



- Retainer of a Washington, DC-based advocacy firm with specialty in national defense and indigenous rights and interests
- Procurement of services for six Ka Pa‘akai analyses
- \$275,570.00 for multi-platform communications
  - Phase 1 - Documentary production and social media content to educate and inform the community on MLL
  - Phase 2 - Engagement with and feedback-gathering from the lāhui and broader community
  - Phase 3 - OHA share-out of impact and results from media campaign and official MLL sentiment survey
  - Production of OHA-composed advocacy mele

*February 26, 2026:* Issuance of a [letter](#) to the Secretary of the Army Dan Driscoll requesting an opportunity to meet with Secretary Driscoll or Lieutenant General Joel B. Vowell to establish a formal dialogue between the United States Army and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs regarding the expiring military land leases in Hawai‘i.

*February 28, 2026:* Inaugural meeting of the PIG with Technical Advisors.

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| 1. Dr. Randall Kekoa Akee                 | 9. Kaulu Lu‘uwai                                |
| 2. Colonel (Ret.) Loreto "JR" Borce       | 10. Dr. Jon Kamakawiwo‘ole Osorio               |
| 3. Noelani Goodyear-Ka‘ōpua               | 11. Associate Justice (Ret.) Richard W. Pollack |
| 4. Rear Admiral (Ret.) Alma Grocki        | 12. Vicky Holt Takamine                         |
| 5. Dr. Kū Kahakalau                       | 13. Mahina Tuteur                               |
| 6. Dr. Kyle Kajihiro                      | 14. Sterling Wong                               |
| 7. Brigadier General (Ret.) Moses Kaouiwi |   |
| 8. Olin Kealoha Lagon                     |   |

Technical Advisors group moderator / facilitator: Amy Kalili

*March 2026:* Commencement of OHA’s MLL documentary production, executed by the Kālaimoku Group and 4 Miles. Documentary producers: Dawn Kaniaupio and Ruben Carrillo.

*March 17, 2026:* Issuance of request for proposal for services of a Washington, DC–based federal government relations and advocacy firm to support OHA’s engagement with Congress and other federal stakeholders on policy matters affecting military-leased lands in Hawai‘i, including provisions of the FY2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

*March 24, 2026:* Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment W. Jordan Gillis [responded](#) to OHA Board of Trustees Chairperson Kaiali‘i Kahele’s letter, sent on Thursday, February 26, 2026, informing OHA that the Army will engage with OHA through the Governor’s Advisory Committee regarding the expiring military land leases in Hawai‘i.

*March 20, 2026:* Issuance of request for proposal to prepare up to six comprehensive Ka Pa‘akai analyses for military lease areas across Hawai‘i with leases expiring between 2028 and 2031, in fulfillment of its fiduciary obligations over public trust lands.

*March 21, 2026:* Second meeting of the PIG with Technical Advisors.

*April 2026:* Contributions in *Ka Wai Ola* by several Technical Advisors regarding military-leased lands in Hawai‘i.

1. Cover story, “Hawai‘i Can Do Better” by Dr. Jon Kamakawiwo‘ole Osorio
2. Article, “Expiring Military Leases: The Law is on Our Side” by Kaulu Lu‘uwai and Mahina Tuteur

*April 1, 2026:* Retainer of Akin Gump, Washington, DC-based advocacy firm, with specialty in national defense policy and indigenous rights and interests.

*April 7, 2026:* Met with Interim Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Chairperson Ryan Kanakaole on the establishment of a memorandum of understanding between OHA and DLNR regarding Ka Pa‘akai analyses to be completed by OHA, prioritizing the PMRF/NASA lease, the O‘ahu Army Training Land Retention Land Lease, and the Pōhakuloa lease.

*April 8, 2026:* Issuance of a [letter](#) from OHA’s MLL PIG to Governor Josh Green requesting gubernatorial support to enable coordinated, complementary engagement between OHA and the United States Army regarding military-leased lands.

*April 8, 2026:* Met with key leaders from Mālama Mākua regarding a Reconciliation and Return Framework for the anticipated return of the State leased lands at Mākua Valley as well as the Federally controlled lands from the U.S. Army to a future community-based organization for stewardship, remediation and preservation.

*April 18, 2026:* Third meeting of the PIG with Technical Advisors.

*April 20, 2026:* OHA delegation trip to Washington, DC.

1. Chair Kaiali‘i Kahele
2. Vice Chair Keoni Souza
3. Chair Emerita Carmen “Hulu” Lindsey
4. Interim Administrator Summer Sylva
5. Associate General Counsel Rozelle Agag

These meetings in Washington, D.C. are focused on advancing OHA’s federal advocacy priorities related to military-leased lands in Hawai‘i, particularly in the context of federal oversight, environmental stewardship, and Native Hawaiian rights. Through engagements with Department of Defense leadership, Members of Congress, and key committee figures, OHA is working to influence policy discussions and build support for provisions in the FY2027 NDAA that address land use, accountability, and consultation. The itinerary reflects a coordinated effort to elevate Hawai‘i-specific concerns within national defense policymaking and ensure that Native Hawaiian interests are meaningfully incorporated into upcoming federal legislation.

*May 6, 2026 (Tentative):* Community meeting presentation to Maui beneficiaries on OHA’s MLL advocacy during BOT island visit.