

## 'Ahahui Malama i ka Lokahi

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### Reappointment of Charles P.M.K. Burrows to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

'Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi strongly supports the reappointment of Charles Burrows to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

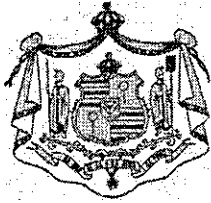
In spite of being retired, Dr. Charles Burrows has been a very active leader of 'Ahahui Malama i ka Lokahi, a Hawaii conservation group that is leading the restoration efforts of Kawainui Marsh on Oahu. His dedicated leadership has brought in hundreds of schools and community groups and individuals in these restoration efforts. He is also an active member of the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club, Kailua Historical Society and Church of the Crossroads.

During his 35 years as a science teacher at Kamehameha Schools, Dr. Burrows conducted numerous Hawaiian Natural and Cultural Field studies on each of the main islands of Hawai'i and in 1981 led the first group of high school students and science and cultural resource specialists to Kaho'olawe to conduct a field study of the island.

Dr. Burrows is unique among the KIRC commissioners, not only in his scientific background with regard to environmental issues, but also in his ability to combine scientific knowledge with a passion for cultural issues. With the transfer of control of the island back to the state, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission will be increasing its environmental restoration and marine research activities. Much of the guidance and oversight on scientific and natural resource issues are being provided by Dr. Burrows. Dr. Charles Burrows ("Doc" Burrows) sits on KIRC as a representative of native Hawaiian organizations.

We cannot think of anyone that can match the passion, energy and dedication when it comes to preserving Hawaii's native culture and environment than Dr. Charles P.M.K. Burrows. We strongly recommend his reappointment to KIRC.

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TESTIMONY OF LEIMOMI KHAN  
PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

IN SUPPORT OF

DR. CHARLES P. M. K. BURROWS, GM 290

FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE  
KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 224, State Capitol

Chair Tokuda and Vice Chair English  
Members of the Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Aloha mai kakou

This testimony is dedicated to all who fought for the return of the Island of Kaho`olawe to the State of Hawaii and whose dreams were realized when on May 9, 1994, the United States conveyed title of the island of Kaho`olawe to the State of Hawai`i, and to those who have dedicated their lives to its environmental and cultural resource restoration.

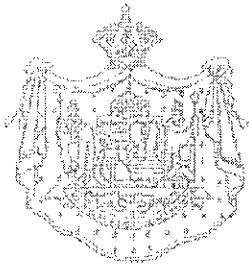
Among those who fall in the latter are Dr. Chuck Burrows who today is being considered for reconfirmation to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is pleased to provide supporting testimony for his reappointment to the Commission. We know that you have a detailed biography on Dr. Burrows background, that you are familiar with his education, experience, and awards, and that of his reputation as an environmentalist.

We know him as a humble individual who walks the talk, who does not allow stumbling blocks to deter him from his mission of protecting the environment for us and for future generations. We admire and respect him for he is sincere in his work. For us in the AHCC, there isn't a month that goes by that we don't receive an e-mail from Doc Burrows soliciting volunteers to help with cleaning the Kawai Nui Marsh and other areas and he has taught us, as he has touched the lives of thousands of Hawaii's citizens, especially youth, about ways to care for the land.

As a commissioner on the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission, he engaged the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in passing a resolution in 2002 that called on the United States to continue to be responsible in perpetuity for responding to newly discovered unexploded ordnance and other environmental contamination from the

military's past use of the island and its surrounding waters and called upon the State of Hawaii and the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to implement sound and safe management of the Reserve, based on a cooperative co-management strategy in collaboration with community groups. Most recently, at the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs Convention in Alaska, he organized a panel of distinguished members of the community to discuss, to inform, and to sensitize members about the challenges of environmental sustainability and economic development, recognizing the difficulty that Alaska Natives were having to choose between oil drilling vs maintaining the natural environment.

There isn't a day that goes by that Dr. Burrows isn't advocating for the environment and for Kaho'olawe. He's committed! E 'olu'olu mai oukou, reappoint him to the KIRC.



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Lihohoho  
Onaena wale ia pua  
I ka miki 'ala mau 'ia  
Ua hele wale a nohea  
(Hele a nohohoa)  
I ka nou i ke kehu  
(I ka nou a ka lehu)  
O beautiful 'ilima  
Choice of my heart  
O sweet and charming  
flower  
Soft and lovely to behold

GM 290 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the  
Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
CHARLES P. M. K. BURROWS, EDD, for a term to expire 6/30/2012

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

April 1, 2008

2:45 pm

Conference Room 224

On behalf of the approximately 220 members of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, I, Leatrice Maluhia Kauahi, Pelekikena, strongly support the reconfirmation of Charles P. M. K. Burrows to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for a term to expire 6/30/2012.

Dr. Chuck Burrows is a well respected person within the Hawaiian community who has shown his sincerities in doing his work in the pono way.

We in the Hawaiian Civic Clubs have benefited from his knowledge to help us understand what the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission have had to do and what we as Hawaiian people have a kuleana to keeping our environment safe for our children and grandchildren. We believe the people of Hawaii have benefited from Dr. Burrows great desire to serve us all.

Please provide his reconfirmation to the Kah'olawe Island Reserve Commission so all of Hawaii and its citizens can know we have someone who will sincerely take care of our aina and continuously solicit more involvement to succeed.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide this testimony.