



Kanaeokana 2025 advocacy positions

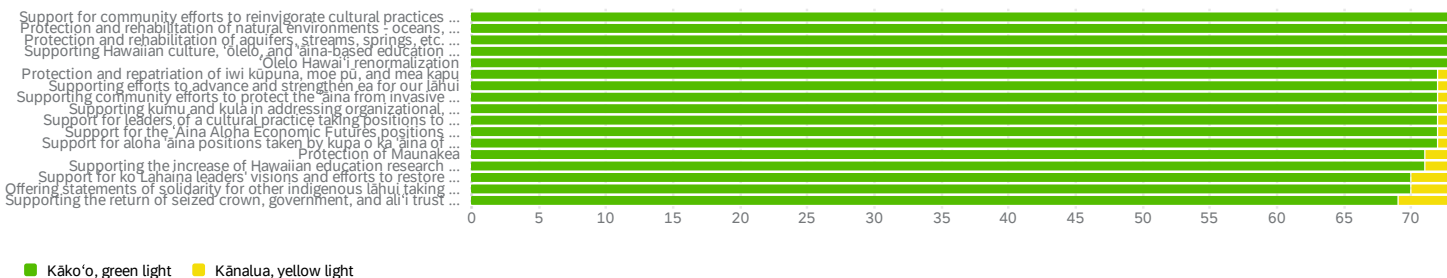
In August 2025, Kanaeokana members provided mana’o to inform Kanaeokana’s advocacy, ensuring that efforts continue to address the issues Kanaeokana participants wish to support.

The following results illustrate how Kanaeokana members rated their 1) Level of support (Kāko’o/green light, Kānalua/yellow light, Hō’ole/red light) for policy items and 2) Importance and prioritization of issues, based on significance to the ea and ola of our pae ‘āina and lāhui.

Level of support for policy items

All policy items received majority **kāko’o/green light** from Kanaeokana members.

100% of Kanaeokana members kāko’o community efforts to reinvigorate cultural practices/places; protection of natural environments; protection of wai from pollutants; Hawaiian culture, ‘ōlelo, and ‘āina-based education; and ‘Ōlelo Hawai’i normalization. 73



Kāko’o for Kanaeokana advocacy items (count) 73

Select your level of support for each item below:	Kāko'o, green light	Kānalua, yellow light
Support for community efforts to reinvigorate cultural practices and the places involved in those practices (e.g., kalo cultivation, loko i'a management, access and gathering of lā'au or lei materials for hula adornments, kapa making, ulana lauhala and makaloa, etc.)	73	0
Protection and rehabilitation of natural environments - oceans, shores, skies, plains, forests -- and all the life they support	73	0
Protection and rehabilitation of aquifers, streams, springs, etc. from pollution or channelization (e.g., Kapūkaki, Red Hill)	73	0
Supporting Hawaiian culture, ‘ōlelo, and 'āina-based education (including support for kumu, administrators, PD, higher salaries for kumu, scholarships for to-be kumu, curriculum development support, facilities support, funding equity, etc.)	73	0
'Ōlelo Hawai'i renormalization	73	0
Protection and repatriation of iwi kūpuna, moe pū, and mea kapu	72	1

Select your level of support for each item below:	Kāko'o, green light	Kānalua, yellow light
Supporting efforts to advance and strengthen ea for our lāhui	72	1
Supporting community efforts to protect the 'āina from invasive species	72	1
Supporting kumu and kula in addressing organizational, structural, and systemic issues that pose obstacles to nurturing Aloha 'Āina (e.g., transportation)	72	1
Support for leaders of a cultural practice taking positions to ensure the continued integrity, stewardship, and protection of their practices (e.g., kumu hula advancing their Huamakahikina Declaration)	72	1
Support for the 'Āina Aloha Economic Futures positions expressed in the "Practicing 'Āina Aloha" and "Leading 'Āina Aloha" columns in the AAEF Assessment Tool (see bit.ly/aaefAssessmentTool)	72	1
Support for aloha 'āina positions taken by kupa o ka 'āina of various areas that might arise, as they did in the past (e.g., Kahuku, Hūnānāniho), with vetting by Kealaiwikuamo'o with other voices within the community	72	1
Protection of Maunakea	71	2
Supporting the increase of Hawaiian education research opportunities and publications for academia and learners (e.g., monogram series, post doc fellowships or institutes)	71	2
Support for ko Lahaina leaders' visions and efforts to restore Lahaina	70	3
Offering statements of solidarity for other indigenous lāhui taking aloha 'āina positions	70	3
Supporting the return of seized crown, government, and ali'i trust lands currently leased or used by the U.S. military	69	4

Kāko'o for Kanaeokana advocacy items (percent) 73

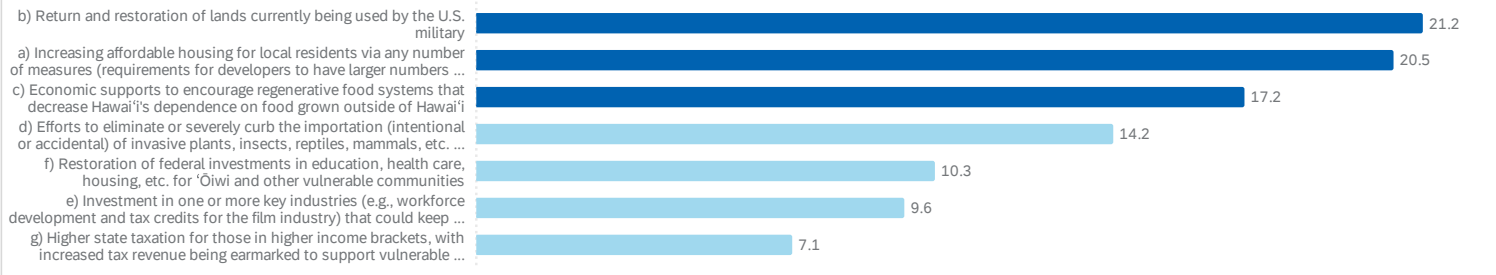
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Protection and rehabilitation of natural environments - oceans, shores, skies, plains, forests -- and all the life they support	100%	0%
Protection and rehabilitation of aquifers, streams, springs, etc. from pollution or channelization (e.g., Kapūkaki, Red Hill)	100%	0%
Supporting Hawaiian culture, 'ōlelo, and 'āina-based education (including support for kumu, administrators, PD, higher salaries for kumu, scholarships for to-be kumu, curriculum development support, facilities support, funding equity, etc.)	100%	0%
'Ōlelo Hawai'i renormalization	100%	0%
Protection and repatriation of iwi kūpuna, moe pū, and mea kapu	99%	1%
Supporting efforts to advance and strengthen ea for our lāhui	99%	1%
Supporting community efforts to protect the 'āina from invasive species	99%	1%
Supporting kumu and kula in addressing organizational, structural, and systemic issues that pose obstacles to nurturing Aloha 'Āina (e.g., transportation)	99%	1%
Support for leaders of a cultural practice taking positions to ensure the continued integrity, stewardship, and protection of their practices (e.g., kumu hula advancing their Huamakahikina Declaration)	99%	1%

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Protection of Maunakea	97%	3%
Supporting the increase of Hawaiian education research opportunities and publications for academia and learners (e.g., monogram series, post doc fellowships or institutes)	97%	3%
Support for ko Lahaina leaders' visions and efforts to restore Lahaina	96%	4%
Offering statements of solidarity for other indigenous lāhui taking aloha 'āina positions	96%	4%
Supporting the return of seized crown, government, and ali'i trust lands currently leased or used by the U.S. military	95%	5%

Importance and prioritization

Reflecting on where Kanaeokana should focus its public policy advocacy efforts, Kanaeokana members identified their top priorities around 'āina, housing, and food systems.

Top 3 priorities identified by Kanaeokana members: 1) Land back from U.S. military; 2) increased affordable housing for local residents, 3) regenerative food systems 62



If Kanaeokana or any set of its member organizations were to put more energy into public policy advocacy efforts, what relative priority order would you place some of these "hot button" issues in terms of how significant they are to the ea and ola of our pae 'āina and lāhui? (assigning points, up to 100 total) 62

If Kanaeokana or any set of its member organizations were to put more energ...	Average (If Kanaeokana or any set of its member organizations were to put more energ...)	Minimum (If Kanaeokana or any set of its member organizations were to put more energ...)	Maximum (If Kanaeokana or any set of its member organizations were to put more energ...)	Standard Deviation (If Kanaeokana or any set of its member organizations were to put more energ...)	Count
a) Increasing affordable housing for local residents via any number of measures (requirements for developers to have larger numbers of affordable housing units sold to people with lower average median incomes, targeted buyers/renters based on income levels of workforce focuses, longer periods for affordable housing purchasers to stay in units before selling them, stricter regulation and higher taxation of short-term rentals to dissuade such practices thereby opening up units for local residents, etc.)	20.52	0.00	80.00	14.26	62
b) Return and restoration of lands currently being used by the U.S. military	21.17	0.00	50.00	12.12	62
c) Economic supports to encourage regenerative food systems that decrease Hawai'i's dependence on food grown outside of Hawai'i	17.17	0.00	50.00	8.76	62
d) Efforts to eliminate or severely curb the importation (intentional or accidental) of invasive plants, insects, reptiles, mammals, etc. to Hawai'i	14.25	0.00	100.00	17.11	62
g) Higher state taxation for those in higher income brackets, with increased tax revenue being earmarked to support vulnerable populations	7.05	0.00	20.00	6.07	62
e) Investment in one or more key industries (e.g., workforce development and tax credits for the film industry) that could keep 'Ōiwi employed in Hawai'i and remaining in Hawai'i	9.59	0.00	30.00	6.36	62
f) Restoration of federal investments in education, health care, housing, etc. for 'Ōiwi and other vulnerable communities	10.26	0.00	30.00	7.56	62

What other policy or advocacy positions would you like Kanaeokana to forward that were not included above? (Optional) 17 ⓘ

What other policy or advocacy positions would you like Kanaeokana to forward...

Soil and water remediation and restoration

What other policy or advocacy positions would you like Kanaeokana to forwar...

The unification of our people. Without a unified population, we cannot move forward as one people.

Health care - cultural healing practices; oivi food systems

Working towards Restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom

Kānaka health programs.

n/a

More incentives and supports to grow highly qualified kumu.

Pehea e kokua a kako'o ai i na po'e kanaka i ne'e ai i Maleka?

None come to mind right now. Thank you for asking these

Mahalo for kakoo Pohakuloa

Support to be less/non reliant on federal funding to do this work

Conservation and Advocacy

Overheard from kumu: Need to advocate for assessments and assessment systems aside from standardized testing to demonstrate student learning more accurately and appropriately, showcasing cultural relevance and rigor. This includes access to test/item banks for kumu to use.

Considering that Hawai'i Is still a Sovereign country, can our lāhui be offered the choice to pay taxes to the Hawaiian Kingdom or U.S.A

Continued advocacy for Kaiapuni and charter schools; Accurate accounting of lands that feed into the public land trust, and subsequent dollar total that is owed to kanaka 'oivi

Increased Hawaii State funding for kula kaiapuni and Hawaiian charter schools

Supporting community efforts for land-back, ie SB 332: Relating to Foreclosures

Please share any other policy-related comments you might want to convey. (Optional) 5 ⓘ

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Lessen dependence on US Federal funding

n/a

Fund Hawaiian language resource development centers

Thank you for these surveys and fighting for us.

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More lo'i. Less development. Actual affordable housing.
