

## Executive Summary

Hālau Nohona Hawai'i, under the direction of Kaimana Chee, proposes a thoughtful and phased approach to managing and operating the Banquet Hall and adjacent grounds and facilities at He'eia State Park. Grounded in the principles of M.A.L.U. (Mālama, Alaka'i, Lokahi, and Ulu), our mission is to ensure a seamless transition, establish operational excellence, and create a space that serves as both a cultural hub and a thriving community resource. We want to ensure that our residents and their 'ohana continue to have access to an affordable venue that can host weddings, family reunions, baby luaus, graduation parties – all of the activities this community has associated with He'eia for decades.

**Our immediate priority is to stand up operations by implementing a robust reservation system, developing comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and refreshing the rental agreement and package options to enhance the public and community experience and foster venue attractiveness. This foundational work ensures continuity of service and sets the stage for long-term success.**

As our capacity evolves once we ensure continuity of service to the community, there are programmatic elements, including youth cooking classes, Hawaiian cultural workshops, and workforce development initiatives, which will follow the stabilization of operations, aligning with our mission to empower local communities and preserve Hawaiian culture. Leveraging the expertise of our leadership team—spanning culinary arts, cultural preservation, and strategic operations—we will deliver a sustainable, community-centered vision for the Banquet Hall and its immediate surrounding grounds .

This proposal underscores our commitment to honoring He'eia State Park's cultural legacy while fostering resilience, unity, and joyful and memorable experience among our community and its users. Together, we aim to create a space that reflects the spirit of aloha and serves as a beacon of Hawaiian culture and community empowerment.

Submitted by Executive Director and Kumu Hula Kaimana Chee

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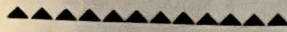
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To: Board of Land and Natural Resources

From: Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner  
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Re: Support for agenda item E. 2 Halau Nohona Hawaii for Revocable Permit and Right of Entry for Banquet Hall at Ulu Mau Heeia State Park

Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Land Board,

On behalf of Kanehunamoku Voyaging Academy, a non profit organization in Ko'olau O'ahu, we would like to offer our support for the approval of Halau Nohona Hawaii's (HNH) application for a revocable permit and right of entry to continue operations of the banquet hall at Heeia State Park. We have been fortunate to work with Sage Chee, one of their agents, for over ten years as a community leader and as a partner in the annual Wa'a Festival at Kualoa Regional Park, including the most recent events at the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture's waa village.

Mr. Chee is rooted in the community, leads by example, and goes above and beyond in service as a kahu, coach, and mentor. He is a team player, easy to work with, and creates an inclusive environment for all.

With the imminent departure of the current lessee, Kama'aina Care, I urge you to support Halau Nohona Hawaii's application to malama the kuleana of banquet hall operations at Ulu Mau - Heeia State Park.

Mahalo,

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Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner