

HLU Committee

From: Nayleen K. Kamai
Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 9:07 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Fw: EAH Housing Names

Aloha HLU Committee,

Please see the attached forwarded information from Mr. Lau.

Mahalo,
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Subject: Fw: EAH Housing Names

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Nayleen,

At today's HLU Committee meeting, CM Paltin requested further information about the project name. We are forwarding the information provided by Karey Kapoi's office and their consultant Kumu Cody Pueo Pata, so that you may distribute to members of the HLU Committee.



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ADVISORY: This email is from an external sender. Thank you.

Also, here's the story behind the name:

Kahiluhilu

ka hiluhilu

ka – the

hiluhilu – dignified, elegant

Kahiluhilu – *The Dignified Elegance*

This phrase is used in the titles of the 1870-71 series dedicated to the life and miraculous accomplishments of the cultural hero, Kamaakamahi'ai [kama a ka mahi'ai (*child of the farmer*)]. Kamaakamahi'ai was born into a family who were farmers in Kahului. Kamaakamahi'ai became a childhood friend of Kamalālāwalu—the ali'i who would become mō'i of Maui, and for whom the epithet of "Maui nui a Kama" was coined. According to this series of articles, it was Kamaakamahi'ai who would place Kamalālāwalu upon the throne.

With a name that means "Child of the Farmer," Kamaakamahi'ai accomplished miracles due to his cleverness, piety, and resourcefulness. His skills were used to both defeat *and* seat kings. For some, the story is an allegory that hints that the true wealth of any nation is in the workers like mahi'ai (farmers).

The titles of the months-long series was, "Ka Mo'olelo o Kamaakamahi'ai – Ka Niuhi 'Ai Humuhumu o Kahului i Maui, Ke Puhī Nau Okaoka o Kona mau Lā Koa, **Ka Hiluhilu** ho'i o Kona Wā U'i [*The Story of Kamaakamahi'ai – The Voracious Tiger Shark of Kahului on Maui, The Eel that Gnashes its Prey to Pieces during His Days of War, The Most Elegantly Dignified of His Youthful Days*]."

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