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Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this beneficiary consultation is to gather beneficiary mana'o on the Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū's land use request to the Department. The Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū request is for a portion of DHHL lands located in Wai'ōhinu, Ka'ū, Hawai'i totaling approximately 10.4 acres, for the construction of the proposed Ka'ū Hawaiian Cultural Center (KHCC). The proposed KHCC will provide Native Hawaiians and DHHL beneficiaries in Ka'ū a place to harness ancestral practices to grow the prosperity, jobs, and resilience of the people and environment of Ka'ū. The proposed programs at the KHCC will serve keiki, mākua and kūpuna living in, learning in and visiting Ka'ū. The master plan for the proposed KHCC includes a visitor's center, museum, multi-purpose room, certified and instructional kitchen, outdoor ample performance area-stage, shared business/incubator space, and a Hawaiian botanical garden.

Participants

• Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)

- Andrew Choy, Planning Program Manager
- Ikaika Anderson, Chair
- o Nina Fisher, East Hawai'i District Manager
- Kahana Albinio, Land Management Division Administrator
- o Lillie Makaila, Hawai'i Island Planner
- o Mike Kaleikini, Commissioner

Presenters

- o Terry Lee Shibuya, Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū, President
- o Dane Shibuya, Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū, 1994 President

• Beneficiaries & Participants

- Jeanne Kapela, State House Representative
- Sharon Moraes, Applicant
- o A. Davis, Applicant
- Kala Mossman, Applicant
- Jamie Kawauchi
- Tiare-Lee Shibuya
- Kaimi Kaupiko
- Darlyne Vierra,
- Elizabeth Murph
- Nālani Parlin
- Brandy Shibuya
- Janice Javar
- Justin Canelas
- Kassie Ross

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Synthesis

Presentation by Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū for Land Use Designation

The mission of Hana Laulima Lāhui o Kaʻū is to support the development of a new economic base for the district of Kaʻū that will enhance economic growth, advance a secure economic future for the community and the children of Kaʻū, while preserving the people of Kaʻū's cultural heritage and love for the ʻāina. The goal for the Kaʻū Hawaiian Cultural Center will be to serve the communities and families. Programs will serve keiki, mākua, and kūpuna living, learning, and visiting Kaʻū. The master plan includes a visitor center, a museum and resource facility, certified and instructional kitchen, outdoor performance area, shared business incubator space, imu, and educational programs. The hope is that the Kaʻū Hawaiian Cultural Center will be a place for Kaʻū to come together, practice culture, and learn innovations in sustaining our families and communities.

Community Member Questions & Answers by DHHL and Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū

- Q: Will DHHL award the 262 acres of sustainable ag lands in Wai'ōhinu to the hundreds or maybe thousands of beneficiaries still on the ag or pastoral waitlist?
 - There are 262 acres of agricultural land at Wai'ōhinu that is currently under a right of entry to a DHHL beneficiary for pastoral use. It is supposed to be a temporary disposition until such time that the Department is ready to develop that area. Currently, the Department has no development funds for the 262 acre tract to develop homestead.
- Q: Will DHHL award the 11,000 acres of farm and ranch lands in the Kamao'a Pu'ueo ahupua'a, in South Point?
 - Regarding lands such as the pastoral lands in Kamao'a and Pu'ueo, a significant barrier of awarding those lands is the lack of water infrastructure. The Department is currently working to provide a water source to the current 25 pastoral lessees down at South Point and the construction for the project should start in late 2023 or early 2024. Until the Department is able to develop more water infrastructure down at South Point, they will be unable to award those lands in a timely manner.
- Q: Will DHHL award the 300 acres above Wai'ōhinu that was recently transferred from DLNR?
 - o The 300 acres that the Department recently received from DLNR was transferred to the Department from DLNR via executive order. Those lands, which are some of the lands that Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū is requesting, have not been transferred to DHHL from DLNR with the fee title. This means while DLNR still owns the land, the Department has site control over the land. The Department however, does not have a fee title and therefore, does not have the authority to award a 99 year homestead lease.

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- Q: Will the residential lots in Discovery Harbour be given out to applicants on the waitlist who are still awaiting to be placed on that land?
 - The Department is very aware of the need to do more homesteading and are working their hardest to provide that to beneficiaries.
- Q: Has the transfer of the 10 acres of land between DLNR and DHHL been completed? Legislatively what will it take to complete this transfer?
 - The transfer between DLNR and DHHL has been completed via an executive order. DLNR still maintains ownership of the land. The Department has site control over the land and has the option to lease it to other entities. According to DHHL's Attorney General, the Department does not have the ability to issue a 99 year homestead lease to the property as they do not have the fee title. Therefore, the land cannot take the status of Hawaiian Home Lands. The Department is working to identify other potential options for the use of this property.
- Q: If Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū is awarded the land, how long will they be able to keep the award?
 - This would be subject to further discussions with Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū on the term or the length of the lease or license that the Department would be issuing. The Department would consult Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū on the length of time for which they are looking at having the property. A specific conversation on a specific amount of time they are seeking has not been done as the Department wanted to share this land use request first.
- Q: Is this the first time the Department has collaborated with other community organizations to give available property?
 - No. Communities in various locations across the State where beneficiary consultation is conducted have had similar types of requests. The Department has received requests from other homestead associations and nonprofit organizations who desire to provide services to beneficiaries and the surrounding community.
- Q: Does Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū have the option to request a lease that is not for 99 years?
 - The 99 year homestead lease is the homestead portion that authorizes the Department to provide that lease to their beneficiary class who is on the waitlist; the 99 year lease is unique to the homestead portion.
 - The Department is also authorized under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to look at other types of dispositions, including leases, licenses, or rights of entry for types of uses other than homesteading.
- Q: If awarded the land, can Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū request to renew their original lease once it is completed?
 - o General Leases are typically for 65 years and do not have an extension.
 - The Commission can provide licenses for up to 65 years. Typically licenses will be granted for 20 to 40 years. Once the license expires, it would have to return to the Commission to identify whether another license would be granted.

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• Q: What are the implications of the parcel of land being located next to a highway and County water source?

- Hawai'i County Department of Water Supply's line is in close proximity to the property. As Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū conducts their due diligence studies, they will need to have conversations with the County Department of Water Supply to identify if the Department of Water Supply will grant access to the water line and whether the water system has capacity to provide water to this new development. Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū will need to figure out how much water is going to be used for this project. The Department of Water Supply will then figure out if they can accommodate that estimated use in the future.
- These conversations between Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū, Hawai'i County, and DHHL will be required as due diligence prior to development is completed, should the Commission approve the right of entry to them to begin the process of due diligence.
- Q: If Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū is awarded a portion of the 370 acres, who is responsible for subdividing?
 - Acreage confirmed or awarded by the Commission will be subsequently removed or subdivided by the Department from the original acreage

Community Member Concerns

• Remain Focused on Housing Applicants on the Waitlist -- while it is important to support the Cultural Center and nonprofit organizations, a concern was raised to the Department to focus on applicants on the homestead waitlist.

Suggestions and Comments from Community Members

- Desire for Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū's Ongoing Work to be Supported by the
 Department -- as a few people shared the positive impact of Hana Laulima Lāhui o
 Ka'ū's organization to the community of Ka'ū and generations past, present, and future.
 Others lifted up the gap that the organization has filled to provide economic, educational,
 and cultural opportunities to residents and beyond.
- DHHL to Take the Opportunity to Uplift an Organization Native to Kaʻū -- as a comment was made that this is an opportunity for the Department to support the work of people who are born and raised in Kaʻū.
- Offer of Help from Legislature -- State House Representative Jeanne Kapela shared support for Hana Laulima Lāhui o Kaʻū's project and shared that the organization has support from the House to work on grant-in-aid funding and other similar funding that the House may have.

Next Steps

• Thirty Day Comment Period -- there will be a 30 day comment period after March 10, 2023 for beneficiaries and other individuals who were unable to attend the beneficiary

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consultation meeting to send their mana'o regarding the land use request. Comments can be emailed to dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov.

- Beneficiary Consultation Report -- in April, the Department will compile all comments regarding the land use request into a Beneficiary Consultation Report. This document will be presented to the Commission to accept the Report as the official record of beneficiary comment. The Department hopes to do this by the April Commission meeting.
- Right of Entry Permit -- the Department may seek Commision approval of a Right of Entry permit to Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū to conduct due diligence, which includes:
 - o Conducting studies -- to ensure that their project is feasible
 - Securing infrastructure -- identifying that the organization has the necessary infrastructure to support the project
 - State Compliance Requirements -- as Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū would be on State lands need to ensure compliance with the HRS Chapter 343 Environmental Assessment Law
- May 2023 Commission Meeting -- will be held in Waimea on Hawai'i Island. If the Right
 of Entry is not presented during the April Commission meeting, it will be presented at the
 May meeting by DHHL's Land Management Division.

Beneficiary Q&A and Mana'o on Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū Land Use Request

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Notes

- Andrew: At this time we'll start to transition to 2nd part of the meeting
 - Opportunity for folks to ask questions
 - Share their mana'o on the presentation that they just saw
 - o I'll iust start it off
 - I had a direct message from Janice Javar that contains a couple of questions to the group
 - She said, this is from Jeff Kekoa, Ka'u has about 11,000 acres of farm and ranch lands in the Kamao'a Pu'ueo ahupua'a, also known as South Point. Wai'ōhinu has 262 acres of sustainable ag lands. DLNR transferred about 300 acres above Wai'ōhinu to DHHL. The last time any ag or pastoral lands were awarded was in the mid 1980's, awarded by the Department
 - Currently about 10 lessees are on pastoral and no one is on Kaʻū's ag lands. Will DHHL start awarding these lands to the hundreds or maybe thousands of beneficiaries still on the ag or pastoral waitlist?
 - That question is for the Department
 - The Wai'ōhinu lands, the 262 acres of ag

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- That's currently under a right of entry to a DHHL beneficiary for pastoral use
- It's supposed to be a temporary disposition until such time that the Department is ready to develop that area
- Currently, the Department has no development funds for that tract, the 262 acre tract to develop homestead funding
- It's currently under a right of entry agreement with a DHHL beneficiary for pastoral use
- The 300 acres that the Department recently received from DLNR was transferred to the Department from DLNR via executive order
 - That means, those lands, which is some of the lands that Hana Laulima is requesting this evening
 - Those lands haven't been transferred to DHHL from DLNR with the fee title
 - Which means, DLNR still owns the land
 - But the Department received the land and has site control over the land
 - When we checked with our Attorney Generals, they told us that those lands because the Department doesn't have a fee title, we don't have the authority to award a 99 year homestead lease
 - But we can look at other ways that the land could benefit DHHL
 - Like potentially partnering with Hana Laulima to provide programs and services to our beneficiaries
- Regarding the other lands, the pastoral lands in Kamao'a and Pu'ueo
 - One of the major drawbacks or barriers of awarding those lands is the lack of water infrastructure
 - When the Department originally awarded those lands in the 1980's, they awarded, it was under our accelerated program where the Department provided the land
 - But not the infrastructure at the time
 - The assumption was that the Department and the State would develop the infrastructure in a timely manner, but that hasn't happened
 - We are currently trying to provide a water source to the current 25 pastoral lessees down at South Point
 - That project, the construction for the project should start either later this year or early 2024
 - But until we develop more water infrastructure down at South Point
 - We will be unable to award those lands in a timely manner
- We learned our lesson from the acceleration

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- That we have to build the infrastructure
- Otherwise, if we give out those lands, those lessees still might be waiting for water
- We learned our lesson and are trying to build water infrastructure in partnership with the County of Hawai'i
 - So that we can award some of those 11,000 acres that Jackie mentioned
- So mahalo for that question
- o Other questions, mana'o, or comments on the presentation we saw tonight
 - Just a reminder, you can type your question in the chat if you're shy like me
 - Or you can raise your hand and share your mana'o and I will call on you
- Jamie
- Jamie: Andrew as you know, I lived in Kaʻū since 1972, I've known Dane and Terry since they were very young
 - Years ago when I worked at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, they started their project
 - I was fortunate to help them
 - o They were awarded funding, but time lapsed and the funding got put back
 - o It's been a long haul for them, they've worked very hard in their community
 - Tried to develop this project
 - To me, a very worthy one
 - It addresses as you saw in the videos, very young children
 - It also involves their families, very important
 - That way, the culture perpetuates through the generations
 - It broadens out to the other members in our community who aren't necessarily Hawaiian but there's a lot of people in Ka'ū who are very eager to learn about the culture
 - To make their learning experiences here more rich and rewarding
 - This program as many of you know who have been involved in nonprofit community projects
 - It takes a lot of work
 - Takes lot of dedication, commitment
 - Takes money, which Dane and Terry have been very fortunate
 - While they did seek funding, there has been a lot of community support
 - Volunteers who have come forward
 - Their family, their kids, they have come and helped them through the years to help the other children in the community be rewarded with learning things from our culture
 - So for me, I really feel that I support them wholeheartedly
 - I hope that this time around they do get the funding they need to develop this program

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- Thank you
- Andrew: Mahalo Jamie for your comments
 - I see Representative Kapela's hand up
- Representative Jeanne Kapela: Thank you, sorry the light is so dark
 - One of the things, wanted to jump on here and show my full support for this project and the work they've been doing in our community
 - I think the reality is that you're seeing, they've been doing this for years and years and years
 - They've shown they can get the funding
 - For me, I wanted to jump on here and show that you have support from the House to really work on grant-in-aid funding and whatever funding we can try to pull
 - I think this can be an economic driver for Ka'ū
 - And is something that is very very needed in this area
 - Specifically centered around Native Hawaiian culture, which is something that is specific community is known across the entire state for having
 - I think that we really need to emphasize and uplift indigenous and native 'ōiwi speakers
 - And the community, culture, and resilience of Kaʻū through a project like that
 - You have support from the House
 - Have had support from the Senate for years
 - Know Senator Kanuha is very supportive
 - You have it from the house
 - The reality is that these folks just need a space
 - And when you drive through Ka'ū and you see the lot that these folks are asking for
 - And the reality that they've been digging tires out of it
 - And have been trying to do cleanings on the side of the road, it's a wasteland just sitting there
 - You have people that are willing and waiting and all they need is the land
 - o Think, that when I had my meeting with DHHL on O'ahu
 - The reality is that there is obvious need for pastoral lands to be awarded
 - You have so much land in Kaʻū, and yet it's not being awarded
 - We need to do whatever it is from the House or State side that we need to support you folks with
 - We need to make sure we are doing that, so you are awarding that land
 - And it's not just sitting there
 - Especially with this, this could be the heart and the start of something really beautiful
- Andrew: Mahalo, Representative for your mana'o
 - o Other questions, comments, mana'o
 - o Tiare-Lee, if I said your name incorrectly I apologize

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- Tiare-Lee: No you said it correctly, thank you very much
 - Some of you should know me, I should look familiar
 - Dane and Terry are my parents
 - I am their 3 child
 - I just want to share some first hand experience and knowledge
 - My parents started this, I was 1 year old, now going to be 29
 - So I have sort of been involved in this process
 - I have to say, we really grew up with the thought of always giving back to our community
 - Being so loving and caring for anything and everything that breathes
 - o This program, this lot that they are trying to get
 - Specific place for families to come, for children to learn Hawaiian culture
 - It means everything
 - My whole life, the person I am today is because of the things they taught me
 - And I went from being a student, to an alaka'i leader, and now I get to be a kumu for these kids
 - It's huge
 - Some of the kids, you see the transition from day 1, day 3, day 7, day 14 or whatever day it ends
 - They learn so much
 - And they're so grateful
 - o And they go home teach their siblings what they learned
 - I can't put into words how much of a difference it makes in all of these families
 - I see my parents working so hard, everyday
 - I wish I was rich, so I could buy you land already
 - o I just want to share the experience pretty much
 - It's totally worth it
 - o It'll be something that people look back on, totally a legacy
 - Something that people will continue for generations
 - I'm my parent's 2nd generation and I'm creating the 3rd generation
 - And it'll keep building from there
 - It's really just beautiful to watch
 - I really hope it all works out, thank you
- Andrew: Mahalo Tiare, Kaimi, I see your hand up
- Kaimi: Aloha kākou, I just wanted to come on and show support for the work of Uncle Dane and Aunty Terry
 - I know them from when I was little, in the last 10-15 years, I live in neighboring community, Miloli'i
 - But I have been able to work alongside them in many projects
 - o In many things they've been trying to do for the community
 - I 100% support them in this effort

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- Think this is the time right now, especially for the Department
- Hearing these things, Ka'ū need these types of support, activities, programs to really help the next generation
- I work with kids primarily, I'm a teacher, I do stuff in our community
 - Like anybody, to protect their natural resources so that we can see them last for the next 7-8 generations
- What they've done in the past 30 years
 - Remarkable
 - But they cannot do it by themselves
 - They need all of our support, our kōkua
 - Especially the Department has a lot of these places that can help them and help bring to life all of the work they have done, their 'ohana have done, their daughter has done
 - To bring this cultural center and the works they want to see happen for Ka'ū
- o I really wanted to encourage the Department
 - To see in the last few years, a lot of the lands haven't been given or funds have been lost
 - I see that we cannot continue to wait
 - With so much things happening today, really important, these drastic decisions start to happen
 - Think it will inspire more of us to believe there's hope
 - I have been 100% behind this programs
- Look forward to seeing that something can help them for this
- Just wanted to come on and share my support for the work they've done and mahalo
- Andrew: Mahalo Kaimi
 - o Darlyne, think I saw your hand up
- Darlyne: Can you hear me
- Andrew: Yes
- Darlyne: Aloha everybody, I am Darlyne Vierra
 - Guess this question is to Hawaiian Home Lands
 - Talk about infrastructures and stuff like that
 - Will you folks help to support with like, our biggest problem, water
 - And that area also is in the flood control area and stuff like that
 - Basically, with Hawaiian Homes, like South Point, provide some sort of infrastructure, water tank or something that can help
 - Being that the acres where the culture center would like to be and stuff like that
 - Another thing too
 - Looking at the other lands, like Discovery Harbour, the residential lots and stuff like that

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- There are people, Hawaiians still waiting for their turn to get their residential lot in Discovery Harbour
- They still in limbo
- Good cause like everything else, but get Hawaiians waiting their turn to move on the land and stuff like that
- It was open, awarded in what, 2022 and still nothing and stuff like that
- So no forget the people
 - There are other people still waiting for the land, waiting for their land
- Nice to give to nonprofits, know for a fact lot of grants out there for nonprofits
- But no forget the people
- My sister is one of them, still in limbo in that Discovery Harbour land, and many others who are still waiting for get something to call their own, to be self sufficient and stuff like that
- No forget the people of Ka'ū
 - Because get plenty still waiting to get their land
 - Pastoral, got them
 - Residential, that's Discover Harbour
 - And I understand that they are going to open up awards up again for more land
 - We still waiting for the Discovery Harbour one
- o For the Ag lots which is down in Kamao'a
 - That was 25 ag lots given out and of course it's less
 - Less now given of the land
 - Don't forget the people too that's still waiting on the waiting list
 - Hopefully it doesn't turn into Kalima vs the State of Hawai'i
- No forget the people, we still waiting, it's very important
- Yeah the cultural center is good too
 - No forget Hawaiians and non Hawaiians
 - We're a multicultural district, mahalo
- Andrew: Mahalo, Darlyne for sharing that mana'o
 - o Yes, the Department is very aware of the need to do more homesteading
 - We are trying to work our hardest to provide that to our beneficiaries, so thank you for that
 - Other mana'o or questions related to the land use request that was presented by Hana Laulima this evening
 - Jamie, you have your hand up
- Jamie: At the present time, the parcel you're looking at, the 10 acres
 - The transfer hasn't been done
 - So at this point, would they consider a Memorandum of Agreement between the two agencies
 - Legislatively is that what it's going to take to transfer the property

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- Andrew: The transfer between DLNR and DHHL has been completed
 - But DLNR agreed to
 - To transfer... kind of via executive order
 - Trying to explain what this is, really the transfer of the land to the Department, except for the fee title
 - So DLNR still maintains ownership of the land
 - But the Department is their lessee in sort of way
 - So we have the site control and we have the option to lease it to other entities
 - But according to our Attorney General, we do not have the ability to issue a 99 year homestead lease to the property because we don't have the fee title
 - Because we don't have the fee title it doesn't take the status of Hawaiian Home Lands
 - That's why we're looking at other options for the use of this property
- Jamie: So say it gets approved, right
 - How long would they be able to have this award
- Andrew: That would be subject to further discussions with Hana Laulima on the term or the length of the lease or license that the Department would be issuing to them
 - We would probably have to consult with them on what length of time they are looking at having the property for
- Jamie: So at this point, you folks are pretty open to the term or the number of years that it would be possibly available to them
 - Looking at the building itself, I can imagine the cost
 - The insurance they would have to take out on the building, on the land, the liability of who is going to come and utilize their programs
 - That's a lot of money
 - For them, in all fairness a reasonable amount of years to me, would be feasible
 - That's still in the talking stages, is that what it is
- Andrew: Yes, we haven't had a specific conversation with them on a specific amount of time that they are seeking to use it
 - We wanted to share the idea first before we get into the details into the length of time for potential future use
- Jamie: I think it's worthwhile, I really do
 - The availability of potentially bringing in more entrepreneurs, sustainability
 - There's a garden there
 - There are classes they can have
 - There's even space in there for people who even want to have a picnic with their family right, there's open spaces
 - So the variety of what is potentially available there is sustainable in my opinion

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- o I'm grateful that you folks have come together like this
 - This is a first I've never heard of anyone else doing this
 - Is this the first time
- Andrew: I think that's a question for Hana Laulima so I will pass it to them
- Jamie: No, you guys
- Andrew: Where we've come together
- Jamie: Come together for a community foundation a there to give available property
- Andrew: For the Department this isn't the first time, we have other communities in other locations across the state where we conduct beneficiary consultation on not exactly the same type of requests
 - But requests we either get from other Homestead Associations or nonprofit organizations who want to provide services to our beneficiaries and the surrounding community
- Jamie: Oh, very good, thank you
- Andrew: Elizabeth, I see your hand up
- Elizabeth Murph: Thank you Andrew, I appreciate what you were saying Jamie
 - That's where my question is coming from as well
 - Andrew, straight up question
 - o If for instance Hana Laulima were to request perhaps a 95 year lease
 - Just throwing a number out there
 - And an ability to renew
 - Is that a possibility
 - o Or is just that 99 year lease, is that specific type of lease that DHHL has
 - o But this one, for this special use
 - What I'm hearing from you, maybe there would be options that maybe you could work with them
 - That was my first question on the number of years, as long as it's not 99 would that be possible
 - o Secondly, can that lease, the original lease, also be renewable
 - Possible renew
- Andrew: Will take your first question and have Kahana answer the second one
 - o First question, is 99 the specific number
 - For those of you who are not familiar with the DHHL program
 - 99 year homestead lease is what most of our beneficiaries want from the Department
 - So 99 is not necessarily the number, 99 is the homestead portion that is special and unique
 - The Department is authorized to provide that lease to our beneficiary class who
 is on the waitlist
 - That is what makes it unique, not necessarily the 99 number
 - o The Department is also authorized under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act
 - To look at other types of what we call, dispositions

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- Leases, licenses, or right of entries for other type of uses other than homesteading uses
- So I'll pass that to Kahana in regards to terms or average terms of the other types of leases that the Department typically gives for non-homesteading leases
- Kahana: Thank you Andrew, thank you for the question
 - o Again, dispositions, people get mixed up with licenses and lease
 - General lease is typically for 65 years
 - It never goes beyond that
 - If it's the 65 years, there's no extension after that
 - Licenses can go up for, the Commission can say go up to 65 years
 - Typically they go for 20 to maybe 40 years, I've seen
 - After the 40 years, if the 40 years expire, it'd have to come back to the Commission to see if we'd continue another license for another term, typically
 - o The maximum I think would be around 40 to 50 years for a license
 - And 65 years basically for a lease
- Andrew: Does that answer your questions Elizabeth
- Elizabeth: Thank you, just wanted to come back it's such a wonderful specific to understand
 - o I used to be the grants manager for Harold Castle Foundation
 - So we'd vet all of the incoming grants
 - Many grants through Harold Castle Foundation are often for construction of facilities across our state
 - Long term lease is always the first required foundation in an organization's request
 - If you don't have the long term lease, you won't have the option to have those long term funds coming through
 - So I'm really happy to know, so 40 sounds like the magic number
 - That's really good to know
 - And then there's the opportunity at that point to towards the close of that lease to come back to DHHL and request renewal at that time, correct
 - Thank you for that, I appreciate it so much
- Andrew: Good questions
 - Other questions or mana'o at this time
 - Jamie
- Jamie: Being that the property, the parcel is located right along the highway, we have County water, correct
 - So wouldn't it make it a little more feasible on both of your sides, you and Hana Laulima, for the location and have the availability of that water source
 - o Does that make a difference
- Andrew: I think it makes it more attractive
 - The County department of water supplies line is in close proximity to the property
 - Think we'll go over this in next steps

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- As Hana Laulima does their due diligence studies
 - They will have to have conversations with the County Department of Water Supply to see if the Department of Water Supply will let them access the water line to see
 - So the Department of Water Supply will let them know whether or not their water system has capacity to provide water to this new development
 - Hana Laulima will also have to figure out how much water they're actually going to use for this project
 - The Department of Water Supply will then figure out then if they can accommodate that estimated use in the future
- Conversations that will have to happen between Hana Laulima, the County, and DHHL as they do their due diligence for this development, should the Commission approve of right of entry to them to start the due diligence
- Jamie: Thank you
- Andrew: Other questions or comments
 - Mahalo everyone for the discussion so far, it's been very productive
 - Any other comments, questions, also just a reminder if you are shy like me, can put it in the chat
- Kahana: Andrew really quick clarification on the general lease and license just for the group
 - When we say general lease, we got to remember that the entire parcel covers
 300 some acres
 - If we lease it, it would have to be subdivided and created a lot for that 10 acres
 - Would have to be consolidated or subdivided kind of thing
 - Correct me if I'm wrong Andrew
- Andrew: Yeah, typically when we give out a general lease it'd be for a specific TMK
 - So we would have to, yeah
- Kahana: Yes, then to clarity, for a license we can do a portion of that TMK
 - Just wanted to clarify that
- Andrew: Other questions or comments related to the general idea of the Department partnering with Hana Laulima on this proposed project
- Jamie: I have a question before we go there
 - The lease, Kahana if they get a portion of the 370 acres or whatever
 - Who is responsible for subdividing
- Kahana: I think we put the onus on the user, not on Hawaiian Home Lands
 - o If we went ahead and the Commission confirmed or approved a portion of that
 - We take out a portion, withdraw a portion and consolidate or subdivide it out of that
- Jamie: Ok, thank you, Kahana
- Andrew: Elizabeth, I see your hand up, and I also see that Chair Anderson and Commissioner Kaleikini turned their camera on so I'll pass it to them after Elizabeth
- Elizabeth: Thank you so much, just very quickly

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- I'd like to say that there are other organizations in Ka'ū who have requested funding from OHA or from other grantors in our state
- o They are doing Native Hawaiian cultural work as well, but they are not from Kaʻū
 - This is your chance DHHL to award funds to people born and raised with ancestors going back hundreds and hundreds of years
 - They carry the heart of Ka'ū, the native people heart
 - This is your chance, the other folks that are there are doing great things, they are not from Kaʻū
 - Just want to make it very clear
- And of course, as you can tell, I support the initiatives and hope that this time this
 can actually happen, this time, in our world and in our state, in our world, and our
 people that this can happen
- Thank you so much
- Andrew: Mahalo, Chair Anderson if you wanted to make a comment
- Chair Anderson: Mahalo Andrew
 - I'll make a few comments but I wanted to defer first to Commissioner Kaleikini of Hawai'i Island, thank you
- Andrew: Ok
- Commissioner Mike Kalekini: Appreciate that Chair
 - Thank you Andrew
 - I just wanted to say, my big mahalos to Dane and Terry for putting out this presentation
 - Look forward to us looking at this at the Commission level
 - Totally supportive of what you're doing out there, great people
 - That's my thoughts, just wanted to share that
 - Thank you, Chair for letting me go
- Chair Anderson: Mr. Kalekini, much mahalo for your support
 - Would also like to thank our Department of Hawaiian Home Lands staff for moving this forward
 - Especially, much mahalo to you both, Aunty Terry and Uncle Dane for your folks work over the decades to bring this project to fruition
 - I actually found out about this project during the summer of last year, prior to my arriving at DHHL as the interim Director and interim Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission
 - But I believed in this project when I first heard about it, when I had the opportunity to work with Commissioner Kalekini and now Commissioner Freitas and the commission and our staff to advance this
 - We jumped at the opportunity
 - So hopeful that after I depart from the Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
 - With the leadership of Commissioner Freitas and Commissioner Kalekini will be able to move this forward with the community

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- Would also like to especially thank our Representative Kapela for jumping on this evening
 - Always been a staunch advocate for the people of Ka'ū
 - Thank you so much Representative, your support means the world
 - Know it's your community
 - But it's also important for the Commission to know that the Legislature supports this effort
 - Also understand that there is solid support from Senator Kanuha as well
 - So much mahalo to the State Legislature and the lawmakers representing Ka'ū
- But really the aloha and mahalo goes to the community for carrying this forward all these years
- So everyone, let's work together, let's get this done for the community, thank you
- Andrew: Mahalo, Chair
 - And mahalo to you for moving, and doing this and directing the Department to move on this wonderful idea
 - I know we're scheduled to end at 7:30, I guess are there any other questions or comments at this time
- Chair Anderson: Andrew, can you just explain where we go from here please

Slide Presentation by Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū

From 6:55 - 23:35 of Recording

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- Terry: Aloha and mahalo to DHHL staff
 - Thank you for giving us this opportunity tonight to speak on behalf of Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū
 - o I am Terry Lee Shibuya
 - President of Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū
 - On my right hand side I have former President, Dane Shibuya of Hana Laulim Lāhui o Ka'ū in 1994
- Dane: First of all, thanks Andrew for coordinating this and all of those on the DHHL side
 - o Commissioners Mike and Kahana, Ikaika and all those guys involved
 - o Thank you for the opportunity and I guess we'll begin our slideshow
- Terry: Ka'ū 'āina kipu
 - Ka'ū land of rebels against oppression
- Dane: We all know Ka'ū, hard, we hard people
 - Always don't back down to challenges

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- One of these objectives, we trying to deal with the cultural center, trying to promote that for the Hawaiians
- Terry: Our Update
 - Our mission
 - History
 - Strategic plan
 - Funding plan
 - o Ka'ū Hawaiian Culture Center
- Dane: I want to touch little bit on the history
 - Back in 1994 a group of Hawaiians enrolled in the Alu Like entrepreneurship training
 - At that time each individual had their own piece of the puzzle
 - One wanted to do lei making
 - Poi pounding, taro
 - Imu
 - Hula, cultural moʻolelo part
 - We all participated in that, graduated
 - This came out of the vision of the Hawiaian cultural center
 - Each individual would be part of the schematic of the whole layout
 - Sad part of that is right now, 80% of the original Board has passed on already
 - Still can remember to this day
 - They'd tap us, because me and her the youngest of the group
 - Make sure you guys carry this on
 - And that's the history
- Terry: And not to mention they were beneficiaries as well
 - Covering from South Point to Kapaloa
- Dane: And most of them were 100% Hawaiian as well
- Terry: Our mission
 - Support the development of a new economic base for the district of Ka'ū that will enhance economic growth, advance a secure economic future for the community, and the children of Ka'ū, while preserving the people of Ka'ū's cultural heritage and love for the 'āina
- Dane: Next
- Terry: Our strategic priorities
 - #1, develop and implement programs to meet community needs
 - #2, develop and implement a fund development program in order to raise sufficient program and construction funds
 - #3, design, plan, and construct the Ka'ū Hawaiian Cultural Center
- Dane: Next
- Terry: Priority 1
 - Developed and implement programs to meet community needs
 - o Delivered 3,000 meals to kūpuna and 'ohana during pandemic

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- o Annual Hoʻolaulea, coming up this month March 25th
- Provided cultural activities for 100 families and multiple generations
- Dane: That's kahea mai ka 'āina program
 - Mentioning that
- Terry: Priority 2
 - Develop and implement a fund development program in order to raise sufficient program and construction funds
 - Increase funding by 20% each year
 - \$100k for program funds
 - Marketing plan and development plan implemented
 - o Priority 3
 - Design, plan and construct the Kaʻū Hawaiian Cultural Center
 - Secure the land for permanent facility
 - Secure \$350k for design related activities
 - Hire design team and update facility development plan
 - Kahea mai
 - Kahea mai ka 'āina meaning, the land is calling, when the land calls, we need to get back to the roots and mālama, take care of the 'āina, for the 'āina will take care of us
 - Kahea mai ka 'āina program has provided intercession programming for 10 years
 - Most programming occurs during intercessions and summer via 'ohana camps
 - These camps serve learners from grades kindergarten through twelfth grade and their families
 - By the end of the program year
 - 70% of students will increase their Hawaiian language proficiency
 - By the end of the program year
 - 80% of students will improve their cultural practices with their families
 - o Kahea mai ka 'āina
 - Hana Laulima is like the non profit, Kahea mai is a program under the 501c3
 - It goes hand in hand
 - It's a program that we do on our farm, many many years back
 - They'd live with us practically, for a week on the farm
 - And they would experience doing imu making
 - Doing weaving
 - o Doing mo'olelo, history of Ka'ū
 - Lei making
 - Kalo and learning about hāloa

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- And at the end of the provide the pula pula, we want them to take those back home with them and do their own imus in their own backyards
 - So they can provide food for their families
 - Teach their ohanas
 - And keep the generation going
- We also have alaka'is in the program
 - So we will teach the alaka'i
 - And the alaka'i will teach the younger ones
 - It's such a really good program
- We like the fact that the families are involved
- And most importantly, we also have beneficiary children onboard too as we do this program for many many years
- Now I'm teaching the beneficiaries children's children
- That's what we do and continue to do to preserve the culture
- Dane: Next is one video
 - o 2nd video
- Terry: Goal of Ka'ū Hawaiian cultural center
 - The Ka'ū Hawaiian cultural center will be open to serve the communities and families.
 - Programs will serve keiki, makua, and kupuna living, learning, and visiting Ka'ū.
 The master plan includes a visitor center, a museum and resource facility, certified and instructional kitchen, outdoor performance area, shared business incubator space, imu and educational programs
 - #1 learning laboratory
 - #2 teaching and production kitchen
 - #3 multi-purpose indoor outdoor spaces
 - Our progress
 - Create a place for Kaʻū to come together, practice our culture and learn innovations in sustaining our families and communities
 - #1 acquire land, in process
 - #2 revise and renew design, in process
 - #3 market feasibility study, in process
 - #4 complete design documents
 - #5 raise funds and construct
- Dane: Ok this is one of the original plans
 - Constructing the Hawaiian Cultural Center
 - Can first see, there's a parking lot area
 - As you come in, walking path
 - Amphitheater, 40x40 dimensions
 - To do all the hula shows
 - Open space, classrooms, and grassy area could be used to do farmers market

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- Out back, before this is what we call the Hawaiian botanical garden
 - All the different Hawaiian herbs
 - And variety you could think of was all thought of and put in the plan
- Final building, Ka'ū Hawaiian Culture center itself
 - Multipurpose building with multiple things
 - Kitchen, museum, visitor center, and some place to eat
- On to the new, what was done previously, we doing a new plan in the design
 - Right now in this process, replica on what the building could look like
- o DHHL site like Andrew mentioned prior
 - 10.4 acres of DHHL land in Wai'ōhinu
 - This is the location
 - Along Highway 11 between Nā'ālehu and Wai'ōhinu
 - Used to be location where Sydney Andrade them used to do some farming back in the plantation days
- o This is the view from overhead looking down
 - Right now it's a vacant property with bushes
 - Can see the flat area where they used to garden
 - This is where the entry would be
 - With the parking lot and Hawaiian Cultural Center
 - Towards Kona
 - Towards Hilo
 - If people not familiar with where the location is
 - It's actually part of the 270 somewhat acres that goes up above the hill
 - But we're just looking at right below, utilize the ravine, backdrop to be an echo for the Hawaiian music and hula
- Terry: Community and beneficiary benefits
 - Community certified kitchen to support Native Hawaiian businesses and increase food security
 - Native Hawaiian māla
 - Resource center
 - Shared office space, possible DHHL resource office
 - Native Hawaiian cultural sharing
 - o Entrepreneurship, workshops, and training
 - Opening for DHHL beneficiary as board member
 - Native Hawaiian educational programs, including Hawaiian language immersion and culture-based
- Dane: And all of this, we all Hawaiians in Ka'ū, majority
 - Somehow everybody is connected
 - o In the sense, even for the beneficiaries, this is all of them also
 - We not secluding anyone out, this is for everybody in Ka'ū
 - Furthermore, educational programs

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- Kamehameha Schools, we don't even have a preschool here
- For all the districts in the Big Island, Ka'ū don't have one
- Hopefully the intent, we can possibly build on Hawaiian Home Lands, this can be offered to the beneficiaries alive and the rest of the district
- Terry: Ka'ū malo 'eka kua wehi
 - The hardworking people of Ka'ū
- Dane: That concludes our presentation, thank you Andrew
- Andrew: Mahalo Terry and Dane for that presentation

Introduction

From 0:00 - 6:49 of Recording

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- Andrew: Aloha everyone, welcome to this beneficiary consultation being held by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) regarding Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū's land use request
 - My name is Andrew Choy, the Planning Program Manager at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, I will be facilitating the meeting tonight
 - With me tonight from the Department is Chair Ikaika Anderson
 - Commissioner Mike Kaleikini
 - East Hawai'i district manager Nina Fisher
 - Kahana Albinio from our Land Management division. He is the administrator for that division
 - Also have Lillie Makaila, our Hawai'i Island Planner
 - Would like to mahalo Representative Jeanne Kapela for joining us this evening
 - Next slide
 - Purpose of tonight's meeting is to gather beneficiary mana'o on Hana Laulima
 Lāhui o Ka'ū's land use request for a 10.4 acre portion of Hawaiian Home Lands
 located in Wai'ōhuinu, Ka'ū, Hawai'i
 - Next slide
 - Couple of housekeeping items
 - For those of us who have been on Zoom through the last couple of years, this might be standard for you
 - When you are not talking, please try to keep microphone on mute
 - So we can eliminate any unintentional background noise, dog barking or neighbor cutting the grass
 - Please type your questions in the chat or raise your virtual hand
 - Since I am the facilitator, I will call on you when I see your hand up or see a comment on the chat
 - Lillie will also help me to identify comments as the meeting goes on
 - Just a reminder, this meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the Department's website

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- Right now since this is a virtual meeting, we don't have a sign-in sheet to keep a physical record of who attended
 - If you don't mind, at this time, please in the chat sign in
 - First and last name, where you live and if you are a DHHL applicant or lessee
 - Or if you are not one of those, you can put other
 - Thank you for taking the time to do that
 - It helps with our record keeping so we can report to our Commission who attended the meeting and who did not
- For those of you who have participated in prior DHHL beneficiary consultation meetings
 - This is quick reminder, please be respectful of the person talking
 - Please do not interrupt the person that is talking
 - Wait for the facilitator to call on you
 - Or type your question in the chat if it is something burning and want to get across
 - And we will try to acknowledge that comment in the chat later on
 - When addressing other participants, either verbally or in the chat
 - Please be respectful
 - Show aloha to the others in this space
 - Reminder to treat others the way you want to be treated
 - We can agree to disagree
 - Sometimes others might have different opinions or perspectives than you
 - But this is a space for us to learn about new ideas and to have an open mind to new ideas or new information
- Next Slide
- The Department has a beneficiary consultation policy
 - Tonight is an enactment of that policy
 - The beneficiary consultation is required for 4 types of proposals that require Commission approval. The 4 types of proposals are listed below
 - Policy issues
 - Land use amendments to our Island Plans
 - Development of our DHHL Plans
 - So like our Island Plans
 - Regional Plans
 - Or Master Plans
 - Long term use of DHHL land
 - o Or what we call a non-homestead use
 - So a use that does not involve a 99 year homestead lease
 - What Hana Laulima o Ka'ū is proposing is a long term use of DHHL lands
 - So we want to get our beneficiary's mana'o on this proposed use

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- Next slide
- Tonight's agenda
 - We are almost done with welcome and introductions
 - We will have a presentation by Hana Laulima Lāhui o Ka'ū to go over where they are requesting DHHL land
 - And what they intend to do with the land, should the Commission approve the request
 - And how that request will benefit Department beneficiaries
 - The next part of meeting is an opportunity for everyone on the call to share their mana'o on that request
 - And ask any questions at this time either to Hana Laulima or the Department
 - After that section we'll quickly wrap up with next steps out of this process
- Next slide
- Just to point out
 - This is the approximate location of where Hana Laulima is requesting Hawaiian Home Lands
 - This is our tract by Wai'ōhinu
 - They are looking for approximately a 10 acre tract by Māmalahoa Highway
- Next slide
- Lilia: That is the end of our slides, Andrew
- Andrew: Ok, awesome
 - At this time I will pass it over to Hana Laulima o Ka'ū to give their presentation

Next Steps & Closing

From 1:01:19 - End of Recording

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- Andrew: Yes, Lillie if you can put the slides on the next steps
 - We can quickly go over where we go from here
- Chair Anderson: Thank you, and then the community has a solid understanding of where we go from here
 - And we'll work with Commissioner Freitas and Commissioner Kalekini to bring this to the future agenda of the Hawaiian Homes Commission as soon as possible
 - o But thank you, Andrew, please proceed
- Andrew: Ok, mahalo, Chair
 - o DHHL beneficiary consultation process
 - We just want to make sure that there's as much opportunity for beneficiaries to comment
 - After tonight's meeting

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- There will be a 30 day comment period for our beneficiaries to send their mana'o
- We know that not everyone could make it tonight
- Other people might have had other family or work commitments
- We just want to make sure we provide that extra opportunity for folks to share their mana'o
- So if there are folks that you know that were wanting to participate and share their mana'o on this land use request
 - Let them know they still have an opportunity
 - And they can email their comments to dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov
 - We will also put this meeting video and our contact information on the website that you folks used to access this meeting tonight
 - If you were able to access the meeting
 - It's the same place that the video will be posted
 - If you want to share this with other folks that you know who would like to comment on this initiative
 - Feel free to do so
 - And they will have the opportunity in the next 30 days
- In April
 - We will compile all of the comments in what we call a Beneficiary Consultation Report
 - It is a summary of all of the comments that were made this evening
 - As well as the comments we receive in the next 30 days
 - And we will present that to the Commission to accept the Report as the official record of beneficiary comment
 - We hope to do that at the April Commission meeting
- Depending on the timing, we may either seek Commission approval on right of entry permit to Hana Laulima to do due diligence
 - To study the land
 - To be able to go on the land
 - Study the land and talk story with all of the agencies who may be able to provide infrastructure support
 - That approval for right of entry permit might either happen in April or May
- So in the next couple of months, there will be several, starting in April, there will be several items before the Commission related to this initiative
- Right of entry permit
 - Just a permit to let Hana Laulima do their due diligence
 - Do their studies
 - Make sure that the project is feasible
 - That they would have the necessary infrastructure to support the project

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- Because this is State lands, to make sure that they are compliant with the HRS Chapter 343 Environmental Assessment Law
- That would be their opportunity to make sure they meet all of those important compliance requirements
- Chair Anderson: Andrew, are you saying then that it is possible the ROE approval could come before the Commission for action in April
 - That's possible
- Andrew: It's possible
 - April possibly, but definitely May
- Chair Anderson: Definitely May, ok, thank you very much
- Kahana: And May would be good to because it's going to be on Island
 - o On Hawai'i Island, Waimea
- Andrew: Yes, on the north end of the island but it will be on island
- Kahana: Yes, and not only that
 - But the right of entry will be presented by Land Management, the department that I oversee
- Andrew: Ok, so that takes us through the next steps
 - If there aren't any other questions or comments at this time, would like to mahalo everyone for taking the time to meet with us this evening and sharing your thoughts on this proposed use of Hawaiian Home Lands
 - o Thank you everyone, have a good weekend and safe evening
- Kahana: Mahalo
- Terry: Thank you all

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Chat

- 18:06:50 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Please sign in here! First & Last, where you live, and applicant, lessee, or other
- 18:06:59 From Nālani to Everyone: Nālani Parlin, Ka'ū, other
- 18:07:03 From Elizabeth Murph to Everyone: Elizabeth Naholowaa Murph, Hilo, HI other
- 18:07:07 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Reacted to "Elizabeth Naholowaa ..." with 💙
- 18:07:13 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Reacted to "Nālani Parlin, Ka'ū,..." with
- 18:07:20 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Removed a ♥ reaction from "Elizabeth Naholowaa ..."
- 18:07:28 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Reacted to "Elizabeth Naholowaa ..." with 🤎
- 18:07:33 From Sharon Moraes to Everyone: Sharon Moraes, Volcano Village I am a DHHL applicant.
- 18:07:49 From Jamie Kawauchi to Everyone: Aloha mai e kakou! Jamie Moana Kawauchi, Kahilipali Iki, Ka'u. Other
- 18:08:01 From A. to Everyone: A.Davis, Ka'u, applicant
- 18:08:01 From Kala, Waiohinu/Honohononui to Everyone: Kala Mossman, Waiohinu applicant
- 18:08:09 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Reacted to "Sharon Moraes, Volca..." with
- 18:08:12 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Reacted to "Aloha mai e kakou! J..." with 💙
- 18:08:15 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Reacted to "A.Davis, Ka'u, appli..." with 💙
- 18:08:19 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Reacted to "Kala Mossman, Waiohi..." with
- 18:08:36 From Rep. Jeanné Kapela (she/her) to Everyone: Rep. Jeanne Kapela (South Kona-Keaau) other
- 18:08:40 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Reacted to "Rep. Jeanne Kapela (..." with 💙
- 18:09:03 From brandyshibuya to Everyone: Brandy Shibuya Na'alehu (Other)
- 18:09:47 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: Reacted to "Brandy Shibuya Na'al..." with 💙
- 18:09:52 From Justin Canelas to Everyone: Justin Canelas, Na'alehu, Other
- 18:10:05 From Kassie Ross to Everyone: Kassie Ross (Nā'ālehu) Other
- 18:10:57 From JJavar to Andrew H. Choy (Direct Message): From JKekoa: Ka'u has about 11,000 acres of farm and ranch lands in the Kamaoa/Puueo ahupuaa (South Point). Waiohinu has 262 acres of sustainable ag lands. DLNR transferred about 300 acres above Waiohinu to DHHL. The last time any ag or pastoral lands were awarded was in the mid 1980's. Currently about 10 lessees are on pastoral and no one is on Ka'u's ag lands. Will DHHL start awarding these lands to the hundreds or maybe thousands of beneficiaries still on the ag or pastoral waitlist?
- 18:11:25 From JJavar to Everyone: Janice Javar

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- 18:11:28 From Tiare to Everyone: Tiare-Lee Shibuya (Naalehu) other
- 18:12:18 From Andrew H. Choy to JJavar (Direct Message): Aloha Janice. Is it ok if I read and answer your questions to the larger group.
- 18:12:46 From JJavar to Everyone: Sure
- 18:13:05 From JJavar to Andrew H. Choy (Direct Message): Yes Andrew
- 18:13:31 From Andrew H. Choy to JJavar (Direct Message): Mahalo! It's a good question that should be shared.
- 19:06:36 From Lillie Makaila to Everyone: email to dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov
- 19:10:27 From Elizabeth Murph to Everyone: Mahalo nui for your time!