

SCR 135/SR71

REQUESTING THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS KIHEI PROPERTY TO PROVIDE A SENSE OF PLACE THAT REFLECTS THE CULTURE, HISTORY, AND TRADITION OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS.



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**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 135/ SENATE RESOLUTION 71**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution 135 requests the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to plan for the development of its Kihei property to provide a sense of place that reflects the culture, history and traditions of Native Hawaiians. The KIRC supports this measure.

The KIRC envisions its Kihei site as the future gateway to Kaho'olawe, allowing both residents and visitors to learn about the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve and eventually to visit the island. The 8-acre property situated on South Kihei Road between the Kihei Small Boat Ramp and the Kihei Surfside Condominium was transferred to the KIRC by Governor Linda Lingle through Executive Order 3963 signed in February 2002. The KIRC's long-term plans for the site consist of a new office/information center that will house the KIRC's permanent offices. The KIRC's current offices are located in leased spaces in the Wailuku Industrial Area.

The two-story office/information center building will have a total of approximately 14,400 square feet of interior space, with a footprint of approximately 8,100 square feet. The office space, including a conference room, break room, computer/server room and restrooms, will comprise approximately 4,450 square feet for KIRC's full-time Maui-based employees. Approximately 5,250 square feet will be devoted to KIRC's historical and interactive exhibit about Kaho'olawe, with an additional 1,695 square feet for an auditorium and kitchen, and 630 square feet for a visitor center. Other uses will include storage (1,280 square feet), public restrooms and employee locker rooms (560 square feet), and a workshop/classroom (540 square feet). The auditorium and classrooms will be available for community use, in addition to

supporting the KIRC's programs and operations. The exhibit and visitor center will be open to the public, particularly to school and community groups, to provide information on Kaho'olawe's history and the KIRC's restoration and management activities today.

The site will also feature adequate staff and visitor parking, an outdoor performance/gathering area, and a native plant nursery/interactive exhibit.

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