



# FACT SHEET

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## FACTS

- 1893 the Hawaiian Kingdom was an independent nation that was illegally overthrown by a small group of American Businessmen with the assistance of the US military.
- 1898 Hawai'i was illegally annexed to the US by a joint resolution of US House and Senate (Newlands Resolution) rather than by a Treaty which was required by US law to "legally" annex Hawai'i.
- Approximately, 1,800,000 acres of valuable crown, government and public lands of the Kingdom of Hawaii were ceded to the US without the consent of the Hawaiian people or nation.
- The Hawaiian people never directly relinquished their claims to their cultural and political rights to sovereignty as a people or over their national lands to the United States, either through their monarchy or through a plebiscite or referendum (1993 US Apology Bill).
- In 1959 Hawaii was taken off the United Nations (UN) list of Non-Self-Governing Territories eligible for decolonization by the statehood vote, which did not give independence as an option.
- In 2007 the UN recognizes the rights of all indigenous peoples to Self-determination or to freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development (UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples).
- Options for Hawaii as a Nation are to **1) Stay** as we are **2) Federal Recognition** by the US as an Tribe **3) Compact of Free Association** (like the Marshall Islands and **4) an Independent Nation**. One pathway is to return Hawaii to the United Nation's list of Non-Self Governing Territories and request that the UN supervise a referendum or vote on the ALL the above options. A second route is to bring our case before the International Criminal Court.
- In June and July of 2014, thousands of Hawaiians testified on every major island to the Department of Interior (DOI). **Oral testimony** was overwhelmingly (above 90%) **AGAINST** Federal Recognition and for complete independence, but **was not counted** by the DOI. They only accepted written testimony. As a result, currently **the DOI views Hawaii as being 70% Pro Federal Recognition**.

## KANA'ILOWALU IS `A`OLE PONO

- In 2011 the Kana'iowalu Roll was created by the State of Hawaii through Act 195 and the Roll Commissioners were appointed by the Governor with goal of enrolling 200,000 Kanaka.
- Kana'iowalu spent **\$4 million** of Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) trust monies but were only able to gather 40,000 (some sources give 19,000) Hawaiians on their rolls.
- Act 77 in 2013 transferred over 80,000 names from three different OHA lists, Kau Inoa, Operation Ohana, and OHA's Hawaiian Registry, **without their consent!**
- Kana'iowalu's "certified list" of 95,000 who are eligible to vote and includes people hundreds, maybe thousands who are deceased or duplicates. Most are on without their consent. Many are on the Roll even without their knowledge
- The 95,000 names on the questionable Roll only represent 18% of all Native Hawaiians. This process threatens to have 80% of our people waive "their right, and the right of their children and descendants. to be legally and politically acknowledged as Native Hawaiians....and as a result may also be excluded from being granted rights of inclusion (citizenship), rights of participation (voting), and rights to potential benefits that may come with citizenship (e.g. land use rights, monetary payments, scholarships, etc)" Quoted directly from Kana'iowalu promotional material.



## WHY NA`I AUPUNI... HE AHA KEIA?

*Who is Na`i Aupuni? And who gave Na`i Aupuni the authority to create and oversee the process of creating a Nation? The right to oversee a process that will decide who will and will not belong to our future Nation?*

- The Kana`iolowalu list was transferred over to Na`i Aupuni, **again without consent!**
- Na`i Aupuni was created on December 23, 2014. Since then they have not named a single director or officer, It does not make information about its meetings available to the public. There is no indication it has ever held a single meeting. According to their bylaws, they are only required to hold one meeting per year, therefore, it is entirely possible the organization has yet to hold a single formal meeting. It has not filed with the Hawai`i Attorney General's Office as a charity. It has not filed for tax-exemption status with the IRS.
- Despite the lack of history or community trust, the organization filed for a multi-million dollar grant with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and was awarded \$2,598,000 by the Office on April 27, 2015.
- According to Act 195 only Kaho`olawe will be transferred to the new nation created through this process.
- Na`i Aupuni has **not earned our trust** to mediate and oversee a process that has every indication of being the State of Hawaii's strategy to relinquish Hawaiian rights to sovereignty and 1.8 million acres of valuable stolen Hawaiian lands **once and for all in a global settlement.**

## TAKE A STAND

- Sign the Protest Na`i Aupuni petition.
- Refuse to participate in the State Na`i Aupuni process and DO NOT VOTE!
- Check the Kana`iolowalu rolls and remove your name.
- Submit testimony against the Department of Interior draft rules to establish a government to government relationship with Native Hawaiians.
- Plan a Hālāwai Aloha `Āina – Protest Na`i Aupuni meeting in your community.
- Join in the conversation and stay informed on upcoming events on Facebook. (FB Group: Protest Na`i Aupuni)
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