



*THE JUDICIARY, STATE OF HAWAII*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary**

The Honorable S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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**Resolution No. and Title:** House Concurrent Resolution No. 198, Relating to the Selection of the Site for the Kona Judiciary Complex

**Purpose:** To urge the Judiciary to expedite the selection of the site for the Kona Judiciary Complex and consider La'i'opua as a potential site for the complex.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary supports the intention of House Concurrent Resolution No. 198, which urges the Judiciary to expedite the selection of a site for the new Kona Judiciary Complex and consider La'i'opua as a potential site.

The Judiciary sincerely appreciates the resolution supporting the need for a new Kona Judiciary Complex and for expediting the site selection process as much as possible. We also appreciate the provision in the Resolution urging the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to cooperate with the Judiciary for purposes of selecting a site, as three of the final six sites undergoing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process are either fully or partially owned by DHHL. La'i'opua, which is under the jurisdiction of DHHL, is already under consideration as one of six candidate sites selected from a list of 14 potential sites. Being mindful of the EIS process and depending on the results of EIS, La'i'opua will certainly be considered in the final review and site selection by the Chief Justice.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this Resolution.