

OHA PRESENTATION: NATIVE HAWAIIAN NATION BUILDING FACILITATOR FRAMEWORK



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Nation Building Framework: Why?

Why do we need a Native Hawaiian Governing Entity?

- To honor the struggles of yesterday
- To protect what we have today
- To earn what we deserve tomorrow

“Never cease to act because you fear you may fail.” —
Queen Lili‘uokalani

Nation Building Framework: Goal, Process and Steps

- **Goal:** A thriving, vibrant Native Hawaiian Governing Entity, constructed through the collective will of the Native Hawaiian people
- **OHA's Kuleana:** Facilitator, Supporter, Convener
- **Steps to facilitate the reconstitution of a governing entity via the Nation Building Framework:**
 - **Announcement:** OHA and leading Native Hawaiian institutions and leaders announced facilitator framework; NHRC reopening roll
 - **Apportionment and Independent Election** (*conducted by neutral third party contracted by OHA, with election monitored by second contractor*)
 - **Governance 'Aha/Convention of Delegates** (*delegates staffed/supported via neutral third party contracted by OHA*)
 - **Ratification Vote** (*conducted by neutral third party contracted by OHA*)
 - **Post-Nation Building:** Positioning for Governing Entity relationship with State, U.S., etc., pursuit of Native Hawaiian rights and claims

Nation Building Framework: Goal, Process and Steps



Nation Building Framework: NHRC Budget Language

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK



2014

MAR - MAY 1

NATIVE HAWAIIANS are encouraged to register with the Official Roll during this special open enrollment period if they have not already done so

MAY - SEP

NATIVE HAWAIIANS who have signed-up on the Official Roll will elect delegates

OCT - NOV

DELEGATES convene at an 'Aha with the purpose of drafting a governing document

2015

DEC - JAN

THE GOVERNING DOCUMENT goes back to those on the Official Roll to approve or disapprove of the governing document

Nation Building Framework: Impact on Roll Commission

- **No extension of the life or authority of the Roll Commission or funding for the Roll Commission:** This plan does not alter the timeline for the Roll Commission. June 30 is the target date for the sunset of the Commission.
- **Reopening of Enrollment:** After the announcement of OHA's Nation Building Facilitation Commitment, the Roll Commission chose to reopen the roll from March 17 to May 1.
- **Other Picking up where the Roll Commission leaves off:** This summer, the Roll Commission will complete its work, transfer the certified base roll to OHA, and then dissolve. OHA and others will take the next steps.
- **Official Roll to be used in a clear process that empowers Native Hawaiians to determine the outcome as a people:** OHA will be a collaborative and committed facilitator, protecting the rights of Native Hawaiians to collectively decide the outcome.
- **OHA's Post-Nation Building Goals:** Advocate for beneficiaries alongside Governing Entity; Develop and execute plan to transfer OHA's assets.

Nation Building Framework: Act 195

Act 195 of the State of Hawaii:

- *The purpose of this [law] is to provide for and to implement the recognition of the Native Hawaiian people . . . by means and methods that will facilitate their self-governance . . . and by further promoting their culture, heritage, entitlements, health, education, and welfare.*
- *...The legislature urges the office of Hawaiian affairs to continue to support the self-determination process by Native Hawaiians in the formation of their chosen governmental entity.*
- *...The publication of the roll of qualified Native Hawaiians is intended to facilitate the process under which qualified Native Hawaiians may independently commence the organization of a convention of qualified Native Hawaiians, established for the purpose of organizing themselves.*



**Ho‘oulu Lahui Aloha,
to raise a beloved nation**