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Governor Linda Lingle said "The impact for generations to come is immense with generations having the chance to grow up in a home they own." Photo by Blaine Fergerstrom

An historic partnership is forged:

OHA Bolsters DHHL Projects

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) announced on June 5, 2008 they are joining forces in a historic partnership to provide more affordable housing for native Hawaiians, while improving the quality of life for surrounding communities.

OHA Chairperson Haunani Apoliona stated "In OHA's 30-year history, there has been no other OHA-DHHL financial partnership on the scale and magnitude of this one. Our collective success will help citizens appreciate the positive benefits of Hawaiian self-determination... It is a privilege to join with Governor Lingle, the Legislature, Micah and DHHL in serving our beneficiaries."

The OHA Board of Trustees approved a payment of \$3 million a year to cover the 30-years debt service at up to \$40 million in revenue bonds. The bonds will be used for DHHL's 2008-2009 statewide construction projects and \$5 million will be earmarked to fund planning, design and feasibility studies for community-driven projects in 18 regions throughout the state.

The 2008 Legislature approved the Lingle/Aiona Administration's request to authorize DHHL to issue \$100 million in revenue bonds for construction projects statewide.

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ize DHHL to issue \$100 million in revenue bonds for construction projects statewide.

"Beneficiaries continue to urge DHHL to work with OHA, especially with regard to obtaining funds for infrastructure for residential homestead developments," said Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Micah Kāne. "We believe our track record of building affordable homes was important for both OHA and the Legislature in order to invest in this partnership."



Homestead association presidents (from the left) Olivia Aquino, Bo Kahui and Shirley Swinney take the news conference opportunity to pose with Governor Linda Lingle and Senate President Colleen Hanabusa. Photo by Blaine Fergerstrom

Governor Linda Lingle said "The impact for generations to come is immense with generations having the chance to grow up in a home they own." She added "This partnership will help everyone... The infusion of capital into the construction industry help preserve jobs in all sectors of our economy."

"The ultimate purpose of providing these funds is to allow DHHL to expeditiously implement community master plans throughout the state," said OHA Administrator Clyde Nāmu'ō. He said that the approval by the Trustees will allow OHA and DHHL to immediately work together to further help native Hawaiians.



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Chairman's Message

Aloha Kākou!

As many of you have urged, DHHL has worked with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to forge an historical partnership. The department with its land base and experience in building affordable homes has teamed up with OHA with its considerable financial base.

Ultimately, the partnership means that an additional 400 to 500 native Hawaiian beneficiaries and their families will be offered affordable housing opportunities in the next 12 to 18 months.

The OHA Board of Trustees on June 5, 2008, approved a 30-year, \$3 million-a-year payment to cover the debt service for up to \$40 million in revenue bonds. The \$40 million is part of the \$100 million in revenue bonds that the Legislature authorized during the past legislative session.

The Trustees voted 7-0 in support of the \$3 million-a-year payment with Trustees Waihee and Akana excused. Trustee Akana, however, was the only trustee to submit testimony against the payment.

The first concrete result of the partnership was seen in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Kumuhau subdivision in Waimānalo in late June. Speaking at the ceremony, OHA Chairperson Haunani Apoliona said "We are proud to be part of the opportunities to put more native Hawaiians on the land."

OHA's support of the department's revenue bonds means all of our projects can be accelerated. The Kumuhau site improvements are



Chairman Micah A. Kāne

expected to be completed by June 2009 with home construction to follow.

The statewide implications of the partnership are great, and our beneficiaries will benefit from it tremendously.

Another item that I would like to point out is the article on Ikaika Malloe on the following page.

With his perserverance and "never give up" attitude, he is an outstanding role model. As a member of the University of Washington's football team, his belief in himself brought him recognition as the hardest hitter for three consecutive seasons.

His "can do" attitude was displayed as he helped coach the Western Illinois Leathernecks to a Gateway Conference championship. He carried the same spirit over to the University of Texas at El Paso. While coaching the Miners' defensive line, his defense was able to pick up the Western Athletic Conference high of 47 sacks in 2004.

With his belief that it is up to him to take advantage of the opportunities, he is not the victim of circumstances--he definitely embodies the spirit of a true Hawaiian and is a welcomed addition to the U.H. Warrior coaching staff.

Governor Lingle Signs Law to Increase Farm Loan Ceiling for Hawaiian Home Lands

Governor Linda Lingle signed into law on May 21, 2008, HB3126 (Act 90), which increases the loan ceiling for farm and ranch operations on Hawaiian home lands from \$50,000 to \$200,000. This loan cap has not been changed since 1982. Currently, the \$50,000 loan ceiling limits the types of improvements that can be made for farming and ranch operations. In some cases, the installation of an agricultural water meter alone costs \$60,000, not to mention other needed infrastructure and equipment.



Governor Linda Lingle signed Act 90 into law on May 21, 2008. Act 90 increases the loan ceiling for farm and ranch operations on Hawaiian home lands from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

The new \$200,000 loan ceiling will enable farmers to adequately build basic infrastructure as well as purchase equipment and tools. There are currently 1,102 agricultural leaseholders on homestead lands, and a portion of them are expected to take advantage of this loan increase to secure funding for the development, operation and expansion of their small commercial farms.

The bill was introduced by the Lingle/Aiona Administration on behalf of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries who requested the loan increase.

"The beneficiary farmer groups on all the islands made this piece of legislation possible; and this is an example of how their input has allowed the department to better address beneficiary concerns," said Micah Kane, director, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The new law takes effect immediately.



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DHHL logo created by Stacey Leong Mills. The lau and hōkū symbolize Papa and Wākea, the two cosmogonic creators of the Hawaiian people. Papa, Earth-Mother, is symbolized by the lau (kalo leaf). Wākea, Sky-Father, is symbolized by the hōkū (star).

Welcome Home, Ikaika

For Ikaika Malloe, the University of Hawai‘i Warriors’ new defensive line and special teams coach, success away from Hawai‘i has paved the way to the islands for his “dream job.”

He said “Just to come back home, that’s a blessing, and obviously to try to maintain the winning ways (at UH), that’s another honor. I can’t explain in words just how happy I am to be home. It’s always been a dream of mine to come home and coach for my hometown.”

Malloe’s dedication, discipline, belief in himself and “never give up” attitude was the blueprint he used over and over again to compete at every level playing football and now coaching. It also provided him the fuel to higher education and great experiences throughout his life so far.

Malloe was raised in Waimānalo and attended Kamehameha Schools. While at Kamehameha, he was selected to the All-State football team as a free safety. After graduating in 1992, he followed the footsteps of his relative, Duane Akina, as a walk on



Ikaika Malloe is flanked by two star defensive team members, the Watson brothers, Keala (left) and Keahi.

at the University of Washington football program. His perseverance and “never give up” attitude earned him a starting job as an outside linebacker.

He said he beefed up from 155 pounds at Kamehameha to 195 pounds at Washington. He also said that it took some time to getting comfortable with the purple and gold school colors and playing before 74,000 people in the stadium. “But the opportunities were there...games against big teams like Ohio

State, Notre Dame and Michigan,” he said.

Malloe’s belief in himself paid off. He was recognized as the Huskies’ hardest hitter for 1994, 1995 and 1996 seasons. He led the team in interceptions as a sophomore and received the Bob Jarvis Award, presented to the team’s most inspirational player in 1993.

With his “can do” attitude and one to take advantage of opportunities, Malloe began his coaching career as a graduate assistant with the Huskies before moving to full-time positions with Western Illinois. He helped the Leathernecks capture the



Gateway Conference championship in 2002. The Leathernecks were also second in the league in red zone defense and opponents’ third down conversions, and third in rushing defense.

Malloe moved over to the University of Texas at El Paso football program in 2004 as the Miners’ defensive line coach. In the same year, the Miners picked up the Western Athletic Conference high of 47 sacks, the school’s top total in 13 years.

“No matter where I’m at--Washington, Illinois or El Paso--my heart has always been in Hawai‘i,” he said. His love for the islands, his family and the island culture brought him home. He also shares a message in his talks with high school kids that you have to earn your place on the field.

Malloe has earned his place, and we look forward to seeing his “blueprint” of dedication, discipline, belief in yourself, and “never give up” attitude instilled into our U.H. team.

Go Warriors!



Ikaika Malloe, the new UH defensive line and special teams coach, runs the team through an April practice.



Long-Awaited East-West Road Opens Up 1,000 New Lease Awards in Kapolei

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands broke ground in mid-May for the \$17.3 million East-West Connector Road in East Kapolei that officials say is more than just a road because it will dramatically improve the quality of life for area residents.

“Often times when a road is built it is viewed as just another piece of the traffic grid to move

people from one place to another,” said Micah A. Kāne, director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. “This is not the case with the East-West Connector Road.”



Groundbreaking for the East-West Connector Road in mid-May. The road is expected to open up more than \$1 billion of construction work over the next five years.

Identified in the DHHL Kapolei Regional Plan as the highest priority project for the region, the East-West Connector Road will provide traffic relief by eventually connecting Fort Weaver Road to the future University of Hawai‘i West O‘ahu Campus. It will be the gateway and access to the future \$110 million Salvation Army Kroc Community Center, statewide headquarters for the Hawai‘i Special Olympics, two new schools, community parks and more than 2,400 new affordable homes for local families.

The East-West Connector Road is expected to open up more than \$1 billion of construction work over the next five years. DHHL is planning more than 1,000 new homes and the Hawai‘i Housing Finance Development Corporation is finalizing negotiations for the construction of much needed affordable rentals. A ground blessing ceremony was also held for the Kroc Community Center, and with the Hawai‘i Special Olympics planning their future headquarters, the East Kapolei community is truly taking shape.

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Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
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Aloha, Commissioner Milton Pa

At its June Regular Meeting, the Hawaiian Homes Commission bade farewell to Commissioner Milton K. Pa of the island of Moloka'i. The second four-year term of the longest-serving commission member was due to expire at the end of June, and the commission commended him for his years of devotion and service.

Pa brought a rich history of the Hawaiian homes rehabilitation program to the commission. His parents were among the first homesteaders under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act when they were awarded a 40-acre agricultural homestead in Ho'olehua, Moloka'i in 1925. He is the successor to that homestead and continues the legacy of his family.

With the help of his nephews, he formed a ranch/farm operation called Kālahuala Farms. The farm has some cattle and an experimental tree farming operation



Outgoing Moloka'i Commissioner Milton Pa (foreground) is pictured with DHHL Moloka'i District Manager George Maioho during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Moloka'i Water System.

with the assistance of the University of Hawai'i's College of Tropical Agriculture.

Pa retired from the Department of Education in 1996 after 35 years of teaching in a variety of elementary schools in Hawai'i. He also has a long history of community participation and is currently a member of Moloka'i Habitat for Humanity Advisory Council, Hua Kanawao Kā Liko (Moloka'i General Hospital Heart Study), the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, the Ho'olehua Hawaiian Civic Club and the Ho'olehua Homesteaders Association.

The commission will miss his quiet and thoughtful way of getting things done.

Aloha, Commissioner Milton K. Pa...



Outgoing Commissioner Milton Pa receives a framed Hawaiian Homes Commission resolution from Deputy to the Chairman Kaulana Park.

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