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COUNCIL for NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT



Aloha mai kākou,

This year's Native Hawaiian Convention holds great significance as it marks a milestone: the first convention held outside of Hawai'i. As we gather here in Las Vegas, we acknowledge that more than 50% of Native Hawaiians now live beyond our one hānau, and this emphasizes a broader needed for us to connect and remain rooted in our culture. We also acknowledge that we are here on the ancestral lands of the Nuwuvi and Nüwüwü - as indigenous peoples, we have a shared kuleana in acknowledging all one hānau.

At the heart of our collective journey is kilohana, a concept that embodies unity, excellence, and wisdom. It serves as a beacon of hope, guiding us to forge strong connections and maintain our sense of place, identity, and cultural heritage no matter where we reside. Kilohana empowers us to be ambassadors of our culture and to create a positive impact in our communities.

Throughout this convention, we invite you to immerse yourselves in the rich tapestry of our culture, engage in meaningful dialogues, and embrace the opportunities for growth and connection that lie before us.

As we gather, we call upon you to be catalysts of change. Let the lessons learned and the connections made at this convention fuel your passion to bring kilohana to life in your own communities. Together, we can preserve and share our heritage, ensuring that the spirit of kilohana thrives wherever Native Hawaiians call home.

Me ke aloha no ka lāhui,

Kជ៉ា់iō Lewis

CEO, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement



Kūhiō Lewis

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# **MONDAY, JUNE 19**

**Registration 9:00 am - 3:00 pm** *Registration Desk* 

Check in at the registration desk to get your name tag and event information for all four days of the Native Hawaiian Convention.

Pop-Up Mākeke 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm Ballroom C Shop our exclusive pop-up store of goods from Hawai'i nei

Meet our vendors and shop hundreds of Hawai'i-based products that represent the unique culture, spirit, and artistry of Hawai'i and its people.

**'Aha 'Ōpio 8:30 am - 5:00 pm** Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 15 (Upstairs)

Kumu Hula Mehanaokala Hind

Empowering the next generation of Hawaiian leaders, Kumu Hula Mehanaokala Hind's 'Aha 'Ōpio workshop will allow our youth to come together to learn about civic engagement and how to make a positive impact in our community. Pool party to follow.

Aloha Reception 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm High Limit Lounge Enjoy a private Blackjack & Craps table game complimentary light food and beverages at the Westgate Casino.

Convention badge required.

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## **CULTURAL WORKSHOPS** SESSION ONE: 10:00 AM - NOON

## **Hula Workshop**

## Ballroom D

## Kumu Hula Vicky Holt-Takamine

Come witness the expertise of Kumu Hula Vicky Holt-Takamine as she leads a hula workshop and celebrates the beauty and diversity of our Hawai'i.

## Mele & Oli Workshop

## Ballroom E

## Kumu Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu

Discover the power of mele and oli to connect with the history and traditions of Hawai'i at Kumu Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu's workshop, where she'll share her deep knowledge and passion for these ancient forms of Hawaiian storytelling and expression.

#### **Genealogy Workshop** Ballroom F

#### **Puka Asing**

Unlock the history of your ancestral heritage and connect with your roots through the fascinating world of genealogy with Puka Asing's highly sought-after class. Join us and discover the rich history and unique cultural traditions that make you who you are today.

#### **Hawaiian Language** Class PRESENTED BY ZIPPY'S Ballroom G

#### Kumu Kahanuola Solatorio

Whether you're a beginner or looking to take your language skills to the next level, come and join multi-Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winner Kahanuola Solatorio's immersive and engaging 'Ōlelo Hawai'i class. E ho'opili mai!

#### Mauna Kea Workshop *Room 13 & 14 (Upstairs)*

#### Noe Noe Wong-Wilson, Mahina Paishon-Duarte

Learn about the importance of Mauna Kea through mo'olelo, mele, and oli with Noe Noe Wong-Wilson and Mahina Paishon-Duarte. You'll deepen your understanding and appreciation of this special place and the important role it plays in Hawaiian culture and ecology.

#### **Amazon Fulfillment Center Tour** 10:00am & 1:00pm

Participants will be shuttled to location off site

#### Sign-Up Required at Registration

Join Amazon in a tour of their warehouse! Learn about the advanced technologies used in their fulfillment process and witness their robotic systems in action. This tour is limited to 30 people, so sign up in advance to secure your spot. Wear comfortable, flat, closed-toe shoes and avoid wearing loose clothing or jewelry.



# CULTURAL WORKSHOPS SESSION TWO: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

# Hula Workshop Ballroom D

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# Mele & Oli Workshop Ballroom E

## Kumu Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu

Due to overwhelming demand, we are excited to announce another unforgettable workshop with Kumu Hula Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu. Discover the power of the ancient forms of Hawaiian storytelling and expression through mele and oli.

# **Genealogy Workshop** *Ballroom F*

#### **Puka Asing**

Join Puka Asing for another riveting genealogy workshop where you'll uncover the hidden stories and rich lineage of your Hawaiian heritage. Delve deeper into the fascinating world of genealogy and connect with your ancestral roots.

#### Hawaiian Language Class PRESENTED BY ZIPPY'S Ballroom G

#### Kumu Kahanuola Solatorio

Back by popular demand, join multi-Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winner Kahanuola Solatorio for a second immersive and engaging 'Ōlelo Hawai'i class. Whether you missed the first one or are ready to grow more, this workship is for you.

#### Building Your Online Presence - E-Commerce 1:00 - 2:30 pm Rooms 13 & 14 (Upstairs)

#### Alex McCulloch, Bobby Co

Hosted by Mākeke manager Alex McCulloch and Bobby Co from Amazon, this e-commerce workshop is designed to provide participants with expert insights and practical tips on building a successful online business presence, drawing from Alex's extensive experience and knowledge in the field.

# LISTENING SESSION SESSION THREE: 3:30 - 5:00 PM

#### Come Learn About OVW Funding Opportunities + Listening Session Ballroom E

Sylvia Pauling, Senior Policy Advisor for Culturally Specific Communities, Office on Violence Against Women, US Department of Justice, Washington, DC

The Office on Violence Against Women invites organizations and communities working to end gender-based violence to apply for funding. All are welcome to attend, especially those who may not have considered applying or who are unsure about eligibility. The informational presentation will be followed by a listening session where attendees are invited to share with OVW: What do you want to highlight for OVW with regards to working with survivors? What are some challenges in your work? How can we make our funding more accessible to the Native Hawaiian community?



# **TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

**Registration 9:00** am - **3:00** pm
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GENERAL SESSION 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, BALLROOMS A & B

Land Acknowledgement Las Vegas Paiute Tribe

Opening Ceremony Cultural Protocol

**Welcoming Remarks** CNHA CEO Kūhiō Lewis

**Keynote** Hawai'i Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke

Panel Discussion: Rediscovering Hawai'i's Soul Duane Kurisu, Micah Kāne, Kamana'opono, Gov. John Waihe'e, Lynelle Marble (mod.)

Presented by: Hawai'i Executive Collaborative

Join the conversation on the Rediscovering Hawai'i's Soul initiative, which was formed to help address the unresolved issues and challenges facing our islands. Learn more about this growing network, the possible futures of Hawai'i, its land, and people created through the process of Transformative Scenario Planning, and actions we can contribute to preserve and perpetuate Hawai'i's Soul.

Panel Discussion: Cultural Awakening

#### Kumu Hina, Sasha Colby, Kristian Fanene Schmidt, Tyler Gomes

In contrast to the increasing hostility to the LGBTQIA+ community at the national American level, māhū and aikāne have always been prominent, welcomed, and held much responsibility in our traditional Hawaiian society. This panel will have a thought-provoking discussion about how traditional roles of māhū and aikāne have evolved into contemporary times and what Hawaiian culture can teach the rest of the world about inclusivity and diversity.

Trailblazer of the Year Award

Hula Performance Miss Keiki Hula



#### BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS: SESSION ONE 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Panel on Native Hawaiian Equities in the 118th Congress Ballroom A & B Jennifer Romero, Amber Ebarb, Breann Nu'uhiwa, Lenna Aoki, Manu Tupper, Darren Modzelewski, Jacqueline Bisille, and Nick Matiella

Bipartisan staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will provide an update on Native Hawaiian equities in the 118th Congress, including federal legislation and oversight matters impacting Native Hawaiian health, housing, education, agriculture, tourism, and arts.

Keep Hawaiian Lands in Hawaiian Hands Room 13/14 (Upstairs)

#### Kali Watson, Hawaiian Homes Commission Chair

Kali Watson shares his expertise and knowledge on the history, mission, and future of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and what it's doing to serve its beneficiaries.

**Leveraging Our Political Power as NHPIs** *Ballroom F* 

#### Adrian Kamali'i and Mahina Paishon-Duarte

In this transformative workshop, you'll explore practical strategies and tools to help you tap into the inherent strength and resilience of our NHPI communities, and use it to effect positive change and promote social justice and equity for all.

**Hawaiian Policy Panel** *Ballroom G* 

Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole, Rep. Darius Kila, Rep. Daniel Holt, Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, Nā'ālehu Anthony (mod.)

Native Hawaiian lawmakers discuss this past legislative session in Hawai'i and public policies impacting the community.

E Ola Ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i
Ballroom E

#### 'Aha Pūnana Leo

Visit this workshop to share the success of Indigenous language revitalization in Hawai'i over the past 40 years where we will cover current perspectives on the utility of the Hawaiian language in today's society. Join us to learn more about the importance of preserving and perpetuating the Hawaiian language.

Home Away From Home: Las Vegas Ballroom D Rozita Lee, Steven Nitura, Tamar Hoapili, Tieri Pa'ahana Bissen, Stacen Makaiwi, James Kalani Heu, Leimomi Khan (mod.)

For the first time ever, Hawai'i is no longer home for the majority of the Lāhui. Panelists will explore the reasons for the exodus; how 'Ōiwi on the continent can stay connected to their kulāiwi; and what can be done to bring them home and keep others from departing.

Native 8a Program Room 15 (Upstairs)

## **Raymond Jardine**

Come learn about the why, how, and do's and don't's of owning and operating a NHO 8a.

VIEW AGENDA & EVENT INFO

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# BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS: SESSION TWO 2:45 - 4:15 PM

The Art of Hula

Ballroom D

#### Nā Kumu Hula Keano Kaupu and Lono Padilla of Hiʻiakaināmakalehua

Join us for a captivating workshop with valuable insights on what it takes to participate in and succeed at Keiki Hula, the prestigious and highly competitive hula festival for children in Hawai'i. From honing your hula skills to mastering the cultural significance of the dances, this workshop is a must-attend for those interested in cultivating the next generation of hula dancers.

The Soul of Your Business
Ballroom F

#### Aukahi Austin

What makes a business Hawaiian? When is ownership 'Ōiwi? Is a Hawaiian language name enough? Why does it even matter? Panelists will discuss how to infuse Hawaiian culture and values into all aspects of your operations and how that can improve the success of your business.

Intellectual Property - Stop Stealing OUR \$#\*t!

#### Makalika Naholowa'a, Vicky Holt-Takamine, Elena Farden, Jacob Aki (mod.)

Explore the complex and often contentious issue of how to prevent the theft and exploitation of Native Hawaiian cultural artifacts, designs, and knowledge, and learn about the various legal and cultural tools available to help protect and preserve these invaluable resources for future generations.

Alternative Approaches to Youth Incarceration Room 13/14 (Upstairs)

#### Shawn Malia Kana'iaupuni, Ph.D.

Discuss what's needed and what's new about pathways being forged by the Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i (OYAH) project "Kawailoa: A Transformative Indigenous Model to End Youth Incarceration," which was selected by the Kellogg Foundation to be part of the global Racial Equity 2030 challenge over the next eight years. The project aims to strengthen and support culturally relevant approaches, innovative programs, expand outreach efforts, and further advocacy to improve prevention, intervention, transitions, and the overall well-being of system-entangled youth locally and beyond.

Honing your Executive Leadership Skills Room 15 (Upstairs)

#### Ku'ulani Keohokalole

Explore the unique challenges and opportunities facing NHPI leaders and learn practical tools and strategies for strengthening communication, decision-making, team-building, and vision-setting abilities to lead with confidence, clarity, and purpose.



# BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS: SESSION TWO 2:45 - 4:15 PM

Hawai'i Soul Ballroom E PRESENTED BY: HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Kamana'opono Crabbe, Mehana Hind, Micah Kāne, Michelle Ka'uhane, Duane Kurisu, Lynelle Marble, John Waihe'e III

Join the Hawai'i Executive Collaborative for a conversation on the Rediscovering Hawai'i's Soul initiative. Creating a resilient island home is everyone's kuleana. We invite you to learn more about this growing network, possible futures of Hawai'i, and collective actions to preserve and protect Hawai'i's Soul.

#### **EVENING**

**Māhū Magic** Ballroom A & B

Doors Open at 6:00 PM. Event Ticket Required.

Available at Registration

A vibrant and empowering showcase of the diversity and inclusivity of the Native Hawaiian community and its culture. Don't miss this unforgettable night of glitz and glamour - all in support of māhū.







# **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

**Registration 9:00 am - 3:00 pm** *Registration Desk*  Check in at the registration desk to get your name tag and event information for all four days of the Native Hawaiian Convention.

Pop-Up Mākeke 8:00 am - 7:00 pm Ballroom C Shop our exclusive pop-up store of goods from Hawai'i nei

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## GENERAL SESSION 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, BALLROOMS A & B

**Welcome Video**The third day of the convention opens with a warm welcome from

Hawai'i's Delegation

**Keynote** CNHA Board President and newly appointed Kamehameha Schools

*Trustee, Michelle Ka'uhane, provides perspective on the future.* 

Panel Discussion: Should Mainland Hawaiians be part of the Lāhui?

Patrick Makuakane, Kēhau Watson, Pa'ahana Bissen, Lanialoha Lee, Kūhiō Lewis (mod.)

Our Lāhui has always been rooted to Hawai'i. Trying to make it in Hawai'i is becoming increasingly difficult - nearly impossible. Should those who have fled the islands for an easier life still be considered part of the Lāhui and recieve the same benefits and assistance as those struggling to survive in the islands? This panel will dissect the complicated dynamics of our Lāhui, now fractured between our one

hānau and the U.S. continent.

**Keynote**HTA CEO John De Fries gives a keynote speech on how one's kuleana

sometimes selects them, and they must step up and embrace it.

**Hula Performance** Miss Keiki Hula performs to Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winners Waipuna

**Kilohana Awards** *Join us in celebrating and honoring the trailblazers of the Native* 

Hawaiian community at this special award ceremony, where we recognize their remarkable achievements and contributions in

advancing the well-being and prosperity of our people.

**Keynote** 5x Bellator MMA Flyweight Champion, 'Ilima-Lei MacFarlane, speaks to

the importance of unity in community

Video Premiere Mele Apana introduces a special video presentation featuring Hawai'i

recording artist, Ka'ikena Scanlan - Hawai'i Aloha



#### BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS: SESSION ONE 1:00 - 2:30 PM

U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Listening Session on the ARTIST Act

Ballroom A & B

The Committee will hold a listening session on the discussion draft of the Amendments to Respect Traditional Indigenous Skill and Talent (ARTIST) Act of 2023. The draft bill would update the Indian Arts and Crafts Act to support creative economies and strengthen enforcement of current laws and protections against counterfeit competition for Native artists and their works, as well as extend these protections to Native Hawaiian artists. Comments will inform the legislative process and serve as a resource for future discussions on updating federal law.

Changing the Reality of Native Hawaiian Health Ballroom F

# Sheri Daniels, Nicole Lee Kamakahiolani Ellison, Keaweaimoku Kaholokula, Aukahi Austin (mod.)

Join this panel of experts in a Native Hawaiian health discussion, as they address ways to transform the current reality of Native Hawaiian health through innovative approaches and culturally grounded practices.

Justice for Native Hawaiians Room 13 & 14 (Upstairs)

#### Kēhau Watson

Explore ways to achieve equal representation of Native Hawaiians in all aspects of life, including the workforce. Learn about the systemic barriers and injustices faced by Native Hawaiians and discover strategies for dismantling them. Through education and collaboration, we can work towards creating a more just and equitable society for all.

Pakalolo as a Path to Native Economic Sovereignty Ballroom G

#### Benny Tso, Tildon Smart, Ranson Shepherd (mod.)

Explore the economic opportunities and potential for Native communities to exercise sovereignty and self-determination through the cannabis industry. Learn how to navigate the complex legal landscape and create thriving businesses that honor the cultural traditions and values of the community. Discover how cannabis can be used as a tool for healing and empowerment, and how it can benefit the people and the land. Join us in exploring the possibilities for economic and cultural revitalization through the marijuana industry.



#### BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS: SESSION ONE 1:00 - 2:30 PM

How to Stay Hawaiian Outside of Hawai'i Ballroom D

## Patrick Makuakane, Vincent Souza, Mehanaokala Hind

This workshop will examine the ways in which Native Hawaiian culture, values, and identity can be preserved and celebrated by our people living outside of the islands.

What is Hawai'i's Worldwide Brand? Ballroom E

#### Tyler Gomes, Kalani Kaʻanāʻanā, Amy Kalili (mod.)

In this dynamic panel hosted by Amy Kalili, you'll delve into the question of "What is Hawai'i's Worldwide Brand?" and explore how to reshape and redefine Hawai'i's image and marketing strategy for the global community.

MELE: Beyond Entertainment Room 15 (Upstairs)

## Zachary Alaka'i Lum, Max Mukai

Kāhuli Leo Le'a is a 501(c)(3) Hawai'i non-profit organization that aims to catalyze aloha 'āina through the education, composition, and presentation of mele and other cultural practices. Learn more about their work in creating and amplifying mele as a means of composing a contemporary Lāhui.

# BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS: SESSION TWO 2:45 - 4:15 PM

Women in Business Room 13 & 14 (Upstairs) Mālia Ka'aihue, Kailee Freitas, Angel Permito-Kaheaku, Ku'ulani Keohokalole (mod.)

Learn from successful female entrepreneurs and business leaders at our empowering workshop focused on women in business.

Hawaiians Living in Las Vegas: The Cultural Practitioners Ballroom D

## Vincent Souza, Carole Lanialoha Lee, Leialoha Ka'ula, Charles Herring, Maile Hew Lin, Leimomi Khan (mod.)

Does geography change Hawaiian cultural practices? Are our practices compromised? Composed of esteemed Native Hawaiian Hula and traditional practitioners, the panel will share its experiences as they stretch from the Northwest, the West Coast, to the Desert, and to the Midwest. Cultural practitioners often face challenges concerning their credibility, knowledge, and heritage. Hear their experiences and challenges on the continent and from Hawai'i.



# BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS: SESSION TWO 2:45 - 4:15 PM

Connecting to Culture and Kulāiwi 24/7/365

Ballroom F

#### Maui Bartlett, Ryan "Gonzo" Gonzalez, Kēhaunani Abad

Demos, hands-on, and exploratory engagement. An interactive session where participants will move about and be moved by Hawaiian culture, language, and 'āina — Experiences folx can take home with them and share with their communities. Hulō!

Affordable Housing for NHPIs
Ballroom E

## Kathy Freeman, Rob Van Tassell, Kali Watson, Abe Correia, Sen. Jarret Keohokalole (mod.)

Hawai'i's affordable housing crisis continues to force Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders to leave Hawai'i for the Continent, where housing is cheaper. This panel will focus on understanding the unique affordable housing challenges of the NHPI community and identifying solutions.

**Tourism Policy Roundtable** *Ballroom G* 

## Sen. Lynn DeCoite, Rep. Daniel Holt, Las Vegas Sen. Fabian Doñate, Adrian Kamali'i (mod.)

Lawmakers from Hawai'i and Vegas discuss national tourism trends and strategies to transform conventional, exploitative hospitality models into modern approaches that meaningfully benefit the community while improving visitor experiences.

#### **EVENING**

Josh Tatofi ft. Waipuna and Miss Keiki Hula Ballroom A & B

Doors Open at 6:00 PM. Event Ticket Required. Treat yourself to a night of Hawaiian music and dance with a Josh Tatofi concert featuring special guests Waipuna and hula performances by Miss Keiki Hula, - a one-of-a-kind experience you won't want to miss!





# **THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

Registration 7:00 am - Noon

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Pop-Up Mākeke 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Ballroom C Shop our exclusive pop-up store of goods from Hawai'i nei

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GENERAL SESSION 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, BALLROOMS A & B

**Welcoming Remarks** 

Amy Kalili

Keynote Speaker: 'Ōpio

Presentation

**Cultural Protocol** 

Panel Discussion: Too Much Aloha. Preserving Tradition and Embracing Innovation Kēhau Watson, 'Āina Momona

Join us for a thought-provoking panel discussion that will explore the concept of "too much aloha" in contemporary Hawaiian culture, with panelists offering their unique perspectives and insights on the balance between preserving tradition and embracing innovation in the spirit of aloha.

**Keynote Address** 

Former Hawai'i Governor John Waihe'e III

The Future of Hawaiians

**Closing Protocol** 

Hawai'i Aloha

**Network Lunch** 

Hosted by CNHA

Justice for Native Hawaiians Ballrooms D-E Focus groups on Family and Wellness, Infrastructure and Water, Land and Housing, Economic Development, Criminal Justice and

Law, 'Āina and Climate, Language and Education, Cultural

Resources, Science and Technology.



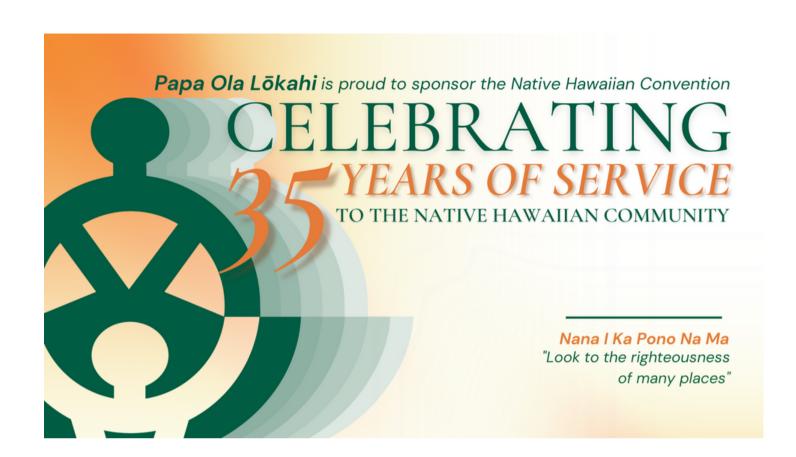


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