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Keli’i Akina, Ph.D., is President/CEO of Grassroot Institute of Hawaii, a public policy research institution dedicated to the principles of individual liberty, free markets, and limited, accountable government. He is also a Trustee-at-Large for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a statewide elective position to which he was elected in 2016 then

re-elected in 2020 with 197,000 votes.

Dr. Akina is a leader who is transforming Hawaii's economy, government, and society. He is known for the phrase he coined, "E Hana Kakou!" which means, “Lets work together”! As a public policy adviser, Dr. Akina has become a leading defender of the Aloha Spirit. His mission is to preserve the Aloha Spirit by which Hawaiians and people of all races are welcomed and encouraged to work together for a better future.

Dr. Akina graduated from the Kamehameha Schools and holds degrees from Northwestern University and the University of Hawaii. He has taught at Hawaii Pacific University and the University of Hawaii, and has lectured at universities in Asia.