

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony of  
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Before the House Committee on  
**HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, February 2, 2011  
8:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

In consideration of  
**HOUSE BILL 1224**  
**RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE**

I respectfully request that the Committee support House Bill 1224, which authorizes a portion of the conveyance tax revenues to be used to replenish the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund for the long-term restoration of Kaho'olawe. This bill will create a sustainable funding source to enable the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue its work towards the vision of Kaho'olawe, in which the kino of Kanaloa is restored.

As a representative of the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS), I have had the great privilege to collaborate with KIRC and the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) in education programs on the natural, cultural, historical and spiritual significance of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe. Of the infinite lessons learned while spending time on the island and surrounding waters, I recognize the importance of Kaho'olawe as a place to reconnect with the teachings of our kupuna, from the piko of the main Hawaiian Islands up to the heavens. In an effort to train a new generation of navigators in wayfinding, Hawai'i voyaging canoes participated with KIRC and PKO in the dedication of the Kuhike'e platform at Kealaikahiki. This measure is vital to sustaining the stewardship of the rich cultural and natural resources of this sacred island and ensuring that future generations will also be able to learn the valuable lessons of Kanaloa.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1224.

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**Testimony of Dr. Davianna Pomaikai McGregor in support of H.B. 1224**  
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Aloha Kakou. My name is Dr. Davianna Pomaikai McGregor, and I am the interim Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana member on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. I respectfully request that H.B. 1224 to convey ten percent (10%) of the conveyance tax revenues to replenish the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund for the long-term restoration of Kaho'olawe.

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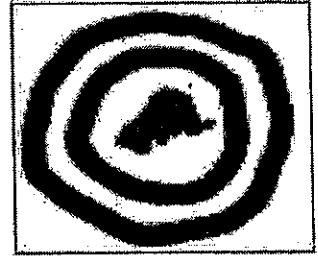
The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana works in partnership with the KIRC to manage the island and its surrounding ocean as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve for future generations of Hawai'i's people. We encourage the State of Hawai'i to make a long-term commitment to sustain the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commissions.

Attached are some of the petitions that we have collected in support of this measure.

Mahalo and Aloha . . . Aloha 'Aina

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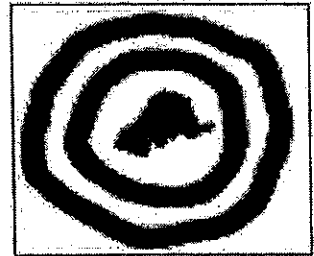
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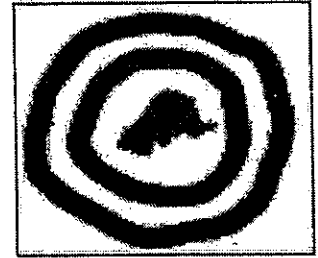
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is David Scibor and I have been a resident of Kihei for almost 5 years. I work in the hospitality industry and am proud to call Hawaii home. I had the opportunity to visit Kahoolawe in April 2009 and it was one of the most amazing experiences I have had in the Hawaiian Islands. Our group of 45 people was comprised mainly of high school students from Kamehameha Schools, Kekaulike High School and Emerging Hawaiian Programs. I learned through the actions of these students that Hawaii has a bright future. I was clearly an outsider within the group - a 28 year haole - but the group made me feel included from the start. They were patient while I learned Hawaiian chants to request permission to enter the island. They shared their music and songs with me each evening at the camp fire. And they showed me the great pride that people possess when they grow up in Hawaii. I can't place a price on what the experience has meant to me, but it has caused me to extend my time here in Maui. The trip provided me insightful information about the Hawaiian culture and how this information needs to be shared with future generations. I had the opportunity to share my experiences on the island at an educational meeting at work so other Maui residents and tourists can have a better understanding of the island.

Please support the sustainability of Kahoolawe cultural excursions with state taxes. It is in the best interest of Hawaii to support this program so please move forward with this bill. If you haven't been to Kahoolawe yet, take a trip over and see for yourself how lucky we are to have it as part of our Islands.