

Palapala Ho'olaha



Community Updates

- Piliwale Kailihiwa is the new East Hawaii District Supervisor.
- Three new homesteaders will be joining our Kaumana Homestead.
- Prince Kuhio celebration is scheduled to occur in Keaukaha.

Legislation Updates

- HB2104/SB2538: Relating to Island Burial Council
- HB2102/SB2536: Relating to Historic Preservation
- HB2103/SB2537: Relating to the Land Use Commission
- HB2101/SB2535: Protect Reef Fishes from Commercial Aquarium Collection
- HB2100/SB2534: Amend the Hawaii State Constitution to Prohibit Live-Fire Military Training
- HB2105/SB2539: Relating to Rent Stability

REMINDERS

KHHCA Board Meeting
 Sunday, March 22, 2026
 Time: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Site: 2043 Uhaloa Road (Seto Hale)
ALL ARE INVITED TO BOARD MEETINGS



Message from Alaka'i

Aloha Kakou,
 Life brings its share of disappointments, loss, and pain, but we rise and continue forward.

Although we've faced some setbacks in the development of our Kaumana Project, we remain committed to realizing our dream in Kaumana.

If you have the time, we invite you to join us in this journey of growth in Kaumana.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://kaumanahomestead.org>.

Ka'ohu



WEAVING, COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND LEGACY HONORING KA'OHU

In every community, there are individuals whose quiet dedication shapes generations. In Kaumana and across Hawai'i Island, that person is Duncan Ka'ohu Seto.

In 2016, Seto was honored with the Year of Community Spirit Award in recognition of a lifetime devoted to cultural preservation, service, and leadership. A retired fireman, master weaver, teacher, and community leader from Hilo, Hawai'i, Seto embodies the values of responsibility, resilience, and aloha.

"My family and I recognize the interdependent relationships that exist between the living, our ancestors, and our children, and the responsibility that comes with each relationship to care for the others," Seto says. "By doing so, we maintain the integrity of our ancestral, current, and future family members."

Those words guide his life's work.

In 2014, Seto helped form the Kaumana Hawaiian Homes Community Association, where he continues to serve as a leader and advocate for community development and cultural preservation. He and his wife are the proud parents of three sons and grandparents of three grandchildren, and they make their home in the Kaumana Hawaiian Homestead.

Seto has also served at the state level, chairing the O'ahu Island Burial Council under Governors John Waihe'e and Ben Cayetano, where he worked to protect ancestral burial sites and guide respectful repatriation efforts across Hawai'i.

As a master of lauhala weaving, Seto creates intricate ceremonial mats and traditional works that carry deep cultural meaning. He generously teaches this ancient Hawaiian art to new generations, ensuring that knowledge, technique, and spiritual essence are passed on.

One of his most meaningful contributions is his work creating burial baskets for ancestral remains. Through this sacred practice, he supports the dignified repatriation of ancestors and helps families and communities find healing and closure.

Through his hands, his teaching, and his leadership, Duncan Ka'ohu Seto continues to strengthen the bond between past, present, and future—passing on culture, mana, and kuleana to generations yet to come.

Resource: <https://www.firstpeoplesfund.org/community-spirit-award-honorees/duncan-kaohu-seto>