# Nalani Kaauwai Brun



#### Summary

Enthusiastic economic development professional with years' experience.

#### **Objectives**

My goal is to collaborate with the team at the County of Kauai and our partners and further enhance the island's success and reputation as a great place to live.

#### **Education**

University of Hawaii-Manoa Bachelor of Liberal Arts Honolulu, Hawaii Graduated December

Major in Pre-law, minor in music.

### **Employment History**

County of Kauai-OED Program Administration Officer Lihue, HI December 2008 – Present

Manage the Office of Economic Development and its many programs in the community; manage the CPEP-County Product Enrichment Program that oversees funding for Kauai's festivals, events, cultural programs and natural resource programs. Liaison for the County to the Hawaii Tourism Authority for programs; oversee cultural programs and funding as they relate to the County of Kauai including Fishpond and natural resource restoration; Niihau Language Preservation; Native Hawaiian cultural events and protocols; Educational programs and workshops, including correct Hawaiian place names program; grant writing; grant distribution.

Smith's Motor Boat Service/Smith's Tropical Paradise Entertainer (Singer/Dancer) Wailua, Kauai February 2017- Present

Perform as an entertainer at a lu'au show-dances and songs of the Pacific region.

Royal Hawaiian Legacy Productions Hula Dancer Koloa, Kauai January 2017-Present

Perform as a dancer at the Grand Hyatt Regency & Spa Kauai.

Ho`ola Lahui Hawaii-Native Hawaiian Healthcare Program Group Fitness Instructor-Independent Contractor Lihue, HI December 2004 – December 2016

Taught all kinds of fitness classes from Step to Strength, hula, latin, intervals, circuit training and anything else that is needed focused on the Native Hawaiian population.

Ho`ola Lahui Hawaii-Native Hawaiian Healthcare Program Fitness Program Administrator Lihue, HI January 2005 – December 2008

Built up the fitness program for this Native Hawaiian Health Organization. Also organized events year round that supported community health efforts including massive walks, runs, nutrition and fitness challenges, performance events and large gatherings of traditional native Hawaiian cultural practitioners.

County of Kauai Economic Development Specialist-Tourism Lihue, HI January 1994 – December 2004

Did promotions around the world on Kauai as a destination, including setting up a multitude of Hawaii focused events at our airline hubs in California, Washington, Chicago, New York, Texas and many other places. Also ran the grant program for events and wrote grants for the Office of Economic Development.

Bali Hai Realty Sales and Contracts Manager Hanalei, HI January 1986 – December 1993 Helped to building company revenues and status of this company into the premier and largest real estate company on Kauai.

## **Professional Skills**

Microsoft Software: Expert

Certified Group Fitness Instructor: Expert

Entertainer: Expert







## **Hobbies & Interests**

Hobbies include dancing hula, singing, tahitian dancing, Maori dancing, hiking and exercising with friends, community building projects, Hawaiian language, Native plants.