

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
THINK TANK  
HAWAII PRINCE HOTEL WAIKIKI AND GOLD CLUB  
AUGUST 24-25, 2006

**OUT OF TOWN GUESTS**

Charles Wilkinson, Moses Lasky Professor of Law, University of Colorado at Boulder  
Patricia Zell, Zell and Cox Law firm

**LOCAL TALENT**

Judge Walter Heen  
Lilikala Kame'eleihiwa, Center for Hawaiian Studies  
Hamilton McCubbin, School of Social Work, UH - Manoa  
Davianna McGregor, Associate Professor, College of Social Sciences, UH  
Toni Lee, Association of Hawaii Civic Clubs  
Mawae Morton, Maori land trustee  
Tony Sang, Chairman, State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Association  
Melody MacKenzie, Assistant Professor of Law & Director, Center for Excellence in  
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The Think Tank will be held at the Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki for a full day on August 24 and a half day on August 25. OHA will provide breakfast and lunch on both days. We will also be providing a stipend to each person attending. A copy of those invited is also included.

While I know that we will not come up with any final answers, I expect that we can explore some meaningful and exciting alternatives as we pursue our dreams for a representative new nation. I hope that you will join us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or contact Jerry B. Norris at 594-1847 or [jerryn@oha.org](mailto:jerryn@oha.org).

Sincerely,

Clyde W. Namu'o  
Administrator

Enclosures

August 10, 2006

Dr. Hamilton McCubbin  
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Dear Dr. McCubbin:

I am writing to invite your involvement in an Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Think Tank to help us envision a structure for a Hawaiian governing entity.

On June 22, 2006, in the wake of the unsuccessful effort to bring the Akaka Bill to the floor of the U.S. Senate, OHA's Board of Trustees approved a new nation-building plan. I am enclosing a copy of that plan, "Ho'oulu Lahui Aloha - To Raise a Beloved Nation" as approved by the Board. As we move through the Nation Building Process, we need to think about the options and opportunities for the Hawaiian governing entity. Some questions that come to mind are -

- What are the appropriate forms of governance?
- What kind of society are we trying to build?
- What do we hope to change in our society?
- What do we hope to preserve or protect?
- What are we willing to give up?
- What are our development priorities (i.e. sovereignty, health, employment, income, skill development, etc.)?
- How do we assess the costs and benefits of degrees of sovereignty?
- What are our development concerns (i.e. cultural impacts, environmental impacts, changing demographics, etc.)?
- What assets do we have to work with?
- What constraints do we face?
- How will others react/interact with these options?

While these questions are not binding for our Think Tank discussions they should provide food for thought. I have also enclosed a paper entitled Sovereignty and Nation- Building: the Development Challenge in Indian County Today, which hopefully will promote further discussion.