

HAWAIIAN GOVERNANCE
Theresa Bigole, Director

MISSION

Hawaiian Governance (HG) seeks to assist and facilitate the Hawaiian community in creating and building a strong and healthy Hawaiian nation by involving Hawaiian community organizations and agencies and encouraging individual Native Hawaiians to enroll in the Kau Inoa initiative and actively participate in the nation-building process.

FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS

FEDERAL RECOGNITION

- HG continued work in both houses of Congress in support of S. 310/H.R. 505, commonly known as the Akaka Bill.
- HG monitored the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) and the actions of some members of the Hawai'i State Advisory Committee (HSAC), who actively promoted a conservative agenda hostile to the interests of indigenous peoples, including the Akaka Bill.
- HG assisted in correcting misinformation and historic inaccuracies by coordinating efforts for the new report, "Correcting the Record: The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and Justice for Native Hawaiians" by noted researchers, lawyers and educators from the University of Hawai'i.

KAU INOA AND HO'OU'U LAHUI ALOHA

- HG provided support as OHA continued to fund community organizations and conduct outreach to register Native Hawaiians for Kau Inoa, an initiative to enroll Native Hawaiians for the purpose of building a Native Hawaiian nation. Registration activities were conducted at 127 community events resulting in the Kau Inoa registration of more than 90,000 Native Hawaiians.
- HG conducted the following activities in order to disseminate information on Kau Inoa to the Hawaiian community:
 - Placed advertisements in Hawai'i and the Continental U.S. media, including radio, television, Internet, and print.
 - Created a Kau Inoa website and online registration form.
- HG assisted OHA in the co-sponsorship of conferences and community meetings for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Club and other organizations.
- HG published the *Ho'ou'u Lahui Aloha* newsletter.

HAWAIIAN REGISTRY PROGRAM

- HG assisted Kau Inoa registrants with verification of their Hawaiian ancestry.
- HG fielded inquiries from around the world by e-mail, telephone, mail, and the OHA website as well as from walk-in visitors at all OHA state-wide offices; this resulted in 1-483 newly-issued ancestry verification color photo cards.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, AND HOUSING
John P. Hananaka, Director

HALE MISSION

The Health, Human Services, and Housing Hale (HHSH) encompasses three disciplines that seek to work in partnership with community organizations committed to the betterment of conditions impacting Native Hawaiians in the areas of health, social service programs and housing opportunities.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS/ADDRESSED NEEDS SERVED

In order to address OHA Strategic Plan goals for health (Goal 10), social services (Goal 8), and Housing (Goal 9), the HHSH contains three sections: Health, Human Services and Housing.

HEALTH MISSION

The mission of OHA's health discipline is to improve the health of the Native Hawaiian population.

NEEDS SERVED

The health staff represents OHA in its seat as a member of the Native Hawaiian Board of Health with Papa Ola Lōkahi and supported advocacy and capacity-building efforts for a comprehensive plan developed by Papa Ola Lōkahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems, and the Community Health Centers to facilitate the delivery of health services pursuant to the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act. Partnerships with other public and private agencies engaged in the health issues of Native Hawaiians will be developed to enhance OHA's support of health initiatives.

HUMAN SERVICES MISSION

The mission of OHA's Human Services program is to better the social conditions of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries by enhancing access to resources, information and services through advocacy, technical assistance and financial support to Hawaiian agencies and other direct service providers.

NEEDS SERVED

Human Services staff engaged in a range of activities that address the social needs of Native Hawaiians, including funding and monitoring social programs; beneficiary advocacy; capacity building of direct service community organizations; legislative and governmental policy change; and participation in state and federally funded conditions and task forces.

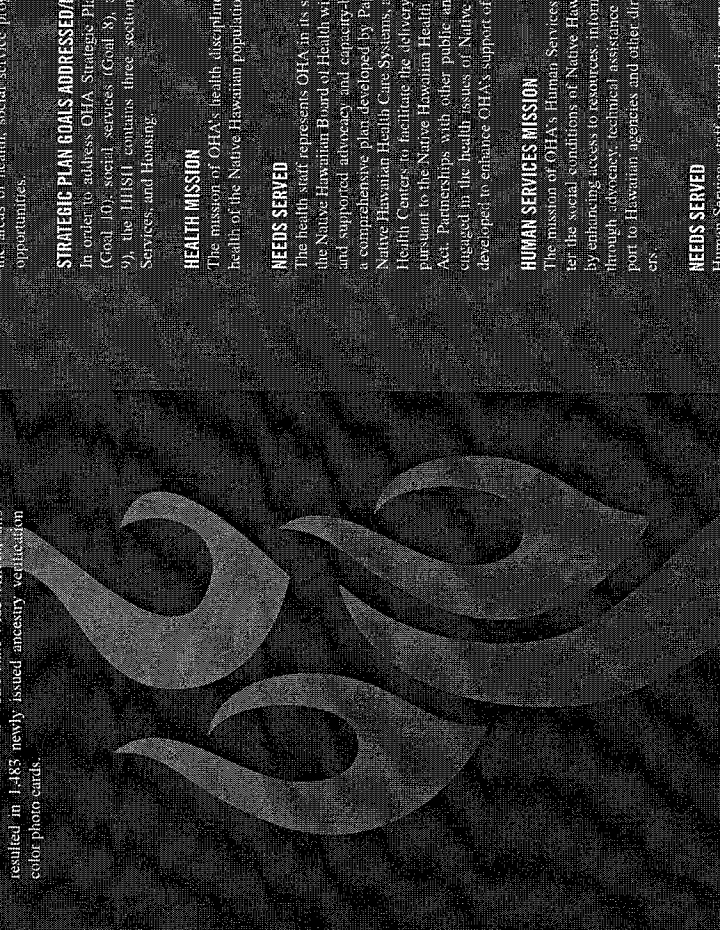
HOUSING MISSION

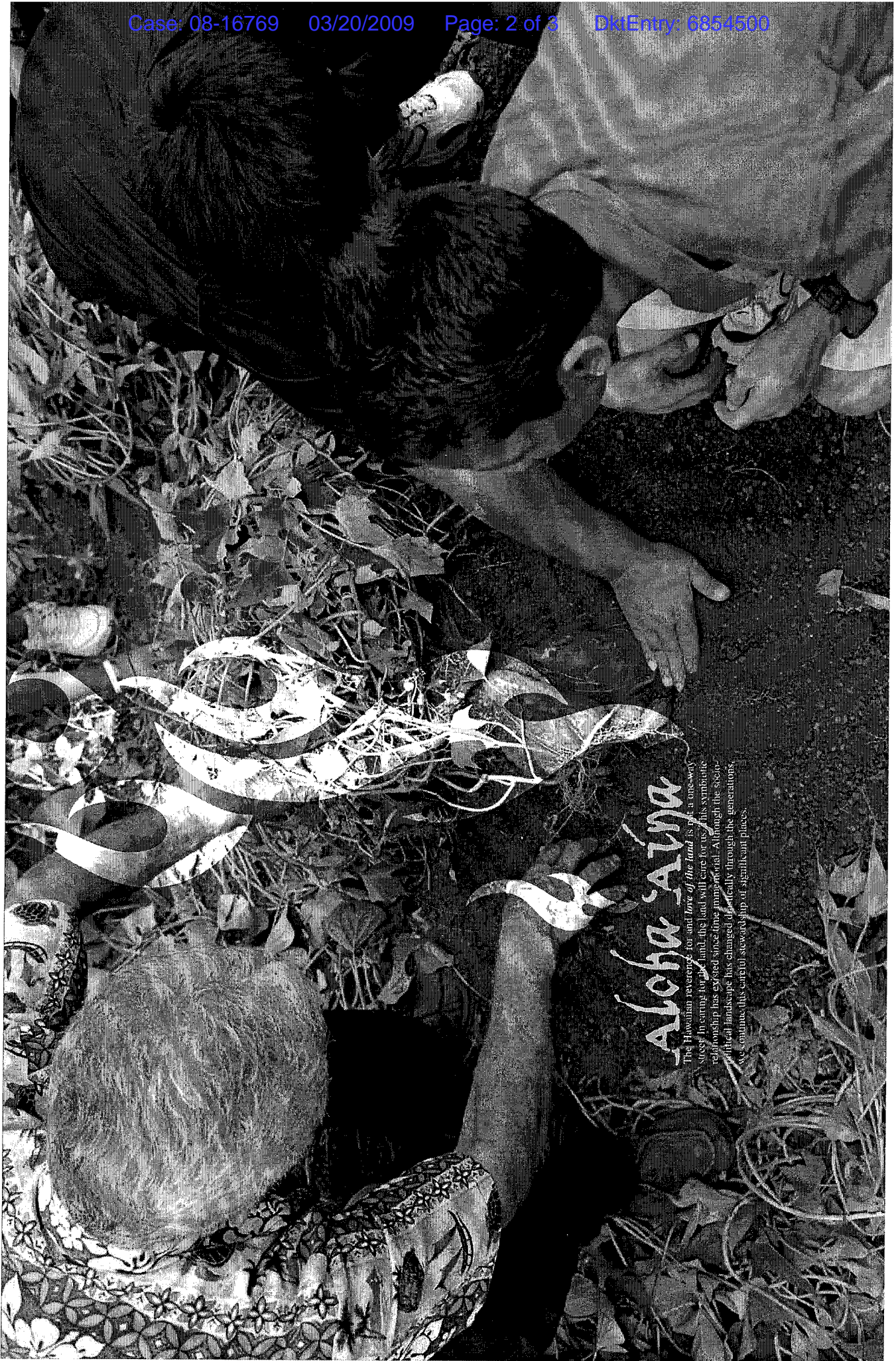
The Housing section works cooperatively with others to achieve equality in living standards for Native Hawaiians building or rebuilding healthy, self-sufficient Native Hawaiian communities. This includes the planning and implementation of programs that foster the development of safe, decent and affordable housing for Native Hawaiians.

NEEDS SERVED

OHA's housing programs focus on providing home ownership opportunities that particularly fit the needs of Native Hawaiian families. Due to the changing nature of the housing market, OHA also cooperated with agencies and organizations that address other housing-related issues, including affordable rentals, homelessness, transitional housing and creative financing.

Research and planning activities continued as the OHA Housing Plan and Strategy is scheduled for completion in 2008. Guidelines will be utilized to develop multiple pathways to help Hawaiian families with financial literacy and asset building, increased access to affordable rentals, and opportunities to qualify for first-time home ownership.





Aloha 'Aina

The Hawaiian reverence for and love of the land is not a one-way street. In caring for the land, the land will care for us. This symbiotic relationship has existed since time immemorial. Although the socio-political landscape has changed dramatically through the generations, we continue this careful stewardship of significant places.

NATIVE RIGHTS, LAND AND CULTURE
Kai Wai'oli, Director

MISSION

Native Rights, Land and Culture (NRLC) advocates for the rights, land and culture of the Hawaiian community at the international, federal, state and county levels.

FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS

- Revised over 300 pieces of legislation in the 2008 session and testified when appropriate. Also, participated in the special session on legislation related to the Hawaiian Superfund.
- Participated in meetings of state and local boards, commissions, and committees and assisted other state agencies with numerous legislative issues.
- Worked with organizations and individuals to ensure the protection of culturally significant sites and kuleana lands in Hawaii.
- Reviewed 1,050 requests for OHA's input. Of these, NRIIC commented on 712 requests relating to land development and land use changes, environmental review documents, consultations and disputes involving the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and various other land and cultural issues.
- Administered OHA's Native Hawaiian Historical Preservation Council, which advises the OHA Board of Trustees on historic preservation issues.
- Engaged vigorously in protecting two kupauna and burial sites in more than 20 cases across Hawaii and the Continental U.S.
- Assisted in coordinating a conference to discuss and identify the most endangered Native Hawaiian cultural traditions, practices and rights. NRIIC staff subsequently developed a database of information on cultural practitioners, Hawaiian culture resources, and procedures to safeguard resources.
- Assisted various beneficiaries in resolving various issues including re-entitlement and protection of two kupauna trail access issues, quiet title land litigation, violation of basic human rights, expropriation of traditional and customary Native Hawaiian practices and recognition of the traditional cultural landscape and wahi kupauna (ancestral places).
- Collaborated with attorneys from OHA's Legal Services Office, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp, and Earthjustice on various issues involving land title, native rights, water rights, and access to resources.
- Continued development of the OHA Cultural Plan.

MISSION

The Planning, Research, Evaluation and Grants (PREG) provides OHA with timely and effective planning, research, and evaluation in accordance with OHA's vision and mission. PREG better the conditions of Native Hawaiians by providing appropriate grant funding to nonprofit or community organizations to meet the needs of the Native Hawaiian community.

During this fiscal year, the structure and direction of PREG has undergone a transition. In last quarter of the fiscal year, Grants became a separate unit under the Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment division. Meanwhile, the elements of Planning, Research, and Evaluation have been consolidated into one function.

FY-08 HIGHLIGHTS

Planning, Research, and Evaluation (PRE)

- Collected beneficiary input regarding "OHA Public Land Trust Settlement" at meetings held on all islands.
- Updated site work plans in preparation for OHA Strategic Plan revamping in FY09.
- Continued partnership with University of Hawaii's Center for Training and Evaluation and Research (CTERP) assessing Native Hawaiian well-being.
- Contributed support for Kau Ihoa Small Grants Program.
- Provided contract overview for Miami ahoi - Bishop Museum, and Kawahala to Chard.
- Improved OHA Division Monthly Reports.
- Coordinated OHA Salary Commission report.

GRANTS

- The Community Grants Program awarded over \$3 million to 53 projects providing services and implementing programs that impact the Native Hawaiian community statewide. In addition, almost \$388,000 was awarded to support 28 community events.
- Grants Program staff conducted 26 grant workshops and technical assistance sessions statewide, reaching over 650 stakeholders seeking funding for projects that benefit the Hawaiian community. As a result, 124 applications were received requesting OHA grant funding.

PLANNING, RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND GRANTS
Kai Wai'oli, Director

- The Board of Trustees awarded \$9.04 million to 20 larger initiatives that support multi-year program services and Capital Improvement Projects. OHA funding assisted organizations in leveraging federal, state, county, and private funding to support their projects.

