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**OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200  
Honolulu, HI 96817

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DATE: Friday, January 16, 2026**

**TIME: 1:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: Remote Meeting via Interactive Conference Technology**

This meeting will be held virtually and may be viewed live via OHA's website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) or listened to by phone by dialing (213) 338-8477 and entering Webinar ID: 854 2502 2450. Additionally, this meeting can be viewed live on 'Ōlelo Community Media <https://olelo.org/>. A physical meeting location will be open to the public for those who wish to provide oral testimony or observe the meeting in person at: Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96817.

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. November 13, 2025
  - B. November 24, 2025
- III. Status of OHA Activities**
  - A. Update: Lā Kūkahekahe – Hailama Farden, Sr. Director Hawaiian Cultural Affairs
  - B. Update: 2026 1st Quarter Priorities & Announcements – Summer Sylva, Interim Administrator/CEO
- IV. New Business**
  - A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment – January 14, 2026**
    - 1. BAE Action Item #26-01:** Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Continued Community-Led Management of Ka'ūpūlehu, Kona Region, Hawai'i Island Including in Ongoing Agency Rulemaking (Presentation by Hui Kahuwai and supporting community members)
    - 2. BAE Action Item #26-02:** Approval of a Resolution Supporting Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Claimants' Reburial Plans for the Mōkapu Collection at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kāne'ōhe, O'ahu (Presentation by Kolealani Skye Razon-Olds, Cy Kekumano Harris, and Adrian Keohokalole)
    - 3. BAE Action Item #26-03:** Approval of Office of Hawaiian Affairs Legislative Testimony Procedures for the 2026 Legislative Session
  - B. Committee on Budget and Finance – January 14, 2026**
    - 1.** Amend the prior board action on Action Item BOT #25-13 (November 6, 2025) to change the funding allocation of the previously authorized \$6.1 million in OHA I Ola emergency assistance funding between the two OHA beneficiary groups for (1) Income Bridge Support (up to \$1,200 per eligible individual) and (2) Essential Needs Support (up to \$350 per eligible individual)
- V. Executive Session§**
  - A. Legal Matters.** The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to receive updated information, consult with its legal counsel, and take any necessary action regarding the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to matters relating to Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira v. OHA, Civil No. 1CCV-25-0001822

**VI. Community Concerns and Celebrations**  
**VII. Announcements**  
**VIII. Adjournment**

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Public Testimony will be called for each agenda item and must be limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda. Community Concerns and Celebrations is not limited to matters listed on the meeting agenda. Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 92, prohibits Board members from discussing or taking action on matters not listed on the meeting agenda.

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§ Notice: This portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to HRS § 92-5.

Testimony can be provided to the Board of Trustees either as: (1) written testimony or (2) live, oral testimony online or at the physical meeting location during the remote meeting.

(1) Persons wishing to provide written testimony on items listed on the agenda should submit testimony via email to [botmeetings@oha.org](mailto:botmeetings@oha.org) or via postal mail to Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Attn: Board of Trustees Meeting Testimony, 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96817. Testimony is requested to be received at least twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled meeting to allow board members with sufficient time to review the testimony before the meeting. All written testimony will be posted on OHA's meeting website. Please omit or redact any personal information (e.g., name, email address, phone number, home address, or materials) that you do not want to be disclosed publicly online.

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85425022450>

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- (2) internet access; and
- (3) a microphone to provide oral testimony.

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Oral testimony online or at a physical meeting location will be limited to five (5) minutes. Oral testimony by telephone/landline will not be accepted at this time.



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Trustee Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustee

1/ 09 /2026  
Date



## **II. Approval of Minutes**

**A.** November 13, 2025

**B.** November 24, 2025

**DRAFT**

**STATE OF HAWAII**  
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
560 N. NIMITZ HIGHWAY, SUITE 200  
(In-Person Meeting)

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Video 1: <https://www.youtube.com/live/uP5DukeFwU?si=SSJgZ86YhY2UFxaa>

**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 13, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Chair Emerita Lindsey  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

ADMINISTRATION:

K.Sean Kekina, COO  
Ryan Lee, Interim CFO  
Hailama Farden, Dir. of Hawaiian Cultural Affairs  
Everett Ohta, General Counsel  
Rozelle Agag, Assoc. General Counsel  
Leina'ala Ley, Advocacy Director  
Lise Vaughn-Sekona, Community Engagement Dir.  
Lori Walker, Land Interim Director  
LeAnn Gentry, Commercial Property Agent  
Keone Oldroyd, Legacy Land Agent  
La'akea Rabas, Legacy Land Agent  
Sandi Stancil, EA  
Lauwae Clayton, EA  
Kaponu K., External Counsel  
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT  
Dan Santos, IT

BOT STAFF:

Alena Auyoung, Interim COS  
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary  
Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Remy Keliroomalu, Trustee Aide  
Carina Lee, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Sommer Soares, Trustee Secretary  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide  
Melissa Wennihan, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Kuhio Lewis  
Scot Sterenberg  
Stephanie Tsumoto

(0:06 | 10:11 am )

**Call to Order**

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, November 13, 2025 at **10:10 a.m.** Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	AHUNA		excused
TRUSTEE	KALEI	AKAKA	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	AKINA		excused
TRUSTEE	LUANA	ALAPA	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	LINDSEY	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	SOUZA		Joins mtg at 10:30 am
TRUSTEE	JOHN	WAIHE'E	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	KAHELE	X	
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At the Call to Order, **SIX (6)** Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** This meeting can be viewed via live stream on all his website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) For those joining us on Zoom to testify or listen, please note that we are using the webinar platform rather than the standard Zoom meeting format. As an attendee, you will be able to watch and listen to the proceedings. If you wish to testify on a specific agenda item, please follow these steps:

1. Raise your hand to indicate that you would like to speak.
2. We will change your status from attendee to panelist when it is your turn. This may take a few seconds, so we appreciate your patience.
3. As a panelist, you will have the option to turn on your camera and unmute yourself to provide testimony.
4. Once you have finished testifying, please mute yourself, and you will be returned to attendee status.

(1:55 video)

*K.Sean Kekina, COO introduces staff attending the Board meeting.*

(3:24 | 10:12 am)

**Status of OHA Activities: Interim Administrator & Chief Operating Officer Update on OHA activities.**

**K.Sean Kekina, COO summarized.** First and foremost, mahalo nui to the dedicated limahana staff at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for their work on the unprecedented release of \$6.1 million in relief funding. The program has evolved rapidly, and the team has continued to meet the moment through timely coordination and execution. Joining us today is Kuhil Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, who will provide an update on program implementation.

(4:09 video)

**Kuhio Lewis, CEO of Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement summarized.** I wanted to provide a brief update on the program and express our gratitude for your partnership. Recently, we administered significant aid for the State of Hawai'i, processing over 50,000 applications and distributing substantial funding to support

families during and after the pandemic. Having established systems and trained staff allowed us to launch this program quickly and effectively.

We are looking forward to continuing to work alongside the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to support our beneficiaries. Our Chief Operating Officer, who oversees the program and manages the staff and execution, will provide highlights on the program's progress.

**K.Sean Kekina, COO** To date, we have awarded a total of \$18,000 in assistance. Breaking this down by program, there are approximately 1,580 applications on the federal side and 890 applications for the SNAP program. As of now, \$98,400 has been awarded through the federal program, and \$9,450 has been distributed through the SNAP program.

A significant barrier to processing applications faster is the lack of required documents. Many applicants are either uploading incorrect documents or don't have all the necessary documents readily available, especially if they are starting their application from work or other locations. This leads to delays as we must follow up with them to gather the correct paperwork.

Additionally, we are seeing a need for more direct community outreach. Some applicants, particularly kūpuna, are not familiar with using computers or uploading documents, which creates further challenges. Though we are only three days into the program, we are recognizing these issues and are actively adjusting our approach to better serve the beneficiaries' needs.

We have partnered with Foodland, KTA, and Times Supermarket after identifying the grocery stores most accessible to our beneficiaries. The only islands without a major chain grocery store are Moloka'i and Lāna'i; for those communities, we are issuing a \$350 cash benefit.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs continues to administer the HRP, while our team collects the required documentation from beneficiaries. We have coordinated closely with the Hawaiian Registry team to ensure clarity on the requirements for approval of a Hawaiian Registry Card. Once collected, the documentation is submitted to OHA so the cards can be issued. OHA continues to process HRP applications in accordance with applicable requirements.

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** I just want to clarify that an applicant does not have to have an HRP card as long as they have a birth certificate.

**Kuhio Lewis, CEO of Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement** *summarized.* For the purpose of applying to the program, applicants are not required to have verification at the time of registration. We will collect the necessary documents to verify Hawaiian ancestry, consistent with the requirements of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Hawaiian Registry Program. Those documents will be forwarded to OHA, which will complete the verification and issue the appropriate confirmation. We are using multiple communication methods to support applicants, including phone calls, text messaging, and email. We are receiving a high volume of inquiries, particularly requests for assistance from families, and staff are actively responding through these channels.

At this time, there is a sufficient number of applicants who meet the program criteria, and the primary focus is on processing existing applications efficiently.

**Trustee Alapa** How are we giving out the money, in cash? How does this work?

**Kuhio Lewis, CEO of Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement** *summarized.* Currently, beneficiaries receive assistance through a check mailed to their address. A potential challenge is that some beneficiaries do not have permanent physical residence, and staff are working to address this issue. While mailed checks remain the current process, alternative methods, including in-person distribution, may be considered if necessary.

**Trustee Akaka** *summarized.* I wanted to ask whether any feedback or testimonies you are receiving are being documented or gathered so they can be shared with those who may be interested. The text messages are being tracked, and phone calls are also being documented. Perhaps you can speak further to that.

**K. Sean Kekina, COO** *summarized.* We can compile a report to track the various comments and feedback received from applicants. Some callers have shared personal hardships, such as being laid off for an extended period while supporting multiple family members, and comparing the current situation to previous shutdowns, highlighting the challenges for themselves and their ‘ohana. Other inquiries include questions about the availability of additional assistance, such as a second check, and many applicants have expressed appreciation for the support provided.

As part of the disclaimer, the information collected is shared with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), which may contact beneficiaries to request comments. This disclosure is permissible under Hawai‘i State law and HRS §92-9, including the sharing of information for follow-up communication and interviews.

(26:17 video)  
**New Business**

#### **A. Alaka‘i Award Recipients (July - September 2025)**

**Chair Kaiali‘i Kahele** *summarized.* The Board of Trustees will announce the Alaka‘i Award recipients for the period of July, August, and September 2025. The Alaka‘i Program, established earlier this year, recognizes Office of Hawaiian Affairs employees who demonstrate a strong commitment to OHA’s mission and who consistently embody OHA’s values through their actions, leadership, and decision-making.

The program honors both exemplary employees and supervisors and is based on peer nominations submitted by co-workers. For this quarter, one outstanding employee and one outstanding supervisor from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will be recognized. The announcement will begin with the supervisor award recipient.

**Trustee Galuteria** *summarized.* The Board of Trustees announced Lori Walker as the Alaka‘i Award recipient for Supervisor for the July–September 2025 period. The Alaka‘i Program recognizes Office of Hawaiian Affairs employees and supervisors who demonstrate commitment to OHA’s mission and values through their leadership and service.

Ms. Walker was recognized for her leadership while serving as Interim Director, continuing to lead the Commercial Properties Program, and overseeing additional responsibilities during periods of staff absence. It was noted that she has fostered a work culture grounded in laulima, lōkahi, and kūlia, and has demonstrated accessibility, compassion, and collaborative leadership. The Board acknowledged that under Ms. Walker’s leadership, the Land Program achieved significant accomplishments, including securing project funding, increasing leasing revenues, and advancing land acquisition and development initiatives. Ms. Walker was congratulated on behalf of the Board of Trustees and OHA staff.

**Lori Walker** *summarized*. Expressed her appreciation for the recognition and stated that receiving the Alaka‘i Award was humbling. She noted that while she typically works out of the Hilo office, she was grateful to be present for the acknowledgment. Lori emphasized her appreciation for her team, OHA’s beneficiaries, and the agency as a whole. She shared that she has served at OHA for nearly ten years and expressed pride in the work performed daily. Lori stated that the accomplishments recognized are a reflection of her team and the support received across OHA programs. She conveyed gratitude to all colleagues who remain committed to the organization’s mission.

**Trustee Alapa** *summarized*. The award recipient demonstrates perseverance, compassion, and authenticity, and consistently provides support to colleagues through attentive listening and positive engagement. The recipient was recognized for fostering an uplifting and collaborative work environment and for offering assistance to others, particularly within shared workspaces. The recipient was further acknowledged for resilience during challenging circumstances and for motivating others through leadership rooted in service to the lāhui. It was noted that the recipient exemplifies OHA’s core values through inclusive teamwork, fairness, transparency, and respect in professional interactions. Additionally, it was recognized that the recipient leads by example through reliability, creativity, and efficiency, while balancing multiple responsibilities. The remarks highlighted the recipient’s ongoing dedication to OHA’s mission and the positive contribution made to the organization’s culture and values.

**Remy Keli‘iho‘omalu** *summarized*. Expressed appreciation for the recognition and acknowledged the honor of being selected as the Employee Alaka‘i Award recipient for the quarter. The recipient noted feeling humbled by the acknowledgment.

*Recess taken at (37:36 video)*

*(48:06 video)*

## **B. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment – November 12, 2025**

### **BAE Action Item #25-08: Approval of Bills for OHA’s 2026 Legislative Package (Relating to Commercial Aquarium Collection; Proposing an Amendment to Article XI of the Hawaii State Constitution to Prohibit Live-Fire Military Training on Public Trust Lands; Relating to Rent Stabilization)**

Testifier  
*(48:47 video)*

**James Maioho** *summarized*. The speaker expressed full support for the legislative package, particularly the live-fire proposal that would place the issue before voters and allow the public a direct voice. They emphasized that significant, well-organized opposition is expected and urged this body to make an equally strong, transparent, and proactive effort to advance the measure. The speaker stated they would be proud to testify in support of this legislation during the upcoming session.

Additionally, the speaker encouraged issuing a public letter urging the Governor to place a moratorium on lease negotiations until the public has had an opportunity to vote and the issue is fully addressed through the legislative process. They noted there is sufficient time before lease expiration and cautioned against rushed negotiations without full public awareness, underscoring the importance of transparency and accountability.

Finally, the speaker commented on burial council legislation, acknowledging efforts to address quorum issues but noting that the underlying structural problems remain unresolved. They urged future legislation to properly redesign and empower burial councils, address loopholes related to inadvertent discoveries and provide councils with meaningful authority beyond advisory recommendations so they can effectively serve Kanaka Maoli and cultural preservation efforts statewide.

(52:22 video)

**Vicky Takamine** *summarized.* The speaker expressed strong support for taking a more empowered and assertive position on military lease issues within the legislative package. They emphasized that OHA serves as a voice for the people and should actively exercise that role by moving forward decisively. The speaker encouraged collective action and unity in advancing the legislative priorities contained in the package.

(53:43 video)

**Trustee Galuteria** Your Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment, having met on November 12, 2025; and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following motions to the Board of Trustees:

**Action Item BAE #25-08:**

*There are four motions for this action item*

**Motion 1: RELATING TO COMMERCIAL AQUARIUM COLLECTION**

Approve, as part of the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, the proposed measure “Relating to Commercial Aquarium Collection” to amend Hawaii Revised statutes (HRS) Chapters 188 and 189 to ban commercial aquarium extraction and collection activities, as provided in Attachment A.

11:04 a.m. Trustee Galuteria Motion 1: RELATING TO COMMERCIAL AQUARIUM COLLECTION Approve, as part of the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, the proposed measure “Relating to Commercial Aquarium Collection” to amend Hawaii Revised statutes (HRS) Chapters 188 and 189 to ban commercial aquarium extraction and collection activities, as provided in Attachment A.						
Vote taken at 11:04 a.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			

<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(55:44 video)

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

**Motion 2: PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT LIVE-FIRE MILIARY TRAINING ON PUBLIC TRUST LANDS**

Approve, as part of the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, the measure “Proposing Live-Fire Military Training on Public Trust Lands,” as provided in Attachment B.

<b>11:06 a.m. Trustee Galuteria Motion 2: PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT LIVE-FIRE MILIARY TRAINING ON PUBLIC TRUST LANDS</b> Approve, as part of the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, the measure “Proposing Live-Fire Military Training on Public Trust Lands,” as provided in Attachment B.						
Vote taken at 11:06 a.m.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(56:33 video)

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

**Motion 3: RELATING TO RENT STABILIZATION**

Approve, as part of the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, the proposed measure “Relating to Rent Stabilization” to amend Hawai’i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 521 to establish a statewide limit on annual rent increases, as provided in Attachment C.

11:07 a.m. Trustee Galuteria Motion 3: RELATING TO RENT STABILIZATION Approve, as part of the 2026 OHA Legislative Package, the proposed measure “Relating to Rent Stabilization” to amend Hawai’i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 521 to establish a statewide limit on annual rent increases, as provided in Attachment C.						
Vote taken at 11:07 a.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			7			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(57:19 video)

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

**Motion 4: NON-SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT AUTHORITY**

Approve administration to make appropriate technical, ministerial, strategic or other non-substantive amendments to all approved 2026 Legislative Package bills as necessary for style, clarity, consistency, and accuracy for final submission to the legislature. This includes preamble language for framing and editorial purposes as needed, titles of measures for strategic and clarifying reasons, and labeling of the bills for tracking.

11:07 a.m. Trustee Galuteria Motion 4: NON-SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENT AUTHORITY						
Approve administration to make appropriate technical, ministerial, strategic or other non-substantive amendments to all approved 2026 Legislative Package bills as necessary for style, clarity, consistency, and accuracy for final submission to the legislature. This includes preamble language for framing and editorial purposes as needed, titles of measures for strategic and clarifying reasons, and labeling of the bills for tracking.						
Vote taken at 11:08 a.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			7			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(58:20 video)

**2. BAE Action Item #25-09: Administration Request to Support Maui County Bill 9 (2025), Amending Chapters 19.2, 19.32, and 19.37, Maui County Code, Relating to Transient Vacation Rentals in Apartment Districts (HLU-4)**

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

**Motion 1: RELATING TO MAUI COUNTY BILL 9 (2025)**

Approve OHA’s support, with comments, for Maui County Bill 9 (2025) and authorize the Ka Pou Kihī Kū to submit testimony urging passage of the bill without exemptions.

11:08 a.m. Trustee Galuteria Motion 1: RELATING TO MAUI COUNTY BILL 9 (2025) Approve OHA’s support, with comments, for Maui County Bill 9 (2025) and authorize the Ka Pou Kihi Kū to submit testimony urging passage of the bill without exemptions.						
Vote taken at 11:09 a.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA	X		X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			7			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(59:26 video)

**C. Committee on Budget and Finance – November 12, 2025**

**1. Action Item BF #25-84 (revised): Approval of OHA funding for a Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to The Queens Court for The ‘Onipa‘a Peace March 2026 Event on January 16, 2026, in the amount of \$15,000.00.**

Testifier

(59:50 video)

**Healani Sonoda Pale** *summarized*. submitted testimony in support of OHA’s sponsorship of the Queen’s Court application for financial support of the ‘Onipa‘a Peace March and provided a historical timeline tracing the march’s origins from the 1993 sovereignty movement through its evolution under multiple organizers and sponsors, including OHA. The testimony clarified long-standing involvement by the speaker and others in organizing the march, noted changes in fiscal sponsorship and permitting over time, and explained the formation of an ‘Onipa‘a Peace March coalition to support a more structured and inclusive approach as participation increased. Additional remarks emphasized the educational importance of holding the march on January 16 to engage keiki and schools in understanding the events surrounding the overthrow of Queen Lili‘uokalani and their relevance to contemporary issues affecting the lāhui.

Trustee Waihe'e reads the following:

**Your Committee on Budget and Finance, having met on November 12, 2025, and after full and free discussion, recommends approval of the following five (5) actions to the Board of Trustees:**

**Action 1**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to The Queen's Court for The 'Onipa'a Peace March 2026 Event on January 16, 2026 in the amount of \$15,000.

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
The Queens Court	The 'Onipa'a Peace March 2026 January 16, 2026 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mauna 'Ala Royal Mausoleum 2261 Nu'uauu Ave Honolulu, HI 96817 'Iolani Palace Grounds 364 S King St. Honolulu, HI 96813 (O'ahu)	\$15,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>

11:18 a.m. Trustee Waihe'e

**Action 1**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to The Queen's Court for The 'Onipa'a Peace March 2026 Event on January 16, 2026 in the amount of \$15,000.

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
The Queens Court	The 'Onipa'a Peace March 2026 January 16, 2026 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Mauna 'Ala Royal Mausoleum 2261 Nu'uauu Ave Honolulu, HI 96817 'Iolani Palace Grounds 364 S King St. Honolulu, HI 96813 (O'ahu)	\$15,000
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$15,000</b>

Vote taken at 11:19 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			

TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X		
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X		
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X		
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			7		
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED					
Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes					

(1:09:24 video)

**2. Action Item BF #25-85 (revised): Approval of OHA funding for a Ho‘ākoakoa Lāhui Event Sponsorship to Mutual Aid Ka Lāhui for The ‘Onipa‘a Peace March 2026 Event on January 17, 2026, in the amount of \$7,500.00.**

Trustee Waihe'e reads the following:

**Action 2**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Mutual Aid Ka Lahui for the 2026 'Onipa'a Peace March Event on January 17, 2026 in the amount of \$11,250.

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Mutual Aid Ka Lahui	'Onipa'a Peace March January 17, 2026 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Mauna 'Aia Royal Mausoleum 2261 Nu'uau Ave Honolulu, HI 96817 'Iolani Palace Grounds 364 S King St. Honolulu, HI 96813 (O'ahu)	\$11,250
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$11,250</b>

11:20 a.m. Trustee Waihe'e

**Action 2**

Approve and authorize FY 2026 sponsorship funding to Mutual Aid Ka Lahui for the 2026 'Onipa'a Peace March Event on January 17, 2026 in the amount of \$11,250.

Organization Name	Event	Award Amount Recommendation
Mutual Aid Ka Lahui	'Onipa'a Peace March January 17, 2026 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Mauna 'Aia Royal Mausoleum 2261 Nu'uau Ave Honolulu, HI 96817 'Iolani Palace Grounds 364 S King St. Honolulu, HI 96813 (O'ahu)	\$11,250
<b>Total Recommendations (1)</b>		<b>\$11,250</b>

Vote taken at 11:20 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:10:36 video)

**3. Action Item BF #25-99: Approval of a Budget Adjustment (\$78,000) to Realign Funds from Personnel to Professional Services.**

Trustee Waihe'e reads the following:

**Approve this Major Budget Adjustment to reallocate \$78,000 within the Resource Management – Financial Assets (RM-FA) Paia by realigning funds from Personnel to Professional Services (Contracts – 57110 Services on a Fee Basis)– Financial Assets (RM-FA) Paia by realigning funds from Personnel to Professional Services (Contracts – 57110 Services on a Fee Basis)**

11:20 a.m. Trustee Waihe'e						
Approve this Major Budget Adjustment to reallocate \$78,000 within the Resource Management – Financial Assets (RM-FA) Paia by realigning funds from Personnel to Professional Services (Contracts – 57110 Services on a Fee Basis)– Financial Assets (RM-FA) Paia by realigning funds from Personnel to Professional Services (Contracts – 57110 Services on a Fee Basis)						
Vote taken at 11:21 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>

TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X		
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA					X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X		
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X		
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X		
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X		
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X		
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>		
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>					
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>					

(1:11:28 video)

**4. Action Item BF #25-100: OHA Biennium Budget for the Fiscal Biennium Periods 2023-2024 (FY24) and 2024-2025 (FY25) - Realignment #5 – Approval of Core and Non-Core Budget Realignments.**

Trustee Waihe'e reads the following:

**Action 4**

**Approve the Fiscal Biennium Budget Realignment #5 ("BR5"), Core and Non-Core Budget, for the fiscal biennium periods ("FB") 2023-2024 ("FY24") and 2024-2025 ("FY25") as summarized at Attachment #1.**

ATTACHMENT #1

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
FY 2024-2025 (FY24) Core and Non-Core Budgets and 2024-2025 (FY25) Core and Non-Core Budgets Budget Realignment #5

Table 1. FY2024 Budget (November 2023)

FY 2024	FTE	Core	Kaka'aka Mahalo	Commercial Property		In-Kind Properties		Legacy Property		Other OHA Programs - Federal Funding		FY 2024 Total Operating Budget
				Net Lease	200% N/NetLease	Palaces Culture	WKSOP Mgmt Fund	HELD	NIERL#	Papahānaumokuākea		
Contracts	5,541,144	1,511,144	716,872	455,146	285,777	82,000		57,146	834,200	265,400	89,125,374	
Daily Services	1,071,793	88,669	60,084	776,649	311,818						2,841,162	
Equipment	1,548,393	1,647,253	1,126,110	254,751	21,838	67,000		360	31,500	0	4,683,143	
Grant	10,723,923										32,233,841	
Overhead	3,493,754	801,248	1,076,154	208,239	83,434			5,000	12,400	34,834	5,729,634	
Personnel	13,500,336	137,647	181,798						164,833	476,269	14,335,465	
Program	1,232,157	7,979	288,866	649,533	177,202	1,600		5,250	172,400	10,000	2,585,141	
Travel	768,416	1,268								11,473	755,449	
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,437,962</b>	<b>34,218,138</b>	<b>8,592,044</b>	<b>81,936,378</b>	<b>990,133</b>	<b>812,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81,992</b>	<b>1,099,707</b>	<b>310,000</b>	<b>302,283,342</b>	

Table 2. FY2025 Budget (November 2023)

FY 2025	FTE	Core	Kaka'aka Mahalo	Commercial Property		In-Kind Properties		Legacy Property		Other OHA Programs - Federal Funding		FY 2025 Total Operating Budget
				Net Lease	200% N/NetLease	Palaces Culture	WKSOP Mgmt Fund	HELD	NIERL#	Papahānaumokuākea		
Contracts	6,209,433	1,801,000	836,000	498,974	333,000	48,000		43,749	311,100	21,000	100,000	
Daily Services	1,100,000	900,000	757,000	1,296,000	1,040,000						4,086,000	
Equipment	1,760,316	1,313,000	1,080,000	119,000	35,908	80,000			13,700	23,500	3,351,716	
Grant	11,976,000										17,076,000	
Overhead	3,862,336	339,400	1,084,784	255,000	35,500	5,000			7,913	48,786	6,197,714	
Personnel	15,416,000	161,000	41,000						126,700	265,900	16,133,716	
Program	1,398,833	1,268	476,000	600,000	40,000	1,000		5,400	39,278	8,000	2,797,236	
Travel	763,563				3,000				333	56,952	819,047	
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,416,484</b>	<b>3,446,704</b>	<b>4,220,084</b>	<b>2,698,974</b>	<b>2,499,408</b>	<b>134,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>81,992</b>	<b>1,099,707</b>	<b>311,600</b>	<b>66,420,497</b>	

Active Funds: \$ 1,000,414.15    \$ 7,682,401.15    \$ 8,182,800.15    \$ 4,998,784.15    \$ 3,929,544.15    \$ 28,000.15    \$ 15    \$ 358,242.15    \$ 2,117,400.15    \$ 156,621.15    \$ 771,291.15    \$ 128,400,497.15



Trustee Waihe'e reads the following:

**Amend prior action of BF #25-52 (July 23, 2025) to approve that the previous carryover of remaining Kanaaho Grant funds for Maui Island Wildfire disaster aid be distributed as an additional payment of \$1,266 to be available to the 713 homeowner and renter recipients of Kanaaho grants, as approved from the original \$5 million allocation under BOT #23-07 and reaffirmed under BF #25-52 Motion B.**

11:23 a.m. Trustee Waihe'e						
Amend prior action of BF #25-52 (July 23, 2025) to approve that the previous carryover of remaining Kanaaho Grant funds for Maui Island Wildfire disaster aid be distributed as an additional payment of \$1,266 to be available to the 713 homeowner and renter recipients of Kanaaho grants, as approved from the original \$5 million allocation under BOT #23-07 and reaffirmed under BF #25-52 Motion B.						
Vote taken at 11:24 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA			X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E	X		X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:13:42 video)

**D. Committee on Investment and Land Management – November 12, 2025**

**1. Action Item ILM #25-12: Approval of OHA Investment Policy for Legacy Lands. 1st Reading**

Trustee Souza reads the following:

**Action Item ILM #25-12 - Approval of OHA Investment Policy for Legacy Lands**

11:24 a.m. Trustee Souza						
Action Item ILM #25-12 - Approval of OHA Investment Policy for Legacy Lands						
Vote taken at 11:25 a.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:14:56 video)

**2. Action Item ILM #25-13: Approval of OHA Management Policy for Legacy Lands. 1st Reading**

Trustee Souza reads the following:

**Action Item ILM #25-13 - Approval of OHA Management Policy for Legacy Lands**

11:25 a.m. Trustee Souza						
Action Item ILM #25-13 - Approval of OHA Management Policy for Legacy Lands						
Vote taken at 11:25 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:15:55 video)

3. Action Item ILM #25-14: Approval of OHA Management Policy for Investment Lands. *1st Reading*

Trustee Souza reads the following:

Action Item ILM #25-14 - Approval of OHA Management Policy for Investment Lands

11:26 a.m. Trustee Souza						
Action Item ILM #25-14 - Approval of OHA Management Policy for Investment Lands						
Vote taken at 11:27 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			

<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION: [ ] UNANIMOUS [X] PASSED [ ] DEFERRED [ ] FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(1:16:42 video)

4. **Action Item ILM #25-15:** Approval for OHA to enter into negotiations with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) pertaining to the development of Kaka'ako Makai Lot I, O'ahu, TMK No. (1) 2-1-015:061.

Trustee Souza reads the following:

**Action Item ILM #25-15 - Approval for OHA to enter into negotiations with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) pertaining to the development of Kaka'ako Makai Lot I, O'ahu, TMK No. (1) 2-1-015:061.**

(1:17: 41 video) 11:28 a.m.

**Trustee Waihe'e moves to amend the motion to add at the end with a residential mixed-use project and authorized DHHL access to the property subject to terms to be negotiated in order to perform site due diligence related to its future development.**

11:27 a.m. Trustee Souza						
Vote on the amendment						
Vote taken at 11:28 a.m.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>'A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>

TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X		
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X		
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X		
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X		
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X		
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X		
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			7		
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>					
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>					

Amendment passes and now the board votes on the action/motion as amended.

(1:19:20 video)

Trustee Souza reads the following:

**Move to approve for OHA to enter into negotiations with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands pertaining to the development of Kaka'ako Makai Lot I, Oahu TMK number 121 015061 with a residential mixed use project and authorized DHL access to the property subject to terms to be negotiated in order to perform site due diligence related to its future development.**

11:29 a.m. Trustee Souza						
As amended: Move to approve for OHA to enter into negotiations with the Department of Hawaiian Homelands pertaining to the development of Kaka'ako Makai Lot I, Oahu TMK number 121 015061 with a residential mixed use project and authorized DHL access to the property subject to terms to be negotiated in order to perform site due diligence related to its future development.						
Vote taken at 11:30 a.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			

TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			7			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes						

(1:20:36 video)

**5. Amend the ILM Committee recommendation on Action Item ILM #25-04 – Approval to undertake Due Diligence Phase 2 activities for a proposed land transfer of the Ahupua‘a ‘O Kahana parcels, Kahana, O‘ahu to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs**

Testifier

(1:20:42 video)

**Dr. Jim Anthony** *summarized.* The testifier stated that the agenda item did not provide sufficient written information regarding OHA’s current position or intended actions concerning the possible assumption of custodial management of Kahana, a 5,290-acre ahupua‘a acquired by the State through condemnation, of which approximately 20 acres are subject to 28 terminal residential leases. The testimony urged that if OHA intends to pursue custodial responsibility, it must address the status of existing lessees in accordance with HRS §516, including providing humane and lawful resolutions that distinguish between lessees in and out of compliance, such as lease extensions or opportunities to purchase where permitted by law. The speaker emphasized the long-term residency, cultural stewardship, and intergenerational investments of families at Kahana and requested clarity and certainty regarding lease outcomes before any transfer of management occurs.

(1:31:09 video)

**Kupuna XX** *summarized.* emphasized that the original intent—initiated by Governor Green and supported by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs—was to push the State to fulfill its kuleana to Native Hawaiian communities such as Kahana, Miloli‘i, and Mauna ‘Ala by addressing land impacts, lease arrears, and long-standing neglect, and urged OHA not to disengage but to continue the dialogue so communities are not abandoned again. They acknowledged OHA’s current limitations and internal reassessment, but stressed that transparency, continued engagement happen.

(1:37:11 video)

**XXX Name** *summarized.* The speaker shared that Kahana Valley was condemned by the State primarily to control its water resources, dispossessing Native Hawaiian families from their kuleana lands, and argued that given the State’s failure to honor its responsibilities and its shameful management of the valley, the land should be returned to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or Hawaiian Home Lands to be cared for by qualified kānaka maoli who have lived ma ka ‘āina mai ka wā kahiko.

(1:39:56 video)

**Laulani Teal** *summarized.* A member of a Kahana family and longtime community advocate, urged OHA to reconsider removing the matter entirely from consideration, emphasizing that Kahana Valley remains one of O‘ahu’s few truly functional ahupua‘a, where mutual aid, cultural practice, and collective resistance have

sustained the community despite instability, high taxes, and burdensome State requirements. They asked OHA to provide stability and protection for the 21 families who actively mālama ‘āina, to continue working with the community through transparent deliberation

(1:45:14 video)

**Ben Schaefer** *summarized*. The speaker expressed support for the community testimony while acknowledging OHA’s fiduciary duty to ensure financial capacity, staffing, and due diligence in managing trust assets responsibly, consistent with its obligations under Hawai‘i State law.

(1:46:56 video)

**Kahiau Wallace** *summarized*. The speaker asked OHA to remember Kahana in future discussions on land transfer, noting existing resolutions supporting the return of publicly owned loko i‘a and emphasizing that the health of Kahana’s lo‘i, waterways, and fisheries reflects the health of the community

(1:49:17 video)

**Olivia Wallace** *summarized*. The speaker, a multigenerational descendant of Kahana families, emphasized that Kahana Valley is not merely land but identity, life source, and kuleana, where protecting the ‘āina, lo‘i, and waterways is inseparable from protecting the people, culture, and values of kānaka ‘Ōiwi, and where damage or displacement cannot be undone. They thanked OHA for keeping Kahana under consideration.

(1:51:52 video)

**Trustee Souza** reads the following:

**Rescind the ILM Committee's prior recommendation to the BOT on ILM Action Item #25-04 to undertake Due Diligence Phase 2 activities of the Ahupua'a '0 Kahana parcels, Kahana, O'ahu and, accordingly, to discontinue all further due diligence work related to a proposed transfer of Ahupua'a '0 Kahana parcels unless further directed by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.**

**Chair Emerita Lindsey** *summarized*. The speaker explained that while OHA was genuinely excited to support the Kahana community after the site visit, due diligence revealed significant legal and fiduciary constraints, including that the State offered only management authority through an executive order—not fee simple ownership—similar to Kaho‘olawe and proposed arrangements for Miloli‘i, which would have limited OHA’s ability to act in the best interests of beneficiaries.

**Trustee Akaka** *summarized*. The speaker thanked all who testified in person and online for sharing their mana and multigenerational perspectives on Kahana Valley, affirming that their voices were heard and deeply valued. They stated that advocacy for the community must continue within OHA’s legal authority, capacity, and resources.

**Trustee Alapa** *summarized*. The trustee shared personal ties to Kahana and expressed that, while it was difficult, proceeding at this time would not be in OHA’s best fiduciary position because the State offered only a management role rather than ownership, limiting OHA’s capacity and placing it in a legally and operationally untenable position. She emphasized that the matter is paused—not ended—and reaffirmed OHA’s commitment to continued support and advocacy for Kahana families.

12:02 p.m. Trustee Souza						
Rescind the ILM Committee's prior recommendation to the BOT on ILM Action Item #25-04 to undertake Due Diligence Phase 2 activities of the Ahupua'a '0 Kahana parcels, Kahana, O'ahu and, accordingly, to discontinue all further due diligence work related to a proposed transfer of Ahupua'a '0 Kahana parcels unless further directed by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.						
Vote taken at 12:07 p.m.	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
TOTAL VOTE COUNT			7			
MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED						
Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes						

(1:57:37 video)

**Action Item BOT #25-15: Approval of Office of Hawaiian Affairs insurance policy renewals for the period from December 1, 2025 to December 1, 2026**

**Chair Kahele** Approval of Office of Hawaiian Affairs insurance policy renewals for the period from December 1, 2025 to December 1, 2026.

**Approve the annual renewal of insurance policies for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, as set forth in Attachment A to this Action Item, and authorize Administration to execute all necessary applications and instruments necessary to effect and bind coverage. Administration is further authorized to negotiate and accept revised insurance premium quotes for the listed coverages that differ from those set forth in Attachment A, provided that the revised insurance premiums fall within prior approved program budgets.**

**Vice Chair Souza** moves the following motion.

**Everett Ohata, General Counsel summarized.** Requested board approval of the insurance renewals and associated premiums, explaining that the coverages are part of a comprehensive insurance package procured through Marsh and brought forward in accordance with the board’s updated delegation of authority. They noted that while renewals were previously handled administratively, the item is now presented to the board to ensure transparency, oversight, and compliance.

(2:00:31 video)

**Stephanie Tsumoto summarized.** The presenters outlined OHA’s December 1 insurance renewal proposal, explaining Marsh’s role as broker in marketing coverage, negotiating with carriers, and protecting OHA’s assets and people amid a challenging post-Lāhainā insurance market, while noting overall positive results. Key coverages—including general liability, automobile, property, difference in conditions, workers’ compensation, umbrella, public officials liability, banker’s professional liability, and foreign package insurance—were reviewed, with several modest increases due to market conditions but notable decreases in property, difference-in-conditions, and workers’ compensation premiums, reflecting improved loss experience and OHA’s investments in safety and risk mitigation.

Overall, the insurance program results in an approximate \$26,000 decrease in total premiums year-over-year, with enhanced terms such as reduced deductibles at certain properties and continued comprehensive protection for OHA operations, employees, trustees, and assets



**Insurance Proposal**  
Period: 12/01/25 - 12/01/26

Coverage	Description	Limit	Deductible	Carrier	2024-2025 Premium	2025-2026 Premium	Notes
Property	Protects OHA for damage or loss from fire or explosion. It is designed to help protect against the financial consequences of catastrophic events, such as fire, explosion, lightning, theft, vandalism, water damage, wind or hail, and other natural or man-made perils.	\$100,000,000 (each location)	\$50,000 All Other Perils; \$250,000 Fire, Explosion, Vandalism, Theft, Burglary, and Business Interruption; \$250,000 per site. Except \$250,000 for 2025-2026 Annual location and \$250,000 for 2024-2025 Annual location and \$250,000 for 2024-2025 Annual location.	Sumitomo	\$407,800	\$383,550	
DIC (Difference in Conditions)	Coverage for SBC's, Bonds and SBC's, and other conditions for building, general liability, business income, and other perils covered by the policy.	\$5,000,000 Each Occurrence and Aggregate for all perils.	\$250,000	Shore Union Insurance Co (non-admitted)	\$107,850	\$102,963	

**Insurance Proposal**  
Period: 12/01/25 - 12/01/26

Coverage	Description	Limit	Deductible	Carrier	2024-2025 Premium	2025-2026 Premium	Notes
Workers Compensation & Employment Practices Liability	Workers Compensation provides coverage for employee injuries or death. Employment Practices Liability provides coverage for claims of wrongful termination, discrimination, and harassment.	Workers Compensation: \$100,000 Each Injury Each Occurrence. Employment Practices Liability: \$100,000 Each Claim Each Occurrence.	\$500	Windsor	\$49,200	\$49,200	Payroll increased by 25%. Employee coverage increased by 15%. 15% not achieved by 33%.
Umbrella	Policy provides additional layer of liability above the primary policies. General Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Auto, and other perils.	\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence. \$1,000,000 General Aggregate.	\$10,000	Tokai Marine Specialty (non-admitted)	\$48,013	\$55,074	

**Insurance Proposal**  
Period: 12/01/25 - 12/01/26

Coverage	Description	Limit	Deductible	Carrier	2024-2025 Premium	2025-2026 Premium	Notes
Bankers Professional Liability	Policy covers financial losses suffered by clients or third parties due to mistakes or omissions by professional services regarding lending services, loan servicing, such as over-encumbering and loan payment errors.	\$2,000,000 each claim. \$2,000,000 aggregate.	\$150,000 each claim.	Loaf of Lender (non-admitted)	\$44,687	\$41,852	
Foreign Package	Comprehensive coverage for General Liability, Automobile, Foreign Liability, Workers Compensation & Employment Practices Liability, Travel Accident & Sickness and Kidnap & Ransom. It provides coverage for OHA while traveling abroad and foreign jurisdiction.	Liability: \$1M Occ 1. SOB Aggregate. 2. Auto: \$1M Liability. 3. VUL: \$2M. 4. Travel Accident: \$100K. 5. Kidnap & Ransom: \$250K.	\$100,000	AIG	\$2,310	\$2,914	2 y/m term. \$4,020 (renewal). \$5,028 (renewal).
<b>Total Premium</b>					<b>\$1,033,886</b>	<b>\$1,007,283</b>	<b>(\$26,603) (-2.6%)</b>

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**Trustee Souza** How long has Marsh been representing this Board?

**Scott Sterenberg** About 20 years.

**Trustee Souza** Do you see the same trend where we end up with the same vendors potentially because it's competitive and they're kind of willing to negotiate down sometimes? And with these categories, does this align with last year as well?

**Scott Sterenberg summarized.** The speaker explained that OHA’s insurance strategy balances a competitive bidding process with maintaining long-term carrier relationships, which can be leveraged to secure broader

coverage and lower premiums, as demonstrated this year through successful negotiation on property insurance despite market-wide increases in commercial risk. They emphasized that premiums are primarily driven by property, board protection, and general liability coverage, and that Marsh works to hold carriers accountable to best pricing while making prudent, transparent investments in the insurance program.

**Trustee Souza** Do they need to be on an approved vendor list?

**Everett Ohta, General Counsel** This is actually a process that is not subject to the State Procurement Code, as both the insurance policies and the broker services are specifically and explicitly exempt from the State Procurement Code. However, through their work, the broker goes out to various insurance carriers to seek coverage options and alternative quotes, using their knowledge and experience in the market. This is the process by which OHA competitively searches for the best pricing.

<b>12:08 p.m. Trustee Souza</b>						
Approve the annual renewal of insurance policies for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, as set forth in Attachment A to this Action Item, and authorize Administration to execute all necessary applications and instruments necessary to effect and bind coverage. Administration is further authorized to negotiate and accept revised insurance premium quotes for the listed coverages that differ from those set forth in Attachment A, provided that the revised insurance premiums fall within prior approved program budgets.						
Vote taken at 12:24 p.m.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>7</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(2:13:55 video)

**F. Request for approval to waive Action Item BAE #25-10: Approval of OHA’s responsive external actions to ongoing military land lease and funding negotiations between the State of Hawai‘i and the U.S. federal government from the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment to the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws (September 4, 2025) Article VIII, Section M.**

12:25 p.m. Trustee Galuteria Waiver: Request for approval to waive Action Item BAE #25-10: Approval of OHA’s responsive external actions to ongoing military land lease and funding negotiations between the State of Hawai‘i and the U.S. federal government from the Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment to the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Bylaws (September 4, 2025) Article VIII, Section M.						
Vote taken at 12:27 p.m.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>‘AE (YES)</b>	<b>‘A‘OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
<b>TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE KELI‘I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>						
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE‘E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI‘I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>6</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SIX (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(2:17:01 video)

**Action Item BAE #25-10: Approval of OHA’s responsive external actions to ongoing military land lease and funding negotiations between the State of Hawai‘i and the U.S. federal government**

Trustee Galuteria reads the following:

**Approval of OHA’s responsive external actions to ongoing military land lease and funding negotiations between the State of Hawai‘i and the U.S. federal government**

Chair Kahale announces that administration will present first before public testimony.

**Leina’ala Ley, Director of Advocacy** *summarized.* The speaker explained that Hawai‘i’s constitutional public trust duties, including mālama ‘āina and protection of natural and cultural resources, are rooted in Kingdom law and traditional Native Hawaiian management practices, with Crown and Government Lands historically held for the people. They clarified that OHA has dual responsibilities: to ensure revenues from the Public Land Trust are used for the betterment of Native Hawaiians, as required under the Admissions Act, and to preserve the corpus of Crown and Government Lands in recognition of unrelinquished claims arising from the overthrow, while also advocating for traditional and customary rights guaranteed under Article XII, Section 7 of the Hawai‘i Constitution.

She further outlined OHA’s role regarding military leases, including inadequate historic compensation such as nominal “dollar rents,” OHA’s designation as the recipient of reparations for past harms, and the need to address consent, compensation, and land impacts. They described OHA’s participation in the EIS process leading up to major lease expirations in 2029, noting that BLNR rejected the EIS for failures under HEPA, including inadequate analysis of impacts to cultural practices, biological resources, and historic sites, and expressed concern over accelerated timelines, potential condemnation, and permanent alienation of lands without compliance with state law. She outlined OHA’s proposed next steps on military lease issues, including expanding public education through a dedicated website, deepening community consultation, and formally engaging in negotiations following Governor Green’s announced timeline. They noted that more than 40 Native Hawaiian organizations submitted a September letter setting forth community principles, which informed the proposal, and recommended authorizing the Board Chair or delegate to participate in the Governor’s joint negotiation team, conduct regular community consultations, and potentially convene the Board more frequently to ensure decisions are informed by community mana‘o, all consistent with transparent deliberation under Hawai‘i State law.

Testimony

(2:27:58 video)

**Healani Sonoda-Pale** *summarized.* Overwhelming, long-standing opposition to any new military leases on sacred lands, citing thousands of petition signatures, extensive public testimony, and BLNR’s rejection of the Army’s final EISs for Pohakuloa and O‘ahu due to legal and substantive deficiencies.

The speaker urged OHA to affirm the BLNR decisions, oppose lease extensions or land exchanges, require transparency and oversight.

(2:42:38 video)

**James Maioho** *summarized.* The speaker supported authorizing the Board Chair to participate in negotiations but urged OHA to oppose any new military leases, allow existing leases to expire, and rely on the legislative process and public input rather than assisting the military in curing deficient EISs or agreeing to new terms. Citing firsthand observations of severe environmental and cultural devastation at Pohakuloa and professional experience with military operations, they called on OHA.

(2:48:17 video)

**Ilima Long** *summarized.* The speaker thanked OHA for its informed engagement on military leases and urged it to continue acting in alignment with the lāhui, grounding the present moment in Hawaiian political history that shows how courageous, law-grounded leadership can mobilize the people to defend land, democracy, and self-determination. Drawing parallels between the Bayonet Constitution era and today, they warned that authoritarian tactics and militarization have long been used to override Native Hawaiian rights, emphasizing that advisory bodies are not substitutes for meaningful negotiation or consent. They strongly supported OHA asserting its right to negotiate and advocate.

(2:54:51 video)

**Kealani** *summarized*. The speaker criticized the Governor's proposed \$10 billion settlement as a betrayal of what was described as a once-in-a-generation opportunity, arguing that no monetary package can remedy poisoned soil, polluted water, toxic air, or the ongoing harms of military occupation. They urged OHA to return to a sovereignty-centered framework that recognizes Native Hawaiian stewardship as essential to restoring ecological and community health, emphasizing that true healing comes only through the return of lands to kānaka care.

(2:59:17 video)

**Davis Price** *summarized*. The speaker thanked OHA for engaging with the community and reiterated that the unified position of dozens of Native Hawaiian organizations is a simple but firm demand that the Governor and the U.S. military comply with the law in any action involving military leases, a request that has not changed since the September 2 community statement. They criticized the proposed settlement framework and advisory committee as unlawful and insufficient, emphasizing that Native Hawaiian interests are not seeking an advisory role but asserting their legal standing as beneficiaries of the public land trust, for which OHA holds a constitutional fiduciary mandate.

(3:06:19 video)

**Vicky Takamine** *summarized*. The speaker stated there can be no compromise on military use of lands, arguing that repeated contamination of 'āina and water has caused irreversible harm and that no military lands have been fully cleaned or restored for community use. They asserted that no amount of money can compensate for the loss of land, health, or life, and cited places such as Kaho'olawe and Pohakuloa as examples of ongoing damage.

(3:09:31 video)

**Leo Martin** *summarized*. The speaker submitted written testimony previously entered into the record regarding military leases and historic preservation, asserting that long-standing legal irregularities stem from failures to recognize Hawai'i's historic preservation authority under the Revised Laws of Hawai'i (1955) and applicable federal law, including Title 16 of the U.S. Code. They argued that current state actions, including those of the Governor, violate treaty obligations, constitutional limits, and international law, and reflect a breakdown in lawful accountability dating back to the overthrow of 1893.

(3:16:30 video)

**Ben Schaffer** *summarized*. The first speaker, a multigenerational military veteran, stated opposition to continued military use of Hawaiian lands, arguing that training on these lands implicates Hawai'i in ongoing harm and urging strategies to delay decisions while ensuring Native Hawaiian representation in real, not advisory, negotiations. The second speaker emphasized that OHA's kuleana is to serve Native Hawaiians exclusively, asserting that military leases are illegal, have caused extensive environmental contamination, and have violated conservation and trust responsibilities.

(3:22:16 video)

**Nani** *summarized*. The speaker opposed any renewal, transfer, or monetary settlement related to military leases and called for clarity on OHA's authority, representation, and willingness to prioritize land restoration over financial compensation. They raised concerns about the risk of federal condemnation through eminent domain,

demanded firm positions on cleanup of contamination and protection of cultural resources, and questioned whether OHA would publicly oppose the Governor if state actions harm Native Hawaiian interests.

(3:28:50 video)

**Kaliko Aiu** *summarized*. The speaker reflected that historic preservation and law are rooted in *pono*—balance, accountability, and movement—and urged OHA to continue its demonstrated commitment to listening and acting, recognizing that *pono* is not static but requires sustained momentum and courageous action. They asked how OHA will help bridge the present moment to a future where Native Hawaiians can fully live in *pono*, emphasizing that this historic moment requires OHA’s active support and partnership with the lāhui.

(3:32:23 video)

**Testifier Kaohu** *summarized*. The speaker traced the long history of U.S. military involvement in Hawai‘i—from pre-overthrow reconnaissance through the 1893 landing and ongoing occupation—arguing that there was no treaty of annexation and that continued military use has caused lasting harm to ‘āina and lāhui, urging OHA to stand firmly with the people as past leaders did. They called on trustees to act courageously, honor ancestral responsibility, and envision futures beyond occupation, emphasizing that community action and leadership are essential to protecting land, peace, and self-determination.

*Discussion:*

**Trustee Akaka** *summarized*. The speaker thanked participants for the discussion and testimony and emphasized the importance of keeping the focus on the needs and concerns of Native Hawaiian people through advocacy, education, community engagement, outreach, and ongoing communication across all levels of government. They stressed that ‘āina acknowledgment is essential and that language matters, rejecting the term “former” Crown and Government Lands. The speaker affirmed that these lands continue to be Native Hawaiian Crown and Government Lands of the Hawaiian Kingdom and urged that this understanding guide OHA’s work.

**Chair Kahele** *summarized*. announces the Governors formation of an advisory committee for military lease lands. He addressed renewed threats of federal condemnation referenced in the Governor’s letter, urging OHA to meet this moment with courage, integrity, and leadership grounded in aloha, drawing on historical examples where Native Hawaiian leaders faced similar pressures without surrendering ‘āina or principles. They emphasized that condemnation is a recurring colonial tactic and that OHA’s responsibility is to lead without fear, uphold trust duties, and act in ways that future generations and kūpuna would honor, rather than trading land for short-term convenience. The testimony highlighted OHA’s recent actions—including launching educational resources and surveys, initiating statewide community meetings, advancing a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit live-fire training on public trust lands, and continuing to seek a formal role in negotiations.

12:27 p.m. Trustee Galuteria						
Approval of OHA’s responsive external actions to ongoing military land lease and funding negotiations between the State of Hawai‘i and the U.S. federal government						
Vote taken at 2:02 p.m.	1	2	‘AE (YES)	‘A‘OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			

<b>TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
<b>TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA</b>						
<b>TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			<b>6</b>			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SIX (6) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

(3:52:54 video)

**Announcements**

**Chair Kahele summarized.** The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and then again on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We would like to also wish our staff and Trustee participating in the WIPCE Conference safe travels.

(3:54:07 video)

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Galuteria moves to adjourn the Board meeting.**

Adjournment – vote at 12:28m							
TRUSTEE		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>'AE (YES)</b>	<b>A'OLE (NO)</b>	<b>KANALUA (ABSTAIN)</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>
DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>						<b>X</b>
KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>			<b>X</b>			
KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>						<b>X</b>
LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>						Left mtg
BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
CARMEN HULU	<b>LINDSEY</b>			<b>X</b>			
KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>			<b>X</b>			
JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>			<b>X</b>			
CHAIR KAIALI'I	<b>KAHELE</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>				<b>6</b>			

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu  
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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(In-Person Meeting)

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A physical meeting location open to the general public will be available at 560 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 200, Honolulu HI 96817.

This meeting can be viewed at:

Video 1: <https://www.youtube.com/live/7aG2qnYIW4U?si=aHOzIFFWYaQqGsDz>

**Minutes of the  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 24, 2025  
9:00 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson Kaiali'i Kahele  
Vice Chair Keoni Souza  
Chair Emerita Lindsey  
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka  
Trustee Keli'i Akina  
Trustee Luana Alapa  
Trustee Brickwood Galuteria  
Trustee John Waihe'e IV

ADMINISTRATION:

K.Sean Kekina, COO  
Ryan Lee, Interim CFO  
Everett Ohta, General Counsel  
Rozelle Agag, Assoc. General Counsel  
Hailama Farden, Dir. of Hawaiian Cultural Affairs  
Lise Vaughn-Sekona, Community Engagement Dir.  
Ryan Lee, Invest. Mngr. Dir. and Interim CFO  
Bill Brennan, Dir. of Communication  
Sandi Stancil, EA  
Kaponu K., Counsel  
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT  
Dan Santos, IT

BOT STAFF:

Alena Auyoung, Interim COS  
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Richelle Kim, Trustee Aide  
Kauai Robello, Trustee Secretary  
LeiAnn Durrant, Trustee Aide  
Anuheia Diamond, Trustee Aide  
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide  
Pohailani Kealoha, trustee Aide  
Remy Keliroomalu, Trustee Aide  
Carina Lee, Trustee Aide  
Pohai Ryan, Trustee Aide  
Sommer Soares, Trustee Secretary  
Mark Watanabe, Trustee Aide  
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide

GUEST:

Germaine Meyers  
Paul Denton  
Anna Elento-Sneed

(0:07 | 9:05 am)

**Call to Order**

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, November 24, 2025 at **9:05 a.m.** Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

MEMBERS			Present	Notes
TRUSTEE	DAN	<b>AHUNA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KALEI	<b>AKAKA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KELI'I	<b>AKINA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	LUANA	<b>ALAPA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	BRICKWOOD	<b>GALUTERIA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	CARMEN "HULU"	<b>LINDSEY</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	KEONI	<b>SOUZA</b>	X	
TRUSTEE	JOHN	<b>WAIHE'E</b>	X	
CHAIRPERSON	KAIALI'I	<b>KAHELE</b>	X	
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At the Call to Order, **NINE (9)** Trustees are **PRESENT**, thereby constituting a quorum.

**Chair Kaiali'i Kahele** This meeting can be viewed via live stream on all his website at [www.oha.org/livestream](http://www.oha.org/livestream) For those joining us on Zoom to testify or listen, please note that we are using the webinar platform rather than the standard Zoom meeting format. As an attendee, you will be able to watch and listen to the proceedings. If you wish to testify on a specific agenda item, please follow these steps:

1. Raise your hand to indicate that you would like to speak.
2. We will change your status from attendee to panelist when it is your turn. This may take a few seconds, so we appreciate your patience.
3. As a panelist, you will have the option to turn on your camera and unmute yourself to provide testimony.
4. Once you have finished testifying, please mute yourself, and you will be returned to attendee status.

*K.Sean Kekina, COO introduces administrative staff in attendance.*

(2:26 video)

**Testimony**

**Germaine Meyers** *summarized.* The speaker shared that the Board's September 23, 2025 executive session violated the Sunshine Law by failing to provide adequate notice under HRS §92-5(a)(2) and resulted in retaliatory action against Stacy K. Ferreira. He further stated that the Board's executive session vote and lack of proper disclosure and minutes violated HRS §92-9 and undermined public transparency.

(7:44 video)

**Executive Session**

**A. Approval of Executive Session Minutes**

**1. September 23, 2025**

**B. Legal Matters. The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to receive updated information, consult with its legal counsel, and take any necessary**

action regarding the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to matters relating to Zurishaddai C. Aki v. OHA, Civil No. 1CCV-25-0001598.

C. Legal Matters. The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to receive updated information, consult with its legal counsel, and take any necessary action regarding the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to matters relating to Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira v. OHA, Civil No. 1CCV-25-0001822.

Motion to move into Executive Session is made by Vice Chair Souza.

The Board recuses into Executive Session at 9:13 a.m.

Motion to move into Executive Session is made by Vice Chair Souza.						
Vote taken at 9:13 am	1	2	'AE (YES)	'A'OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
TRUSTEE DAN AHUNA						X
TRUSTEE KALEI AKAKA			X			
TRUSTEE KELI'I AKINA						X
TRUSTEE LUANA ALAPA			X			
TRUSTEE BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA			X			
CHAIRPERSON HULU LINDSEY			X			
TRUSTEE J. KEONI SOUZA	X		X			
TRUSTEE JOHN WAIHE'E			X			
CHAIR KAIALI'I KAHELE			X			
<b>TOTAL VOTE COUNT</b>			7			
<b>MOTION: <input type="checkbox"/> UNANIMOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED</b>						
<b>Motion passes with SEVEN (7) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes</b>						

Board returns to open session at 11:41 a.m

(2:37:11 video)

*Board reconvenes to open session*

**Chair Kahele** states that in Executive Session the Board approved the executive session minutes as amended from September 23, 2025. In addition, the Board of Trustees received updated information and consulted with legal counsel in regard to Aki vs. OHA and Ferreira vs. OHA cases. No action was taken by the Board.

(2:37:56 video)

**New Business**

- A. For Action and Decision Making: Consideration of the OHA Administrator’s previously requested personal leave pending an internal investigation related to allegations in Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira v. OHA, Civil No. 1CCV-25-0001822.**
- B. For Action and Decision Making: Determination on whether to continue the Interim OHA Administrator appointment and application of OHA policy regarding temporary assignment salary differentials.**

**Chair Kahele** announces that both items have been deferred for both action and decision making items. Both items will be on our next agenda, December 18, 2025.

(2:38:18 video)

**Announcements**

**Chair Kahele summarized.** The next Board is set for December 4, 2025 at 9:00 am. Our staff work day will be on Monday December 8, 2025 at Waimea Valley. Our Alaka‘i nominations are now open and will close on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Trustee Akaka** Shares the two upcoming ‘Oahu Island community meetings. The first meeting will be in Papakōlea on Tuesday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Prince David Kawānanakoa Middle School cafeteria. The second meeting will be in the Waimānalo community on Thursday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Waimānalo Hawaiian Homestead Association Hālau. Both meetings will be broadcast by ‘Ōlelo TV: Channel 55 for the Papakōlea meeting and Channel 53 for the Waimānalo meeting.

**Chair Kahele** That reminds me that OHA will be hosting it’s first briefing and listening session on Military Lease Lands this Wednesday, November 26,2025 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the University of Hawai’i at Hilo in classroom 100. This will also be streamed by ‘Ōlelo TV. On December 17<sup>th</sup> on the island ‘Oahu, OHA will be hosting its second community briefing on the Military Lease Lands in Mā‘ili from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. held at Kamehameha School Learning Center.

(3:54:07 video)

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Souza moves to adjourn the Board meeting.**

Adjournment – vote at 2:05 pm							
TRUSTEE		1	2	‘AE (YES)	A’OLE (NO)	KANALUA (ABSTAIN)	EXCUSED
DAN	AHUNA			X			
KALEI	AKAKA			X			
KELI‘I	AKINA			X			
LUANA	ALAPA			X			
BRICKWOOD	GALUTERIA			X			
CARMEN HULU	LINDSEY			X			
KEONI	SOUZA	X		X			
JOHN	WAIHE‘E			X			

CHAIR KAIALI'I	KAHELE			X		
TOTAL VOTE COUNT				9		

**Chair Kahele** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Lehua Itokazu  
 Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXXXXXX

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 Kaiali'i Kahele  
 Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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### **III. Status of OHA Activities**

**A.** Update: Lā Kūkahekahe – Hailama Farden, Sr. Director Hawaiian Cultural Affairs

**B.** Update: 2026 1st Quarter Priorities & Announcements – Summer Sylva, Interim Administrator/CEO

- There is no material for these agenda items



## **IV. New Business**

### **A. Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment – January 14, 2026**

**1. BAE Action Item #26-01:** Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Continued Community-Led Management of Ka'ūpūlehu, Kona Region, Hawai'i Island Including in Ongoing Agency Rulemaking (Presentation by Hui Kahuwai and supporting community members)

**2. BAE Action Item #26-02:** Approval of a Resolution Supporting Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Claimants' Reburial Plans for the Mōkapu Collection at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kāne'ōhe, O'ahu (Presentation by Kolealani Skye Razon-Olds, Cy Kekumano Harris, and Adrian Keohokalole)

**3. BAE Action Item #26-03:** Approval of Office of Hawaiian Affairs Legislative Testimony Procedures for the 2026 Legislative Session

- A Committee Report will be distributed once received.
- Original Action Items are included.



#### **IV. New Business**

##### **B. Committee on Budget and Finance – *January 14, 2026***

**1.** Amend the prior board action on Action Item BOT #25-13 (November 6, 2025) to change the funding allocation of the previously authorized \$6.1 million in OHA I Ola emergency assistance funding between the two OHA beneficiary groups for (1) Income Bridge Support (up to \$1,200 per eligible individual) and (2) Essential Needs Support (up to \$350 per eligible individual)

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

November 6, 2025

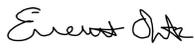
**BOT #25-13**

**Action Item:**      **Approval of the immediate disbursement of up to \$6.1 million in Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) emergency assistance funding to provide short-term financial relief and essential support services to Native Hawaiians impacted by the October 1, 2025 federal government shutdown, including Hawai'i residents who are federal civilian employees and their families, and recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, along with delegations and authorizations necessary to implement the disbursement.**

**Co-Prepared by:**  11/03/2025

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Poni Askew      Date  
Director of Economic and Business Resilience

**Reviewed by:**  11/03/2025

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Everett Ohta      Date  
General Counsel

**Co-Prepared by:**  11/03/2025

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Summer L.H. Sylva      Date  
Interim Administrator

**Reviewed by:**  11/03/2025

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Kaiali'i Kahele      Date  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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### I. PROPOSED ACTION

Approve Disbursement Option #1, as further described in this Action Item, for the disbursement of up to \$6.1 Million in OHA emergency assistance funding for short-term financial relief and essential support services to Hawai'i residents, across two OHA beneficiary groups:

- A. Up to \$350.00 per person in Essential Needs Support to verified Native Hawaiian households without child dependents. This beneficiary group may include kūpuna (age 60 and older), disabled adults, and low-income adults who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, but who (1) are excluded from the Hawai'i Relief Program (TANF Support for Housing and Utility Payments) or (2) are awaiting state or federal payments.
- B. Up to \$1,200.00 per person in Income Bridge Support to verified Native Hawaiian furloughed, federal, civilian workers earning no more than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (\$72,000 single-person household) who are experiencing a pay interruption due to the federal government shutdown and are excluded from the Hawai'i Relief Program (TANF Support for Housing and Utility Payments).

This approval shall include all necessary authorizations for OHA Administration to implement the disbursement option approved by the OHA Board of Trustees.

### II. ISSUE

What is the best option for OHA to begin the immediate disbursement of up to \$6.1 million in emergency assistance funding to provide short-term financial relief and essential support services to Native Hawaiians impacted by the October 1, 2025 federal government shutdown, including Hawai'i residents who are federal civilian employees and their families, and recipients of SNAP benefits?

### III. BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

The October 1, 2025, federal government shutdown halted Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits statewide, suspending an estimated \$58–\$60 million in monthly food assistance for more than 162,000 Hawai'i residents.<sup>1</sup>

On October 30, 2025, Governor Green issued Executive Order No. 25-09, announcing:

- A \$250 per-person payment for all SNAP recipients (≈ \$42.2 million total);
- \$2 million for Hawai'i Foodbanks and \$500,000 for Farm-to-Families; and
- A \$100 million Hawai'i Relief Program (TANF Support for Housing and Utility Payments) for families with dependent children.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Governor, State of Hawai'i. *Governor Green Announces Additional Coordinated Relief Efforts to Protect Hawai'i Families from Federal Shutdown Impacts*. Press Release, October 30, 2025, available at <https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/office-of-the-governor-news-release-gov-green-announces-additional-relief-efforts-to-protect-hawai%ca%bbi-families-from-federal-shutdown-impacts/>.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*; *Executive Order No. 25-09 – Hawai'i Relief Program*. Office of the Governor, October 30, 2025, available at [https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2510103-ATG\\_Executive-Order-No.-25-09-Hawaii-Relief-Program.pdf](https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2510103-ATG_Executive-Order-No.-25-09-Hawaii-Relief-Program.pdf).

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While these measures provide short-term support, Hawai‘i Relief Program (TANF Support for Housing and Utility Payments) excludes key vulnerable groups — including kūpuna (age 60 and older), low-income adults, and disabled beneficiaries without dependents — and payments are not expected until mid-November. The \$250 payment replaces less than half of the average \$700 monthly SNAP benefit, leaving many households without the immediate support needed to meet basic needs.

**A. Impact on Native Hawaiian Beneficiaries**

OHA Research & Evaluation’s analysis (October 31, 2025) shows:

- Approximately 46,181 Native Hawaiians receive SNAP, representing 24,154 Households. (DHS).
- Approximately 12,318 Native Hawaiian SNAP households do not have dependent children and therefore would not be eligible for the Hawai‘i Relief Program. (Calculations based on DHS data)
- Approximately 5,200 Native Hawaiian federal, civilian workers may be furloughed or experiencing delayed pay.

Altogether, approximately 51,300 Native Hawaiians are currently directly impacted by the Federal Shutdown.

These impacts fall hardest on households earning up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) above public-assistance limits yet below Hawai‘i’s cost of living for basic stability. For example, in the table below, this equals about \$72,000 for a single person household or \$147,936 for a four-person household.

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Monthly Income: 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)</b>	<i>Annual Income Calculation: 100% (FPL)</i>	<i>Annual Income Calculation: 200% (FPL) - SNAP</i>	<i>Annual Income Calculation: 300% (FPL) - Hawai‘i Relief Program</i>	<i>Annual Income Calculation: 400% (FPL)</i>
1	\$1,500	\$18,000	\$36,000	\$54,000	\$72,000
2	\$2,027	\$24,324	\$48,648	\$72,972	\$97,296
3	\$2,555	\$30,660	\$61,320	\$91,980	\$122,640
4	\$3,082	\$36,984	\$73,968	\$110,952	\$147,936
5	\$3,610	\$43,320	\$86,640	\$129,960	\$173,280
6	\$4,137	\$49,644	\$99,288	\$148,932	\$198,576
7	\$4,665	\$55,980	\$111,960	\$167,940	\$223,920
8	\$5,192	\$62,304	\$124,608	\$186,912	\$249,216
Each additional member	\$528	\$6,336	\$12,672	\$19,008	\$25,344

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### B. Persistent Gaps and Fiduciary Responsibility

Two urgent gaps remain:

1. **Timing Gap** – SNAP households could face weeks without benefits while State payments or Federal reinstatement of SNAP benefits are pending.
2. **Eligibility Gap** – Kūpuna, disabled adults, low-income adults, and federal employees who are not covered by the State’s Hawai‘i Relief Program (TANF Support for Housing and Utility Payments).

Under HRS §10-3 and §10-4, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has a duty “to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians and Hawaiians” and the authority to expend trust resources to protect their welfare. Acting in this fiduciary capacity, OHA is uniquely positioned to fill the State’s timing and eligibility gaps through targeted, verifiable, and rapid relief deployed via a qualified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) administrator, in partnership with OHA and the Hawaiian Registry Program (HRP).

Native CDFIs are mission-driven financial institutions created specifically to serve Native communities — combining culturally grounded outreach with federal compliance and financial management expertise. Their existing infrastructure, data security protocols, and experience in delivering direct financial assistance to Native beneficiaries make them ideal partners for the efficient and accountable distribution of emergency relief funds.

In addition, as Native-led entities, these institutions operate with a deep understanding of community trust, cultural protocol, and the unique socioeconomic barriers Native Hawaiians face. Partnering with a Native CDFI ensures that relief is not only timely and transparent, but also rooted in equity, cultural competence, and the values of kōkua and kuleana that guide OHA’s mission.

This is an OHA-driven, trustee-directed emergency measure—a direct, pono-driven response to stabilize Native Hawaiian households, prevent food insecurity, and safeguard beneficiary well-being during this federally induced crisis.

Through HRP verification and a trusted Native-led CDFI administrator, OHA ensures that emergency assistance is delivered swiftly, equitably, and with aloha — reaching Native Hawaiian beneficiaries alone, for whom these trust funds are held. This measure exemplifies OHA’s fiduciary integrity, community-centered leadership, and unwavering kuleana to serve and protect our people in times of greatest need.

### C. DISBURSEMENT OPTIONS

#### 1. **Option #1**

**Description:** Establish two relief initiatives to stabilize Native Hawaiian households most impacted by the shutdown — one tailored to support Native Hawaiians who receive SNAP benefits but are excluded from the Hawai‘i Relief Program (TANF Support for Housing and Utility Payments), and another designed to provide an income-bridge stipend for furloughed, federal, civilian workers earning no more than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

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This dual-initiative framework is designed to reach those left out through no fault of their own—individuals and households who currently lack sufficient resource assistance. This targeted approach ensures pono use of trust funds, avoids duplication with existing State relief, and extends kōkua to those most in need yet least covered by current aid mechanisms.

<b>Relief Initiative</b>	<b>Beneficiary Group</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Estimated Reach</b>	<b>Relief Type / Delivery</b>	<b>Max Relief Amount</b>
<b>Essential Needs Support</b>	Verified Native Hawaiian households without child dependents. This beneficiary group may include kūpuna (age 60 and older), disabled adults, and low-income adults who receive SNAP benefits, but who (1) are excluded from Hawai‘i Relief Program (TANF Support for Housing and Utility Payments) or (2) are awaiting delayed state or federal payments.	<b>80% (\$4.9 M)</b>	<b>≈ 14,000 individuals</b>	Direct stipend for food, medicine, and essentials (check, ACH, or gift/debit card).	<b>\$350</b>
<b>Income Bridge Support</b>	Verified Native Hawaiian furloughed, federal, civilian workers earning no more than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who are experiencing a pay interruption due to the federal government shutdown and are excluded from the Hawai‘i Relief Program (TANF Support for Housing and Utility Payments).	<b>20% (\$1.2 M)</b>	<b>≈ 1,000 individuals</b>	One-time income-bridge stipend (check, ACH, or gift/debit card).	<b>\$1,200</b>

**Total:** \$6.1 million (inclusive of ≤10% administration for verification and processing).

2. **Option #2**

**Description:** Fully deploy the \$6.1 million allocation as a one-time stipend to Native Hawaiian beneficiaries impacted by the shutdown, prioritizing Hawaiians who receive SNAP benefits and are excluded from the Hawai‘i Relief Program, as well as those who are furloughed, federal, civilian workers earning no more than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

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This approach ensures that relief reaches those facing the most immediate disruptions to food security and income stability, providing a meaningful per-person payment of approximately **\$250** (net of 10% administrative costs) and serving roughly **20,000 individuals**.

By closing the State’s timing and eligibility gaps, this initiative embodies pono stewardship — balancing urgency, equity, and fiscal discipline — while delivering swift, verifiable aid to uphold the well-being of OHA’s beneficiaries.

<b>Relief Initiative</b>	<b>Beneficiary Group</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Estimated Reach</b>	<b>Relief Type / Delivery</b>	<b>Relief Amount</b>
<b>Essential Needs Support</b>	Verified Native Hawaiian individuals affected by the shutdown — including kūpuna (age 60+), disabled adults, and low-income adults who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, but who (1) are excluded from Hawai‘i Relief Program (TANF Support for Housing and Utility Payments) or (2) are awaiting state and federal payments, as well as furloughed federal civilian workers earning no more than 400% FPL who are experiencing pay interruption due to federal government shutdown and who are not covered by the Hawai‘i Relief Program	<b>100% (\$6.1 M)</b>	<b>≈ 20,000 individuals</b>	One-time essential-needs stipend via verified registry (check, ACH, or gift/debit card).	<b>≈ \$250 per person</b>

*Assumes ≤10% administration for verification and reporting; figures reflect budgeted capacity, not enrollment caps. This framework stabilizes households at the highest risk of food or income disruption, maximizes impact within available resources, and avoids duplication with State aid.*

**3. Option #3**

**Description:** Fully deploy the \$6.1 million allocation as a one-time stipend to Native Hawaiian furloughed, federal, civilian workers earning no more than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who are experiencing pay interruption due to the federal shutdown. This group does not qualify for SNAP or TANF and will not benefit from the Hawai‘i Relief Program. Focusing support on this segment ensures that Native Hawaiian working families who earn above public-assistance limits but below Hawai‘i’s cost of living receive timely, equitable relief to bridge essential household needs during the shutdown. This approach provides an estimated \$1,355 per person (\$1,500–10%), reaching approximately 4,500 individuals statewide.

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<b>Relief Initiative</b>	<b>Beneficiary Group</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Estimated Reach</b>	<b>Relief Type / Delivery</b>	<b>Relief Amount</b>
<b>Income Bridge Support</b>	Native Hawaiian furloughed, federal, civilian employees earning no more than 400% FPL, and verified through OHA’s Hawaiian Registry Program and federal furlough / active-without-pay lists.	<b>100% (\$6.1 M)</b>	<b>≈ 4,500 individuals</b>	One-time essential-needs stipend via verified registry (check, ACH, or gift/debit card).	<b>≈ \$1,355 per person</b>

*Assumes ≤10% administration for verification and reporting; figures reflect budgeted capacity, not enrollment caps.*

*This framework delivers targeted, verifiable, non-disruptive relief for Native Hawaiian furloughed, federal, civilian workers most affected by the shutdown — particularly those excluded from other federal and state relief programs — ensuring working households receive the immediate income bridge support necessary to maintain stability during this period of financial disruption.*

**4. Procurement Key Information:**

OHA will contract a qualified Native CDFI or community-based administrator to manage intake, verification, payment issuance, and reconciliation.

- **Procurement Method:** Emergency procurement (HRS 103D-307), subject to OHA Chief Procurement Officer approval.
- **Administrative Cap:** ≤10% of total.
- **Disbursement:** Direct deposit or check or gift/debit card.
- **Reporting:** Daily updates; final reconciliation within 30 days of close-out.

**IV. TIMEFRAME**

Deployment will begin upon approval of an action by the OHA Board of Trustees. Contract execution is desired immediately upon approval and shall occur no later than five (5) business days thereafter. The selected administrator shall begin issuing direct payments to verified recipients within three (3) to five (5) days following contract execution, with disbursements continuing on a rolling basis until all approved beneficiaries have received aid or funds have been exhausted.

**V. BUDGET AUTHORIZATION**

Budget authorization was granted at the OHA Board of Trustees Emergency Meeting held on Monday, October 27, 2025.

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**VI. BUDGET CERTIFICATION**

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

*Ryan H. Lee*

Ryan H. Lee

Interim Chief Financial Officer

Date: 11/03/2025

**VII. RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Disbursement Option #1, as further described in this Action Item, for the disbursement of up to \$6.1 Million in OHA emergency assistance funding for short-term financial relief and essential support services to Hawai'i residents, across two OHA beneficiary groups:

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This approval shall include all necessary authorizations for OHA Administration to implement the disbursement option approved by the OHA Board of Trustees.

**VIII. ALTERNATIVES**

- A. Take no action.
- B. Approve Disbursement Option 2, as set forth in this Action Item
- C. Approve Disbursement Option 3, as set forth in this Action Item.
- D. Amend and approve any of the Disbursement Options set forth above.



## **V. Executive Session§ Legal Matters. §**

A. The Board anticipates convening in an executive meeting pursuant to HRS § 92- 5(a)(4) to receive updated information, consult with its legal counsel, and take any necessary action regarding the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities with respect to matters relating to Stacy Kealohalani Ferreira v. OHA, Civil No. 1CCV-25-0001822

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