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### **Testimony of MICHAEL K. NAHO'OPI'I Executive Director**

### **Before the House Committee on ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**February 9, 2010  
8:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

### **In consideration of HOUSE BILL 2676 RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

House Bill 2676 would exempt the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) from state procurement requirements for the purchase of food and fuel products needed to carry out KIRC's statutory responsibilities. KIRC supports this measure, as strict compliance with procurement requirements are often not practicable or advantageous to the state for the purchase of goods and services needed on Kaho'olawe, due to inherent challenges in planning, logistics and timeliness.

Relating to food and fuel products specifically, KIRC has consistently received approval for procurement exemptions or alternatives over the past several years, demonstrating that a statutory exemption for these items is justified.