

OHA Community Report:

Summary for Senator Lynn DeCoite

DISTRICT #7: HĀNA, EAST AND UPCOUNTRY MAUI, MOLOKA‘I, LĀNA‘I, KAHO‘OLAWA AND MOLOKINI

Current OHA Reach

Grantees Serving East Maui, Moloka‘i, Lāna‘i and Your Constituents

District #7

- Ala Kukui Hāna Retreat | Hāna Kū Mele Series (\$10,000) - *servicing Maui*
- ALU LIKE, Inc. | Kohopono (\$250,000) - *servicing Maui*
- Hāna Arts | Hawaiian Music Events in East Maui (\$80,000) - *servicing Maui*
- Hāna Arts | Uplifting the East Maui Community through Music and Culture (\$10,000) - *servicing Maui*
- Hāna Arts | Uniting East Maui ‘Ohana through Arts & Culture (\$80,000) - *servicing Maui*
- Hawaii Community Lending | Native Hawaiian Owner-Builder Project (\$398,000) - *servicing Moloka‘i*
- Ka Ipu Makani Cultural Heritage Center | Moa‘e Moloka‘i Digitization Project (\$100,000) - *servicing Moloka‘i*
- Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana | 24-25 Charter School Fund Administration (\$2,709,614) - *servicing Moloka‘i*
- Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana | KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II (\$2,850,000) - *servicing Moloka‘i*
- Ke Ao Hāli‘i | E Mālama i Mokae a me Maka‘alaie (\$100,000) - *servicing Maui*
- Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike Building Program | I Kū Nā Loea (\$300,000) - *servicing Maui*

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Other Moloka‘i Based OHA Grants

- ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. | Kahena (\$25,000)
- ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. | Noi‘i OHA (\$79,514)
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei | E Ho‘omau O nā Mālama o nā Iwi Kūpuna (\$50,000)
- Hawaiian Community Assets | Native Hawaiian Occupancy Ready Project (\$1,500,00)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000)
- Purple Mai‘a Foundation | Mālama Design Studio (\$398,000)

Other Lāna‘i Based OHA Grants

- Hawaiian Community Assets | Native Hawaiian Occupancy Ready Project (\$1,500,00)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000)
- Purple Mai‘a Foundation | Mālama Design Studio (\$398,000)
- Purple Mai‘a Foundation: Waiw.AI: Building a Flourishing Future for Kanaka with AI (\$200,000)

Lending

District #7

- A total of \$375,061 served residents of District #7 directly; one Business Loan (*Maui*), eight Debt Consolidation Loans (*five on Maui, three on Moloka‘i*), and six Home Improvement Loans (*five on Maui, one on Moloka‘i*) and two Business Loan (*Maui*).

Moloka‘i

- 26 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; \$349,632 total dollars disbursed.

Lāna‘i

- Two active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; \$30,128 total dollars disbursed.

Moloka‘i Native Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools

(17 Hawaiian-focused Public Charter Schools across the pae ‘āina will receive a total of \$6 million in support from OHA in FY24 and FY25)

- Kualapu‘u School: A Public Conversion Charter

Current Issues Being Monitored by OHA

Lāna‘i

Kuahiwi a Kai: Lāna‘i Watershed Conservation Program

Lāna‘i is currently experiencing unnatural erosion patterns due to years of overgrazing and mismanagement of introduced ungulates including deer. This excessive erosion is destroying native ecosystems and historic sites.

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lone air carrier on island, Mokulele Airlines, has become unreliable with multiple cancellations without notice causing residents to either pay for non-refundable transportation and lodging, or choose to forego treatment altogether.

Moloka‘i

Kawakiu Shoreline Access Restrictions

Moloka‘i Properties Limited lease, Kaluakoi Outfitters (a private hunting company), closed the dirt road running through their leased property, blocking shoreline access to Kawakiu Beach, a cultural and historic site on generational subsistence grounds. The

Current Issues Being Monitored by OHA *continued*

community rallied together and has since regained access to practice traditional gathering and hunting rights.

Kawela Water Stream Flows Again

Despite an April 2022 ruling ordering the restoration of water flow to East Moloka'i streams, Molokai Properties Limited continues to divert stream water.

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Flood Mitigation; Kapa'akea, Kamiloloa, One Ali'i, Kalama'ula Homesteads

Heavy rains in January 2023 brought dangerous flooding and intermittent island-wide power outages to Moloka'i causing destruction of homes and property and massive erosion in its path to the ocean and low-lying areas. Flood mitigation efforts by DHHL have been requested for years.

Maui

Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area – Kipahulu

Kipahulu 'Ohana have formally invited the State Division of Aquatic Resources to designate Kipahulu Moku's nearshore waters as a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSEA). CBSEA designation was sought for the purposes of ahupua'a management, traditional Hawaiian rights, and other active involvement in managing the local area. The related Management Plan was updated in January 2023.

Native Hawaiian Population in District #7

Number may be an overcount due to being combined with other Pacific Islanders

There are **17,851** Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders (who report NHOPI alone or in combination with one or more races) in the district. This is nearly **33.4%** of the total 53,389 estimated population according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, DP05 Selected Demographic Characteristics.

Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i



Educational Pathways Data

- 28% (17) of all Moloka'i Island Native Hawaiian public high school graduates (76) enrolled in colleges across the nation, compared to 44% (7) of all non-Hawaiian Moloka'i Island public high school graduates (16) (SY21-22).
- There is one (1) Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and two (2) Hawaiian-medium programs on Moloka'i (SY22-23).
- Information on the number of Lāna'i public high school graduates who were Native Hawaiian in SY21-22 is unavailable due to data suppression.
- There are no Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and one Hawaiian-medium program on Lāna'i (SY22-23).



Health Outcomes Data

- Maui County had 80 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2020).
- 30% of Native Hawaiians in Maui County reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at a beginner level (2022).
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Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income in East Moloka'i was \$30,263, 78% of the median income of all East Moloka'i residents (\$38,790). Native Hawaiian median household income in West Moloka'i was \$39,083, 94% of the median income of all West Moloka'i residents (\$41,402).
- Native Hawaiian median household income in Maui County was \$86,968, 99% of the median income of all Maui County residents (\$88,249).
- 1,738 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were located in Maui County, 13% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 10% of total firms in Maui County (17,146) (2012).



Quality Housing Data

- 22% (101 of 468) of Native Hawaiian renters on Moloka'i (excluding Kalawao County) were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward rent) compared to 42% (12,743 of 30,679) of all Native Hawaiian renters statewide (2015).
- 36% (1,308 of 3,593) of Native Hawaiian renters in Maui County were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward rent) compared to 42% (13,778 of 32,538) of all Native Hawaiian renters statewide (2021).
- 8% (839) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) leases statewide (9,981) were on Maui (2022).
- 0.4% (44) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) leases statewide (9,981) were on Lāna'i (2022).
- 55% of former Maui County Native Hawaiian residents reported moving due to the high cost of living (2019).