

HB 2034



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Before the Senate Committee on

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
And
WATER, LAND & AGRICULTURE

Friday, March 18, 2016
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2034 HD1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO'OLAWE 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.

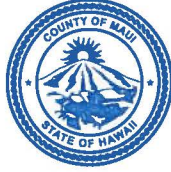
For fiscal year 2016, it was necessary for the KIRC to severely reduce operating cost in order to remain within the fiscal constraints of the funds made available from Act 84/2015 (\$1,000,000 in general funds for each year FY2016 and FY2017) the residual of the trust fund and any grants

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.

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COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

SUPPORT FOR HB2034, HD1

Please accept this testimony in support of House Bill 2034, HD1, which provides a direct appropriation for the continued restoration and management of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve (Reserve), comprised of the island of Kaho`olawe and 90 square miles of its surrounding waters.

As previous testimony has noted, I am the Chair and Maui County representative for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), and I can attest to the urgency and importance of providing this secure source 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.

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. HB2034, HD1, with funding of \$600,000 as recommended in the original measure, would provide this support, and its passage will help to fulfill the State's commitment to restore and protect the Reserve.

Mahalo for your consideration and support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michele McLean".

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



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Testimony of
Leslie Kuloloio
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Before the Senate Committees on
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Water, Land and Agriculture

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**In Consideration of
SENATE BILL 2034 HD 1
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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 Honuaula, 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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To Whom it May Concern:

Island Conservation (www.islandconservation.org) supports HB 2034 which appropriates funds to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) for restoration and preservation projects. Island Conservation is a global, non-profit organization, headquartered in California, with a mission to prevent extinctions by removing invasive species from islands. Over the last 20 years, Island Conservation and partners have deployed to 52 islands (including islands in Hawaii (Lehua) and the tropical Pacific (Palmyra, Micronesia, French Polynesia)) protecting 994 populations of animals, including 57 seabird species.

We recognize the value of Kaho`olawe Island for Hawaiian biodiversity, and its unique status in Hawaii. Over the last 10 years, we have partnered with the KIRC and its volunteers to pursue the restoration of the island through the removal of invasive species, particularly invasive predators. The eventual and complete removal of invasive predators will create the largest predator free habitat in Hawaii, facilitating the natural restoration of the Kaho`olawe ecosystem and the active translocation of some of Hawaii's most imperiled species, including seabirds such as the Hawaiian Petrel and the Laysan Duck.

For the biodiversity value of Kaho`olawe Island to be fully realized, the island needs an effective manager. The full funding of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission will allow the tradition of volunteer conservation action to continue, and provide a unique opportunity for the people of Hawaii to learn and connect with Kaho`olawe. Funding the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission will benefit both Hawaiian biodiversity and the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Gregg Howald
Director, North America Region

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES E. COON SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF HB 2034 HD1

Aloha Chairs Shimabukuro, Gabbard, Vice Chairs English, Nishihara, Members of the Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Agriculture:

My name is James Coon. I have served as a Council Member of Ke Kahu O Na Kumu Wai (Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council) since its inception in 2001.

I speak in Support of HB 2034 HD1

Kaho'olawe is not just one of the main islands in Hawaii, but it plays a vital role in protecting and preserving the Hawaiian culture and heritage. These restoration and preservation projects are essential for the long term goals of KIRK and the Hawaiian Culture. This is also supported in the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) where I serve on the working group.

I humbly ask you to pass HB 2034 HD1 so that these important objectives for Kaho'olawe are met.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, Member Ke Kahu O Na Kumu Wai (MACZAC)

Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

From: [Sen. Maile Shimabukuro](#)
To: ["Lily Gavagan"](#)
Cc: [shimabukuro3 - Sara](#)
Subject: RE: Bill HB2034
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Lily – Thanks a lot for this excellent testimony

Sara – Please make this testimony part of the record for this bill

From: Lily Gavagan [mailto:lily.gavagan@imua.ksbe.edu]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 11:37 AM
To: Sen. Maile Shimabukuro
Subject: Bill HB2034

Dear Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro,

My name is Lily Gavagan, and I am a 16 year-old student from Kamehameha Schools. I have recently heard that there will be a hearing in regards to Bill #HB2034. As you well know this is a bill that will decide if Kaho'oolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) will receive funds to continue to carry out restoration and preservation projects. I hereby implore you to pass this Bill as the funds associated with the Bill will continue to allow the KIRC to do continue to maintain and protect Kaho'olawe. Kaho'olawe is a very special and sacred place, especially for the Native Hawaiian Community. This island is one of the locations where major desecration occurred when goats eradicated most of the vegetation, and when the military occupied the land as target practice. The bombs that came in contact with the land, left it in a major wounded state. Fortunately some archaeological and sacred sites were spared, but the land was still in desperate need of restoration. Then the KIRC came along with a few other organizations to help save the island and restore it to it's former state. I was very fortunate to go on some volunteer accesses and get a physical and spiritual experience of what Kaho'olawe is really like. This island somehow manages to make every moment a person spends on there special and unforgettable. Even though the bombs nearly destroyed the island, the island's spirit never departed from it's body. As I visited some of the sacred sites on the island, I could still feel the essence of our kupuna (ancestors) and how important Kaho'olawe was to them. In addition, Kaho'olawe was also used to practice one of the vital aspects of the Hawaiian culture, navigating by the stars. There are also various other sites that enhances the Hawaiian culture as well, but if the KIRC does not receive sufficient funds to continue to restore the islands, then unfortunately those sites could wither away with time and future potential harmful acts from mankind. Also the island would not be under full protection because the KIRC enforces regulations that protect that island, and that is why you see the island as it's present state. You may also observe that when the KIRC no longer exists, Kaho'olawe will no longer be restored to it's full potential. Therefore, passing this crucial bill will ensure the protection of the island so it can be preserved for future generations and will assist with the perseverance of the Hawaiian culture. Thank you for giving me this

opportunity to voice my opinion and perspective about this bill. I hope you will take this testimony into consideration.

Mahalo piha,
Lily Gavagan



**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
and Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture
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In Support of HB 2034 HD 1 Making an Appropriation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission
Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the
Committees.

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 2034 HD 1, which 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 U.S. Navy should fully fund continued restoration and protection of Kaho'olawe. The Navy's destruction of natural and cultural resources may never be completed mitigated, but it is essential for the Navy to fully fund such efforts. We urge the Hawai'i State Legislature, Governor Ige, and our congressional delegation to secure such funding. In the meantime, we must protect the people's investment in returning and restoring the island by fully funding these programs at the state level. Lives have been lost, and many people have worked very hard for so many years to get to this point.

At the close of the 2015 Legislative Session, an important year for KIRC, only one-third of its annual operating budget was funded. While this partial funding provided critical support to close the previous fiscal year, there remains much to do in order to obtain the financial stability required to continue programs and operations.

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. It is imperative that we manage and protect this special place for current and future generations by fully funding the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

Kaho'olawe is the only island reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian sovereign entity, and it is the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety. Nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features remain on the island.

Kaho'olawe is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian Islands, replenishing fish and invertebrates to other island waters. And 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 threatened Newell's shearwater will be put at risk.

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. It is imperative that the trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. Please support HB 2034 HD 1. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify. Marjorie Ziegler

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
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For hearing Friday, March 18, 2016

Re: HB 2034 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE
ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

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.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

1. Kaho'olawe is already set aside by law to become property of the Hawaiian tribe as soon as that tribe has received state and federal recognition, which is now underway. Therefore no state government money should be given to rehabilitate land which is already in the process of being given away to another "nation." Of course, if the law were to be repealed which sets aside Kaho'olawe for transfer to a Hawaiian tribe as soon as the tribe gets federal and state recognition, then the 80% of Hawaii's people who have no Hawaiian native blood might be encouraged that the island belongs to us all, and we might hope the island could be used for cultural or commercial purposes which benefit us all; and therefore we might find it in our own self-interest to spend tax dollars to rehabilitate it and develop infrastructure.

In Act 195 (2011) this legislature set in motion a process now underway to create a Hawaiian tribe; and the U.S. Department of Interior has now proposed a regulation whereby that tribe can get federal recognition. Both Act 195 and the Department of Interior regulation insist that the Hawaiian tribe must be exclusively for Native Hawaiians, and that anyone lacking a drop of the magic blood must be ruthlessly excluded. If events unfold as intended, a Native Hawaiian "nation" will become a federally recognized Indian tribe before President Obama's term in office comes to an end. As soon as recognition happens, the island of Kaho'olawe will be ripped away from the State of Hawaii and handed over to the Hawaiian tribe, to which people with no native blood are forbidden to belong. This legislature simply must not confiscate tax dollars from 80% of Hawaii's people for a project which they will be racially excluded from.

2. Let OHA give whatever funding is necessary to rehabilitate Kaho'olawe and conduct Native Hawaiian cultural activities there. 20% of ceded land revenue is already being given to OHA for the betterment of Native Hawaiians. OHA has \$620 Million in assets including \$350 Million in its investment portfolio. OHA can afford to pay for Kaho'olawe; the State cannot afford it.

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Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Coral Wolf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Coral Wolf, support KIRC bill HB2034, which appropriates funds to the the KIRC for restoration and preservation projects. I have had the opportunity to be a volunteer on Kaho`olawe, and the experience not only taught me about the island and its rich ecological and cultural history but also gave me a greater understanding and appreciation for the Hawaiian Islands as a whole. 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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Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: In full support of funding legislation for continuing the work of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission with it's strategic and sustainability plans. It is without question that funding for furthering the purpose of restoration and preservation of Kaho'olawe Island is and will continue to be needed. I urge Committee members to pass this legislation without hesitation. Mahalo nui loa.

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

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I, Jay F. Penniman, support KIRC bill HB2034.

I have been a volunteer, partner and supporter of restoration on Kaho'olawe for over 15 years. After the abuse of the aina by the US military and feral introduced animals for so many years the progress that the KIRC has made is truly remarkable. Please do the right thing and fully fund operations to continue the restoration of this valuable island.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Jennifer Vander Veur	Individual	Support	No

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John Stephens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, John Stephens, 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. If you have other testimony that you feel should be added to this list for others to learn from, please hit reply to this email and share it.

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Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

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Lynx Gallagher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Lynx Gallagher, support KIRC bill HB2034 I am a Conservation Biologist Working For Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project on the Island of Maui. I have had the opportunity to go out first hand and witness the beauty and importance of this amazing island. For me, it represents the most realistic and viable option for the continued survival of a number of threatened and endangered native seabirds if restoration and predator elimination efforts continue. 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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I am in support of HB 2034 which appropriates funds to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects. I am not originally from Hawaii but had the honor and privilege to volunteer on Kaho`olawe for both habitat and species restoration projects. Through this experience, working with the KIRC staff and other volunteers, I learned so much more in a very short time about Hawaii and returned to my home on Oahu with a renewed sense of love and respect for the islands. The experience was profound and I and my volunteer group were inspired by the mālama `āina practices and values learned on Kaho`olawe. Our volunteer group were energized and empowered to become actively engaged in the conservation of Hawaii in an entirely different and positive way. It was the specialized experience of being on Kaho`olawe, understanding the cultural significance of the island and exposure to the importance of the island in Hawaiian tradition that was truly inspiring. Funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission will allow this tradition of volunteer conservation in action to continue providing the unique opportunity for the people of Hawaii to learn and connect with Kaho`olawe through restoration and preservation projects. Funding the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission will benefit Kaho`olawe restoration but it will also benefit the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
Mary Jo Mazurek

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Noelani Puniwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support additional resources going to Kahoolawe.

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I, Rebecca Pederson, support KIRC bill HB2034.

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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.

I am the AmeriCorps Intern for Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project and have worked with KIRC on two occasions. They provided us transportation to Molokini on two separate trips. The first trip was in November 2015 to band 218 Wedge-Tailed Shearwater chicks. The second trip was in January 2016 to conduct a survey on ants that negatively affect the island and its biodiversity. These trips would not have been possible without KIRC.

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Zachary Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Providing funding for KIRC is critical in the continuation of the valuable recovery work done on the island of Kaho'olawe. This island has the potential to be one of the best living monuments to the people and environment of Hawaii. Failure to protect this important landscape leaves only a memorial to our mistreatment of the Hawaiian Islands.

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Amanda Emmes	Individual	Comments Only	No

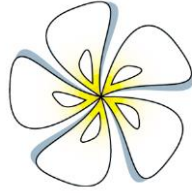
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Re: HB 2035

We are in support allowing Kaho'olawe to help and produce energy which is self-sustaining for the island and will enable them to produce water through the desalinization process and energy from the sun through photo-voltaic energy.

Thank you

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Susan Forsyth	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I totally support this bill. In order for K.I.R.C to accomplish it's goals, it needs the support of the State of Hawaii.

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