

OHA Community Report:

Summary for Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi

DISTRICT #8: KAUA'I, NI'IIHAU

Current OHA Reach

Grantees Serving Kaua'i and Your Constituents

District #8

- Adult Friends for Youth | PEARL Convention (Promoting Peace, Empathy, Acceptance, Respect, and Love) (\$10,000)
- 'Āina Alliance | Anahola Hazard Mitigation (\$100,000)
- 'Āina Alliance | Grant writing and program evaluation (\$25,000)
- 'Āina Ho'okupu O Kilauea | Kauai Locally Grown Fresh Produce Boxes for Native Hawaiians (\$100,00)
- ALU LIKE, Inc. | Kohopono (\$250,000)
- Hawaiian Community Assets | Native Hawaiian Occupancy Ready Project (\$1,500,00)
- Ho'ākeolapono Trades Academy and Institute | Building through Innovation Program (\$400,000)
- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana | 24-25 Charter School Fund Administration (\$2,709,614)

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Other Kaua'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)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Graphic Design & Marketing Support (\$20,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000)
- Purple Mai'a Foundation | Mālama Design Studio (\$398,000)

Lending

District #8

- A total of \$128,968 served residents of District #8 directly; two Business Loans, two Debt Consolidation Loans, and one Home Improvement Loan.

Kaua'i

- 28 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; \$1,388,165 total dollars disbursed.

Kaua'i and Ni'ihau 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)

- Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School (*Lihue*)
- Kanuikaponu Public Charter School (*Anahola*)
- Ke Kula Ni'ihau o Kekaha Learning Center (*Kekaha*)
- Kula Aupuni Ni'ihau A Kahelelani Aloha Public Charter School (*Kekaha*)

Current Issues Being Monitored by OHA

Kaua'i County Council unanimously passes resolution supporting Native Hawaiian Women and Girls

Studies show that from 2017 to 2019, one out of every three child sex trafficking victims reported to the Child Welfare Services child sex trafficking hotline in Hawai'i were Native Hawaiian, and ninety-five percent were girls. The resolution requesting that the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women convene a task force to conduct a study regarding missing and murdered Native Hawaiian women and girls was passed unanimously on March 8, 2023, by the Hawai'i State Legislature. OHA is co-chair on the Task Force.

The Wai'oli Valley Taro Hui Exemption from water permit process for kalo farmers

During the 2022 Legislative Session, House Bill 1768 was introduced requesting an exemption to State of Hawai'i requirements for when farmers were able to use water for traditional and customary kalo cultivation. The Bill passed and is now Act 27 which creates a legal framework for managing Hawai'i's precious freshwater resources.

Broadband Infrastructure - Federal support for infrastructure

The Kaua'i County Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-20, which supports digital equity and urges the development of broadband infrastructure. Federal funding and a new State Digital Equity Office was established during the 2022 session. In 2023, the State of Hawai'i is soliciting input regarding the projects that address digital equity.

Native Hawaiian Population in District #8

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

There are **21,052** Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders (who report NHOPI alone or in combination with one or more races) in the district. This is nearly **28.6%** of the total 73,511 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 Kaua'i



Educational Pathways Data

- 24% (4,452) of the public-school students enrolled on Kaua'i Island (18,781) were Native Hawaiian (SY22-23).
- There are four (4) Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools or stand alone Hawaiian Medium Schools and two (2) Kaiapuni Programs on Kaua'i (SY21-22).



Health Outcomes Data

- Kaua'i County had 84 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2020).
- 21% of Native Hawaiians in Kaua'i County reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at a beginner level (2022).



Quality Housing Data

- 43% (444 of 1,034) of Native Hawaiian renters in Kaua'i County were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward housing costs) (2015).
- 66% (2,014 of 3,048) of Native Hawaiian occupied housing units in Kaua'i County were owner-occupied (2015).
- 7% (742) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands leases statewide (9,981) were on Kaua'i (2022).



Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian Median Household Income in Kaua'i County was \$67,230, 103% of the total county population (\$65,101) (2015).
- 811 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were located in Kaua'i County, 6% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 10% of total firms in Kaua'i County (17,146) (2012).