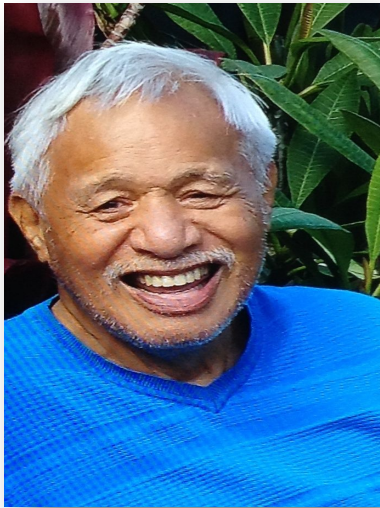


In Loving Memory of Our Beloved and Honored Kupuna



Renwick Valentine 'Ili 'ilipuna "Uncle Joe" Tassill

Our Vision

E Ho'okanaka Kākou

(Let us all become person(s) of worth)

Our Mission

Reestablish Pu'uhonua to connect Native Hawaiians to their traditional root culture, practices and principles.

Values, Principles, Practices

**K**uleana    **A**loha    **L**ōkahi    **O**'Ohana  
(responsibility) (love) (unity) (family)  
**K**āhulu    **A**hupua'a    **L**aulima    **O**ia 'Io  
(community) (system) (working together) (integrity)

**Holomua Pu'uhonua**

A Cultural Competency Initiative to address Act 117, the reestablishing of Pu'uhonua, began July 2015 at the urging of Governor of the State of Hawai'i, David Y. Ige.

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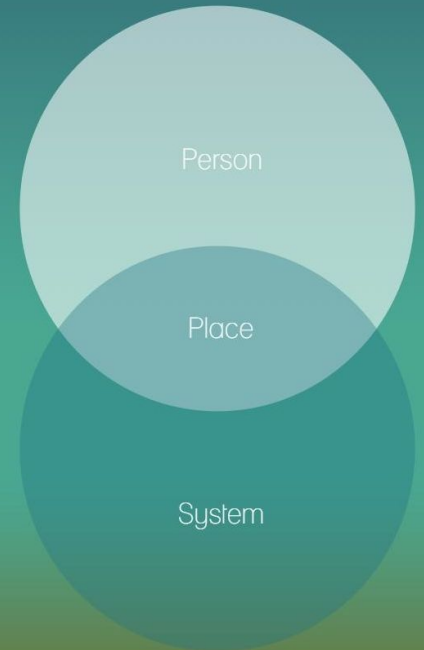
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A Cultural Competency Initiative

## On the Cover

The three concentric circles remind us that there is a place where Akua and the heavens exist; the place where creation comes—"Waolani." Man, "kanaka" is unable to exist there. There is a place where the kanaka live---"Waokanaka." That space where Waolani and Waokanaka converge is like that "place" "pu'uhonua." The place between heaven and earth where we can stand as in-between, intermediaries.

--Vernon Viernes, Lili'uokalani Trust

## Ko Kakou Oihana

### (What We Do)

Holomua Pu'uhonua ("moving Pu'uhonua forward") is comprised of volunteer advocates, service providers, Hawaiian practitioners, and former pa'ahao that form the Steering Committee that oversees the projects of E Ho'okanaka from a community informed process and comprehensive view of programs and curricula.

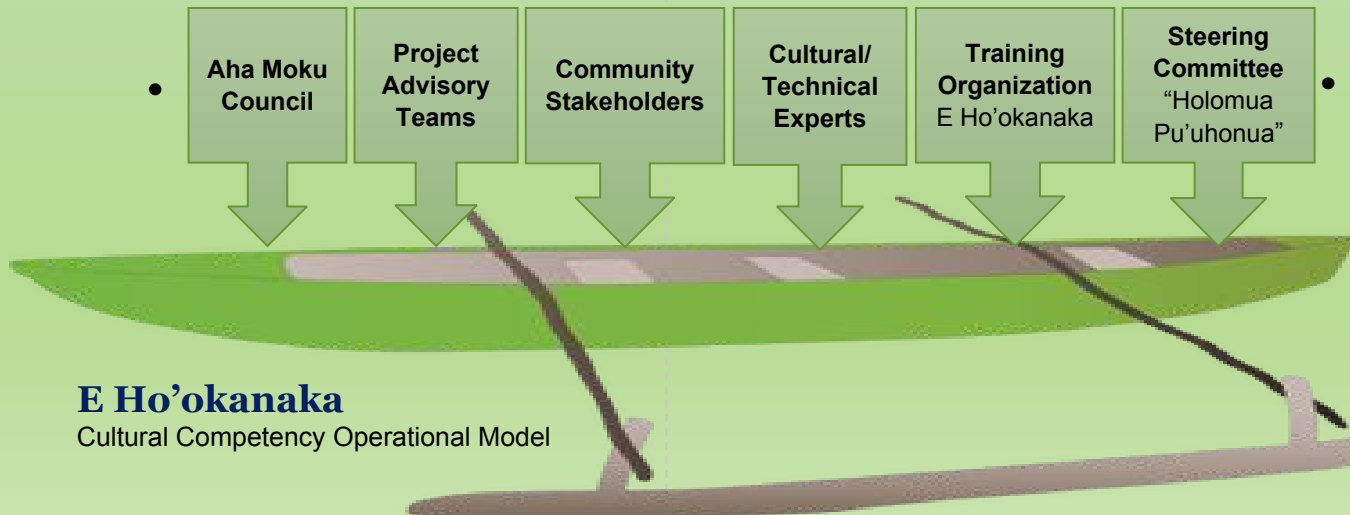
Our primary kuleana is to advise on the conceptualization and sustainability of establishing Pu'uhonua (a Hawaiian wellness system) according to Act 117, Session Laws of 2012.

Several reports dating back to 1977 are behind the urgency of our effort to address the problems related to Native Hawaiian wellness through Cultural Competency including the most recent:

- **2010, OHA**--The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System.
- **2012, OHA**--The Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force Report.

We answer the call to action using advocacy, education and training through E Ho'okanaka, our training organization.

### 6 Positions and the Flow of Information, Communication and Decision Making



## E Ho'okanaka

Cultural Competency Operational Model

# Holomua Pu'uhonua

To Uncle Joe, Pu'uhonua is a life journey. A journey that every Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian can embrace. A journey that requires the courage, fortitude and willingness to travel it. In this one man, this one spirit, we have been given mana'o to begin our own journey today. Uncle Joe's life was a living city of refuge for many. On his journey it was important to share the message of Pu'uhonua.

**Pu'uhonua is a person.** Pu'uhonua asks that you leave everything behind; to let go of all that will make it difficult to take the journey. You must release each one by saying, "You may go; I let you go." For there to be a rebirth, a reconnection, there must first be a dying, a disconnection. It is important to start from knowing "Who I Am," to be Ho'okanaka--a person of worth!

**Pu'uhonua is a place.** It is the womb of a mother that gives birth to keiki o' ka 'aina--children of the land. It asks each one to consider "What Am I Here to Do?" It is a habitation of love and hope of discovering that "Somewhere over the rainbow" there is a place where I align with my ohana--both inside and outside of myself. A safe place to make things right while I face "What I did."

**Pu'uhonua is a system.** One of accountability not accounting. It is the order that brings the life of the land and human responsibility together in love, peace and harmony. To be a part of the system you must accept and live in your kuleana--the balance and rhythm of your responsibility with accountability as a good steward.

"Starting all over again" living in the system of Pu'uhonua will be rough, but together we can make it!

--"Anna Ramos"