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Executive Director

Before the House Committee on

FINANCE

Wednesday, February 26, 2016
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2034 HD1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO'OLAWÉ ISLAND RESERVE
COMMISSION

House Bill 2034 HD1 appropriates funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects. Requires submission of a financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 2017 Regular Session. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this measure.

This funding is necessary to continue the KIRC's innovative and acclaimed restoration program that is seeking creative and cost efficient means of preventing surface run-off erosion from damaging the pristine and unique marine resources of the Reserve. The KIRC is doing this while also incorporating and traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods.

The key piece of KIRC equipment needed to ensure the continuing restoration effort on Kaho'olawe is the KIRC Landing Craft, 'Ōhua. The 'Ōhua is the primary means of transporting volunteers, staff, supplies, materials and equipment to Kaho'olawe and is critical to ensuring the continuing operations of the KIRC. The funding will be used to cover the operations, repair and maintenance of the KIRC Landing Craft including sufficient staff to safely operate the vessel, regular repairs and preventative maintenance and inspections, replacement of the landing craft trailer and the replacement of vehicles used to support the logistic operations.

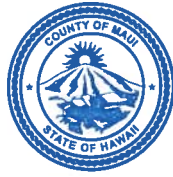
For fiscal year 2016, it was necessary for the KIRC to severely reduce operating cost in order to remain within the fiscal constraints of the funds made available from Act 84/2015 (\$1,000,000 in general funds for each year FY2016 and FY2017) the residual of the trust fund and any grants and charitable contributions raised by the KIRC. We initiated a severe staffing reduction in order to meet the funding appropriated. Four positions were cut (two were occupied), three

positions were reduced to half-time (all occupied) and with the agreement of the rest of the thirteen staff members, we all took a 5% pay cut in order that we could continue the restoration work on Kaho`olawe. In addition to funding the boating operations, this request will also provide funding to restore the half-time positions, bring back one of the cut positions and restore the remaining thirteen staff positions in order that we are able to retain the years of expertise developed working to restore this remote, former military bombing range.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
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COUNTY OF MAUI

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Hearing Date: February 26, 2016

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai`i

Aloha Chair Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Committee Members,

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HB2200, HB2034 AND HB2035

Please accept this testimony in support of House Bill 2200, House Bill 2035 and House Bill 2035.

House Bill 2200 authorizes the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to transfer funds from the Department of Land and Natural Resources' public land trust accounts for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve.

House Bill 2034 provides a direct appropriation for the continued restoration and management of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve (Reserve), which includes the island of Kaho`olawe and 90 square miles of its surrounding waters.

HB2035 appropriates funding for a three-year photovoltaic-powered desalination pilot project to help move Kahoolawe toward financial sustainability.

As the Chair and Maui County representative for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), I can attest to the urgency and importance of providing these secure sources of funding. Those of you who have been able to visit Kaho`olawe would hopefully agree.

When the State accepted the return of Kaho`olawe from the United States, it clearly accepted the responsibility to preserve and manage the Reserve while holding it as part of the public land trust until the island and its waters are transferred to the native Hawaiian sovereign entity. The terms of this acceptance were also stated in the federally-mandated Kaho`olawe Island Conveyance Commission final report to Congress in 1993: "in the short term, federal funds will provide the bulk of the program support for specific soil conservation projects and related activities. **In the longer term, however, state revenues will be needed to continue and enhance those activities initiated with federal funds**" (emphasis added). This funding responsibility, therefore, belongs to the State.

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With 25 percent of the island remaining uncleared of unexploded ordnance, a continued round-the-clock 24/7 presence on Kaho`olawe is needed to ensure the protection of the general public. KIRC's Restoration, Ocean Resources and Cultural programs have made great strides in restoring and protecting Kaho`olawe's native ecosystems and cultural resources, which benefit all of Hawai`i's people. Thousands of volunteers from throughout the state have contributed to these efforts over the years; their work should be honored by providing support for these programs to continue. These activities are consistent with the authorized uses of public land trust revenues, and warrant secure state support for them to continue.

Passage of HB2200, HB2034 and HB2035 will fulfill the State's commitment to restore and protect the Reserve; your support will be sincerely appreciated.

Mahalo for your consideration,



MICHELE MCLEAN
Deputy Planning Director, County of Maui
Chair, Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96809**

Testimony of
Leslie Kuloloio
Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) – Moku O Kanaloa (Kahoolawe)

Before the House Committee on
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Friday, February 26, 2016
11:00 A.M.
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**In Consideration of
SENATE BILL 2034 HD 1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

House Bill 2034 HD 1 appropriates funds to the Kaho’olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects. It requires submission of a financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 2017 Regular Session. **Aha Moku SUPPORTS this measure.**

Aha Moku encompasses the eight main Hawaiian Islands, which in turn is comprised of 47 moku and 607 ahupua’a. The Aha Moku, created by the Legislature, assists the State through its attachment to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in the protection and sustainability of its unique natural and cultural resources by bringing forward Native Hawaiian generational and traditional resource methodology. Each Island, with its own moku and ahupuaa, is distinctive and has its own exclusive resources unique to the history and culture of that island.

In the case of Kahoolawe, its place in Hawaiian history is assured and the promise of the United States and the State of Hawaii to return the island to the Hawaiian people must be upheld. Portions of that promise have already lapsed since the Navy did not complete the cleansing of all unexploded ordinances on the island.

As the Po’o of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee representing the Island of Kahoolawe, I and the generational families and communities of Honuaua, the traditional moku attached to Kahoolawe, are strongly behind Aha Moku who supports this measure. Our direct ancestors gave all of the place names to the island. It is we who hold the knowledge of the ancient history and lineage of the ahupua’a on the island, of the ocean, the currents, the winds, the water – every resource that is on or linked to the island. The State of Hawaii cannot allow their protection of Kahoolawe to dwindle into uncertainty and neglect.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies	Oppose	Yes

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Vance Arakaki

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Date: February 24, 2016

Dear Legislators:

I support KIRC bill HB2034.

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come.

As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

Mahalo,

Vance Arakaki

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Sara Tekula	Individual	Support	No

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Welina mai kākou,

I, Roy Kākulu Alameida, support KIRC Bill #2034).

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability for the restoration and protection of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of us for generations to follow.

As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State of Hawai‘i preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system.

Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of the Kaho‘olawe coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with and smothered by derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items while species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work.

Kaho‘olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Hawaiian Islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other places in island waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit everyone. Please support this bill.

Mahalo for your time.

‘O au me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Roy Alameida
Hawai‘i Island resident
KIRC supporter

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Alison Bridge	Individual	Support	No

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David L. DeMark	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support HB 2034

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Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Ka'iulani Pahi'o	Individual	Support	No

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Kylee Mar	Individual	Support	No

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I support this bill to appropriate funds for Kahoolawe

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Lehua Lena Nursery

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Glory Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I GLORY RAMOS support KIRC bill HB2034, Bill HB2035, Bill HB2200, Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawaii's people for generations to come. As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawaii's people for generations to come. Please support this bill. Mahalo nui loa for all of your support, GLORY RAMOS

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Jennifer Cox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Jennifer Cox, support KIRC bill (HB2034). Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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I, Trevor Tokishi, support KIRC bill HB-2034.

...

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Grant Thompson	Individual	Support	No

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Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

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Benton	Individual	Support	No

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Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Ronald Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Hokulani Holt-Padilla	Individual	Support	No

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Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Dean Tokishi, support KIRC bill HB 2034. ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Terez Amato Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

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Lyman L. Abbott	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass HB 2034 so we can continue to restore the island of Kaho`olawe. Thank you, Lyman L. Abbott

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please include Kahoolawe in your thoughts during this critical hearing.

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Laraline L. Keohokapu	Individual	Support	No

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Maylyn Magno-Gomes	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle Cabalse	Individual	Support	No

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johann winkler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Johann Winkler, support KIRC bill (HB2034 #). ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Keri Meyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Keri Meyer, support KIRC bill HB2034. ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Roxanne Darling	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES. Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, James Bruch, support KIRC bill (HB2034). Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Testimony regarding HB2034

My name is Terri Gavagan and I am submitting testimony in support of HB2034, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

The Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) has been tasked by the State of Hawai‘i with the restoration of Kaho‘olawe as well as preserving the island and waters surrounding it for the future generations as well as to help perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture. However, the State has not provided any funding to its operations and mission until last fiscal year.

The KIRC has had to cut its budget and hence its programs for the last several years due to the legislature’s the decreasing balance of the KIRC trust fund. The trust fund was never intended to fund the entire restoration of the island. There is no other agency in the country which has been tasked with restoring an entire island that has suffered from environmental degradation and bombings. Much progress has been made but as we all know it is much more expensive and takes longer to restore or rebuild something than destroy it.

I believe it is the State’s responsibility to help the KIRC continue its mission until it is able to sustain itself. The KIRC does not expect a never ending blank check. It is willing to come up with a sustainability plan so that it can continue to its mission of restoring the island for the future.

Mahalo for this opportunity to present my testimony.

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Luana Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the continued restoration of Kahoolawe. This ongoing project should be funded by the Federal Government. It is their kuleana to clean up all live ordinance also. Mahalo nui.

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Carol-Marie K. Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this measure. This measure will allow the KIRC to operate at full capacity so it can, as the state agency, carry out its kuleana mandated in HRS Chapter 6K; to restore Kaho`olawe. Mahalo

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Susan Forsyth	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is extremely important for the State of Hawaii to support financial self-sufficiency for the Island of Kaho'olawe. This is an investment in both the Island and the culture of the Hawaiian people. In order for all of the projects to move forward and create a cultural environment for generations to come, support must come from the State of Hawaii. I would suggest that any members of the legislature who have not visited the Island of Kaho'olawe, please go there before considering a negative vote on this proposal. It is a moving experience.

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Franny Brewer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am emphatically in support of continuing the important work on Kaho'olawe as a place of learning and healing for Hawaii's future generations.

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Rosina Potter	Individual	Support	No

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Erin Wade	Individual	Support	No

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Tarrah Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

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Wendee Nishimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Wendee Nishimura support KIRC bill (HB2034). ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generati ons to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

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