

QUICK TRANSLATION OF TERMS

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Ahupua`a	Land division usually extending from the uplands to the sea
E pule kakou	To pray together
Heiau	Temple; structure; place of worship
Hui	Organization, association, partnership
Ho`okupu	(Offering) cause to grow or sprout
Inamona	A condiment or relish used in traditional Hawaiian cooking made from roasted kukui nut (candlenuts) and salt and often accompanied meals.
Kapu	Prohibition, taboo, exemption
Kihei	Hawaiian shawl generally worn over the left shoulder and draped around the lower body
Kokua	Help; assistance; helping hand
Kuleana	Self-motivated responsibility; act of accepting responsibility
Kupuna	Elder, older person, ancestor, grandparents
Lele	Altar, consisting of a raised stone (or other material) platform
Mahalo nui loa	Thank you very much
Mahele	Divide, redistribute, portion
Maka`ainana	People who lived the land
Makai	Toward the ocean
Malama	To care for, nurture
Malama ka `aina	Care for/of the land/earth
Mana	Spirit, spiritual quality or force
Mauka	Toward the mountain or hillside, uphill
Mana`o	Thought, idea, belief, opinion
Ohana	Family, close relative
`Olelo	Language, statements, conversations, talk
Oli	Chant
Pono	Goodness, correct, true condition, moral, just, etc.
Pule	Prayer, offering, grace
Punawai	Spring water
Wahi pana	Sacred place

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