

# OHA Community Report:

## Summary for Representative Mahina Poepoe

DISTRICT #13: MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I, KAHŌ'OLAWĒ, PORTION OF KAHULUI, HA'IKŪ, PE'AHĪ, HUELO, NĀHIKU, HĀNA, KĪPAHULU

### Current OHA Reach

#### Grantees Serving Moloka'i, Lāna'i, portions of Maui and Your Constituents

##### District #13

- 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 | Uniting East Maui 'Ohana through Arts & Culture (\$80,000) - *servicing Maui*
- Hāna Arts | Uplifting the East Maui Community through Music and Culture (\$10,000) - *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 | KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II (\$2,850,000) - *servicing Moloka'i*
- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana | 24-25 Charter School Fund Administration (\$2,709,614) - *servicing Moloka'i*
- Ke Ao Hāli'i | E Mālama i Mokae a me Maka'ala'e (\$100,000) - *servicing Maui*

- Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike Building Program | I Kū Nā Loea (\$300,000) - *servicing Maui*
- Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike Building Program | Mana 'Āina, Maui Ola (\$220,000) - *servicing Maui*

##### Other Moloka'i and Lāna'i Based OHA Grants

- 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. | Kahena (\$25,000) - *Moloka'i*
- 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. | Noi'i OHA (\$79,514) - *Moloka'i*
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawai'i Nei | E Ho'omau O nā Mālama o nā Iwi Kūpuna (\$50,000) - *Moloka'i*
- Hawaiian Community Assets | Native Hawaiian Occupancy Ready Project (\$1,500,00) - *Moloka'i and Lāna'i*
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000) - *Moloka'i*
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000) - *Moloka'i and Lāna'i*
- Purple Mai'a Foundation | Mālama Design Studio (\$398,000) - *Moloka'i and Lāna'i*
- Purple Mai'a Foundation: Waiw.AI: Building a Flourishing Future for Kanaka with AI (\$200,000) - *Lāna'i*

### Lending

##### District #13

- A total of \$153,712 served residents of District #13 directly; three Debt Consolidation Loans (*Moloka'i*) and three Home Improvement Loans (*two on Maui, one on Moloka'i*).

##### 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

#### 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 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, Moloka'i Properties Limited continues to divert stream water.

##### Moloka'i Residents Struggle with one Airline and Access to Medical Care

With the shortage of doctors and the lack of specialized treatments on Moloka'i, residents are required to seek treatment on O'ahu. The 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.

##### Flood Mitigation; Kapa'akea, Kamiloa, 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

## Current Issues Being Monitored by OHA *continued*

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.

### Lānaʻi

#### Kuahiwi a Kai: Lānaʻi Watershed Conservation Program

Lānaʻi 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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### Maui

#### Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area – Kīpahulu

Kīpahulu ʻOhana have formally invited the State Division of Aquatic Resources to designate Kīpahulu Moku’s nearshore waters as a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA). CBSFA designation was sought for the purposes of ahupuaʻa 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 #13

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

There are **10,318** Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders (who report NHOPI alone or in combination with one or more races) in the district. This is nearly **39.5%** of the total 26,125 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 Molokaʻi and Lānaʻi (Maui County)



### Educational Pathways Data

- 28% (17) of all Molokaʻi Island Native Hawaiian public high school graduates (76) enrolled in colleges across the nation, compared to 44% (7) of all non-Hawaiian Molokaʻi Island public high school graduates (16) (SY21-22).
- There is one (1) Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and two (2) Hawaiian-medium programs on Molokaʻi (SY22-23).
- Information on the number of Lānaʻi 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 Lānaʻi (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 Hawaiʻi (2020).
- 30% of Native Hawaiians in Maui County reported an ability to converse in ʻolelo Hawaiʻi at a beginner level (2022).
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### Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income in East Molokaʻi was \$30,263, 78% of the median income of all East Molokaʻi residents (\$38,790). Native Hawaiian median household income in West Molokaʻi was \$39,083, 94% of the median income of all West Molokaʻi 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 Hawaiʻi (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 Molokaʻi (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 Lānaʻi (2022).
- 55% of former Maui County Native Hawaiian residents reported moving due to the high cost of living (2019).