

OHA Community Report:

Summary for Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz

DISTRICT # 17: PORTION OF MILILANI, MILILANI MAUKA, PORTION OF WAIPI'O ACRES, LAUNANI VALLEY, WAHIAWĀ, WHITMORE VILLAGE

Current OHA Reach

Grantees Serving O'ahu and Your Constituents

District #17

- Infinite Reach | Grant writing, accounting, and insurance (\$25,000)

Other O'ahu Based OHA Grants

- 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. | Kahena (\$25,000)
- 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. | Noi'i OHA (\$79,514)
- ALU LIKE, Inc. | Kohopono (\$250,000)
- Adult Friends for Youth | PEARL Convention (Promoting Peace, Empathy, Acceptance, Respect, and Love) (\$10,000)
- 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)
- Hawaiian Historical Society | Back of Office Resources and Program Implementation/Evaluation (\$25,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000)
- Hui Mālama O Ke Kai Foundation | Papahana Kālai Papa Me Pōhaku Ku'i 'Ai (\$99,840)

- Huliauapa'a | Kali'uokapa'akai Collective Wahi Kūpuna Stewardship Conference (\$10,000)
- Kalaeloa Heritage & Legacy Foundation | Grant Writing (\$15,000)
- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana | 24-25 Charter School Fund Administration (\$2,709,614)
- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana | KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II (\$2,850,000)
- Kualoa-He'eia Ecumenical Youth Project | Ko'olau 'Ohana Festival (\$10,000)
- Living Life Source Foundation | Waiakeakua Reforestation (\$9,830)
- Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association | Hō'ihi (\$10,000)
- Papahana Kuaola | Nā Kama 'Āina (\$100,000)
- Papahana Kuaola | Nā Leo Makamae (\$84,757)
- Papakōlea Community Development Corporation | Pūowaina Research and Education Project (\$100,000)
- 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 #17

- A total of \$50,000 served residents of District #17 directly; one Business Loan.

O'ahu

- 245 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; \$6,798,723 total dollars disbursed.

O'ahu 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)

- Hakipu'u Learning Center (*Kāne'obe*)
- Hālau Kū Māna Public Charter School (*Honolulu*)
- Ka Waihona o Ka Na'auao Public Charter School (*Nānākuli*)
- Kamaile Academy (*Waimea*)
- Ke Kula 'o Samuel M. Kamakau Laboratory Public Charter School (*Kāne'obe*)
- Mālama Honua (*Waimānalo*)

Current Issues Being Monitored by OHA

Army Training Land Retention at Three O'ahu Locations

The Army is launching studies for a draft environmental impact statement to retain state lands that are leased for training purposes in three areas. Historically, there have been consistent concerns regarding military use of Native Hawaiian Crown and Government Lands, also known as the "ceded lands" of the Public Land Trust, and the inability to restore these lands due to, among other reasons, the presence of unexploded ordinances strewn across the land.

ted a few bills in 2023 to address resident's increased property tax liability furthering the prevention of homeownership affordability for Native Hawaiians. Housing costs have been cited as one of the main drivers of the Native Hawaiian population migration to the continent.

Honolulu City Council Tax Changes

In response to profound increases in property valuations within Honolulu County, Honolulu City Council members have submit-

Red Hill Defueling Operations

A draft environmental assessment was put out for public comment on June 2023 by the Joint Task Force-Red Hill and Defense Logistics Agency for the defueling of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility needed to protect human health and safety, and local water supplies from further contamination. There is a desire to have the fuel removed as quickly (and safely) as possible as well as general support for the proposed defueling action covered in the DEA.

Native Hawaiian Population in District #17

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

There are **13,760** Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders (who report NHOPI alone or in combination with one or more races) in the district. This is nearly **24.5%** of the total 56,216 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 O'ahu



Educational Pathways Data

- 36% (582) of all O'ahu Island Native Hawaiian public high school graduates (1,595) enrolled in colleges across the nation, compared to 56% (3,350) of non-Hawaiian graduates (5,938) (SY21-22).
- There are six Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and nine Hawaiian-medium programs on O'ahu (SY22-23).



Health Outcomes Data

- Honolulu County had 99 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2020).
- 22% of Native Hawaiians in Honolulu County reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at a beginner level (2022).



Quality Housing Data

- 43% (8,777 of 20,567) of Native Hawaiian renters on O'ahu 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).
- 44% (4,431) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) leases statewide (9,981) were on O'ahu (2022).
- 73% of former Honolulu County Native Hawaiian residents reported moving due to the high cost of living (2019).



Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income in O'ahu was \$90,868, 98% of the median income of all O'ahu residents (\$92,600).
- 7,592 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were in Honolulu County, 58% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 10% of total firms in Honolulu County (76,176) (2012).