

## We are Kulana Huli Honua

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I am writing this letter in the hopes that it will clarify some misinformation that has been circulating in the community of Kona and Hawai`i, the state.

Kulana Huli Honua is a non-profit organization that has been utilizing space located in the King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel for the past decade. The verbal agreement made years ago, was in layman's terms, "space provided for educational tours and programs" that would share information regarding the history and culture of the Hawaiian Islands.

The organization has provided most of the schools in Kona and the Big Island with historical tours that include Ahu`ena Heiau, Kamehameha's personal temple and Kamakahonu the site.

It has also provided schools from Maui, O`ahu, Kaua`i, and Lana`i respectively, including several institutions of higher learning on the mainland with educational tours, hence the outreach of Kulana Huli Honua is very extensive. There are no set fees; donations are welcomed. The Kulana Room, as it is affectionately referred to, has been consulted many times with regards to several wahi pana (sacred sites) throughout the state. We network with several local entities in the mutual desire to enhance the spirit of Iokahi and aloha in the community of Kona.

The mission statement of Kulana Huli Honua includes: Guide and support the life and care of Ahu`ena Heiau; promote the practice, study, education and preservation of Hawaiian culture; provide an archive of books and literature for all who are interested in Hawai`i's unique and rich history.

I would like to invite everyone to Kulana Huli Honua and learn about the culture, and the history of Ahu`ena Heiau, Kamakahonu, Kona, Hawai`i, Polynesia or just launa (relax) and read and share your history of the same, we love Kona and Hawai`i and its people.

Our phone number is 327-0123, our hours of operation are Mon. thru Fri. from 8 a.m. to 4:30p.m.

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