

Streets Near UHH and HawCC: Meanings and Background Information

A'ohökū – A'o.hökū: learning/teaching (a'o) [about] stars (hökū).

Kanoelehua – Ka.noe.lehua: the (ka) lehua blossom mist/fog (noe).

Kapi'olani – Ka.pi'o.lani: the (ka) arch (pi'o) [of] heaven (lani) – referring to a rainbow. Rainbows signify the presence of royalty. Elementary school and street, Hilo, Hawai'i, named for Chiefess Kapi'olani, aunt of the father of Queen Kapi'olani, wife of Kalākaua. Chiefess Kapi'olani was the daughter of Keawemauhili, high chief of the district of Hilo.

Kāwili – Kāwili: mixing/to mix. Probably named after a surf break near Pu'u'eo, Hilo. Probably referring to the mixing of river water with the ocean.

Kekūanā'o'a – Ke.kū.a.nā.o'a: the (ke) standing (kū) of (a) the (nā) projections (o'a). The governor of O'ahu in the 1840s and husband of Kīna'u. The name is said to refer to ships' masts seen in the harbor when Kekūanao'a was born.

Kīlauea – Kīlauea: spewing, mush spreading (referring to volcanic eruptions). Active volcano on the flank of Maunaloa.

Kino'ole – Kino.'ole: without body. Named for the high chiefess Kino'ole Pitman, wife of Benjamin Pitman who built the first Volcano House.

Lanikāula – Lani.kāula: the royal (lani) prophet (kāula).

Mohouli – Moho.uli: the dark colored (uli) moho (extinct flightless rail bird).

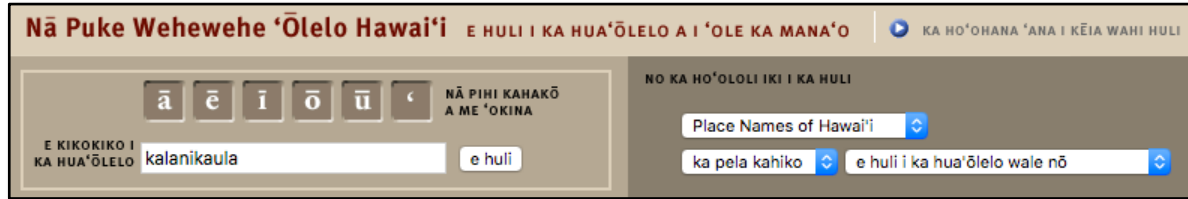
Nowelo – Nowelo: to delve, seek, as for knowledge.



Moho

(Pennula sandwichensis)

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