

# SCR 136/SR72

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES TO DESIGNATE THE ROYAL  
ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA AS THE KONOHIKI OF  
KA'AWALOA TO HAVE OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT  
OF KA'AWALOA AND TO FORMULATE A MASTER PLAN  
FOR KA'AWALOA.

Testimony of William Kaihe`ekai Maioho  
Kahu of the Royal Mausoleum  
Regarding SCR136/SR72

Senators:

The subject resolution regarding the designation of the Royal Order of Kamehameha as the Konohiki of Kaawaloa is essential, fitting and appropriate. The historical significance of Ka`awaloa is unparalleled for the State of Hawaii, yet earlier efforts to develop Ka`awaloa as a state park seemed unsettling. However, the path that the Senate has suggested in this Resolution provides the best possible scenario from my perspective. It is vital that the plan, utilization and story of Ka`awaloa is premised on the historic implications for Hawaii from both a global and native perspective. Obviously, it is Captain James Cook's discovery and his introduction of an ancient and isolated Polynesian society to the world that was significant and most prominent. However, we now have an opportunity to gain the insight of the Royal Order of Kamehameha, and a perspective of Ka`awaloa that provides a historical footing to better understanding the strengths and challenges of our modern island society. Your reference in the Resolution to the indiscriminate loss of life that occurred for native Hawaiians who lacked the immunities to the simplest of sicknesses that Cook's crewmembers brought with them, is but one example of the knowledge directly related to a contemporary issue --- the health crisis facing native Hawaiians and our society as a whole. Clearly, the insights that can be examined at Ka`awaloa by the Royal Order can only benefit life in our islands today and the future generations of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The designation of the Royal Order of Kamehameha as konohiki of Ka`awaloa is a prerequisite to honoring Hawaii's most historic event.

I urge your favorable consideration of this measure. Aloha



**Alii Sir William F. Roback Jr., KGCK**  
Alii Nui & Grand Master



**Alii Sir Timothy Paulokaleioku Bailey, KCK**  
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March 17, 2014

Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs,  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Reference: SR NO. 72/SCR No. 136

Anoai Kakou & Aloha,

My name is Alika Desha and I am the Kalaimoku and Chancellor of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I. I am speaking today on behalf of Alii Nui & Grand Master, Alii Sir William F. Roback Jr.

I am here to testify in support of Senate Resolution No. 72 requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources to designate the Royal Order of Kamehameha as the Konohiki of Kaawaloa, to have oversight and management of Kaawaloa along with formulating a Master Plan for this area.

For those of you whom may not be aware, Kaawaloa was the home of the ruling Chief, Kalaniopuu when Captain James Cook touched the shorelines of the islands in 1778. Kaawaloa is unquestionably the most historic place in the Hawaiian Islands. It is where Hawaii was introduced to the outside world, to western civilization, and to the technologies that were subsequently wielded by Kamehameha to establish the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Kaawaloa which encompasses approximately forty acres, is owned by the State of Hawaii, and is part of the Kealakekua Bay State Historic Park. In ancient times, Kaawaloa and the adjacent pali of Kealakekua was a noted mausoleum, a burial place for the ruling families of the island.



The Royal Order of Kamehameha I was established on April 11, 1865 by King Kamehameha V (Lot Kapuaiwa) to honor the legacy of his grandfather, Kamehameha the Great. Our purpose is to preserve and perpetuate the ancient customs and traditions of Hawaii that includes our kuleana to malama na sacred wahi pana throughout Hawaii Nei.


Kaawaloa must be afforded the utmost respect and protection as one of Hawaii's greatest cultural and historic resources. Many native Hawaiians express reverence for Kaawaloa and Kealakekua as a sacred place where their Alii lived, worshiped and died. Their life histories were repeatedly tied to events occurring on these lands both before and after westerners arrived in Hawaii.

The Royal Order of Kamehameha I, comprised of eight (8) Chapters across the state have pledged to make things "pono" at Kaawaloa. We stand ready to serve as Konohiki and to work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Parks, other Hawaiian Organizations and members of the community to form a workable Master Plan that will correct the past neglect and return Kaawaloa to its rightful dignity.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our mana'o.

*"E nai wale no oukou, i kuu pono aole i pau"*  
*"Strive to pursue my unfinished good deeds"*  
Kamehameha I

O wau no me ka haahaa,

  
Alii Sir Alike K. Desha, KGCK  
Kalaimoku and Chancellor  
Royal Order of Kamehameha I





**ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA I**  
**HEIAU O MĀMALAHOA**  
Moku o Hilo, Puna, Hāmākua, and Ka‘ū  
**Office of the Ali‘i ‘Aimoku**



March 20, 2014

Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Reference: SR No. 72 / SCR No. 136

Mai ka pi‘ina a ka lā i Kumukahi a i ka mole o Lehua. I ke alo ‘o ke Akua, o nā kupuna, o nā ali‘i, o nā mamo, a me nā pua.

Aloha mai nō kākou,

I, Ali‘i Sir John Ku‘uhoamele Cuban, KGCK, who serves as ‘Ali‘i ‘Ai Moku of the Royal Order of Kamehameha ‘Ekahi, Heiau o Māmalahoa, testify on behalf of this heiau Senate Resolution No. 72 requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources designate the Royal Order of Kamehameha as the Konohiki of Ka‘awaloa along with formulating a master plan for this area.

This Most Noble Order of Kamehameha I serves to protect, preserve, and perpetuate the traditional Hawaiian culture, customs, and practices. Therefore it is our mission to preserve and protect precious land resources and sacred sites and places. We carry out this mission through the guidance of Ke Akua and in reverence to the land and its people that we serve. Therefore, it is very pono – fitting and appropriate that the Royal Order of Kamehameha I do serve as the Konohiki of Ka‘awaloa, an area of Kona culturally rich with many resources and historical places. It is through the managing and guidance of this Most Noble Order that the area of Ka‘awaloa will live on and be preserved through generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa in allowing me to express my support

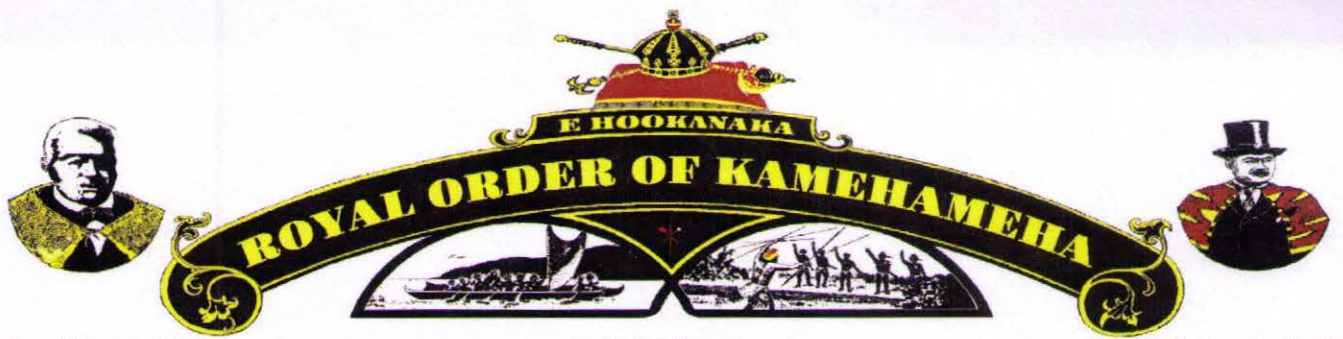
O wau iho no,

**Ali‘i ‘Aimoku Sir John Ku‘uhoamele Cuban KGCK**

Royal Order of Kamehameha I

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March 20, 2014

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Aloha,

This letter is **in support** of the above referenced resolution requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources to designate the Royal Order of Kamehameha as the Konohiki of Kaawaloa, to have oversight and management of Kaawaloa and to formulate a master plan for Kaawaloa.

I serve as the Aliiimoku of the Kona District and Kaawaloa falls within the boundaries of our Moku. The Kona Chapter of the Royal Order of Kamehameha has a total of 93 active and inactive members with various backgrounds in our surrounding communities. Through active partnerships with all the land owners, members of our Chapter currently malama Ahuena Heiau, the Lekeleke Burial Grounds, Ahu A Umi and would welcome the opportunity to serve our ancestors at Kaawaloa.

On October 7, 2006, members of Moku O Kona held an awa ceremony at Kaawaloa. In attendance were members of the community, kupuna of the area, families who once lived at Kaawaloa, former DLNR Chairman Peter Young representing the State of Hawaii and William Maioho, the curator of Mauna Ala.

The purpose of the ceremony was to recommit everyone's pledge to na mea Hawaii (all things Hawaiian) especially with the restoration of Kaawaloa Village. Unfortunately, due to internal problems within various State Departments and the lack of enforcement personnel, Kaawaloa fell to the wayside.

Following the 6.8 magnitude earthquake that shook our State on October 15, 2006, the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Moku O Kona worked closely with the State Parks Division in assessing the damage to many burial caves along Pali Kapu O Keoua.

Moku O Kona has organized many "Work Days" with other organizations and local schools of the area to clean up the trash left behind by unauthorized visitors along with clearing vegetation from this historical and cultural site of Kaawaloa.

Moku O Kona continues to pledge our commitment and willingness to work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources as well as community members of Napoopoo and other Hawaiian organizations to form a master plan for Kaawaloa if given the chance.



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March 21, 2014

Senate Committee on Water, Land Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
Committee on Ways and Means  
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Aloha,

This letter is **in support** of the above-referenced resolution requesting that the Department of Land and Natural Resources designate the Royal Order of Kamehameha as the Konohiki of Kaawaloa, have oversight and management of Kaawaloa, and formulate a master plan for Kaawaloa.

I, Ali`i Sir Ron Dela Cruz, KGCK, who serve as Ali`i `Ai Moku of the Royal Order of Kamehameha `Ekahi, Heiau o Kamehameha, Moku O Kohala, Helu 9, testify on behalf of this Chapter as to SR No. 72 requesting that the Department of Land and Natural Resources designate the Royal Order of Kamehameha `Ekahi as the Konohiki of Ka`awaloa and to formulate a master plan for this area.

This Most Noble Order of Kamehameha `Ekahi serves to protect, preserve, and perpetuate traditional Hawaiian culture, customs and practice. Our mission is to preserve and protect precious land resources and sacred sites and places. We carry out this mission through the guidance of Ke Akua and in reverence to the land and the people that we serve.

The Royal Order of Kamehameha Moku O Kona Chapter has and continues to be involved with the cleaning and restoration efforts of the Ka`awaloa historical and cultural sites. Moku O Kona has expressed willingness to work with the Napo`opo`o and other Hawaiian community organizations to mālama the `āina of Ka`awaloa.

Mahalo nui loa in allowing me to express my support,

‘O wau me ka ha`aha`a nō,



Ali`i `Ai Moku  
Royal Order of Kamehameha I  
Heiau O Kamehameha – Moku O Kohala



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**SR72**

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