

The seal of the State of Hawaii is a circular emblem with a rope-like border. It features a central shield with a star, flanked by two figures. The text "STATE OF HAWAII" is arched across the top, "1959" is in the center, and the Hawaiian motto "MOLOKAUKE·EA·O·KA·AINA·I·KA·MOLOKAI" is arched across the bottom.

STATE OF HAWAII
1959

ARTICLE XII

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY RIGHTS

Section 7. The State reaffirms and shall protect all rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes and possessed by **ahupua`a tenants who are descendants of native Hawaiians** who inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778, subject to the right of the State to regulate such rights.