

# 2025 HILO FIELD STUDY 2025

March 10 & 11, 2025

## No ‘Ane‘i Ko Kākou Ola

*Our Identity Is From This Place – Connecting Back To The Homeland*

As has become a tradition, the Hilo Field Study is being held March 10 & 11, 2025, as an immediate follow-up to the ICLDC held in Honolulu. (Please note: Participation in the Hilo Field Study requires inter-island air travel to Hawai‘i Island, located 210 miles from Honolulu.)

The two day field study will host participants with:

- Visits to our P-12 Hawaiian medium laboratory school – Nāwahīokalani‘ōpu‘u (The most developed and largest such language school in Hawai‘i and the U.S.)
- Visits to our state Hawaiian language college B.A.-PhD. Program (The only US college administered, operated and taught primarily through a Native language.)
- Visits to our ‘Imiloa Hawaiian-English bilingual museum (a leading entity in integrating Indigenous world views and culture with international science).
- Panels addressing issues relating to maintaining Hawaiian and other Indigenous languages from the homeland within a minority and multiethnic context, including in urban and diaspora contexts.

The theme of this year’s Hilo Field, “*No ‘Ane‘i Ko Kākou Ola*” (interpreted in English above) has special significance to us in Hilo. It connects the work here to the larger Hawaiian language revitalization effort, to the larger US national efforts in Native American language revitalization and indeed to Indigenous minority language revitalization around the globe. In conjunction with site visits, theme based panels will present on our existing Hilo Hawaiian language consortium approaches to dealing with preparing students to live in communities where Indigenous languages such as Hawaiian are very much minority languages. Contemporary Hawaiian communities of Hilo have much in common with diaspora communities in urban centers, i.e., families with mixed racial and linguistic identities living very much in today’s globalized world. And our Hilo consortium connects to diaspora Native Hawaiian communities through providing resources and expertise that provide a means to connect back to the homeland and its traditional culture.

The Hilo Field Study especially welcomes school and other leaders from English dominant Indigenous communities in the United States dealing with issues similar to our own as they pursue language restoration, revitalization and maintenance. We may also have some capacity to provide support for Spanish and French speakers and other international guests.

Registration begins December 1, 2024.