STATE OF HAWAI‘I
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ISLAND OF LĀNA‘I MEETING
DATE: Thursday, August 18, 2022
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Virtual Meeting
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AGENDA

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   1. Site Visit Waiheʻe Summary – May 25, 2022*
   2. Site Visit Kaʻehu Summary – May 25, 2022*
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III. Status of OHA Activities: Ka Pouhana/CEO’s Lānaʻi Island Community Report and Update on OHA’s activities – Island Community Report: Lānaʻi Executive Summary*
IV. New Business
   1. Action Item BOT #22-12: A Resolution Recognizing the Sacred ‘Āina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County by Honoring the Kalaupapa Community Memorial and the Unwavering Efforts of Ka ‘Ohana ‘O Kalaupapa*
   2. Action Item BOT #22-14: Accept and Implement the Report of the Permitted Interaction Group to Investigate the Activation of Kaka’ako Makai Site E, 919 Ala Moana Blvd*
V. Community Presenters
   1. Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) – Tyler I. Gomes, Deputy Director*
VI. Community Concerns and Celebrations**(Please see page 2 on how to submit written testimony or provide oral testimony online. Oral testimony by phone will not be accepted)
VII. Announcements
VIII. Adjournment

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taking action on matters not listed on the meeting agenda.

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8/12/2022
Date
II. Approval of Minutes

1. Site Visit Waiheʻe Summary – May 25, 2022
2. Site Visit Kaʻehu Summary – May 25, 2022
3. May 25, 2022
4. May 26, 2022
Due to the threat of COVID-19, Governor Ige issued the most recent Emergency Twenty First Supplementary Proclamation dated June 7, 2021 that suspend parts of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes Chapter 92, Public Agency Meetings and Records to, among other things, enable boards to conduct business without any board members or members of the public physically present at the same location.

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Maui Site Visit Summary of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees Summary Report May 25, 2022 – 10:30 AM

ATTENDANCE:
Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee B. Kalei‘aina Lee
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Keli‘i Akina
Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa

ADMINISTRATION STAFF:
Sylvia Hussey, Ka Pouhana / CEO
Lei-Ming, Beneficiary Services Manager
Joshua Koh, Multi-Media Designer

BOT STAFF:
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Anuhea Diamond, Trustee Aide
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide

GUEST:
Laura Ka‘akua, CEO
Scott Fisher, Director
Kia‘i Collier, Maui Educator and Steward
I. Call to Order  
Site visit starts at 11:00 a.m.

II. Introduction  
Scott Crawford offers an oli and informal introductions are made.

III. Site Visit  

A. Waihe‘e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Refuge (Waihe‘e Refuge)

The primary goals of this program are to educate the community, sustainability, and food security.

**Scott Fisher** shares facts and stories of this place. The property is 277 acres. Three thousand years ago, the predominant species of plants growing was loulu. The problem now are the ‘iole that eat the seeds. You will notice that some of them plants have bands to prevent the ‘iole from walking on them. The task presently is to create habitat for our wetland birds on the mauka side as well as our fish pond. You will see alot of hala in the area creating a forested bio-shield. They are planted on purpose to protect the area from tsunamis, storms, and waves. This will help protect the loko i‘a kalo.

Water is one of the biggest problems for this place. November to early March, the earth is spongy but this year the area has been extremely dry. He shares that with the assistance and support of OHA. They were awarded 2-3 million gallons of water a day to restore the fishpond. The fishpond is a duo use – an estuary and growing of kalo. ‘O’opu was the main fish that use to thrive in this fishpond.

The fishpond and a few heiau are just a few significant cultural sites on this property.

Various native species can be found such as naupaka, ‘ulei, loulu, and kauna‘oa. This area was predominantly a loulu forest. Another goal is to create a relationship with the community.

**Laura Kaakua** shares the intention is to make this place open to everyone, 365 days a year. They have partnerships with hula hālau, cultural practitioners, and the community. As long as they give back and share the reciprocity, they can gather and then give a shout out. They want to have protective places of cultural practice.
Uncle Shippy Hao shares with the Trustees ‘ōpae from the ‘Īao stream.

IV. Public Testimony
None

V. Announcements
None

VI. Adjournment
The site visit ended at 11:40 am

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on XXXXXX, 2021.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
I. Call to Order
Site visit starts at 11:00 a.m.
II. Introduction
Kaʻehu staff greets the Trustees with an oli.

III. Site Visit
A. Kaʻahu

Kahulu Maluo-Pearson welcomes the Trustees and staff to Kaʻehu. She introduces the staff of Kaʻehu. Her hope is that they share a better understanding of Kaʻehu is and what they do. She turns the time over to Kuʻulei.

Kuʻulei Maunupau, Dir. Of Sustainable Planning She states Kaʻehu bay is 64 acres of coastal wetlands. On the property there is kuleana lands, shore lines, a birthing stone, 40 + archaeological sites, one river, two streams, many native flora and fauna, and nesting to for turtle and monk seals. She thanks Hōkūlani Holt and Ku Kahakala for their support from the begining, if it were not for them they would not be here today. This area was kapu (sacred) and set aside for Aliʻi and makaʻaināna of this area that tended the loʻi. There are fresh water springs, a healing spring, sacred lauhala grove, and heiau’s. Kaʻehu was known for the fresh underground water springs and the food supply for the warrior training grounds and this area. The property was purchased from the Wailuku Sugar Company in 2004 by a company called North Shore LLC and went into foreclosure in 2009. Neighbors and members of the community asked Maui County for help to preserve this land. Trust for Public Lands (TPL) purchased the land in 2012 then Maui County purchased the land, and finally, Kaʻehu secured the property in 2014 with right of entry until 2024.

Kaʻehu developed a planning consortium in 2017, working on a long-term plan. They are partnering with lineal families as of right now they have partnered with four.

Some of the programs offered are poi youth program, kalo family program under the Maui police department, community workdays, and we also use this place as an outdoor classroom. She shares that Kaʻehu is funded by the county of Maui, the land is owned by the County of Maui and Kaʻehu has a right of entry (ROI). The Alu Like program offers internship and three interns currently are at Kaʻehu. They have worked with different schools, one of them being Lahaina Intermediate. During Covid, Kaʻehu did food distribution working with Queen Liliʻuokalani Trust and various farmers. Kaʻehu has hosted the Hawaiʻi Wildlife Fund and together can collect between 2,500 to 5,000 lbs of plastic marine debris per month.
They also offer archealogical field training. Last year the program discovered an ancient wall. The more research was done they realized it was an ancient 12 acre fish pond wall, which is very rare. We are hoping to restore the fishpond.

**Polani Kahakalau Kalima** Speaks on the the Kū-A-Kanaka program contracted by Kaʻehu. They work hands-on with the community. Initially Kū-A-Kanaka was contracted using their kitchen, utilizing Hawaiian ingredients and making things like ulu crepes and ʻuala crepes. During Covid they wanted to figure out how to teach and enrich their students. So, during Covid they started in the kitchen virtually and eventually brought chefs in to film virtually but be in person at Kaʻehu. They have also brought in professionals to teach ʻāʻau lapaʻau, lauhala weaving, and making hau cordage. Kaʻehu has an abundant of hau and what better way to learn about hau and the different ways to use hau. Overall, they encourage the use of resources that surround Kaʻehu and teach the students how to pick, clean, strip, prepare, and use the different food and plants that surround this area.

![Images of people and community activities at Kaʻehu]

**Hanoa Puaʻa-Freitas** Shares that some of the work they are doing to restore Kaʻehu are hosting community work days. Clearing out waterways, weeds, overgrowth, and rocks has really helped with keeping this area maintained. The idea is get rid of the invasive plants and help the native species thrive. He shares that he is a product of the program KUPU and acknowledges OHA as a funder for this program. He is working for Kaʻehu for the rest of the year and then Kaʻehu will be picking him up as a full-time worker. He mahalos OHA for providing for KUPU who then provides for many youth.

The trustees take a walk along the shoreline to see the ancient fish pond wall that has been discovered and has been uncovered for today’s site visit.

Inclosing Kahulu shares their partnership with Hawaiʻi Visitors Bureau, the Mālama Hawaiʻi program. Visitors come to Hawaiʻi and give some of their vacation time to learn and give back to the area they are visiting. Kaʻehu is working on funding for their workforce development program that will integrate those skills where there is great need for and bigger interest, like archaeology, bookkeeping, landscaping, storytelling, music, and video production. In the future they hope to incorporate ʻOhana evenings in Kaʻehu. Families can come and work on projects, share a meal, take a cultural workshop, and then enjoy music or a movie under the moon light. They feel this will foster community building and securing a sense of place.

IV. **Public Testimony**
None

V. **Announcements**
None
VI. Adjournment
The site visit ended at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

Site Visit Minutes Approved at Board of Trustees Meeting on XXXXX, 2021.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:
1. Excused Memo – Trustee Ahu Isa
2. Excused Memo – Trustee Waihe‘e
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Minutes of the
MAUI ISLAND COMMUNITY MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, May 25, 2022
6:00pm

ATTENDANCE:
Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Leina‘ala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keliʻi Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻāina Lee
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee John Waiheʻe, IV

BOT STAFF:
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Anuhea Diamond, Trustee Aide
Kauikeaolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:
Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, Beneficiary Svcs. Mngr.
Erin Nakamura, IT Support
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT Support
Tiger Li, IT Mgr.
Roy Newton, Beneficiary Services Agent
Zach Smith, Research Systems Administrator
Josh Koh, Multi-Media Designer

GUEST:
Tiare Lawrence
Daniel Kanahele
Kaniloa Kamaunu
Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:05 p.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

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At the Call to Order, nine (9) Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Aloha kākou and welcome to our Maui Island Community Meeting. Inaudible

We are also hosting this meeting on Zoom to allow some of our presenters in Hāna to participate in tonight’s meeting. As a reminder for everyone on Zoom, please mute your mics when you are not speaking and keep your cameras turned off until called upon. The virtual meeting can be viewed by livestream on OHA’s website, www.oha.org/livestream. Before we begin, I would like to ask each Trustee to introduce themselves and their staff at this time.

Introductions

Trustee Lee Aloha mai kākou, I am Trustee Lee from the island of O‘ahu. I am an At-Large Trustee. My staff is not here, one is ill at home and the other one had a meeting on O‘ahu. Mahalo everyone for coming out this evening and we look forward to hearing from everyone.

Trustee Akina Aloha mai kākou, I want to extend my gratitude to Chair Hulu Lindsey for her hospitality on the island and for hosting us tonight, and my condolences on the passing of Trustee Colette Machado. I have with me this evening Evalani Canto. She hails from Maui herself. Thank you for serving on my Trustee team. I am very glad to be with the beneficiaries of Maui and I hope that we can serve you, and we look forward to hearing from you this evening. Aloha.

Trustee Trask Aloha Maui ‘ohana, I am Mililani Trask. My mother is Haunani Haia Cooper. My Tutu is Iwalani Haia. Our family is born and raised in Hāna and buried in the historic church there. I am so happy to be back here and to introduce my Aide, Kaui Wailehua.

Trustee Alapa Aloha everyone, my name is Luana Alapa and I am the Trustee for Moloka‘i/ Lāna‘i. I am so pleased to be here this evening, my first Maui Board meeting as a new Trustee. It’s been a year and a half going in and serving our people. I am so happy and proud to be here amongst our friends and family. I am looking forward to a wonderful meeting this evening. Mahalo.
**Trustee Waiheʻe** Aloha mai kākou, I am Trustee John Waiheʻe IV, Trustee At-Large. I want to express my joy for being able to be here in person, here on Maui, it’s been too long. I also want to thank our lovely Chairperson, Hulu Lindsey for hosting us tonight. I want to thank everyone whose come in person and joining us virtually as well and for participating in our community meeting. I look forward to what you have to say. Joining me tonight is my Aide, Crayn Akina. Again, thank you very much.

**Trustee Ahu Isa** Aloha mai kākou, aloha Maui and to everyone joining us on Zoom. I am Trustee Lei Ahu Isa, Trustee At-Large. I love the island of Maui. I am so happy to be here after two years of COVID. Maui nō ka ʻoi! Our Chair is from Maui and her great beef stew. My Aide is Nathan Takeuchi. If you have any questions, you can always ask me or my Aide. We are At-Large so we also cover Maui too. Mahalo.

**Trustee Akaka** Aloha mai kākou e Maui, I am so happy to be here with you in person after about two years. It is wonderful to see everyone here with us tonight. Mahalo for the time you are spending here with us and sharing your manaʻo. I also want to introduce my Aide, Brandon Mitsuda, and my forever loving husband and baby. I also want to say mahalo nui to our Chair for always being a gracious host and to her staff who helped make the maeaʻai for us, and to our Maui staff. Aunty Thelma, we are going to miss you dearly but we are so happy that you are joining us today. I also wanted to acknowledge that we have Representative Patrick Bronco here. Mahalo for joining us and being a part of our meeting, and always being so supportive of our efforts at the legislature. It is so important that we have these collaborative relationships so that we can do even more to help our people.

Mahalo again everyone, we look forward to hearing your manaʻo so that we can learn how to further collaborate for our Maui Hawaiian community, which in turn uplifts a community as a whole. Mahalo nui and aloha.

**Trustee Ahuna** Welina mai me ke aloha, my name is Dan Ahuna and I represent the island of Kauaʻi. With me today is my Aide, Anuhea Diamond. I want to thank our Chair for taking us to Kaʻehu and Waiʻehu today, it was a very nice visit. It is nice to see everyone back.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Thank you Trustees. I would like to introduce our CEO, Sylvia Hussey, who will introduce herself and her administrative staff supporting us here this evening.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Thank you. Aloha mai kākou, we have here today in support of the Board meeting: Roy Newton – Beneficiary Services, Josh Koh-Communications, Lei Ayat-Verdadero – Beneficiary Services, Zach Smith – Research, and joining us online, Arlene, Tiger, and Erin - our IT Support, and lastly online our Interim General Counsel – Everett Ohta. We are pleased to be here to support the Trustees in this first meeting and thank you for your hospitality.

**Status of OHA Activities**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Moving on to item III on our agenda, I will give the time over to our Pouhana again as she will give an activity report on OHA’s activities.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** The Executive Summary of the Community Report is found in the Board packet and the full report will be posted to the website. Administration has prepared for our community, a fifteen-minute grants overview of what is here in Maui. - Video shared

**Public Testimony and Community Concerns**
Tiare Lawrence  Aloha, so happy to you guys. I haven’t seen you guys in 2 ½ years. I am so grateful to be here; and that we all survived the pandemic, and that you guys are all healthy. I was saddened by the loss of Trustee Machado. She was an ‘āina warrior and someone that I looked up to. I just want to share a quote that was shared on the news, “she can take a punch and she could throw a punch, but always for the justice of the people and to protect the land.” This is what I admired about her. I do want to aloha Trustee Mililani Trask, grateful to have you here. I am going to speak to three items on the agenda. I am in strong support of item B, the MEO food vouchers. I was apart of the Kaukau for Keiki program through my work at Mahi Pono. I had families coming to me desperate for food, literally our shelves were empty, and MEO had a huge hand in feeding our lāhui. Secondly, strong support on item G, Hawaiian Island Land Trust (HILT). There is so much passion and aloha that goes into the ‘āina down there and so much of our people have been involved in the process. No offense to Scott, but I am loving that Kīʻi is there so, I offer strong support in all that HILT is doing in that area. Item H, Ke Kula ‘o Piʻilani, my daughter Hinatea Kodani was the first graduate of Ke Kula ‘o Piʻilani. When we started this school, we started it in a year. I was concerned as a makua, am I making the right choice? I can tell you today that I know I made the right choice. During the pandemic, we went to Loʻioloa and before we entered, my kids stopped me and said we have to ask permission. Without any hesitation, full throttle, oli and went into their protocol. I looked at my kids at that moment and I cried. I knew at that moment that I made the right decision. Giving my kids aloha ‘āina, place-based education was the best thing I could’ve ever done. Through the pandemic, our school prospered. They did all the protocols and they provided online education. I want to finish of with Kapanewai, a place with so much history. We have keiki there everyday chanting. They have brought mana back to Kapanewai and that is Ke Kula ‘o Piʻilani. Mahalo.

New Business

A. Action Item BOT#22-07: Recognizing Thelma Shimaoka as a Mamo Makamae O Ka Poʻe Hawaiʻi: Precious Treasure of the Hawaiian People

Chair Hulu Lindsey  Moving on to item V., I would like to call upon Roy Newton. I want to mention that every island we go to, we are able to choose a very special person, Mamo Makamae O Ka Poʻe Hawaiʻi, which means special treasure of the Hawaiian people. Tonight, we have the pleasure of doing a resolution for Aunty Thelma who has worked for OHA 39 ½ years. Roy, I would like to ask you to read the resolution.


WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka was born on January 25, 1942, to Joseph Kia Naeole and Mary Young Peck; and, WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka is a proud makua wahine to children John Duvauchelle Jr., Eloise Lehuanani Duvauchelle, June Kuʻulei Arce and Gerard Noburo Shimaoka; and,

WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka is the family matriarch and beloved kupuna to 18 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka is a member of Maluhi Church of the denomination of Ke Aliʻi O Nā Aliʻi A Me Ka Haku O Nā Haku and holds the position of Ha i ʻEuanelio or Evangelist, and leads the church missionary group as Ke Alakaʻi O Ka Ohana Kaʻahele or Leader of the Traveling Family; and,
WHEREAS, in January of 1982, Thelma Shimaoka began her employment at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs through a partnership with Alu Like, Inc. She was hired as a clerk/typist and assigned to Office of Hawaiian Affairs Hilo office; and,

WHEREAS, six months later, in July of 1982, Thelma Shimaoka began working directly for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in Hilo; and,

WHEREAS, for the next decade, Thelma Shimaoka would proudly serve the Hilo community on behalf of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, earning titles such as Interim Community Resource Specialist Hilo and Interim OHA Liaison Hilo; and,

WHEREAS, in 1992, Thelma Shimaoka was promoted to the position of OHA Liaison Maui and began work in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Maui office; and,

WHEREAS, for the next 20 years, Thelma Shimaoka would serve the Native Hawaiian community on Maui as an OHA Community Affairs Coordinator Maui, Community Resources Coordinator Maui, and Community Outreach Coordinator Maui; and,

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2021, Thelma Shimaoka officially retired from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs after 40 years of faithful service to the agency and to the communities in her care; and,

WHEREAS, for the last 40 years, Thelma Shimaoka has demonstrated her love for Hawai‘i and its people as she has honorably served the Lāhui as an employee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with passion, dedication, commitment and aloha; and,

WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka has served countless Native Hawaiian beneficiaries on the islands of Hawai‘i and Maui representing the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with dignity, class and a pono attitude of putting beneficiaries concerns first; and,

WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka will forever be held as a much beloved member of the OHAna, a role model employee for all who would follow and a person to whom the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will always be in her debt; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned duly recognized as the board chair and trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on the 25th day of May 2022, do set forth their hand to recognize, honor and hold in high regard the 40-year Office of Hawaiian Affairs career of Thelma Shimaoka; and ADOPTED, this 25th day of May, island of Maui, State of Hawai‘i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I will call on Trustee Waiheʻe to make the motion.

Trustee Waiheʻe Madame Chair I would like to move that we approve action item BOT #22-07: Recognizing Thelma Shimaoka.

Trustee Akaka Seconds the motion.
Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you. I would like to say that working along side of Thelma and Roy for the last ten years, I’ve seen her work humbly with our community. Never wanting a praise, but always being there when people call for help. I am deeply grateful for the service this beautiful lady has given the lāhui of Maui. Mahalo Thelma.

Thelma Shimaoka Thank you, it has been an honor to work for OHA and every Trustee. I am so happy to see you all.

Chair Hulu Lindsey We are moving on to community presentations. I will call on Scott Crawford.

A. Community Presentations A. Ke Ao Hali‘i – Pule ʻĀina o Makaʻalae me Mokaenuei

Scott Crawford Thank you Chair and Trustees for allowing us a space to provide information to all of you virtually. My name is Scott Crawford and I am the Chair of Ke Ao Hāli‘i. I want to congratulate Aunty Thelma on her well deserved retirement. I've worked with her for many years in her role there and always appreciated her support for all of our efforts in various different organizations out here in Hāna. Love you Aunty.

I just wanted to give a quick report on Ke Ao Hāli‘i, it’s a relatively new organization that was established in 2018 to help acquire and steward some very important coastal lands that had been on the market in Hāna, and to return the stewardship of these lands to the community and to the families who have maintained a connection with these lands. We're still in the process of completing, sort of, a four phase acquisition, but we have been successful in aquirving very significant parcels, and being able to start our management plan and
stewardship activities on these lands. Originally, we had applied for an ‘Ahahui grant to be able to do a celebration event and a blessing, pule ʻāina event that would recognize the return of these lands back into community stewardship. Unfortunately, because of Covid and other things, we delayed the event and did not hold it during the time of the grant period so we have rescheduled it for July 30th which is also the weekend of Lā Hoʻihoʻiʻi Ea. We would like to invite the Trustees and everyone to come out to that event. This will be our in-person celebration and ceremony for these lands being returned to community stewardship. Leading up to the event, we are trying to gather stories, history, and family connections that existed with the families of this area. We were able to succeed in this area. We worked with Kaui Kanakaʻole and Ala Kukui who really helped us with research and moʻolelo, and created an oli komo and oli kāhea for us.

We really appreciate OHAs support and we feel like we are in a very blessed situation to have had the support of the County of Maui, the Open Space Fund, and the State Legacy Land Conservation Program to be able to protect these lands and bring them back. We are now in the process of transitioning from the acquisition phase to the stewardship and management phase. We have much ahead of us in this regard. Aunty Mary will speak next about the iwi which has been a very significant part of this plan over the last year. On behalf of all of us and the families of this area, we want to express our appreciation to OHA for your support.

**Trustee Akaka** Chair, I would like to do a quick mahalo to Scott for all his efforts and what he has done within the community all these years. We do look forward to an in-person visit with you folks, mahalo.

### B. Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO) - ‘Ai Hui Project

**Cassie Yamashita, MEO** Aloha and good evening, I am Cassie Yamashita. I am the Community Services Director for Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO). At MEO, we are community action which means we go out to meet the needs of the community. We had the opportunity to work with a lot of individuals during the pandemic, we served thousands of individuals. Our mission at MEO is to strengthen the community by helping people in need restore their hope, reach their potential, and enrich their lives. When we came up with the concept of a program that we could serve the most individuals possible and have a lasting effect, we wanted to look at the needs that were requested the most during the pandemic. A lot of he families requested food vouchers. It wasn’t just about the food, but how could we support the farmers and our local economy? How could we support our Native Hawaiian families?

We partnered with over 21 local vendors. We wanted to connect our local farmers with our Hawaiian families. Families that were medically affected by the pandemic or their income was affected were found eligible. These families received food vouchers every month until we had no funding. So, there is a tier for a family of four. They can receive up to $100 a month in food vouchers to be redeemed at these farmers’ markets. Along with that, every month they get these little inserts, very simple inserts. There's information on the nutritional value of the different ingredients that they may be purchasing, or the farm vendors that they're going to be picking up their items from. We really wanted to make this a well-rounded program, not just a one-time experience. Our goal was to serve 150 families. As of the first of January, we’ve received 150 applications, 78 approved. We are serving 445 individuals 387 are Native Hawaiian. We have already issued in this short time, 2,319 coupons to these families. They will continue to get these coupons until there is no funding.

We also did a pre and post survey because that's what MEO is about. We're about seeing the impact, so we wanted to do a survey at the beginning to check on their nutritional knowledge and the way they interact with their children. You can see the results of the main five questions that we ask. We take applications or they are available online.
Jennifer McGurn, MEO Cassie is our numbers girl and the tech queen. There's a need out there for low-income families, especially Native Hawaiian low-income families, for access to healthy nutritional food. As we all know, it is cheaper to go to McDonald’s and get a $1 menu item than it is to feed your family a healthy meal. Through this program, we saw an opportunity to open people's eyes. I've talked to some of our clients who had never shopped at the farmers’ markets before. To me, being here where there's such a huge amount of local produce available, fresh, healthy, and the farmers’ markets are cheaper than Safeway and all those kinds of places. I’ve seen incredible responses from our clients. We see them every month to get their coupons. The program, the responses we've gotten is that the application is simple, easy, qualification is simple, and then using the vouchers is also easy. Our vendors, the farmers, are happy as well. This is bringing them new business. I am grateful for the program. We’ve been happy with the results and we still have room for more applicants. Thank you.

Trustee Ahu Isa Where did you get the $10 from? Sorry, maybe I missed it.

Cassie Yamashita, MEO Each of the vouchers are worth $10 so that they can redeemed at the farmers’ market, they don’t get cash.

Trustee Ahu Isa We did something like this with our tourist. We have a farmers’ market at Kaka‘ako and they can only use it if they buy something, the tourist love it.

Jennifer McGurn, MEO I just want to share one story, someone just came to pick up her vouchers yesterday and she lives in low-income housing in Kihei with her two kids. She just found out that her rent is going up $220 a month. For a single mom with two kids, it’s pretty devastating. She is thankful that she gets $100 worth of coupons. It makes a difference so thank you so much.

Trustee Akina I first became familiar with your group as I've shared the podium from year to year at the West Maui Taxpayer Association Conventions, and I'm very impressed with what you do especially with Native Hawaiians. What is the overall purpose and mission of the MEO organization?

Cassie Yamashita Basically to restore hope, help them reach their potential, and enrich their lives.

Trustee Akina The word "economic," what does that mean to you?

Cassie Yamashita, MEO Economic could be anything. It could be increasing their skill set so that they could have a better paying job, or as simple as helping to pay their utility bill for that month.

Trustee Akina Keep up the good work.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo for all of your work for our people. Some of the mea‘ai that you have provided through the farmers, is it on this list? I want to mahalo you folks for all of your hard work and for providing the much needed healthy, ‘āina source mea‘ai for our people. I look forward to hearing more of the good work that you folks are doing. Please let us know how we can further collaborate with you folks.

Trustee Lee In the program description, it says the coupons are valid until the end of September. When do you anticipate the agrigate of the post survey?
Cassie Yamashita, MEO It will probably be in August when we send out the second surveys. We send these inserts out every month with their coupons, or they will pick them up, and all of these are available on our website.

Trustee Lee I’m sure I am not the only one, but I would be curious to see the difference of scoring from the pre to the post.

Cassie Yamashita, MEO Yes, me as well. That is the dorky side of me, I look for all of that.

Trustee Trask I am so happy to see this. For years, I’ve worked with Hawai‘i County Economic Opportunity Council. I think this idea is good idea. I am going to take this back to the Big Island. We have an Economic Opportunity Council in every county, but I see only one that does this, and we have significant lands on the Big Island. I would like to ask if you could send a small article about this for Ka Wai Ola, our newspaper. Really good work.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you ladies. Moving on to V.C.

C. Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei – E Hoʻomau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna

ʻIhilani Chu Aloha mai kākou and mahalo to Chair Hulu Lindsey, Board of Trustees, and Ka Pouhana for having us here today and for allowing us to do a presentation on our iwi kūpuna repatriation and reinternment grant project. I am ʻIhilani Chu, Project Mngr., and Kahu Lokoʻolu Quintero, who is the lead cultural and spiritual expert.

Kahu Lokoʻolu Quintero We are here on behalf of Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei. The mission of our hale pule is to strengthen and empower Hawaiian spirituality through traditional Hawaiian ceremonies, rituals and protocols. E Hoʻomau o Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna is just one of the many projects that we are committed to.

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ʻIhilani Chu At first, the need was to bring kūpuna home from around the world. So many were treated with disrespect, and bundled together, and bags put on shelves or in glass containers. Twenty years later with the rise in development, so came a rise from our own kūpuna. Now, there is a need to mālama, to take care of. In Hawaiian, it is a sign; walk lightly, take baby steps; appreciate what we do have for we are only on an island with limited resources. It is with these limited resources that we return to because they were the resources of our kūpuna. We relearn in the process, the value of our resources; the way our kūpuna valued the ʻāina with great aloha, hōʻihi and kuleana to mālama. E holomua kakou e Hoʻomau o Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna.

This project is to empower our Native Hawaiian community to prepare and provide sacred items using our ʻāina resources by organizing and conducting workshops to make sacred cultural items needed and provide them to lineal descendants, Native Hawaiian groups and State of Hawaiʻi organizations, such as the State Historic Preservation Division, the Island Burial Councils and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, throughout the pae ʻāina to mālama nā iwi kūpuna in preparation for repatriation and reinterment. Our project made a significant impact on the Native Hawaiian community and is needed in order to rebury nā iwi kūpuna culturally and properly. All participants in the workshops are properly prepared and culturally educated, gaining knowledge as well as the skill to make these items traditionally. They learn from these workshops in order to authentically pass down all the cultural knowledge and skills to the next generation to carry on the
hana in their moku or ahupua‘a. This strengthens the mana and fosters a healthy sense of Hawaiian cultural identity of the Hawaiian people. These workshops are pono and necessary to maintain spiritual balance and harmony for Native Hawaiians and their communities.

The sacred items and resources are:
The Hīna‘i Lauhala (lauhala basket) and Lauhala Kūka‘a (lauhala rolls)
The Kaula hau (Hau cordage), Hau fibers, and
The Kapa and the Wauke fibers

The kapa is used to wrap nā iwi kūpuna, the kaula is used to bind the kapa and sometimes the hīna‘i lauhala is where our kūpuna rest in for eternity.

Kahu Loko‘olu Quintero We wanted to share our achievements and successes. Our achievements and successes: our project was statewide, covering four major islands. We completed 25 of 28 proposed workshops. Numerous Native Hawaiian communities throughout the State of Hawai‘i benefitted and were impacted as sacred items were donated from each workshop. More than 100 completed sacred items are made and donated to the lineal descendants for active and future reburials. Our workshops provided the cultural training needed for Native Hawaiian community members to be empowered on how to make cultural materials for the care of iwi kūpuna. One of our greatest successes is right here on Maui where Native Hawaiian families and community members attended our workshops in August and September of 2021, and reburied their iwi kūpuna in October 2021 using the knowledge gained from our workshops and materials made in those workshops. Most of the sacred items produced from the workshops on the island of Maui are already buried with iwi kūpuna. Participants from the Maui, Kaua‘i and Hawai‘i Island workshops formed working groups at our workshops for future burials. These work groups have allowed our communities to communicate again with each other, aloha i ke kahi i ke kahi, bringing our families back together. All working groups have continued to follow the process on their own and provide their community with sacred items to care for iwi kūpuna as more recent burials are discovered. Our lāhui has strongly requested us to continue these workshops to kōkua them.

We also offer to lineal descendants, Native Hawaiian groups the opportunity to use the tools and equipment that OHA had purchased for us, for the church, and continue to hana nui and mālama i nā iwi kūpuna.

ʻIhilani Chu Finally, I want to thank our partners and supporters that assisted in our project, the various communities, our venues, our beloved palaces, but most of all, mahalo piha to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for this grant. We were able to purchase all the traditional tools and workshop items that we needed in order to carry on this important kuleana. Thank you.

Trustee Akaka I want to say mahalo nui for being the hana lima taking care of our ancestors. We need more people like you. Mahalo for doing it in such a loving, tender, and caring way. Mahalo.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui. Remember, this is the early stages of our iwi kūpuna grants so it is very nice to hear what you folks are doing with it.
D. Maui Family Support Services – Hoʻowaiwai Kaiaulu

Daphne Ladia Aloha mai kākou, before I start the presentation, I want to introduce our CEO, Edeluisa Baguio-Larena

Edeluisa Baguio-Larena Before Daphne goes over the report, I want to take the time to share our appreciation to all the Trustees. We would not be able to expand our services on Molokaʻi and Maui without your support. Mahalo nui for your support for the families we are serving.

Daphne Ladia Before I start, I want to say mahalo and congratulate Aunty Thelma. She has been a partner with my Family Support Services, supporting some of our projects in the past. I’m going to be sharing about our Hoʻowaiwai Kaiaulu Program which is made up of multiple programs.

MFSS has been strengthening families in Maui County since 1980, over 40 years. Preventing child abuse and neglect is our main focus on all these programs that we provide. If I recall it correctly, 10 programs that directly serve children and families in Maui County; and some of our programs that are not funded by OHA, are our Early Head Start Program, our Healthy Families America - home visiting program on Lānaʻi. We have our Ka Puʻuʻuai O Na Keki – home visiting program that specifically works with children and families that have services from Child and Welfare Services. We have Quality Care for Hawaiian Keiki program that serves Native Hawaiian children and Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center.

Our Hoʻowaiwai Kaiaulu is an umbrella program funded by OHA and Department of Education Native Hawaiian Program. It encompasses multiple componants, the first is our outreach and resource team. This program goes into the hospital here in Maui and meets with all the new moms. We find out what kind of resources they need and we provide resource support, including connecting them to our own programs and services. This can include housing and Suplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Kāne Connections- Hui Kāne & Kalama Parenting Group, and Hale Hiʻipoi - Infant/Toddler Center.

Our community grant funding from OHA provides a grant for Maui and Molokaʻi as well. We have a person on Molokaʻi that does outreach and recruits families. We do hospital visits here on Maui seven days a week,
and we generally see over 1,000 families a year. Every family in the hospital, whether we get to see them or not, receives a resource packet and that packet provides different handouts on parenting, also community resource booklets. The resource booklets cover various resources such as food, housing, medical, and Hawaiian community resources. As of our last OHA report which covered December, January, and February, we served, at the hospital, 298 families. 132 of those families were Native Hawaiian.

More programs that are offered are Hoʻowaiwai Kaiāulu-Home Visiting and Kāne Connections. As of the last report, we had 38 parents and children served in the Hoʻowaiwai home visiting and 22 of those were Native Hawaiian. Hui Kāne is a program just for men. We are currently meeting in person at Aloha House and the other groups are meeting virtually. The recent report on these groups, specifically the ones getting funding from OHA, there were 22 men served and 10 were Hawaiian men. Below are a few more programs that are offered.

**Trustee Akaka** Mahalo for all your work. It is so nice to see that there is a program to support new parents and support for individuals that need a second chance in life and to have that guidance. I truly believe that when you have the support as an ‘ohana and when you are able to have a happy and healthy family, that means we have a happier and healthier community. Mahalo.

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Thank you Daphne for all your hard work and the positive impacts it makes in our community.

**Trustee Trask** I wanted to say I am very interested in this and I would like any additional information that you may have. I will be sharing your program with Men of Paʻa, a program for Hawaiian men coming out of prison. They are a recovery and resiliency program. I plan to recommend to them to look at your program and I say the same to you, look at their program, you may have a partner.

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**E. Ke Ao Hāliʻi – Nā Kiaʻi Iwi Kūpuna O Hāna – MaryAnn Kahana**
MaryAnn Kahana  Aloha mai kākou, mahalo for having me tonight. Mahalo Chair, Board of Trustees, and the rest of OHA support personnel. I come from the Piʻilani lineage out here in Hāna. I am the Project Manager for Nā Kiaʻi Iwi Kūpuna O Hāna. I didnʻt know what iwi was about, I recently retired in 2017 and found myself in this project in 2018. This was my first grant that I wrote. I had to teach myself how to write a grant and so I am very grateful for this grant. My project is hands-on, caring for our iwi kūpuna out here at Hāmoa and Mokae. We are grateful we had training from Halealoha Ayau who taught us the requirements of caring for our iwi kūpuna. The fundings were used on training, as well as having to follow the burial treatment plan that was written by Dawn Chang. I followed the burial treatment plan with my grant write up; this entailed installing the ahu at Hāmoa. I just retired from the service and came home to take care of my papaʻs land and get engage with the community so I had to really learn all the different organizations. I really learned a lot about the different organizations and what they do. I am also grateful for Nohopapa services as they are familiar with caring for our iwi kūpuna. We did reintern some of our iwi kūpuna that was stored at SHPD for over 30 years. This grant has a huge impact. I feel like if we didnʻt get this grant, I donʻt believe any workload would have been done.

2018, a man got arrested for climbing down into a hole where the hotel was building a septic tank. They knew there was iwi there and they continued to do the work. Part of my plan that I wrote with the grant was to have this area be known, written, and registered as a known burial site. I want to share with all of you that this was a learning curve and brand new for me. I worked 20 years in the military, and I came home to face this. It has been a challenge, but a good learning experience. I am grateful to all the Hāna descendants and the Hāna community. I can only hope that we have done right with our iwi kūpuna and they are looking down at us that we did the right thing in the best we know how. I also want to mahalo the grant specialist who has worked with us along the way, which is Miki Cachola. Mahalo having me and I appreciate this grant.

Chair Hulu Lindsey  Mahalo and thank you for your work.

F. Hawaiʻi Community Lending – Ka Wailele – Kahaunani Mahoe-Thoene

Kahaunani Mahoe-Thoene  Aloha, calling in from Honolulu. Kala mai, I am not there tonight. On behalf Hawaiian Community Assets and Hawaiʻi Community Lending (HCL), our condolences to the OHA ʻohana on the passing of your former Chair, Colette Machado. I am here to speak on the Ka Wailele program. In the first year of COVID, we were able to disperse more than $5M to the Big island and Kauaʻi. OHA approached HCL with a goal to dispurse your emergency financial assistance program. We did a partnership with OHA, and with the help of Maile Lu'uwai and Miki, we launched Ka Wailele on June 1, 2021 and, during the first quarter, we received 524 applications. We identified the emergencies for those who were facing eviction, foreclosure, disconnection of services, funeral, car repairs, and medical expenses. Some of the challenges that we continue to hear from our Native Hawaiians is the increase of the cost of living for our kūpuna with fixed income. We continue to see the economic challenges in housing, workplace development and replacement, and access to government assistance due to the strict eligibility requirements. Since June 2021, we since disbursed $657,377.29. Specifically for the Maui County, we disbursed $194,929.59 to 149 families on Maui and 10 families on Molokaʻi. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Trustee Akina  I appreciate what your organization is doing and I am proud of OHA to be apart of it. When funds are provided for Hawaiians going through an emergency, what happens afterwards? How many of them can sustain their living beyond the use of the emergency funds they have received? Do you track that?
Kahaunani Mahoe-Thoene We offer resources such as continuing financial education through Hawaii Community Assets. Hawaii Community Lending has emergency loans that we offer families who are not eligible for your Ka Wailele program due to the restrictions. I would say there is no one solution to this growing challenge in our community and I think we need more organizations across the lāhui that can come in and support our Native Hawaiian families at risk.

Trustee Akina Do most of your clients take advantage of these additional resources?

Kahaunani Mahoe-Thoene Yes, they do.

Trustee Akina Thank you and mahalo for your work.

Trustee Akaka Aloha and mahalo to you and Jeff. I am always impressed with all the work you folks are able to put out and the amount of our people you reach. I want to get a sense of how many people you have reached since then and what is the best way you are able to get your messaging out? I remember that part of the challenge was our people didn’t know that this was an option or that this existed within our Hawaiian community.

Kahaunani Mahoe-Thoene In partnering with OHA, we leveraged your platform to get the word out. Word-of-mouth has always been our best defense when it comes to marketing. We always serve our island community with the most respect and aloha.

G. Hawaiian Islands Land Trust – Waiheʻe Iwi Kūpuna Protection – Scott Fisher

Scott Fisher Aloha, I wanted to go over the Hawaiʻi Island Land Trust (HILT) Iwi Kūpuna Protection grant that we received from the Office Hawaiian Affairs. The mission of the HILT is to protect and steward the lands that sustain Hawaiʻi, and to perpetuate Hawaiian values by connecting people with ‘āina. Our vision is I ola ka ‘āina, I ola kākou nei. Hawaiʻi lands thrive and nourish its people.

In 2004, the HILT, known as the Maui Coastal Land Trust, purchased the Waiheʻe Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Refuge. An important part of our kuleana at Waiheʻe is the protection and care of iwi kūpuna. The Waiheʻe Refuge you saw today contains both historic cemeteries and numerous, unmarked, precontact burials, both in the dunes and along the coast. The iwi exposed throughout the ten years on the land has been exclusively along the coast. Like many other coastal areas, we are subject to sea level rise and large waves. We are committed to avoid the desecration to iwi kūpuna. When these instances occur, we take measures to ensure that they are treated respectfully, and that we notify both lineal descendants of the iwi kūpuna.

With many concerns in mind, HILT submitted an iwi kūpuna protection grant to OHA to protect the iwi at Waiheʻe. The grant provided several measures relating to iwi kūpuna protection, this included a placement of a rope barrier to prevent people from parking too close to the edge of the bluff that would cause erosion, collapse, and exposure of our iwi kūpuna. The grant also included elements of repatriating iwi kūpuna that
had been held in possession with the State Historic Preservation Division. We would use our existing burial treatment plan to return those iwi kūpuna to the Waiheʻe Refuge. We also applied for the grant in order to repair structure which would hold those iwi kūpuna. The last major element of the grant was to hold a series of workshops on topics related to iwi kūpuna, the protection and care of iwi kūpuna. As you folks drove in today, I hope you saw the rope barrier, that's a major advancement in our protection because too many people have been driving down by the coast.

The first workshop was held on November 19, 2021 and that was by Professor Malia Akutagawa, UH Law School. This was a workshop on legal rights of kānaka maoli to iwi kūpuna. We had 22 in attendance by Zoom.

A second workshop was to get lineal and cultural descendants signed up. We held that on the 26th of February at the Waiheʻe Refuge in person, and that was held by genealogist Pualani Kamaunu Basbas and recently recognized Waiheʻe cultural descendant, Noelani Ahia. We had 18 in attendance.

The third workshop was an iwi kūpuna protocol for burial and repatriation that was on March 6, 2022, and that was hosted by Kumu Hulu, Kaponoa‘ai Molitau, and we had 13 people in attendance.

The fourth workshop was a bank stabilization workshop that was to ensure that people from all over the island know how they can be proactive in trying to protect iwi kūpuna by slowing down the rate of erosion. I taught this workshop and we had 9 attendees.

The fifth event was hosted by Debbie Freeland who was our education coordinator, she taught making a pūʻolo, wrapping burials. What we found too often was in the past, we would have to retrieve and rebury iwi kūpuna with foreign kapa, and we wanted to make it and grow it onsite.

We have a wauke patch at Waiheʻe Refuge specifically for iwi kūpuna when they are exposed. The measures of success:

December of 2022: Repatriation of iwi kūpuna led by lineal and cultural descendants with assistance from HILT staff. This included participation with SHPD and Ke Aha Moku Wailuku. Kaneloa Kamaunu was instrumental in this as well as a lineal and cultural descendant of Waiheʻe. The rope barrier was completed in March of 2022. Workshop attendance is as follows:

- Workshop 1 (Zoom): 52
- Workshop 2 (in person): 18
- Workshop 3 (in person): 13
- Workshop 4 (in person): 9
- Workshop 5 (in person): 9
The goal was to increase participation, disseminate information/importance of iwi kūpuna, provide strategies to reduce erosion and exposure of iwi kūpuna, and most importantly, to increase capacity to produce kapa made by lineal and cultural descendants themselves. I want to say mahalo to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for we have made great progress toward protecting iwi kūpuna. We cannot thank you enough, it was a wonderful experience to build community through the protection of iwi kūpuna.

Laura Kaʻakua, CEO HILT Mahalo Chair Lindsey, Trustees, the amazing staff, and Ka Pouhana for being with us today at Waiheʻe Refuge. We've learned from different kūpuna on how we treat kupuna affects us in many ways, our own health of our people. I want to commend the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for making a special program for the protection of our iwi kūpuna. It has been very healing in many ways and we feel like there is a momentum building to the other community groups. To know there are others doing this work on the other islands is a beautiful thing. Thank you for putting the iwi kūpuna and our wahi kūpuna first so that we can be healthy as a people. I just want to note that we will continue this work regardless but we did notice something. We were excited to go after the second round of iwi kūpuna grant funding and we noticed the qualifications have slightly changed, we no longer qualify. I just want to flag that. At Waiheʻe Refuge, our mission is ʻāina protection and once we protect it, we want to make sure that we fullfill that kuleana of stewardship. Our programming is really reconnection of our Native Hawaiian community to ʻāina. We do open our protected lands to the whole community, not just Native Hawaiians. Our beneficiaries are really the whole public so that has been a challenge for us. We focus on our Native Hawaiian community and we want to be inclusive. We just want to flag that and share with you, but we will also continue to find a way to do this work. Mahalo nui.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Laura, can you please tell me what the change is?

Laura Kaʻakua, CEO HILT I do not want to misspeak, but I think 60% must be Native Hawaiian for direct beneficiaries. There are different ways you can evidence that. If you look at the programming, educational and partnerships with hālau then we do qualify but because we are comprehensive and the benefits we are trying to have, we open our preserve to everyone then really don’t know because we do not ask everyone what their ethnic background is. We could be hitting the 60% but we do not know and we cannot demonstrate that.

Trustee Ahuna Thank you so much for that visit and someday I would like to see the wetlands wet.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo Laura for highlighting that. I think we can continue having this conversation to see how, maybe we can work through this. I am sure all the keiki we saw today, many of them are from our Native Hawaiian community, maybe there is a method we can figure out so that we can account for that. I also want to say mahalo nui for welcoming us today. It was a wonderful experience seeing the keiki and the ʻoʻopus in the various stages. Are you folks collaborating with Aunty ʻIhilani and Kahu Lokoʻolu with the Hawaiian Church of Hawaiʻi Nei?

Laura Kaʻakua, CEO HILT We’ve already decided that we will go and talk story right after this.

Trustee Trask I was very impressed going there. Thank you so much. The visit we had was so uplifting and it was good to see our youth there. I do not understand how it is possible that you initially qualify for a grant and then later, there is a change in criteria. I would like to join Trustee Akaka in this discussion to explore further. I am dealing with a similar problem with Kumukahi where majority is traditional, and we have the research done by Kepa Mali and Kumupono, who are the best. In the after, period now we have Oda
Cemetery and Yamashita Cemetery that we know are people from there but they are not Native but still there are fisherman from Pohoiki. I want to follow up on this. Thank you so much for your work there, I love it.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Scott and Laura.

H. Ke Kula ‘O Pi‘ilani – Kekai Robinson

Kekai Robinson Opens with Oli. Aloha Kākou, my name is Kekai Robinson and I am the head of Ke Kula ‘O Pi‘ilani. Thank you for this opportunity to share, and thank you to Aunty Thelma who has shown us her aloha over the many years. Ke Kula ‘O Pi‘ilani is an independent, non-profit Hawaiian language and culture immersion elementary school located in ‘Īao Valley; kindergarten to papa 5 with classes and workshops that are open to parents and the general community. Our vision is to influence fluency and traditional Hawaiian wisdom, and to cultivate tomorrow’s leaders rounded in the values of kūpuna with pilina, a deep rooted connection, to environment and elements that sustain us.

We strive to meet the growing desire and need for independent Hawaiian culture-based education. Short video shared. Our five year olds experience aloha with their environments; six years olds, kuleana guides the way they move through the world; at seven, they acknowledge and become inspired by the generations of kūpuna that came before; in grade 3 and 4, they deepened their sense of community, compassion, self-confidence and identity as kanaka; and in grade 5, they leave us grounded in tradition and protocol. They honor us by being our students and their parents believe in us and trust in us. Our current presence is tenuous there, where we hold school because we can not afford a home for our school. Pi‘ilani is more than a school to us. It is a homegrown effort, reclaiming and prioritizing the ways and means of our education as a collective. Our people have earned and deserve educational options that normalize Hawaiian language and culture. Education that recognizes and prioritizes the wisdom of our ancestors. Our challenges, of course, are land base, economic disparity, funding, resources. These are all the challenges of an educational institution. Inaudible.

Trustee Akaka Mahalo nui for your presentation. I want to ask what would be your specific ask on how we could assist you folks more?

Kekai Robinson mic was not working, inaudible.

Trustee Akaka So, you are looking for a new location for your school base? Or are you trying to keep the same place?

Kekai Robinson mic was not working, inaudible. We feel like we are the best stewards to be in that space.

Trustee Ahuna I think it’s very important that we talk about our grants. Grants will be an integral part of the future of these schools, many people talked about grants today. They’re talking about building homes for kūpuna, that’s great but what about malama ʻāina, the values. It doesn’t have to be 60%, everyone is bringing in the value. I think we are missing the mark on this. In the past, we wanted more Hawaiian organizations with more Hawaiian missions and values but now when the 60% is within the grants, it is taking away from what they do. I think we should be looking at the grants more.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Did I hear the ‘Īao land, where the school is, is being sold?
Kekai Robinson I thought I would defer that question to my Board and the Nature Center. There are talks about what’s happening. Speaking from Ke Kula ʻO Piʻilani, we only have a lease that takes us year to year. Could I run this school from a different space? Would it be as impactful? We try really hard to not draw any resources away from other Hawaiian organizations that are doing important work for our community. I hear people talk about cost per learner but it’s the impact that we can make with the families that are interested in the programs we have. That is where we are at. I appreciate any thoughts, support/kākoʻo that can come from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Chair Hulu Lindsey We did want to come and visit the school but it was unfortunate the students were not in this week. I want to share that the environment that you talk about up in ʻĪao is the natural streams. I was there when they diverted the water back, in the back of your school. It was amazing to be there, and see them turn the valve and watch the water return. Hopefully, that happens all over Maui. That is the kind of environment that you are exposing our keiki to.

Trustee Trask The county, you’re discussing for Right of Entry to Kepaniwai Park, the area in the video we saw is also in this park? You have a lease from the county year to year?

Kekai Robinson Yes and yes, we have a lease from the Hawaiʻi Nature Center year to year.

Trustee Trask Who is the Hawaiʻi Nature Center?

Kekai Robinson They are private landowners that own the space right above Kepaniwai Park. There are a couple of buildings that we utilize and it is the last space that houses kānaka. This is where we have rededicated boundaries and space for education.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Mahalo nui Kekai.

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Daniel Kanahele Aloha mai kākou, I really came here for one reason tonight and that was to connect to ʻohana. I thought since you folks came all this way, I could say a few words under community concerns and celebrations. I would like to mahalo Aunty Thelma. She has been an outstanding ambassador to the Hawaiian community over the years. Congratulations and mahalo to Thelma. I would also like to mahalo Colette Machado, I am sure she had an amazing reunion with all her family on the other side that were there to greet her when she came home. I am honored to say I belong to the class of individuals that belong to the class that has taken a punch from Colette, this is a verbal punch. I am sure I am not alone, she was a tough tita. Finally, I would like to mahalo Haunani Trask. On January 17, 1993, I was on the grounds of ʻIolani Palace sitting on the grassy lawn in front of the bandstand, directly in front of Trustee Trask’s sister, when she gave her famous speech, we are not Americans. As she was saying this, I was thinking to myself, what you talking about? That speech took me on a very long journey about self-discovery and learning more about political roots. I live in the moku of Honuaʻula, which is on the southwest side of Maui. In that moku, we have lots of proposed developments. The Achilles’ heel of many of these developments is the Historic Preservations and the reason why is because the kiaʻi that live on Maui have made it so. We are sick and tired of seeing our history marginalized and erased. We refuse to see that happen without a fight. Thank you for being here. Mahalo.

Kaniloa Kamaunu Aloha kākou, I’ve been in front of you many times throughout the years and my results have not changed. Tonight, we heard many good things about the money that has been provided by the
Trustees. I do work with Scott Fisher, and I am a lineal descendant and a 7th generation of our Land Commission Award. There are very little of our people that have actually regained their lands. When I was about 45 years old, my eyes were opened with the case of Na Wai ‘Ehā. I had no idea what I was involved in or any idea of where I was living, and I had no connection to the land. The only reason I was here was because my dad got into trouble with the service, and my mother traveled from the East coast with ten children and the only place she had for refuge was home, Waihe‘e. She had no education. She was a wife of a soldier who went to the Korean war and served the United States military. As I came to resolve and started to see exactly what I was left, it was overwhelming. I am advocate for my Kuleana as an heir for my kupuna that lie there, my keiki, and now my moʻopuna. I’ve learned that terminology used in court can make a decision. If used incorrectly, you can disenfranchise yourself from rights that actually belong to you. The term Native Hawaiian is one of those terms. We use it loosely. Do you know what it says under US Federal code 20? They distinctly say that almost anybody in Hawai‘i is a Native Hawaiian. This is a problematic area. They say kama‘āina, long time residence. If that’s true, the complexity of this entire situation is that you have to include everyone. Why? The State cannot be autonomous of only protecting one race of people. They are obligated to take care of all people who they consider their citizens and live here. That means distinguishing us from everybody else, there is no distinction. What does that mean without that distinction? I have been an advocate for saving iwi kūpuna for almost 15 years. I have gone to court, been infront of many commissions, and I still see my kūpuna dissapear. The Burial Counsel, good people but they are regulated to recommendations. When it comes to water use, I am an heir, I have an interest to that water. I’ve learned that the State and the County have no legal rights and have no water rights. They distinguished my rights are superior. I fought for the rights of water each and everyday. I heard you say you went to the wetlands by my place, was it wet? I heard no; because we have people such as A&B, Wailuku water company who feel they have rights and that they can service other people. It is because of the term Native Hawaiian, it is detrimental. It gives everyone a right to what is rightfully ours. 1959 Admission Act, subsection 19 states that they could not change who we were. We are kānaka maoli, then why do we not call ourselves kānaka maoli? Why don’t you use that term? They don’t want that because it takes them out of power. We lose everything. I see everything change: my mountains, the school made out of wood, places in the mountain to roam, they are gone. I see the sand dunes everyday, gone. My kūpuna, gone. I hold a hoʻolauleʻa every year, I spend my own money, this is up at Safeway. I do this because I told the kūpuna they would never be forgotten. We celebrate for three days. I feed the people that come there and I educate them. I go to every meeting that they have and I reach out to every entity to say stop. The USGA already said our lens is to the brink of being lost and if that lens breaks, we are done. There is nothing left for us. People try to model their ecosystem after the kānaka maoli but because of foreign influences, that has been taken away from us. We can see what happens to us. The right to mālama water? We cannot because they lock us out, because they did that in Waihe‘e. Wailuku Water Company dredged the water and in 2018, the destruction below was because of what they did. I leave you with these thoughts, does it make a difference of how we look at ourselves? If so, shouldn’t we look at it correctly? Shouldn’t we be proud to be kānaka maoli? Mahalo.

Tiare Lawrence I come from the beautiful town Lahaina. We are inundated with tourism, traffic is horrific, cost of living is high, and a lot of our people are moving away. Beside all these points, I am here to talk about Māla. Māla is a small boat harbor. Recently, our non-profit Kamalu o Kahalawai filed a lawsuit against the State over the permits. Currently, there are 16 permits out at Māla, and another 16 they granted to operators at Kāʻanapali where they park their catamarans outside. They allow these people to take their zodiac from Māla Boat Harbor out to Kāʻanapali. Our non-profit built Manaiaakalani, it is a small voyaging canoe. We started going to Māla, there is no parking. We have to wait 45 minutes to get into the harbor, we unload Manaiaakalani and then we have someone drive our trailer back to Hawaiian Homes because there is no trailer parking. We have been inundated with commercialization at the harbor so we have organized our
community to fight for better stewardship and better management of Māla Boat Ramp. Māla is very important to our community. It was a fishing village in ancient Hawaiʻi. There was a fishpond next to Māla Boat Ramp and a popular surfing spot. I am a child of Māla and I grew up there so I have a special pilina to that place. I picked limu with my mom and this was my grandmother’s area. Unfortunately, the abundance is no longer available, and a lot has to do with the inundation of tourism. DOBOR issued shoreline use permits which allowed scuba companies to take their guest next to Māla Boat Ramp, and allowed scuba divers to operate there, and catamarans to park outside of Māla Boat Ramp to do snorkeling. We are one fatal accident away from a major disaster in that harbor. DOBOR has been horrible when it comes to responding to the concern of our Native Hawaiian community. We did file a lawsuit that is on appeal. The Board has put a lot of pressure on DOBOR to mitigate, come up with a plan, and to this date, DOBOR has not reached out to us for a meeting. At DLNR, they said they wanted us to have a seat at the table and to this day, no response. We could use OHA’s support. Manaiakalani is important to us and the work that we do at Kamalu o Kahalawai will have a positive impact on community. We are having our first voyaging summer program after Uncle Archie finishes his voyage from Tahiti.

Also, you did ask how OHA can help with Ke Kula ‘O Piʻilani. Maybe you folks could help by buying the building. Come to our Hoʻike and you will fall in love with all the work that Kumu has done there. No school should be on a one year lease. We need stability and our kids deserve that. Mahalo.

**Announcements**

**Chair Hulu Lindsey** Tomorrow morning we have of Board of Trustees Maui Island Meeting at 9:30 am right back in this room. We invite you to come.

**Adjournment**

**Trustee Akaka** Moves to adjourn the meeting.

**Trustee Akina** Seconds the motion.

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**Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey** Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:51 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXX 2022.

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Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Attachments:

1. Action Item BOT#22-07: Recognizing Thelma Shimaoka as a Mamo Makamae O Ka Po‘e Hawaiʻi: Precious Treasure of the Hawaiian People
2. PowerPoint Presentation - Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei – E Hoʻomau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna
4. PowerPoint Presentation – Hawaii Land Trust: Iwi Kupuna Grant
5. PowerPoint Presentation – Ke Kula ‘O Pi’ilani
ACTION ITEM
Board of Trustees
May 25, 2022

BOT #22-07

Action Item Issue: Approval of an OHA Board of Trustees’ Honorary Resolution Recognizing Thelma Shimaoka as a Mamo Makamae o Ka Po’e Hawaii: Precious Treasure of the Hawaiian People

Prepared by:

Roy Newton
Beneficiary Services Agent - Maui

Reviewed by:

Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero
Beneficiary Services Manager

Reviewed by:

Alice Silbanuz
Communications Director

May 21, 2022
ACTION ITEM
Board of Trustees
May 25, 2022

BOT #22-07

Action Item Issue: Approval of an OHA Board of Trustees’ Honorary Resolution
Recognizing Thelma Shimaoka as a Mamo Makamae o Ka Po‘e Hawaii:
Precious Treasure of the Hawaiian People

Reviewed by: Sylvia M. Hussey, Ed.D. Date
Ka Pouhana, Chief Executive Officer

Reviewed by: Carmen Hulu Lindsey Date
Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
I. Action

The OHA Board of Trustees approves an OHA Board of Trustees’ Honorary Resolution Recognizing Thelma Shimaoka as a Mamo Makamae o Ka Po‘e Hawaii: Precious Treasure of the Hawaiian People at Attachment A.

II. Issue

Should the OHA Board of Trustees approve (or not) the attached resolution at Attachment A.

III. Discussion

In January of 1982, Thelma Shimaoka began her employment at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) through a partnership with Alu Like, Inc. She was hired as a clerk/typist and assigned to Office of Hawaiian Affairs’ Hilo office; and six months later, in July of 1982, Thelma Shimaoka began working directly for the OHA in Hilo. For the next decade, Thelma Shimaoka proudly served the Hilo community on behalf of OHA, earning titles such as Interim Community Resource Specialist Hilo and Interim OHA Liaison Hilo.

In 1992, Thelma Shimaoka was promoted to the position of OHA Liaison Maui and began work in OHA’s Maui office; and for the next 20 years, she served the Native Hawaiian community on Maui as an OHA Community Affairs Coordinator Maui, Community Resources Coordinator Maui, and Community Outreach Coordinator Maui.

On December 30, 2021, Thelma Shimaoka officially retired from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs after 40 years of faithful service to the agency and to the island communities in her care.

IV. Recommendation

To approve an Honorary Resolution Recognizing Thelma Shimaoka as a Mamo Makamae o Ka Po‘e Hawaii: Precious Treasure of the Hawaiian People at Attachment A.

V. Alternative Actions

A. To not approve the recommended resolution.

B. To approve an amended version of the recommended resolution.

VI. Funding

No funding is required.
VII. Timeframe

Immediate action is recommended.

VIII. Attachment

A. Resolution

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A RESOLUTION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
RECOGNIZING THELMA SHIMAOKA AS A MAMO MAKAMAE O KA PO‘E HAWAII:
PRECIOUS TREASURE OF THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE

WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka was born on January 25, 1942, to Joseph Kia Naeole and Mary Young Peck; and,

WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka is a proud makua wahine to children John Duvauchelle Jr., Eloise Lehanani Duvauchelle, June Ku’ulei Arce and Gerard Noburo Shimaoka; and,

WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka is the family matriarch and beloved kupuna to 18 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka is a member of Maluhia Church of the denomination of Ke Ali‘i O Nā Ali‘i A Me Ka Haku O Nā Haku and holds the position of Ha‘i ‘Euanelio or Evangelist, and leads the church missionary group as Ke Alaka‘i O Ko ‘Ohana Ka‘ahele or Leader of the Traveling Family; and,

WHEREAS, in January of 1982, Thelma Shimaoka began her employment at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs through a partnership with Alu Like, Inc. She was hired as a clerk/typist and assigned to Office of Hawaiian Affairs‘ Hilo office; and,

WHEREAS, six months later, in July of 1982, Thelma Shimaoka began working directly for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in Hilo; and,

WHEREAS, for the next decade, Thelma Shimaoka would proudly serve the Hilo community on behalf of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, earning titles such as Interim Community Resource Specialist Hilo and Interim OHA Liaison Hilo; and,

WHEREAS, in 1992, Thelma Shimaoka was promoted to the position of OHA Liaison Maui and began work in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs‘ Maui office; and,

WHEREAS, for the next 20 years, Thelma Shimaoka would serve the Native Hawaiian community on Maui as an OHA Community Affairs Coordinator Maui, Community Resources Coordinator Maui, and Community Outreach Coordinator Maui; and,

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2021, Thelma Shimaoka officially retired from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs after 40 years of faithful service to the agency and to the communities in her care; and,

WHEREAS, for the last 40 years, Thelma Shimaoka has demonstrated her love for Hawai‘i and its people as she has honorably served the Lāhui as an employee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with passion, dedication, commitment and aloha; and,
WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka has served countless Native Hawaiian beneficiaries on the islands of Hawai‘i and Maui representing the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with dignity, class and a pono attitude of putting beneficiaries’ concerns first; and,

WHEREAS, Thelma Shimaoka will forever be held as a much beloved member of the OHA, a role model employee for all who would follow and a person to whom the Office of Hawaiian Affairs will always be in her debt; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned duly recognized as the board chair and trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on the 25th day of May 2022, do set forth their hand to recognize, honor and hold in high regard the 40-year Office of Hawaiian Affairs career of Thelma Shimaoka; and

ADOPTED, this 25th day of May, island of Maui, State of Hawai‘i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.

##pau##
Aloha mai kakou, mahalo to Chair Hulu Lindsey and the Board of Trustees for having us here today to do a presentation on our Iwi Kupuna Repatriation & Reinternment grant project.

I am ʻIhilani Chu the project manager and this is Kahu Lokoʻolu Quintero who is the lead cultural and spiritual expert.

We are here on behalf of the Hawaiian Church of Hawaiʻi Nei.

The mission of our Hale Pule is to strengthen and empower Hawaiian spirituality through traditional Hawaiian ceremonies, rituals and protocols.

E Hoʻomau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna is just one of our many projects that we are committed to.

Introduction
At first, the need was to bring kupuna home from around the world, so many were treated with disrespect and bundled together in bags put on shelves or glass containers. 20 years later, with the rise in development so came a rise from our own kupuna. Now there is a need to Mālama, to take care of. In Hawaiian it is a sign, walk lightly, take baby steps, appreciate what we do have for we are only on an island with limited resources. It is with these limited resources that we return to because they were the resources of our kupuna. We relearn in the process the value of our resources the way our kupuna ….

valued the ʻāina, with great aloha, hōʻihi and a kuleana to mālama.

E holomua kakou e Hoʻomau o Na Mālama I Nā Iwi Kūpuna
Project Purpose
This project is to empower our Native Hawaiian community to prepare and provide sacred items using our ‘āina resources by organizing and conducting workshops to make sacred cultural items needed and provide them to lineal descendants, Native Hawaiian groups and State of Hawaiʻi organizations such as the State Historic Preservation Division, the Island Burial Councils and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs throughout the pae ʻāina to mālama nā iwi kūpuna in preparation for repatriation and reinterment.

Our project made a significant impact on the Native Hawaiian community and is needed in order to rebury na iwi kupuna culturally and properly ….

All participants in the workshops are properly prepared and culturally educated gaining knowledge as well as the skill to make these items traditionally.

They learn from these workshops in order to authentically pass down all the cultural knowledge and skills to the next generation to carry on the hana in their moku or ahupua‘a.

This strengthens the mana and fosters a healthy sense of Hawaiian cultural identity of the Hawaiian people. These workshops are pono and necessary to maintain spiritual balance and harmony for Native Hawaiians and their communities.

The sacred items and resources are:
The Hinaʻi Lauhala (lauhala basket) and Lauhala Kuka’a (lauhala rolls)
The Kaula hau (Hau cordage), Hau fibers, and The Kapa and the Wauke fibers

The Kapa is used to wrap na iwi kupuna,

the kaula is used to bind the kapa and sometimes the hinaʻi lauhala and

the hinaʻi lauhala is where our kupuna rests in for eternity.
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Achievements & Successes

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Our project was statewide covering 4 major islands completing 25 of our 28 proposed workshops…

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Numerous Native Hawaiian communities throughout the State of Hawai‘i benefited and were impacted as Sacred items were donated from each workshop….

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More than 100 completed sacred items were made and donated to lineal descendants for active and future reburials.

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Our workshops provided the cultural training needed for our Native Hawaiian community members to be empowered on how to make cultural materials for the care of iwi kūpuna.

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One of our greatest success’s is right here on Maui where Native Hawaiian families and community members attended our workshops in August and September 2021 and….

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reburied their iwi kūpuna in October 2021 using the knowledge gained….

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from our workshops and materials made in the workshop.

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In fact, most of the sacred items produced from the workshops on the island of Maui are already buried with iwi kūpuna.

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Participants from the Maui, Hawai‘i and Kaua‘i island workshops….

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formed working groups at our workshops for future burials…

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These working groups have allowed our communities to communicate again with each other….

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Aloha kekahi i kekahi.
All working groups have continued to follow the process on their own and…

provide their community with sacred items to care for iwi kupuna as more recent burials are discovered.

Our Lāhui has strongly requested us to continue these workshops, to kokua them some more, to Ho‘omau o na malama i na iwi kūpuna.

We offer lineal descendant hui and Native Hawaiian groups the opportunity to use the tools & equipment to continue the hana nui to mālama nā iwi kupuna.

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Finally, I want to thank our partners and supporters that assisted in our project, the various communities, our venues, our beloved Palaces, but most of all…

Mahalo pīha to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for this grant. We were able to purchase all the traditional tools and workshop items that we needed in order to carry on this important kuleana.
Ho`owaiwai Kaiāulu
To enrich and bring prosperity to our community
Maui Family Support Services, Inc.

Strengthening Children and Families in Maui County Since 1980

Mission
Promote healthy family functioning by providing supportive services which build on family strengths.

Prime Directive
Utilize our collective resources toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
MFSS Programs

Early Head Start - Center and Home Based Options
Healthy Families America Home Visiting on Lana'i
Ka Pu`uwai O Na Keiki
Quality Care for Hawaiian Keiki
Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center
Ho`owaiwai Kaiāulu
Funded by Office of Hawaiian Affairs and/or Native Hawaiian Education Program

Outreach and Resource Specialists
Ho`owaiwai Kaiāulu Home Visiting
Kāne Connections- Hui Kāne & Kalama Parenting Group
Hale Hi`ipo`i - Infant/Toddler Center
Youth Services (Not funded by OHA)
Outreach and Resource Specialists

Visits with new mothers at Maui Memorial Medical Center

Community Outreach Events

Hospital Visits are done 7 days a week

Over 1000 families per year

Community Resource Packet

As of last OHA PMT Report

298 Families were seen/screened and provided resource information.

132 Native Hawaiian families.
Ho`owaiwai Kaiāulu
Home Visiting

Prenatal & parenting families
Children up to 5 years old
In-person and virtual visits
Parents as Teachers
Hawaiian Cultural Specialist

As of last OHA PMT Report
38 parents and children served
22 parents and children were Native Hawaiian
Kāne Connections
Hui Kāne

Virtual & In-Person Men's Groups
Aloha House
Drug Court
Probation/Parole
Home Visiting

As of last OHA PMT Report
22 Men Served
10 Native Hawaiian Men
Kāne Connections
Kamalama Parenting Groups

Parenting through Hawaiian Values
12 week cohort
Virtual groups
1:1 Support when needed

As of last OHA PMT Report
11 Parents Served
8 Native Hawaiian Parents
Hale Hi`ipoi
Hana Infant/Toddler Center

Only Licensed I/T Center in Hana
Located at Hana High
& Elementary School

As of last OHA PMT Report
7 Children Served
6 Native Hawaiian Children
Mahalo!
Hawai‘i Land Trust: Iwi kūpuna protection grant at the Waihe‘e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Refuge

MISSION: To protect and steward the lands that sustain Hawai‘i, and to perpetuate Hawaiian values by connecting people with ‘āina.

VISION: I ola ka ‘āina, i ola kākou nei. Hawai‘i’s lands thrive and nourish its people.
In 2004, the Hawai‘i Land Trust (then known as the Maui Coastal Land Trust), purchased the Waihe‘e Coastal Dunes and Wetlands Refuge.

An important part of our kuleana at Waihe‘e is the protection and care of iwi kūpuna;
The Waiheʻe Refuge contains both historic cemeteries (5 total) and numerous unmarked pre-contact burials, both along the coast, and in the dunes.

Like many coastal areas, storms and tsunamis have eroded the shoreline, causing the ‘iwi kūpuna to become exposed; we anticipate that the frequency of such incidents will increase as sea levels rise.

HILT is committed to avoiding the desecration of these iwi kūpuna by avoiding kaula‘i nā iwi i ka lā, allowing the bones to dry in the sun, a sign of disrespect and irreverence.

When such incidents occur we take every measure to ensure they are treated respectfully and that lineal and cultural descendants are notified and involved in the process of repatriating the iwi kūpuna.
With these concerns in mind HILT submitted an Iwi Kūpuna Protection grant to OHA in order to better protect the iwi kūpuna at Waiheʻe.

- The grant provided for several measures relating to iwi kūpuna protection:
  - Placement of rope barriers to prevent visitors to the Waiheʻe Refuge driving too close to the coast, which accelerates coastal erosion;
  - Return iwi kūpuna that had been recently exposed to our designated repatriation area on the Waiheʻe area, as specified in HILT's burial treatment plan approved by the Maui/Lānaʻi Island Burial Council, October 29th and 30th, 2021; assisted by ‘Aha Moku o Wailuku;
  - Hold a series of workshops on a series of topics related to the protection and care of iwi kūpuna.
Iwi kūpuna workshops

Workshop 1: Legal rights of Kānaka Maoli to Iwi kūpuna; Led by UH Law School Professor Malia Akutagawa, November 19th, 2021 (Zoom).

Workshop 2: Lineal and Cultural Descendant sign-up; February 26, 2022, held at the Waihe‘e Refuge; Hosted by genealogist Pualani Kamaunu Basbas, and recently recognized Waihe‘e cultural descendant (in person);

Workshop 3: Iwi Kūpuna protocol for reburial and repatriation; March 6th, 2022, hosted by Kumu Hula Kapono‘ai Molitau (in person);

Workshop 4: Bank Stabilization and native planting to protect coastal areas susceptible to erosion and iwi kūpuna exposure; March 26th, 2022, hosted by HILT staff (in person).

Workshop 5: Kapa making for pū‘olo and wrapping iwi kūpuna; hosted by HILT education coordinator Denby Freeland.
Wauke Patch at the Waiheʻe Refuge
Kapa Making
Measures of Success

- December, 2022: Repatriaion of Iwi kūpuna, led by lineal and cultural descendants, with assistance from HILT staff;
- Rope barrier completed in March, 2022;
- Workshop Attendance:
  - Workshop 1 (Zoom): 52
  - Workshop 2 (in person): 18
  - Workshop 3 (in person): 13
  - Workshop 4 (in person): 9
  - Workshop 5 (in person): 9
Mahalo to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

- Through your support we have:
- made great progress towards protecting Iwi kūpuna,
- reaching out to ‘ohana with lineal and cultural ties to Waihe‘e;
- Taught the principles of bank stabilization using indigenous and endemic plants;
- Taught the art of kapa making, so iwi kūpuna can be wrapped in kapa grown and produced here;
KE KULA ‘O PI‘ILANI
He waiwai nui ka lōkahi, he waiwai nui ke aloha

Unity and love are of greatest value
What is ‘āina-based education?

ALOHA | Appreciating the life-giving aspects of the natural environment and accepting these blessings

‘IMI ‘IKE | Respecting the life-taking aspects of the natural environment and learning from it

NA‘AUAO | Acknowledging a deep connection to the natural environment through enlightenment

KAHAI | Accepting the privilege and burden of stewardship and by mitigating human impact
Aloha is the acknowledgement of a reciprocal relationship experienced in nature. As our environment accepts us, we, too, should accept the gifts that sustain life with accountability and respect.

Our students are encouraged to recognize the divinity in the multitude of the natural resources that surround them and that proper care, contact, and conduct amongst the kini akua, “multitude of gods”, is the key to survival.
ʻImi ʻIke implies that knowledge is not owed but gained and that entitlement is not as powerful as observation, experimentation and reflection.

Our learners come to understand that knowledge comes from the lessons taught by the commitment to the work itself or the experience itself. Experiential, high-touch, hands-on learning is the core of immersion education and has been our most effective teaching tool.
Naʻauao is introspective - an enlightenment that allows for deep and meaningful connection to nature.

Our learners acknowledge and respect their ancestral connections to the environment, the systems in which they both steward and thrive in, and the interconnectedness of all things.
Akahai

Gentle and Unobtrusive

Akahai is acknowledging and mitigating negative human impact on natural environments.

Our students are reminded that just because you *can*, does not mean you *should*. They explore their natural environment and are asked to consider their negative impact, inadvertent or conscious. Through their exploration, they practice presence and connection while acknowledging that good stewardship may sometimes only be achieved through minimal human contact.
ʻĀina Education, Ancestral Wisdom

• Leo Oli - Giving voice to announce who we are, acknowledge our intentions, list our objectives, give respect and recognition to the elements that surround us and enlist their guidance and support; Voices of our children and our kini akua

• Minamina - Acknowledging the multifaceted value of the resources around us and making sure they are not going to waste. Kukui nut (seed) is gathered for a multitude of life-giving uses from fire to medicine.

• Alahele - Planning and engineering. The pathway is cleared and the resources gathered to build the walls and foundations needed to re-route fresh water to the stream. According to tradition, natural resource management, especially water stewardship, was one of the most esteemed positions in Hawaiian society.

• Pōhaku - The stones represent the interconnection of our people throughout all times in this physical realm. Pōhaku are the physical remnants of our ancestors as they are comprised of their earthly minerals. When we utilize stone, it is the epitome of family in Hawai‘i in the literal physical sense as well as in its duty to continue to provide for native Hawaiians (eg. houses, prayer sites, cooking, fishing, farming, seafaring, medicine, gaming, foundations, etc.)

• Wai - Finally, you see the water re-routed away from where it is destructive and useless without purpose and returned to the space where the stream ecosystem thrives. This is beneficial for humans and the natural environment, both of which thrive by the proper flow of fresh water.
Teaching Methods

- **Nānā ʻI Ke Kumu, Look To The Source** - Be guided by the wisdom of our native ancestors

- **Ma Ka Hana Ka ʻIke, Wisdom Is Gained Through Work** - Hana Noʻeau, Oli, Mele, Moʻolelo

- **ʻAʻohe Hana Nui Ke Alo Aʻe, No Task Is Impossible** - Sense of Hopefulness

- **He Waiwai Nui Ka Lōkahi, Unity Is Of Great Value** - Support is integral
ENGAGING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

- Participating in engaging conversations with the community
- Asking and answering hard questions
- Young students to senior learners, volunteers to board members, parents to politicians, network partners to benefactors...everyone aware and involved in your program is a passionate champion
- Grounding students with strong cultural foundation so they are able to be articulate in all facets of their life
Increasing Language Fluency
Increasing Community Engagement

- Social Media
- Video Resources
  - Increasing language fluency
  - Enhancing cultural fluency
- Conversations Conscious of Perspective
- Workshops That Parallel Our Program
Creating presence on lands and in spaces from which we were previously banned.

Reintroducing culture to the generations that did not have access to these opportunities.

High-touch, culture and language immersive activities.

Learning from the work, appreciating the work of our ancestors.

Building self-identity
Hands-on preservation and conservation of cultural arts not as a “practice” or as casual “enrichment” but normalizing this lifestyle.

Revitalizing and reclaiming our kānaka maoli identity through protocol and ceremony.

Meaningful, intentional education and learning.

Normalize Cultural Protocol and Ceremony
Practitioner-Led Courses

• Incorporating community members with ‘ike kūpuna, ancestral knowledge, to work with all learners.

• Students are provided opportunities to engage with traditionally-trained experts in their traditional cultural areas of expertise.

• Again, not as an enrichment but as a lifestyle and a way to thrive.
Challenges

Land Base
Human Resources
Educational Resources
Funding
Economic Disparity For Kānaka Maoli
Sense of Urgency - *So much work, so little time*
Due to COVID-19, the OHA Board of Trustees and its standing committees will hold virtual meetings until further notice. The virtual meeting can be viewed and observed via livestream on OHA’s website at www.oha.org/livestream or listened by phone: (213) 338-8477. A physical meeting location open to the general public will be available at UH Maui College Cafeteria, Pāʻina Bldg, 310 W. Kaʻahumanu Ave., Kahului HI 96732. All members of the public that wish to access the physical meeting location must wear a mask and follow all applicable COVID-19 requirements of the meeting venue.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Board of Trustees
ISLAND OF MAUI MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, May 26, 2022
9:30am

ATTENDANCE:
Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Trustee Leinaʻala Ahu Isa
Trustee Dan Ahuna
Trustee Kaleihikina Akaka
Trustee Keliʻi Akina
Trustee Luana Alapa
Trustee Brendon Kaleiʻaina Lee
Trustee Mililani Trask
Trustee John Waiheʻe, IV

BOT STAFF:
Amber Kalua, Trustee Aide
Kanani Iaea, Trustee Aide
Lehua Itokazu, Board Secretary
Crayn Akina, Trustee Aide
Anuhea Diamond, Trustee Aide
Kauikeolani Wailehua, Trustee Aide
Brandon Mitsuda, Trustee Aide
Evalani Canto, Trustee Aide
Nathan Takeuchi, Trustee Aide

ADMINISTRATION:
Sylvia Hussey, CEO
Casey Brown, COO
Everett Ohta, Interim General Counsel
Nietzsche Ozawa, Interim Senior Legal Counsel
Lei-Ming Ayat-Verdadero, Beneficiary Svcs. Mngr.
Erin Nakamura, IT Suppport
Arlene Aguinaldo, IT Support
Tiger Li, IT Mngr.
Roy Newton, Beneficiary Services Agent
Josh Koh, Multi-Media Designer

GUEST:
Tiare Lawrence
Daniel Kanahele
Kaniloa Kamaunu
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Call to Order

Chair Hulu Lindsey Calls the Board of Trustees Meeting to order for Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 9:35 a.m. Board Secretary, please do a roll call.

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At the Call to Order, nine (9) Trustees are PRESENT, thereby constituting a quorum.

Chair Hulu Lindsey We are so happy to be here in person and to meet with our Maui community. This meeting can be viewed and by livestream on OHA’s website, www.oha.org/livestream. Joining the Trustees this morning is our CEO - Sylvia Hussey, my staff Board of Trustees Secretary - Lehua Itokazu, and Aides – Kanani Iaea and Amber Kalua. We have all nine trustees here this morning and I will ask them to introduce themselves.

Trustee Lee Aloha and mahalo Chair, I am Trustee At-Large and I live on the island of O‘ahu. I would like thank Maui Nui for their hospitality for the last two days while we were on the island. We really enjoyed our time doing the site visits. Mahalo to Chair and her office for all the ‘ono mea‘ai we’ve had for the last two days. Thank you everyone for being here and we look forward to hearing the community concerns.

Trustee Akina Aloha, I am Keli‘i Akina, Trustee At-Large. I am so grateful to everyone here on Maui who’s hosted us and shared your mana‘o. I am with my Trustee Aide, Darlene Canto. She hails from Maui. I want to say thank you to Chair for her wonderful hospitality. Thank you everyone and aloha.

Trustee Trask Aloha, I am Mililani Trask. I live in ‘Ōla‘a on the Big Island of Hawai‘i, but my tutu, mama, and all of my mother’s family was born and raised in Hāna, Maui. I just want to thank the ‘ohana of Maui for hosting us and to say that I am so impacted and happy to see the progress of the community programs here on Maui. I feel they are exemplary, and I encourage some of the beneficiaries to share their stories, put these on video and share this with other communities on the Big Island. Good job and mahalo nui. Also, mahalo to our Chair, delicious stew.

Trustee Alapa Aloha everyone, my name is Luana Alapa and I am the Trustee for the island of Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i. I live in Ho‘olehua, and I think it’s the most beautiful place on this planet. I am so blessed to a part of the Board of Trustees and I am moving into my second year of service to the lāhui. Mahalo nui to Chair Hulu for hosting us these past two days. I just want to say mahalo again.
Trustee Waiheʻe Aloha everybody, I am John Waiheʻe, IV and I want to express my happiness and gratitude that I get to be back here on Maui in person. I want to thank our Maui Trustee and Chairperson, Hulu Lindsey, for all the hospitality and everything she has done. I look forward to working with the Maui community and having more discussions.

Trustee Ahu Isa Aloha kakahiaka, it is so good to be here in person. We are still doing virtual meetings but seeing all of you, I really like doing these meetings in person. This was a good community meeting, lots of people showed up and stayed. My Aide is Nathan Takeuchi and I am just thankful after 2 ½ years of COVID, we are all here. Mahalo everyone and Maui nō ka ʻoi.

Trustee Akaka Aloha mai kākou, my name is Kalei Akaka and I am your Oʻahu Island Trustee. I am also your Chair for our OHA Committee on Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment. I am here today with my kōkua, my Aide, Brandon Mitsuda, my ʻohana, my husband Tyler and our baby Ana. I also want to Mahalo our Chair for these wonderful meetings and site visits. Mahalo Maui for welcoming us so graciously. We look forward to what you have to share with us today.

Trustee Ahuna Welina mai me kealoha, my name is Dan Ahuna and I hail from the island of Kauaʻi. I represent the island of Kauaʻi and Niʻihau. Today with me is my Aide, Anuhea Diamond. I want to say thanks to Chair for having us and to the people here at the college for this great set-up. Good job to the IT people.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Thank you Trustees, I am so happy to have everyone here. I would like to thank our OHA staff that travels with us for all their hard work. Josh, we really have to tip our hat off to you for making miracles happen. Mahalo nui to Roy in our Maui office. I would like to introduce our Pouhana, Sylvia Hussey. Sylvia will introduce her staff that is with us today.

Sylvia, Hussey, CEO Aloha kākou, we are so happy to back in person here in our communities and to support the work of our Trustees. Josh Koh is with communications, Roy newton is in our Maui office, Lei Ayat-Verdadero - our Beneficiaries Manager. Online, we have our COO - Casey Brown, CFO - Ramona Hinck, Interim General Counsel - Everett Ohta, and today all IT support is being done by Arlene and Erin. Thank you for allowing us to be here.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hulu Lindsey We will move on to the approval of minutes.

A. March 24, 2022 and B. May 11, 2022

Trustee Akaka moves to approve the both minutes.

Trustee Ahuna seconds the motion.

Trustee Lee states for the record to make a correction on page 7 for March 24, 2022 minutes. Change and reflect that Trustee Ahuna second the motion.

Chair Hulu Lindsey We will take a roll call vote for both minutes with the corrections.
Trustee Akaka Moves to approve the minutes of

A. March 24, 2022
B. May 11, 2022

Trustee Ahuna Seconds the motion.

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

Motion passes with nine (9) Yes votes, Zero (0) No votes and Zero (0) Excused.

**Public Testimony and Community Concerns**

**Johanna Kamaunu** Aloha Trustees, there are three things on my list. First, ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, I know Kekai Robinson was here last night. What I would like to help you understand is the limit that is placed on our community when it comes to ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. My granddaughter is fourteen this year. When she was of age to attend preschool, we applied for her and she was 1 of over 600 applicants for only 60 open spots. I would like you to know that since that time, there has been no increase in the amount of seats to that school. We have seen over the years how much our people have advanced in so many ways. The fact that you were able to accomplish so much in the legislature this past year is a testament to what language can do for us. It is sad that we do not encourage or promote more learning of the language to our young people. How would your position today be further advanced? I would like to make a suggestion. We need teachers, we do not have enough teachers. Some years ago when I was in the DOE, I taught in the Hawaiian Studies Program. At that time, the University came up with a fast track program so that they could certify Special Ed teachers to handle the shortfall. Can we not offer to do the same for our Hawaiian language teachers? One of our problems that our school has is we do not have enough teachers. The other thing is maybe they do not all have to be teacher certified, maybe we can have different types of certifications. I would like to draw your attention back to history when language first became printed. We became a very literate nation. Ka‘ahumanu writes that she and Kamauholi‘i waited every morning
for their ten year old kumu to come and help them with their language, reading, and learning. We have many out there learning and know the language but we do not have enough Kumu. If we could start small community programs in our garage or backyard we would have the capability to prepare our students and families for ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i. The child cannot grow in the language without the family behind them. If we could look towards encouraging more teachers in the system and encourage this fast track program, we would then have more schools, more teachers, and more opportunities.

The other topic I want to speak on has to do with language. As language became written, it was something we could look at and share. As time went by, we lost the essence of what that language means to us. Today, we talk about words like aloha and truly being able to describe what aloha means. The language I think we are missing is the language that is related to the land and the land systems, that language came in a toll in the kaulana mahina, a moon calendar. The moon calendar is not only about telling time or knowing when the best time to fish, it is actually understanding when the plants will be ready, why they need certain time periods to grow, it helps to connect up spiritually. It is the essence we seem to be missing from our language. I am not an expert on this but the research I did tells me that this is very important. We should try and find some way to promote the learning and developing of kaulana mahina again. I’ve realized that to do something like that, it takes years in the making but we do not have to wait years to create the calendar. We have lots of information on hand already. Our daily newspaper records rainfall and tides, what if we extract from all the databases and compile to create a relevant moon calendar. As I stand before you, I do not have a clue on how all this works but everything in me is telling me this is necessary.

And lastly, I use to teach at King Kekaulike High school; music where we taught ‘ukulele. People like to think that kumu do a great job at teaching ‘ukulele but in fact, it is the instrument that teaches the student. All we do is provide them an opportunity to use the instrument. We provide them music sheets, teach them chords, and strumming. No matter what you teach them, they will create their own strumming style and their own music. We need tools. We do not have a law library that is open to the public. The only law library sits in the county building. The tool that I am really concerned about in that library is the computer that holds a program that has digitized all case laws. How would it be if our people had access to that when they are going forward in their cases and there are many of them going after their land. Can we not help them? You folks did something wonderful with the Papakilo database, that was huge. That has been a huge help. This particular tool will allow us to search cases and search law. People are smart and will figure everything out on their own. These are the three things I wanted to ask for today. Thank you.

Trustee Ahu Isa OHA use to do calendars at the end of the year and then we stopped doing them. Maybe we can start again and it can talk about ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i and the moon phases. Just a suggestion. Mahalo.

Trustee Ahuna I just want to speak briefly on the language. There are a lot of charter schools that network in these areas. The fast track program that you’re talking about is in the charter school program right now called Kaoh‘iwai. Principals are sending their teachers to get certified. What I do know about Maui is that you folks no have no Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools; in fact, only one charter school here and it is in Kīhei. I think we should be meeting with these people and have them network with our ‘Aha Pūnana Leos. We just need to network more.

Trustee Trask I want to say thank you for pointing out that we really need to be able to access these types of things like you said. I am going to contact Malia Akutagawa, she is a Professor at the Richardson School of Law. At one point, it was discussed that the Law School would scan and categorized all relevant Hawaiian cases in categories such as ‘āina-based, fishing rights, and even voting rights. I do not know what happen to the project but I am going to go back and find it. I am going to talk to Malia and I would like to get your contact
information and I will see what we can do. It would be millions to do a library but the idea to digitize and have a library area all by computer is a real possibility. I will work with you and see what we can do on this.

Kawewehi Pundyke Aloha mai kakou, I appreciate all of you for coming and speaking to all of us. I’m speaking today about the healing of our people. Our organization is named Lo‘iola and it is about Lo‘iola, the place in ʻĪao Valley. I am from Kāne‘ohe. I came to Maui in 1996. I do have an agreement with the Nature Center for access to that area, twenty-five acres. From the onset, we worked with Maui College, Maui Police Department, and other social organizations. One of the programs we worked with through the Police Department was POI, Positive Outreach Intervention. In that program, we would take youth up to Lo‘iola every week. I like to say three things: the right place, the right purpose, and the right people. Over 80% of the individuals we worked with was of Hawaiian ancestry. After their obligation was complete, over 40% was asking to come back on their own time. I’ve been told by many community leaders that I am operating a pu‘uhonua. I continued to do that work in this capacity for a long time. The Police department wants to continue and reinvigorate that partnership but the challenge is the bridge is damaged since the flood of 2018. No one seems to have the capacity to repair it.

Chair Hulu Lindsey On the twenty-five acres that you are operating on, who owns that property?

Kawewehi Pundyke It is Wailuku Water Company, Avery. Hawai‘i Nature Center owns a lease but it is a conservation easement. They have an easement of about 2/3. Lo‘iola has offered the Nature Center to take that easement to relieve them of the liability, but they haven’t taken me up on it, but I’ll be knocking on their door again.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I did hear there were problems with that property so I wanted to hear what the status was.

Kawewehi Pundyke We did have it flooded but in 2015, they took control of the water and we got a cease and desist because we didn’t have a better document. This was to take our pipe out of Kahawai and in 2015, we removed the pipe because we were told the cost would be $5,000 per day per violation. Lo‘iola is small, there is no way we have that kind of money to fight it. We never sold kalo, only grew.

ʻŌhai Daniels Aloha kakahiaka Madame Chair and members of the Board, I am Dr. Ryan ʻŌhai Daniels. I am an Associate Professor here at UH Maui College and I am here to speak in support of Lo‘iola as their Board Chair. I have been involved with them for about 15 years now and Board Chair for about four years. I am just here reiterate what Kawewehi has shared. The valuable work that has been done in restoring Lo‘iola, helping our youth, and making an impactful difference. If a time comes for possible funding, I encourage that you have Kawewehi be at the table for that discussion. Thank you.

Trustee Alapa I would like to know in the restoration process, what is the cost and expenses?

ʻŌhai Daniels As far as a number and cost, Kawewehi can share that. Part of the restoration is restoring the lo‘i and getting kānaka up to that space.

Kawewehi Pundyke As far as numbers, I want to say it is in the thousands that have come but as far as cost, I’m not sure because I use to do it for free. At one time, we had a $100k. We also would do board and stone in our community, papa ku‘i ai. It was really a way of hands on learning for many individuals.
Chair Hulu Lindsey We encourage all of you here to review the grants that are open on our website and see how you can possibly apply. It is competitive granting but it is open to everyone. I would encourage you to look at those requirements and apply.

Clare Apana Good morning Trustees, thank you for coming to Maui. The first thing I want to talk about is the Grand Wailea Expansion Project. It has been 2 ½ years since the three kānaka groups became interviners in the case of the the Grand Wailea Expansion. We have taken this on ourselves and we have not received the kind of support from OHA that we need to do this. What is at stake is a known burial ground, concentrations of iwi that have been desecrated from the 1970s till today. You can go there and say you see no iwi, but it has been manicured, gardens are up, restaurants, and swimming pools. We took this on as a cry from our kūpuna and what we have discovered has been pretty horrendous. OHA was instrumental with the desecration of our iwi.

OHA, 1987, signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to disinter two burial platforms and to move that iwi into another place that would become the North Burial Preserve. Five months later, another MOA was signed for just disinterment and reinterment, respectfully. When we came to meet with OHA, our Maui representative at the time and Sylvia Hussey, we brought the MOA up, if the MOA was followed. All iwi kūpuna deserve respectful reinterment there. There are so many iwi that are not recorded and will not get protection. We have gone through two and half years of going up against Mr. Meheula. She shares a story of Moses Kekūanāo‘a I share the story of Moses because he was the first owner of the ahupua‘a of Paehau. The ahupua‘a of Paehau is where the Grand Wailea is. Today, we stand with Moses and all the children buried at the Grand Wailea. We have asked over and over again about the MOA and why it is not being used to protect the burials that were found during the time of the MOAs existence and use to disinter our iwi. We were told that it is not good. Yet, the same MOA was made for Honokahua at the same time and it’s in use. I would like this Board to investigate and stand by the MOA. Thank you.

John Kahawaii Thank you all for coming to Maui. Today, I will talk about what Clare spoke about as an intervener with Mālama Kakanilua and the case where we are trying to protect our iwi kūpuna. Some of the work that will be done at the Grand Wailea has to do with underground utilities that are going to be placed inside and next to the preseve. Our information are studies of what happened in the 70s, 80s, 90s, and up to today. There is nothing hidden as far as information. What we found was the Memorandum of Agreement, OHA in 1988 with members like Manu Kahaiali‘i and Boyd Keale. We have members from our Hawaiian community that are on this MOA. This MOA is important because it says if burials are going to be taken out of the Grand Wailea, that it should remain on Maui and then it should be taken back to the Grand Wailea property, that is just one thing on the Memorandum. It is important because the Hawaiian community made an agreement with the hotel and SHPD. Did they follow it? We do not know but we had testimony where people say they put iwi in the buckets and then place the buckets in other construction areas. What we really want is the MOA of 1988 to be a legitimate document. It should remain as it’s history, that is what we really want.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Do you have a copy of the MOA?

John Kahawaii I do but I understand that because we are still in our contested case, I would have to check with our attorney if I can give anything out. I am working on a slideshow, and I can share that with you. The other thing that is happening is the Cultural Services Company is saying that the MOA is no longer valid. The reason for that is because they recorded these two preserves in the Bureau of Conveyances saying that it is perpetuity. Why are they making a separate property for our burials and then dig into it? Some of this work at the Wailea wing will intrude into the preserve, the landscaping, the electrical, and the underground utilities, and the drain lines. This is in our studies and the engineering reports. The main focus is the MOA and it is critical because the MOA provides the limits of the preserve and many of us are not familiar with. The limit of the preserve is also
in the Memorandum of the Agreement that OHA did in 1988, that is why this Memorandum is critical. We had people saying this is where the preserve is. It is 1700 sq ft. and then they will say I’m sorry we made a mistake, it is now 7,000 sq ft. That is a big difference and that is why this Memorandum is critical.

Chair Hulu Lindsey I think we should have a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement that you have so that we can review it. We were all not there too. If you can share it with us, we can review it. I was there when the Grand Wailea was built and I know of all the iwi that was found. I was not involved with OHA at that time, but I am very familiar with that construction and burial site. It would be helpful to OHA to see what we agreed to on the Memorandum. Mahalo.

Trustee Lee If there is a standing Memorandum with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, I am sure Ka Pouhana could direct our legal team to provide it for the Board of Trustees. I do agree with, that we should get the one that we have and compare it to the one that they have to see if it is the same.

Chair Hulu Lindsey Yes, I believe Clare asked us to review this a couple years ago, correct?

Clare Apana Your legal team researched it in 2019 and 2020 and they found two MOAs and those are the two that have been put into our case, not by us but by the Grand Wailea. Your legal and compliance should find it easily. We have it and we will send it to you.

Trustee Trask When Clare was speaking earlier, Bill Meheula’s name came up, was he counsel advising OHA? What was his role in this? Was he advising the developer?

John Kahawaii He is the attorney for the Grand Wailea.

Chair Hulu Lindsey We want to clarify that the last time we used him was in 2012 and we haven’t used him since. He was an outside attorney, and he does not work for OHA.

Trustee Trask I think Clare mentioned that at a certain point when the MOA first surfaced, a cultural service company was involved. Was that the ASM out of Hilo?

John Kahawaii It was Cultural Services Hawai‘i. They are writing the treatment plan on what would happen if they run into burials. They have a list of what would take place. Part of the reason they want to say the memorandum of 1988 with OHA and the hotel is not valid anymore is so that they can write it. Some things that they are writing intrudes into the preserves. They are trying to build a wall around the preserve and they are not exactly sure where the preserve is. The Memorandum of Agreement has the limits of the preserve and that is why it is critical. This is for everyone to learn from. Why should someone new come in and tell us how they will protect the preserve by building something on it and they don’t even know where it’s at? Mahalo.

Ke‘eaumoku Kapu Aloha mai kākou, I am Ke‘eaumoku Kapu and I am the President of Na ‘Aikane O Maui Cultural Center and also the CEO of Ahu Moku Inc. I come before you today to discuss ways on how our community needs some kind of support, legally. I need to mahalo Chair Lindsey for, about three years ago, coming to our aid to look at the issues and concerns that we were dealing with at our alani. We are currently being represented by four attorney firms. NHLC is one and is very limited to counter representation. The other three firms are pro-bono. They were not getting calls from families who need help in protecting their interest in kuleana lands. In audible. NHLC seems to max out a lot. There must be a way to help maximize a funding opportunity to help families impacted by large corporations. I am here to share all the legal challenges we are facing with land development issues, water issues, and title. This is one of the main problems here on Maui and
throughout the pae‘āina. Ka Huli Ao is a great advantage with young students that will eventually turn into a greater capacity to help our lāhui. I am here to ask you, OHA, what are some possible ways to provide some kind of legal system to allow money to be granted to not only Ka Huli Ao but to also NHLC? Right now, if I want to pursue an issue that money has to come out of our pocket, this means I have to figure out how I am going to get the legal capacity by raising money just to file an injuction. Many issues we are facing are government agencies allowing for exemptions of development to circumvent problems and missing all these known burials and cemetaries. We are at a point of being very stressed out with the many things we are dealing with. I come to this Board to ask for assistance in ways we can enhance the capacity building on the legal assistance to Ka Huli Ao because of the State’s interest in the State designation where alot of the Kuleana will need the water permit application. My closing statement is I hope I can keep in touch with a staff member in Advocacy on ways we can provide these services for our greater community and provide services to these stressed out attorney firms. Mahalo Trustee Lindsey and all the Trustees for allowing me to testify before you today.

**Trustee Ahuna** You are talking about Kuleana land. Who are the stakeholders in the area?

**Keeaumoku Kapu** The stakeholders are the Kuleana landowners who live on Kuleana lands right now. There are about 14 other owners that are being stressed out now. Just recently, there were eleven charges that were filed against us for intervening and laying pipelines without legal recourse. They found an exemption clause through the County. These eleven people that were arrested. NHLC could only represent three out of the eleven and the rest had to represent themselves, that is why I am bringing this issue to the forefront. What do we do about the families not being represented? These are families that are lineal descendants to these lands.

**Trustee Ahuna** Has OHA helped in anyway or been involved?

**Keeaumoku Kapu** There have been discussions with OHA and NHLC, that is the reason we are being represented, my son, my wife, and I. It is limited. This has not come out yet, we filed a suit against the county for not protecting the interest of our roadways and the public easements along the way. We are still in deliberation.

**Trustee Ahuna** The reason I am saying this is OHA has been involved and maybe not as much as you would like, but how can we build on the support that we have now, that we have you guys? What can we build on?

**Keʻeaumoku Kapu** Technical support. I understand it would be limited. You only deal with your confines with OHA’s legal representation when it come to your corporate counsel. Does OHA provide revenue funds to NHLC? This could alleviate the stress for families if they were being represented by NHLC or any other firm. This is what I am looking at on how we can be at greater advantage. I am in the trenches and at the forefront with what we are dealing with. I will have to file a counter claim and ensure that cost. And lastly, is there anyone in Advocacy I can contact to start the dialogue on how to make any of this possible.

**Sylvia Hussey, CEO** Thank you, we will connect you to our Chief Advocate and with Kai so that we can get that conversation started.

**Keʻeaumoku Kapu** Mahalo, thank you so much.

**Kaniloa Kamaunu** Aloha Trustees, mahalo for having me again and allowing me to speak. I am glad I am the last one to speak. After hearing everyone and why we are having such a hard time is because of the way they relate to us. They relate to us on an even keel with everybody. The rights that they say we have is getting
interfered with. The real avenue to be able to have our rights solidified and upheld comes back to how we identify ourselves. Our people knew how to govern themselves. They understood their behavior, they knew their place, who they were, the aliʻi’s, and their purpose. Each of them knew how to work together and were taught by their aliʻi and their kūpuna. We all know this. We can be brought up on different island but we are local. We know how to act, how we talk, we all do the same thing. We eat the same food, we enjoy the same things, no matter if we are Japanese, Filipino because we are local. Today, it has changed and it is not the same. When Queen Liliʻuokalani realized she was not going to regain her responsibilities as the Queen, she turned to the people and told them be the best citizens you can. Other places would be in an uproar. She was taught how to behave. The aliʻi at that time knew they had to form a constitutional government and form laws and make claims because these haoles that were coming did not know how to behave. They created the constitutional government so that they could protect our people from these outrageous people that came in to be served by us. They also distinguished us as kānaka maoli, kānaka Hawaiʻi, kānaka haole. They distinguished all those people and all their rights. Today, we’re called Native Hawaiians so we are like everyone else. The first statement in the United States code is that Native Hawaiian is an American citizen but according to 1959, subsection 19, America said they had no power to change our status. Isn’t that a conflict? The Apology Bill states that we are still sovereign. They do not mention kānaka maoli, they cannot. They did not mention makaʻāina. These terms are used in the kānāwai, these terms empower us and tell us who we are and our rights. The water rights, land rights, and iwi kūpuna are taken care of. I keep telling them for years, there is law and that they are violating their rights. In 1860, there was legislative rights because of the term Native Hawaiian rights. They overpower us. According to the Federal government, there is no Federal United States Patents in Hawaiʻi. The only patents that survived are the Royal Patents. The only titles that are true are the Land Commission Awards. According to the Department of Interior (DOI) when they came in 2014, this summary came and they stated there is a special political relationship between the Natives and the Federal government. I do not see it, I do not see the differentiation between the kānaka haole that comes to my islands and the kānaka maoli. The lands that you hunt and fish, there are native rights, resident rights, and visitor rights. Look on the maps, the State has it down as recreational. All of our oceans are recreational, that means we have no rights. According to them, the rights belong to the Native Hawaiians that means, kamaʻāina, residents have the same rights as us. The kānaka haole that come here, they don’t pay taxes, have the same rights as me. How can this be? You have money, power and say, why are we not empowering our people or putting our kids education as number one. We were the only first country in the world to have over 90% of our people literate in two languages. Today, where are we on that poll? Where is our heritage? We have no place to belong. We are just an island floating on the sea with no ports. Is this our home? Give the money to our people, they need it. What can we do to empower our people? I reach out to you to empower us. Thank you.

Fay McFarlane Aloha kakahiaka Trustees, Chair Lindsey, and pōmaikai Trustee Trask. My deepest condolences to all who loved and respected Trustee Colette Machado. Hui Nā Mana Lima is a lāhui partnership with the SHPD for the reinternment of iwi kūpuna. I was asked by the knowledgeable kūpuna in Lahaina to represent the moku in undertaking the serious and long overdue kuleana. The reason I was approached was because of my earlier training in burial law, iwi protocols, and recovery. Both the Cultural Center and ‘Aha Moku Maui Council are formally recognized by SHPD and Maui, Lānaʻi Burial Council for the purpose of reinternment, repository, and repatriation. I respectfully request the Board of OHA acknowledge that ‘Aha Moku o Maui for all intents and purposes is the sole ‘Aha Moku Island Council of the mokupuni. I want to note that many of the beneficiaries that have testified before you are cultural practitioners of ‘Aha Moku o Maui. There is no other ‘aha moku council on Maui. Cultural practitioners and OHA beneficiaries have been disenfranchised by the unlawful appointments made by the Governor to the State AMAC. This unfortunate illegal situation was facilitated by the Executive Director. The appointments are required by law to originate from candidates that are nominated by the ‘Aha Moku Island Council of each island. Instead, Demante bypassed legitimate nominees and made her own selections for each island. The Governor failed to vet those nominees and we urge the Board
of OHA to assign a Compliance officer or other staff members to evaluate the complaints that have been brought forward from the islands of Maui, Molokaʻi, Kauaʻi, Hawaiʻi, and Lānaʻi islands. These communities were heavily involved in the legal selection process and their statutory rights have been violated by these illegal appointments. I also wanted to mahalo all of you for your continued maintenance to Papakilo, Kipuka, and your support to NHLC and Ka Huli Ao. I serve as the volunteer technical assistance kākoʻo for ʻAha Moku o Maui as well as the Cultural Center. I have benefited hugely from the training OHA has offered. In this way, we are able to help families connect to their ancestral ʻāina, conduct research to defend them in court, and we need whatever help we can get. We are operating the frontlines night and day. If any of you would like to participate in any of our upcoming reinterment protocols, we would love to have some representation. You do not fund anything that we do. Everything comes out of the pockets of the cultural practitioners themselves but if you would like to get involved, please reach out to Na ʻAikane or ʻAha Moku o Maui. Mahalo to you today.

Clare Apana I have spoken to you folks before about the Compliance department. Your reorganization has literally crippled the Compliance department. I do not know how people are suppose to do all the work that needs to be done without support staff such as Anita. What I have seen and my own personal experience, the close communication that use to be with the people in the frontline and OHA, and OHA with developers and SHPD has been severed. I am working on projects that I have been working on for years and all of a sudden everything is approved, but the maps are still wrong. There are 30-40 sites that were once on a map but are now not on a map anymore. Will these places be protected or cataloged? How can a preservation plan be finished? We are finding that these things are happening. What has happened to the Compliance department? When Keʻeauʻmoku’s fire came up in Kauaʻula, the Compliance department wrote a 40-page paper outlining what had been historically wrong with SHPD and the way they have been advocating for our burials and cultural sites. About a year ago, Kai Markell turned in a document outlining what was wrong. There was no discussion from you. How would you feel if you worked for a company where you gave your time and wrote a report to make things better but then you were completely ignored by the people who should be supporting you? You didn’t look at what he wrote or report on it. I question this Administration. I have seen the mass exodus of all the people who have worked here and the influx of another organization. All I know is I deal with one department and in the past few years, that has been very questionable because of the division by not allowing the head, Kai Markell, to actually lead this department. Our Grand Wailea case, he was not always in the loop from the side of OHA, there was a letter turned in representing the beneficiaries with our concerns. I requested to see the letter and I was refused. I requested that the letter not be sent, and it was sent by OHA against my direct order. I know that you know how important the historical knowledge is in a department like this and yet, I do not see you supporting the person who has been there for years and who knows the stories and has been your lead person. I would like to ask for an investigation on what happen to the complaints that were sent and turned in to this body by your Compliance officer. I hope that one of you will take this on and show the man the respect he deserves and the people that he has been trying to help. How far can you get without a secretary when you have so much work to do? I see this as a real problem. I would like you to bring the Compliance team back to what it used to be where they could make a difference. The last part of Chair Machado’s term in office, she came up to me and said Clare, we’re gonna do a lawsuit and take care of this. She and I did not always have the best track record either. I was also told this by Kamanaʻo. I am asking that you have a Compliance department that will advocate for our iwi kūpuna and for our sacred sites. I would like to see that my comments haven’t gone no where and an answer to my concerns. Thank you for listening.

Announcements

Chair Hulu Lindsey We want to thank you for coming out to our meeting and for your testimonies and definitely, the Trustees hear you. We will look into every matter that has been discussed with us and
hopefully, we will report accurately back to you. Before we close, we will briefly go through our OHA updates.

Sylvia Hussey, CEO Thank you Chair, Administration has a very short video on our huaka‘i yesterday.

Video is shared

Chair Hulu Lindsey Again, we mahalo those who welcomed us to the sites yesterday. We stand with all of you. I will entertain a motion for adjournment.

Adjournment

Trustee Akaka Moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Akina Seconds the motion.

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Chairperson Carmen Hulu Lindsey Adjourns the Board of Trustees meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lehua Itokazu
Board Secretary

As approved by the Board of Trustees on XXXXXX 2022.

Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
Office of Hawaiian Affairs
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 18, 2022
5:00 P.M.

III. Status of OHA Activities*
Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Lāna‘i

**Educational Pathways Data**
- 17% (7 of 42) of 2021 Lāna‘i Island high school graduates were Native Hawaiian.
- 26% of all 2021 Lāna‘i Island public high school graduates enrolled in the UH system (11 of 42), compared to 31% of all public high school graduates enrolled in the UH system (3,480).

**Health Outcomes Data**
- COVID-19 vaccines administered as of 8/03/2022: 325,202 vaccines. 79% of Maui County residents received at least one (1) dose (131,392), 71% received two (2) doses (118,206), and 51% received more than two (2) doses (83,845).
- 23% of those vaccinated Maui County residents (who received at least one (1) dose) are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (NHPI). Of the 85% vaccinated NHPI Maui County residents, 91% are Native Hawaiian.

**Quality Housing Data**
- No Native Hawaiian homeownership rate data are available, as rates are reported by total island population only. In 2019, there were 2,174 total households on Lāna‘i; 58% own their housing units, 40% rent, and 2% are classified as other.
- The Department of Hawaiian Homelands has 42 leases on Lāna‘i, 0.4% of the 9,957 leases statewide.
- DHHL lands on Lāna‘i comprise a total of 50 acres, 0.02% of the total 203,981 acre DHHL land holdings.
- As of 6/30/2021, the DHHL Lāna‘i Island Waitlist is 71; 71 for Residential, 0 for Agricultural, and 0 for Pastoral lots.

**Economic Stability Data**
- Educational attainment data are reported by county only. 18% of Native Hawaiians in Maui County have some college but no degree, 10% have an associate degree, 7% have a bachelor’s degree, and 5% have a graduate or professional degree.
- Income data are reported by county only. As of 2015, Native Hawaiian median household income in Maui County was $60,945, compared to $66,476 for the total county population. Native Hawaiian median household income was 92% of the total county population.
- The COVID-19 pandemic had significant negative effect on Native Hawaiian household finances. Many Native Hawaiian survey respondents in Maui County reported being worse off during than before the pandemic, including an increase from 6% to 18% of Native Hawaiians who were not making ends meet.

Current Issues on Lāna‘i

**Kuahiwi a Kai: Lāna‘i Watershed Conservation Program**: As Lāna‘i experiences unnatural erosion patterns due to years of overgrazing and mismanagement of introduced ungulates, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in partnership with Pūlama Lāna‘i and many other organizations, developed the “Kuahiwi a Kai: Lāna‘i Watershed Conservation Program” to improve land management and increase community involvement in conservation efforts. OHA continues to monitor this issue and the progress of the program. (See Full Report, page 11)

Current Grantees Serving Lāna‘i

Statewide: Ho‘oulu Lahui • Papahana Aloha ‘Āina Hawai‘i • The Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei • Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement • Homestead Community Development Corporation

Current Lāna‘i Lending

Two (2) active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; $41,258 total dollar amount
IV. New Business

1. Action Item BOT #22-12: A Resolution Recognizing the Sacred ʻĀina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County by Honoring the Kalaupapa Community Memorial and the Unwavering Efforts of Ka ʻOhana ʻO Kalaupapa*
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Trustee Carmen Hulu Lindsey
Ke Kauhuhu o ke Kaupoku, Chairperson, Board of Trustee

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Aug 15, 2022
I. Proposed Action

Move to approve an honorary resolution recognizing the sacred ‘āina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County by honoring the Kalaupapa Community Memorial and the unwavering efforts of Ka ‘Ohana ‘O Kalaupapa, at Attachment A.

II. Issue

Whether (or not) the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (“OHA”), Board of Trustees (“BOT”) should approve (or not) the attached honorary resolution at Attachment A.

III. Discussion

In 1980, Federal Public Law 96-565 established Kalaupapa National Historical Park to assist and support the community. Almost three decades later, in 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Kalaupapa Memorial Act, into law, as Public Law 111-11, directing the Secretary of the Interior to authorize Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa (“Ka ‘Ohana”), a non-profit organization, consisting of patient residents at Kalaupapa National Historical Park, and their family members and friends, to establish a memorial which would display the names of the estimated 8,000 people sent to the peninsula because of government separation policies regarding leprosy.

The Kalaupapa Memorial or Memorial, will list the names of each individual to illustrate and show the sheer enormity of the lives and families affected by the separation and to honor the individual identities of those sent to Kalaupapa who were often only referred to as a collective group of “patients” or identified in records by the number assigned to them by the government.

Ka ‘Ohana’s efforts in establishing Kalaupapa’s important historic Memorial is an important step toward recognizing and healing the tragic harms of the past. Many Native Hawaiian ‘ohana had members exiled to Kalaupapa, of the estimated 8,000 Hawai‘i citizens sent to Kalaupapa, 90% were Native Hawaiian. Because many early residents were buried in unmarked graves and other markers have deteriorated over time or were washed out by the 1946 tsunami, only approximately 1,000 of the 8,000 buried at Kalaupapa have a grave that can be identified.

The Kalaupapa Memorial will be located in the Kalawao Settlement area on the peninsula within the site of the former Baldwin Boys Home, which is where patient residents had intended it to be established. Ka ‘Ohana has received six historic preservation awards from Historic Hawai‘i Foundation for its preservation work at Kalaupapa. At a meeting on October 16, 2015, the State Land Use Commission officially approved a declaration attesting to the fact that the establishment of the Memorial is a permitted use on the State-owned Baldwin Boys Home land because it considers the establishment of the Memorial to be “an improvement to a site of historic or scenic interest,” as provided for under the law “HRS § 205-4.5(a)(8)”. 
IV. Recommendation

To approve an honorary resolution recognizing the sacred ‘āina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County by honoring the Kalaupapa Community Memorial and the unwavering efforts of Ka ‘Ohana ‘O Kalaupapa, at Attachment A.

V. Alternative Actions

A. To not approve Administration’s recommended honorary resolution
B. To approve an amended version of Administration’s recommended honorary resolution

VI. Funding

No funding is required.

VII. Timeframe

Immediate action is recommended.

VIII. Attachments

A. A Resolution Recognizing the Sacred ‘Āina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County by Honoring the Kalaupapa Community Memorial and the Unwavering Efforts of Ka ‘Ohana ‘O Kalaupapa

B. Act 230 (2022) - SB3338 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL
WHEREAS, the Kalawao County has great natural beauty with rare endemic plants and animals along with ancient cultural and archaeology sites;

WHEREAS, the peninsula was once known for Kumanomano and ‘Ahapi‘i types of kapa, and Kalaupapa was also known for its fine grained white salt and fishing areas;

WHEREAS, because of Kalaupapa’s isolation, ‘āina ka‘awalei, it also became known as the ‘āina of kaumaha noho‘i and pilikia, land of deep sorrow, misery and hardship;

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1866, the first twelve of an estimated eight thousand leprosy patients arrived in Kalaupapa. They were taken from their families and forced into isolation;

WHEREAS, the original inhabitants of Kalaupapa played a critical role in helping these patients, who were abandoned with no support or supplies. The settlement grew and became overcrowded, the original inhabitants were ordered to leave the land they had occupied for generations;

WHEREAS, the last of the original people living in Kalaupapa were evicted in January 1895. Kalaupapa became the home and final resting place for many of the patient residents who remained;

WHEREAS, the naming process and the giving of a Hawaiian name is an important and sacred component of Hawaiian culture;

WHEREAS, names carry significant mana (spiritual power), and they are part of a person, just like an arm or a leg;

WHEREAS, a person’s name was one of the most precious possessions, unique to the individual, and, most times, related to an event, an ancestor, or a personality trait. In every case, the Kūpuna (elders) were always consulted;
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WHEREAS, it was the responsibility of the bearer of the name to carry its weight. Therefore, it is important to remember people by their names at their final resting place;

WHEREAS, in 1980, Federal Public Law 96-565 established Kalaupapa National Historical Park to assist and support the community;

WHEREAS, in 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Kalaupapa Memorial Act, into law, as Public Law 111-11, directing the Secretary of the Interior to authorize Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa, a non-profit organization consisting of patient residents at Kalaupapa National Historical Park, and their family members and friends, to establish a Memorial which would display the names of the estimated 8,000 people sent to the peninsula because of government separation policies regarding leprosy;

WHEREAS, the Kalaupapa Memorial will list the names of each individual to illustrate and show the sheer enormity of the lives and families affected by the separation and to honor the individual identities of those sent to Kalaupapa who were often only referred to as a collective group of “patients” or identified in records by the number assigned to them by the government;

WHEREAS, Ka ‘Ohana has reconnect nearly 900 families with their Kalaupapa ‘ohana through their extremely successful program of "Restoration of Family Ties";

WHEREAS, Ka ‘Ohana’s efforts in establishing Kalaupapa’s important historic Memorial is an important step toward recognizing and healing the tragic harms of the past;

WHEREAS, many Native Hawaiian ‘ohana had members exiled to Kalaupapa. Of the estimated 8,000 Hawai‘i citizens sent to Kalaupapa, 90% were Native Hawaiian;

WHEREAS, because many early residents were buried in unmarked graves and other markers have deteriorated over time or were washed out by the 1946 tsunami, only approximately 1,000 of the 8,000 buried at Kalaupapa have a grave that can be identified;
WHEREAS, the Memorial will have all 8,000 names inscribed for future generations to see and reconnect with their Kalaupapa ‘ohana;

WHEREAS, Bernard K. Punikai‘a, who was sent to Kalaupapa in 1942 stated: You have to hear the voices to feel the people. You know their names. If you don’t say the names, it’s like something has been lost;

WHEREAS, the late Clarence “Boogie” Kahilihiwa, a patient resident at Kalaupapa and past President of Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa said, “When you see all the names on the Memorial, it will be like everyone from Kalawao and Kalaupapa is standing right there in front of you.”;

WHEREAS, the Kalaupapa Memorial will be located in the Kalawao Settlement area on the peninsula within the site of the former Baldwin Boys Home, which is where patient residents had intended it to be established;

WHEREAS, Ka ‘Ohana has received six historic preservation awards from Historic Hawai‘i Foundation for its preservation work at Kalaupapa;

WHEREAS, at a meeting on October 16, 2015, the State Land Use Commission officially approved a declaration attesting to the fact that the establishment of the Memorial is a permitted use on the State-owned Baldwin Boys Home land because it considers the establishment of the Memorial to be “an improvement to a site of historic or scenic interest,” as provided for under the law “HRS § 205-4.5(a)(8)”;

WHEREAS, the Memorial location is on ceded lands that provide the Office of Hawaiian Affairs a stakeholder interest in the land, and, as such, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports the Memorial and its design and deems it an appropriate use of this ceded land;
WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports and honors Ka ‘Ohana and the patients, especially, in providing the wisdom for the way we shall commemorate those whose names will rest on the Memorial;

WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes the importance of the relationships, and that emotional ties between past and present patients and generations of ‘ohana members are deeply sensitive matters; and,

WHEREAS, it is Hawaiian custom to look up to kūpuna, our elders, for guidance and instruction because of the wisdom they possess. Ka ‘Ohana has fulfilled that role.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the undersigned duly recognized as the board chair and trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on the 18th day of August 2022, do set forth their hand to recognize the sacred ‘āina of Kalaupapa National Historical Park and Kalawao County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes the unwavering commitment, mālama and ‘ike of Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa for the many projects helping the people of Kalaupapa, especially the Native Hawaiian Community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes how the commitment of Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa has touched the lives of many and provided a path toward healing for the people of Kalaupapa, throughout the lāhui, in the State of Hawai‘i and beyond;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs recognizes Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa’s vision, planning, funding and advocacy efforts will come to fruition upon the completion of the Kalaupapa Memorial within the Kalaupapa National Historical Park; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa; United States Secretary of the Interior; Director of National Park Service; Hawai‘i’s U.S. Congressional Delegation; Chairperson of the State of Hawaii Board of Land and
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Natural Resources; Governor of the State of Hawaii; President of the Senate, State of Hawaii; Speaker of the House, State of Hawaii; Chair of the State Senate subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs; Chair of the State House subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs; State Senator for the Island of Moloka‘i; State Representative for the Island of Moloka‘i; Chair of the Maui County Council, and all County Mayors.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of August 2022, island of O‘ahu, State of Hawai‘i, by the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its regular meeting assembled.
June 29, 2022

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 29, 2022, the following bill was signed into law:

SB3338 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL.
ACT 230

Sincerely,

[Signature]

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KALAUPAPA MEMORIAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $5,000,000 or so much
thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
design, planning, and construction of the Kalaupapa memorial.
The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
health for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.
APPROVED this 29th day of June, 2022

[Signature]

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 5, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2022.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate
SB No. 3338, SD 2, HD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 12, 2022
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022.

Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives
IV. New Business

2. Action Item BOT #22-14: Accept and Implement the Report of the Permitted Interaction Group to Investigate the Activation of Kaka’ako Makai Site E, 919 Ala Moana Blvd*
V. Community Presenters

1. Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) – Tyler I. Gomes, Deputy Director*