Our latest proposed project, Hale Lauele, will be a center for Native Hawaiian land-based healing, health education, and training of health professionals built at Hoʻoulu ʻĀina.

The structure is a $2.4 million, 7,500 square foot facility that will provide classroom and activity space while sheltering participants from the extensive rain and wind. KKV has secured half of the funding necessary to contract Hale Lauele, and we are continuing to seek the other $1.2 million needed for the project.

It will provide classroom and activity space for:

- cultural activities
- patient education
- instruction for medical providers and residents in indigenous healing
- activities that support the forestry and agroforestry programs

The curriculum and training built for medical providers, community health workers and clinical staff will integrate indigenous knowledge and practice such as lāʻau lapaʻau, hoʻoponopono, and lomilomi into conventional clinical programs at community health centers, hospitals and other health care settings. Hale Lauele will also be a practice-based program where patients can receive healing from practitioners.

Kokua Kalihi hired AMA A/E architects to create schematic drawings, engineer and permit the project, develop construction drawings, and monitor construction through completion. The architectural design of Hale Lauele intentionally reflects ancestral aesthetics referencing traditional hale construction and other traditional dwellings of our Kalihi community identities.

Hale Lauele will feature:

- a large indoor classroom
- covered exterior space for additional open-air hosting
- an arts studio with carving tools
- a wood mill to process invasive woods for cultural workshops
- solar panels for power
- water catchment

*“Hale Lauele” means in Hawaiian “to wander.” The building will provide a setting for imagination and innovation.*