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Comments: Comments: HB 220/SB 406 Relating to Training Knowledge of native Hawaiian and Hawaiian rights as well the public trust is necessary for members of state councils, boards and commissions to carry out their duties. Many newcomers have to learn that they are obligated to protect these traditional and customary rights, natural resources, access rights and the public trust. OHA has developed the curriculum for this mandatory training and is paying for the course. Response from nearly one hundred trainees has been positive. This is a winning situation for the beneficiaries and those who carry out various mandates. Appointees are able to fulfill their roles and responsibilities, fully informed of their duties and obligations. We strongly recommend passage of these bills which touch so many venues in our state.

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