhio was a steadfast advocate for Native Hawaiian self-determination and cultural preservation. This festival honors his legacy by promoting a sense of pride and connection among our people, on Hawaiian Homestead land.

By bringing together families, kupuna, and keiki, this festival creates sense of unity and shared responsibility for our heritage. It provides a space where traditions are honored and passed down to future generations. The festival features cultural demonstrations, local artisans, and educational booths that provide valuable learning experiences and economic opportunities for our community. Supporting this event ensures that these opportunities remain available to our people, keeping the Hawaiian culture alive.

OHA's support will allow this celebration to remain open and accessible to the West O'ahu community, supporting our commitment to cultural perpetuation and self-determination.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Warmest Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diamond Garcia".

Representative Diamond Garcia
Minority Floor Leader
House of Representatives

Aloha e Kehaulani, Lauwae ame Hailama,

I am Pat Kahawaiolaa, the Advocate representing a newly formed Komike O K0puna 'Ainahoopulapula (KOKA), whose Iko Hai, Kupuna Louis Hao has asked that as a Kupuna Organization, the majority who are still on the DHHL waitlist, and lessees on the Trust lands in East Hawaii, come to Strongly Support the Waianae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) in its application for a Grant for the Ho'okoakoa Lahui event, to be held on March 22, 2025, to celebrate the la hanau of Alii Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Piikoi, who is a founding Father of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended July 9, 1921 (42, 42 stat. 108) and to educate the masses about the Act itself, which is INCORPORATED as a Compact between the USA and the NEW State of Hawaii (PL 86-3, 73 stat. 4) March 18, 1959..

As a newly formed native Hawaiian Beneficiary Organization, we are pleased and honored to support another well established native Hawaiian community, which continues to share the moolelo of the area, continue to educate ALL, na keiki, Na Opio, na Makua on who this Alii Prince was, what he was hoping to accomplish by the formation of the HHCA, 1920, as amended and the very hard work of all those that loose to walk with him, sharing his ideas and the kuleana to see that his legacy will Live on for at least another 105 years...

We've decided that as a kupuna, Organization, it is Now our obligation to also help light the path, that was lit for us, share the moolelo of our PAST and empower and educate the younger generations as well as those kupuna who still feel alianated from event of the PAST, that despite HOW we and our wa kahiko have been treated... we must continue on the path of Aloha, Pono and Malama for ALL that is important to the Host CULTURE of Hawaii nei...

Mahalo for allowing us to digress and give you a heads up on the fact we may be old but we still believe we can and must make a difference moving forward, for like our race and CULTURE ... time is of the essence...

Mahala and I can be reached at (808) 937-8217

'Owau me ka ha'aha'a, (I humbly remain)

Pat Kahawaiolaa,

K6mike Mau & Advocate

From: Brandon Szepvolgyi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2025 12:34 PM
To: Micah Kahiwa <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Letter of Support for the Sponsorship of the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiʻō Kalanianaʻōle Festival

Aloha e Members of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees and the Budget and Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Waiʻanae Coast Community Foundation's sponsorship request for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiʻō Kalanianaʻōle Festival. This important event celebrates the legacy of Prince Kūhiʻō and his lifelong commitment to the Hawaiian people, highlighting the rich cultural traditions, history, and values that continue to shape our community today.

The festival provides an invaluable opportunity for education, cultural preservation, and unity among Native Hawaiians and the broader community. By showcasing traditional practices, music, hula, and historical insights, the event fosters a deep appreciation for our heritage and strengthens the identity of our keiki, kupuna, and all who attend. Furthermore, it serves as a platform to uplift local businesses, artisans, and cultural practitioners, contributing to the economic and social well-being of the Waiʻanae Coast.

Supporting this event aligns with OHA's mission to malama and empower Native Hawaiians. The positive impact of the Prince Kūhiʻō Festival extends beyond a single day-it reinforces the values of self-determination, education, and cultural pride that Prince Kūhiʻō himself championed. I urge the Budget and Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees to approve this sponsorship and ensure that this cherished tradition continues to flourish for generations to come.

Mahala nui Loa for your time and consideration.

Me ka haʻahaʻa,

Brandon Szepvolgyi

(

L

Aloha e Members of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees and the Budget and Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation's sponsorship request for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kōhio Kalaniana'ole Festival. This important event celebrates the legacy of Prince Kōhio and his lifelong commitment to the Hawaiian people, highlighting the rich cultural traditions, history, and values that continue to shape our community today.

The festival provides an invaluable opportunity for education, cultural preservation, and unity among Native Hawaiians and the broader community. By showcasing traditional practices, music, hula, and historical insights, the event fosters a deep appreciation for our heritage and strengthens the identity of our keiki, kōpuna, and all who attend. Furthermore, it serves as a platform to uplift local businesses, artisans, and cultural practitioners, contributing to the economic and social well-being of the Wai'anae Coast.

Supporting this event aligns with OHA's mission to malama and empower Native Hawaiians. The positive impact of the Prince Kōhio Festival extends beyond a single day-it reinforces the values of self-determination, education, and cultural pride that Prince Kōhio himself championed. I urge the Budget and Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees to approve this sponsorship and ensure that this cherished tradition continues to flourish for generations to come.

Mahalo nui Loa for your time and consideration.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Brandon Szepvolgyi

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to you in support of Action Item BF #25-07.

Your approval of OHA funding for a Ho'akoakoa Lahui Event Sponsorship to the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Festival on March 22, 2025, in the amount of \$10,000, For the past six years this event has been a huge success for the Waianae Community. Your support and approval is very much appreciated.

As we honor and Celebrate our Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's legacy and the Hawaiian Homestead Act of 1920. It is with deep appreciation and Aloha that we continue to recognize our Prince for his commitment and love for our people.

Sincerely,

Zachary Z. Helm

Former DHHL Commissioner

Current Homesteader and Farmer

Kalama'ula , Molokai, HI 96748

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
BOT MEMBER ABSENCE EXCUSE LETTER
February 5, 2025 Meeting**

(intentionally left blank)



OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Office of Trustee Dan Ahuna
Interoffice Memorandum

Date: February 5, 2025

To: Trustee Luana Alapa
Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance (BF)

From: Trustee Dan Ahuna

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Ahuna".

Subject: **BOT - Committee on Budget and Finance Meeting Absence – February 5, 2025**

I am unable to attend the BF meeting scheduled for February 5, 2025.
Please extend my excused absence and my sincere apologies to the members of the board.
Mahalo.

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE REPORT-ROLL CALL VOTING RECORD**

February 5, 2025

(intentionally.left.blank)

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Board of Trustees Committee on Budget & Finance
COMMITTEE REPORT

February 5, 2025

The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele,
Chair Board of Trustees
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Chair Kahele:

Your Committee on Budget and Finance, having met on **February 5, 2025**; and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motions to the Board of Trustees:

Item II. Approval of minutes of the Committee on Budget and Finance of January 8, 2025.

Action Item BF #25-07: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanian'aole Festival on March 22, 2025, in the amount of \$9,000.

| |
|---|
| Relevant attachments are included for your information and reference. |
|---|

Attachment(s):

Attachment 1

BF Roll Call Vote Sheet -Item II. Approval of minutes of January 8, 2025:

Motion 1: Approval of minutes of the Committee on Budget and Finance meeting of January 8, 2025:

Attachment 2

BF Roll Call Vote Sheet -Action Item BF #25-07:

Motion 2: Approval for Action Item BF #25-07:

Action Item BF #25-07: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanian'aole Festival on March 22, 2025, in the amount of \$9,000

Respectfully submitted:



Trustee Luana Alapa, Chair



Trustee John Waihe'e IV, Vice Chair

EXCUSED


Trustee Dan Ahuna



Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka



Trustee Keli'i Akina



Trustee Brickwood Galuteria

Kaiali'i Kahele

Trustee Kaiali'i Kahele



Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey



Trustee Keoni Souza

(Intentionally left blank)

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
VOTE ROLL CALL SHEET
February 5, 2025

ATTACHMENT 1

ACTION ITEM:

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF January 8, 2025

Motion: Motion to approve minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee of January 8, 2025.

Moved: Trustee Waihee

Second: Trustee Souza

VOTE: 8

PASS: 8

NO PASS:

| TRUSTEE | YES | NO | KANALUA | EXCUSED |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----|---------|------------------|
| TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA | | | | X Memo submitted |
| TRUSTEE KALEIHIKINA AKAKA | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA | X | | | |
| COMMITTEE CHAIR TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE KAIALI'I KAHELE | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHEE IV | X | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 8 | | | |

Motion passes. Minutes of January 8, 2025 is approved.

ATTACHMENT 2

ACTION ITEM:

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Action Item BF #25-07: Approval of OHA funding for a Ho'ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to the Wai'anāe Coast Community Foundation (WCCF) for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival on March 22, 2025, in the amount of \$9,000

Motion: Approval of Action Item BF #25-07 as presented.

Moved: Trustee Waihee

Second: Trustee Souza

VOTE: 8

PASS: 8

NO PASS:

| TRUSTEE | YES | NO | KANALUA | EXCUSED |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----|---------|------------------|
| TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA | | | | X Memo submitted |
| TRUSTEE KALEIHIKINA AKAKA | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA | X | | | |
| COMMITTEE CHAIR TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE KAIALI'I KAHELE | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE HULU LINDSEY | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE KEONI SOUZA | X | | | |
| TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHEE IV | X | | | |
| TOTAL VOTES | 8 | | | |

Motion passes for Action item BF# 25-07 Sponsorship funding to the WCCF for the 6th Annual Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole Festival on March 22, 2025, in the amount of \$9,000\$9,000.