

# OHA Community Report:

## Summary for Senator Herbert M. “Tim” Richards, III

DISTRICT #4: NORTH HILO, HĀMĀKUA, KOHALA, WAIMEA, WAIKOLOA, NORTH KONA

### Current OHA Reach

#### Grantees Serving Hawai‘i Island and Your Constituents

##### District #4

- Hui Mālama i ke Ala ‘Ūlili | Ho‘onohopapa Koholālele (\$100,000)
- Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana | 24-25 Charter School Fund Administration (\$2,709,614)
- Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana | 24-25 KANU: NCPCS (\$290,386)
- Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana | KALO: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II (\$2,850,000)
- Kanu o ka ‘Āina Learning ‘Ohana | KANU: Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter School Fund Administration - Phase II (\$150,000)

##### Other Hawai‘i Island Based OHA Grants

- ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. | Kahena (\$25,000)
- ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc. | Noi‘i OHA (\$79,514)
- Aloha Kuamo‘o ‘Āina | Mālama Kuamo‘o Community Stewardship Program (\$100,000)
- Going Home Hawai‘i | Audit, bookkeeping, tax prep, grant writing, case management & HR services; Quickbooks online fee (\$25,000)

- 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)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation | Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)
- Hui o Hanohano | Piliñāhāleo (\$69,902)
- Keaukaha Pana‘ewa Community Alliance | Mahi‘ai Project (\$100,000)
- La‘i‘ōpua 2020 | Accounting Services, Financial Audits, Business Insurance, and Payroll Processing Fees (\$25,000)
- The Men of PA‘A | Book keeping, 3rd Party HR fees, Liability and D&O Insurance, Accounting, grant writing service (\$15,000)
- The Men of PA‘A | Imu Mea Ai (\$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 #4

- A total of \$79,939 served residents of District #4 directly; one Business Loan and one Debt Consolidation Loan.

##### Hawai‘i Island

- 60 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; \$1,392,782 total dollars disbursed.

### Hawai‘i Island 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)

- Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo Public Charter School (Hilo)
- Kanu o ka ‘Āina New Century Public Charter School (Waimea)
- Ke Ana La‘ahana Public Charter School (Hilo)
- Ke Kula ‘o Nāwahīokalaniōpu‘u Iki Laboratory Public Charter School (Kea‘au)
- Kua o Ka Lā New Century Public Charter School (Hilo)
- Waimea Middle School (Waimea)

### Current Issues Being Monitored by OHA

#### Proposed Habitat Protections and Promulgating Rules within Ka Pa‘akai Analysis Framework

The Department of Aquatic Resources is tasked with promulgating proposed rules for Manta Ray Sanctuary Designation at Keauhou and Makako Bays. Concern regarding the rule promulgation and incorporating Ka Pa‘a Kai Analysis in the rule making process has been expressed to Department of Land and Natural Resources.

#### Act 255 Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority

The Mauna Kea Working Group was established by HR33 in 2021 to “develop recommendations, building on the findings of the Independent Evaluation of the Implementation of the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan, for a new governance and management structure for Mauna Kea that collaboratively engages with all stakeholders, particularly the Native Hawaiian community.” As of July 2022, the passing of Act 255 will allow for a new governing authority to oversee Mauna Kea management – the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority to decide lease terms and priorities for the Mauna.

#### National Science Foundation (NSF) Public Scoping for Siting of TMT/ELT on Mauna Kea

The NSF released a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal register regarding proposed funding for construction and operation of a Thirty-Meter Telescope within the summit area of the conservation district of Mauna Kea. The NOI triggers the start of public comments on a public scoping process being done pursuant to National Environmental Protection Act.

## Native Hawaiian Population in District #4

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

There are **16,269** Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders (who report NHOPI alone or in combination with one or more races) in the district. This is nearly **34.4%** of the total 47,261 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 Hawai'i Island



#### Educational Pathways Data

- 27% (183) of all Hawai'i Island Native Hawaiian public high school graduates (677) enrolled in colleges across the nation, compared to 31% (513) of non-Hawaiian (1,660) (SY21-22).
- There are six Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and three Hawaiian-medium programs on Hawai'i Island (SY22-23).



#### Health Outcomes Data

- Hawai'i County had 78 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2020).
- 25% of Native Hawaiians in Hawai'i County reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at a beginner level (2022).



#### Quality Housing Data

- 44% (3,033 of 6,858) of Native Hawaiian renters on Hawai'i Island 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).
- 25% (2,522) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) leases statewide (9,981) were on Hawai'i Island (2022).
- 35% of former Hawai'i County Native Hawaiian residents reported moving due to the high cost of living (2019).



#### Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income on Hawai'i Island was \$64,385, 94% of the median income of all Hawai'i Island residents (\$68,399) (2021).
- 3,018 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were in Hawai'i County, 23% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 17% of total firms in Hawai'i County (18,200) (2012).