

SCR 63

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Statement of Michele Chouteau McLean,
Maui County Deputy Planning Director and
Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission Chairperson

Please accept this testimony in strong support of SCR 63. As the current Chairperson of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), and as its former Deputy Director, I appreciate the efforts of the Senate to determine whether the purposes of Chapter 6K, Hawaii Revised Statutes, are being fulfilled and advanced by the KIRC.

The audit that would result from the proposed resolution would evaluate whether the Kaho`olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund is being used in compliance with state laws, in compliance with grant agreements, and to effectuate the purposes of Chapter 6K; it would also include an audit of the performance of duties and responsibilities of the KIRC. This information would be valuable not only to the KIRC, but also to the Legislature as it considers potential funding opportunities for the KIRC in the future.

The KIRC has not voted to take a formal position on SCR 63 and so will not submit testimony as an organization at this time. I am, therefore, submitting this testimony in support of SCR 63 as an individual and not as a representative of the KIRC; because I am the KIRC's Maui County representative, this testimony has been approved by Maui County Mayor Alan M. Arakawa.

Thank you for your consideration.