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Martha Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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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Kylee Mar	Individual	Support	No

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Andrea M Buckman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Restoring Kaho'olawe is critical for preserving our cultural and ecological heritage. The work of KIRC provides meaningful, impactful opportunities for volunteers to learn about the island's history and contribute to its regeneration. Please support HB2034 which provides funding for continuing restoration work at Kaho'olawe. Mahalo, Andrea Buckman

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pookela hanson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I humbly ask that you support this bill and provide funding for KIRC. ‘A‘ohe pau ka ‘ike i ka hālau ho‘okahi... All knowledge is not learned in just one school (‘ōlelo no‘eau, pukui). Kaho‘olawe is an dynamic, evolving, and life-altering classroom rich in history and culture. When considering to fund education, think beyond the traditional classroom and invest in a learning experiences that will enrich and inflict positive change in peoples‘ lives. Support Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe. Mahalo.

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Stephanie M. Joe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is important to restore and protect Kaho'olawe. Please allocate funds for this purpose.

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Aloha,

thank you for this opportunity to share my support for HB2034, to fund the work done at Kaho'olawe. I have been fortunate enough to be a visitor to the island when I led a small group of high school students from a rural school on the Big Island. Our time on Kaho'olawe was transformative for all of us.

As someone who has been involved in conservation in Hawaii for a decade, I was committed to teaching my students about the issues that face our Hawaiian natural environments. On Kaho'olawe, we were able to witness firsthand the devastation caused by unchecked proliferation of ungulates: a century ago, feral goats laid waste to the island's vegetation, causing loss not only of the forests but also precious topsoil. In some places, we encountered areas where it is estimated that over 15 feet of soil had been lost!

I have never before had the opportunity to witness so starkly the potential of human action. We stood on the edge of the massive bomb crater at Sailor's Hat, and contemplated the destructive power of the atomic bomb. We saw the recovered ordinance and the smaller bomb craters leftover from years of U.S. military bombing.

Yet each day, under the guidance of KIRC staff, we planted native grasses and brush. We were able to view the plantings by previous volunteer groups over the years, now growing in healthy clumps, spreading on their own, and creating new soil. Each baby plant we lovingly put into the ground felt like we were closing a small wound. We swam over unmolested reefs and marveled at the opihi grown to the size of our hands, able to grow to their maximum size without the pressure of human predation. The beach was full of shells, and the night sky full of stars in a way that none of us had ever experienced.

My students were never so inquisitive, respectful, and engaged as they were on Kaho'olawe. The KIRC staff impressed us all with their knowledge and their commitment to their work, which was clearly more meaningful to them than just a job.

The educational value of this place cannot be overstated. I urge all of you, if you have not had the opportunity, to visit Kaho'olawe and experience it for yourself. I support HB2430, and I hope that you will too.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Franny Brewer  
PO Box 942  
Mt. View HI 96771

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David Duffy	Individual	Support	No

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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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Carol-Marie K. Lee	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chairs and committee members. I support this measure for the purpose of restoring the financial support for KIRC to continue their good work. After a year of working with one third of the funds needed to administer the programs and projects to accomplish the mandate of HRS Chapter 6K, it has proven to be detrimental to the operational and logistical needs to carryout the restoration and preservation efforts. Your support for this measure is greatly needed for the protection, preservation, and conservation of all the natural, marine and cultural resources on the Island of Kaho`olawe and to work toward its sustainability goals. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify, Carol-Marie Lee

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Brad Keitt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Brad Keitt, support KIRC bill hb 2034. ... I strongly believe that Kaho`olawe provides a key and unique opportunity for the conservation of Hawaii's native species and to continue supporting the growth in interest in Hawaiian cultural values. 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.

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Susan Vickery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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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Benton	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Benton Pang, 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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Marina Satoafaiga	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Marina I. Satoafaiga, 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. Sincerely, A concerned Maui resident

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With a mission to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe in which the kino (body) is restored and nā po'e o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) has been tasked with a monumental endeavor that has and will continue to require thousands of hands over several generations to accomplish. Through 5 core programs — the Ocean Program, Restoration Program, Cultural Program, Operations Program and Administrative Program — a staff of 12, Commission of 7 and group of steadfast volunteers carry out this work. To date, more than 10,000 volunteers from all walks of life have offered their time, hard work, hearts and minds to share this kuleana. This incredible community has worked closely together to engage countless others through education and outreach efforts via both the KIRC's Wailuku, Maui headquarters and Kihei, Maui educational walking trail & native plant nursery property, inspiring residents and visitors with the important history of Kaho'olawe to Maui Nui and its function as a catalyst for Native Hawaiian cultural education. For 20 + years, the KIRC has worked to restore, protect, preserve and provide access to the immeasurable benefits offered by and through the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve alongside these community members; some of the most hard working volunteers we have had the honor of meeting. Together, we have planted nearly 1/2-million native plants in a place riddled with UXO (unexploded ordnance) that is largely impervious to water. Our small staff has cared for an entire island, acting as the local board of water supply, electric company, public works department, telephone and radio communications provider, and department of transportation while simultaneously engaging community groups in the cultural, scientific and educational offerings of this special place. Part of the KIRC's vision is through careful and cooperative stewardship, Kaho'olawe will become a living conduit between past and future generations of Hawai'i, where traditional values will again take root producing ever greater resources into the future. The island of Kaho'olawe is sacred to Hawaiians as the embodiment of the ocean deity, Kanaloa. To Hawaiians and to the people of Hawai'i, Kaho'olawe is a symbol of resilience, hope for the future, and an opportunity to rebuild a cultural heritage. Kaho'olawe is for all of us: students, teachers, researchers, botanists, biologists, mechanics, carpenters, cultural practitioners, families and more — from all walks of life. Together, we have embarked on the largest restoration effort on

the planet. Only by demonstrating that our STATE values the historical, cultural, ecological and community building resources shared through the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve can we continue this work. 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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johann winkler	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Johann, support KIRC bill (ENTER BILL HB 2034/ HB 2035). ... 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.

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I, Barbara Pope support KIRC bill HB 2034.

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Pamela Zirker	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please create, and implement an adequate funding budget for the restoration of the entire island of Kaho'olawe, to restore it to it's natural state, as it was before the Navy bombed it. It is the right and just thing to do.

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Lyman L. Abbott	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass this bill so our Restoration work can continue to heal the island of Kaho`olawe. Thank you, Lyman L. Abbott

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Susan Forsyth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Susan Forsyth, 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. I had the opportunity to spend 5 days on Kaho'olawe last December. It was the most wonderful experience I have ever had. This wonderful organization needs continued support from the State of Hawaii.

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rebecca joy zalke	Individual	Support	No

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Michael Menchetti	Individual	Support	No

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Charles	Individual	Support	No

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Benton	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Noelani Ahia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Jennifer Ahia, 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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Christine Davis	Individual	Support	No

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Roy Alameida	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rob Guzman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of HB2034. Eight years ago I had an experience of a lifetime volunteering on Kaho'olawe and the inspiration from that trip has kept me interested in working to preserve native Hawaiian species, here in the endangered species capital of the United States. Funding is sorely needed to continue the work of KIRC. Please help these dedicated workers and volunteers continue their efforts. Mahalo. Rob Guzman, MPH

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr. Kaliko Baker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We appreciate your consideration of HB2034. As a commissioner of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), I know first hand that this request is conservative. The request could be easily over \$1,000,000 rather than \$600,000. \$600,000 would get us back to bare-bones operations. Things on Kaho'olawe are breaking because they are not in use such as the generators, water systems and other essential machinery. This \$600,000 could get minimal operations back up and running. The State is as fiducially responsible for Kaho'olawe as it is for any other property it claims title to. Law makers, such as yourselves, should see this and make the right decision. Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN  
AFFAIRS and  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

For hearing Wednesday, February 10, 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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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in support of 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. 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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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

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Ka'iulani Pahi'o	Individual	Support	No

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Jim Cooper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Jim Cooper, 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. 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

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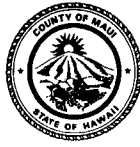
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February 8, 2016

TO: Honorable Kahiela Ing, Chair  
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
House Committee on Water & Land

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello  
Councilmember 

DATE: February 10, 2016

SUBJECT: **HB 2034, RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE  
KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The trust fund created by the approximately \$44,000,000 of federal funding provided for the cleanup and restoration of the island will be exhausted this year. As far back as 1993, it was recognized by the Kaho'olawe Island Conveyance Commission that State revenues would eventually be required to continue the cleanup, restoration and preservation of the island.
2. KIRC has made great strides in its restoration of the island and protecting its cultural and environmental and archaeological resources, and is the only island listed in its entirety on the National Register of Historic Places and as such it is imperative that we continue to preserve this important resource for future generations.
3. With the depletion of the federal funding, it is crucial for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to submit a financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.



**Conservation Council  
for Hawai'i**

*Hawai'i's voice for wildlife*

*Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu*



Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs  
and House Committee on Water and Land

Hearing: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:30 am  
Conference Room 325

In Support of HB 2034 Making an Appropriation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Chair Ing, Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committees.

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 2034, which appropriates funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects, and 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.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify. Marjorie Ziegler

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Megan Dalton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Megan Dalton, support KIRC bill HB2034. As an Americorps intern several years ago, I was provided the opportunity to come to Kaho'olawe and help with habitat restoration work. Seeing this island first hand, all the hard work KIRC and many volunteers have performed, and the potential of it to be a cultural and biological treasure, have given me hope that the resources will be provided to help continue this important work. 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. 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 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, Tamara Luthy, support KIRC bill 2034.

...

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...

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Mahalo nui loa,

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Megan Blazak	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to support HB 2034. 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. Please support HB2034

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Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Cox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the KIRC so they may be able to continue their important environmental, cultural, and historical work.

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February 9, 2016

To whom it may concern,

I, Seana Walsh, support KIRC bill HB2034.

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Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Seana Walsh". The ink is a light grey or blue color.

Seana Walsh

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Joshua Kaakua	Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana	Support	No

Comments: Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana P.O. Box 39 Kaunakakau, HI 96748 Aloha e Chairs Yamane and Ing, Vice Chairs Lowen and Cullen, Please accept this testimony is strong SUPPORT of HB2034. The 'Ohana will support the KIRC as partners in stewardship of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe.

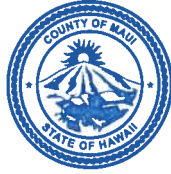
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Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs  
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Aloha Chairs Ing and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Cullen, and Committee Members,

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HB2034

Please accept this testimony in support of House Bill 2034, which 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.

As my testimony on HB2200 last week 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 provides this funding support.

Passage of HB2034 will help to 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

I, Jennifer Vander Veur, support HB2034.

This measure to help ensure the future funding of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) will not only help the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe, but will help ensure the island and its resources are cared for and protected for generations to come. The island is a unique treasure for all of Hawaii's people and it is all of our responsibility to malama Kaho'olawe. Supporting this act will show the people of Hawaii you care for them, these islands, and the future of this Kaho'olawe.

The cultural and natural resources of this island are priceless, without active management of this land and the surrounding waters the restoration and conservation efforts of the previous decades would be wasted. Without watering many of the planting areas would die, without active erosion control efforts the island would continue to lose topsoil, decimating the adjacent reefs, and without active patrols and management the semi-pristine coral reefs and abundant fish populations would plummet due to erosion and overharvesting.

Kaho'olawe has the most intact and least impacted marine environment of all the main Hawaiian Islands. With a high abundance of fish and predators, Kaho'olawe's fish populations are closer to Kure Atoll's than any of the main islands. As such, Kaho'olawe has the ability to be like a 'seed bank' for the surrounding islands and can result in 'spill over' (when there are so many fish in one area some of them have to leave that area for another) thereby increasing the abundance of fishes in other areas. This means the protected waters of Kaho'olawe are invaluable to the rest of the state and will help ensure fish populations don't crash.

Kaho'olawe is also the home to critically endangered and protected species such as the Hawaiian Monk Seal and Spinner Dolphins. Annually 1-2 monk seal pups are born on Kaho'olawe, and we have recently seen females born on Kaho'olawe return to have their own pups. As well as pups returning to Kaho'olawe after a few years and utilizing the marine resources. The marine environment of Kaho'olawe is an incredibly valuable resource for Hawaii's people both now and in the future, but will only remain so if action is taken to ensure the proper future management of this island by supporting measures to provide funding for this critical work.

The KIRC takes thousands of people to Kaho'olawe to help in the restoration efforts, educate them about the Hawaiian culture and natural resource of Hawaii and encourages them to malama their own community resources with a sense of kuleana and aloha. The impact the KIRC has is far reaching and meaningful not only for the individuals the visit the island but for the greater community of Hawaii. Please fulfill your individual kulena to Kaho'olawe and support this bill and future measures to ensure the longevity of the KIRC and the continued care for Kaho'olawe.

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Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

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Kuiokalani L. Gapero	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, fKui Gapero, 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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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Oppose	Yes

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Kevin Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is past due our time to support Kahoolawe. Much has passed and financially supported on the island of Oahu. There are other islands, more importantly other Kuleana. The State was given the Kuleana of this island and it is time to support it. To maintain its viability as a cultural learning center, a reserve, a place where conservation can work. Vote for the funding to support the KIRC and protect this cultural resource

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Shahlia Wainui	Individual	Support	No

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Daniel J. Southmayd	Individual	Support	No

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**and**  
**WATER & LAND**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016**  
**10:30 AM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of**  
**HOUSE BILL 2034**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE**  
**COMMISSION**

House Bill 2034 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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Jan Becket	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is testimony in support of HB2034 and HB2035, Submitted 2/8/2016 by Jan Becket, Kamehameha Schools teacher (27 years), retired. I hiked the 11 miles across Kaho'olawe in a special access with my Kamehameha Schools students in 1994. Then, the upland hardpan was a barren desert cut by deep gullies created by water runoff. Nothing grew there. We walked on the single dirt road across the island, from Hakioawa to Honokanaia, sometimes passing ordnance gathered on the side of the road for later demolition. Recently, I had the privilege twenty years later to revisit the same terrain in two KIRC accesses this past year. What an amazing transformation. Where nothing grew there are now rows of native vegetation thriving in the harsh upland conditions of an island denuded of topsoil. It is clear that the regeneration of native plants on the hardpan has happened because of the accumulated experience and on-the-ground knowledge of state workers on Kaho'olawe. That group of dedicated people has succeeded in transforming a small corner of the uplands into a native garden — an amazing feat. This transformation happened because of three factors: 1) a small pool of dedicated people with a vision, 2) their accumulated knowledge and experience, 3) and support by the state. Without adequate support, the regeneration of Kaho'olawe cannot take place. I am a photographer. Words cannot express the transformation I have witnessed and described. My images of this regeneration are here: <http://www.janbecket.net/piwigo/index.php?/category/20/> 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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HOUSE BILL 2034  
TESTIMONY SUPPORTING THE KIRC SELF SUFFICIENCY PLAN

Aloha Chair Ing, Chair Yamane, vice chairs, and members of the Committees,

My name is Samantha Alvarado and I am a Natural Resource and Environmental Management Major at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. **I would like to testify in support of HB 2034.**

Participating in the 2026 strategic planning for Kaho'olawe over the past few years as a high school student has enabled me to participate as a better citizen in my community, witness students use problem solving to pursue sustainability, and develop leadership and partnership skills.

As a new college student reflecting on my high school career, Kaho'olawe provided the foundation for an incredibly diverse, in depth, and relevant education that reaches beyond what I had previously learned in school.

Kaho'olawe has the ability to inspire the drive for education and motivation within Hawaiians, locals, and even those who are new to or just visiting our islands. By utilizing the past, present, and future of Kaho'olawe it stands as a medium to educate about virtually any subject or topic. In my eyes Kaho'olawe is a school that is both tangible and life changing for everyone.

By appropriating funds to **support** the sustainability of Kaho'olawe, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission will continue to educate and strengthen the sense of community and aloha within our Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

Samantha Alvarado

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kalani fukumoto	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please fund KIRC. Kahoolawe is starting to flourish. Without funding all the volunteer efforts to replant the island will be in vain. There is a big difference in the island as our plantings from 5 yrs. ago (2010) have taken root and are still living. Please don't let all our hard work die. Please fund KIRC. Mahalo's, kalani fukumoto

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
caroline ginnane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been to Kaho'olawe and personally felt the mana and experienced the cultural significance of this special place. From heiroglyphics, to the Navigator's chair, to the rarest plants on earth, to the naia swimming in large happy pods offshore, to the staff who teach us about the place and the story of hope that native plants will once again thrive here... I went there only once in 2006 and remember it all so clearly. Kaho'olawe is a very special place. To lose the program to restore the 'aina and perpetuate the Hawaiian culture would be a sad blow to the Hawaiian spirit. Do not let this place be lost forever and all the hard work of many people throughout the years go down the drain. Protect this gem. There is no other place like it on earth.

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Tamra Ashlee Probst	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is important to support this cultural learning program financially, as it is important to restoring this aina and insuring a sense of self for our hawaiian culture.

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Faith Kahale Saito	Individual	Support	No

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Ka'iulani Pahi'o	Individual	Support	No

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Zoe Eisenpress	Individual	Support	No

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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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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Katarina Culina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I support KIRC bill HB2034 and agree with their message: 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, Katarina Culina Po box 2142 Paha, HI 96778

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Sara Tekula	Individual	Support	No

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Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii support KIRC bill HB2034. When I was a middle school student in the mid 70's, we moved from Honolulu to Waikapu. I had never heard the sound of the bombs before. It took a long time to get used to it. As a kid, Kaho'olawe was off limits. I never imagined that I would ever set foot on the island. But as an adult, I was fortunate to participate in two trips with KIRC. I saw the island, and the devastation. However, I also saw the positive work that was being done. We let this happen to our island. It is our responsibility to fix it. Please support HB2034 to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. It will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. KIRC has brought numerous volunteers to Kaho'olawe and shared with them the knowledge of the island. These volunteers were from all walks of life and of all nationalities. They all left with a sense of place and a better understanding of the Hawaiian culture. KIRC is creating a database of photos, native flora and fauna, people, place names, maps, artifacts, trivia and stories so that anyone can do research, and learn about the island's rich history from anywhere in the world. KIRC has tested numerous planting and erosion prevention techniques. Whether their experiments were successful or not, their data is vital in helping other conservation agencies working in dryland forest areas to develop new, innovative ideas for outplanting and erosion control. KIRC protects native wildlife like the Hawaiian monk seal, pueo and honu that call Kaho'olawe their home. They also work to control the invasive species on island. If we do not maintain KIRC's operations on Kaho'olawe, who will ensure that all people of Hawai'i and beyond have safe access the island? Who will ensure that culturally significant areas are preserved and cultural knowledge is accessible for future generations? Who will prevent erosion and stop the sediment from flowing into the ocean? Who will outplant and work to reforest the island? Who will protect the fragile native wildlife against the invasives that call Kaho'olawe home? It would truly be a great loss if KIRC were unable to continue its work on Kaho'olawe. I humbly ask that you please support this bill. Mahalo, Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii

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Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of  
**Donne Dawson**  
to the  
**House Committees on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs and  
Water & Land**

Wednesday, February 10, 2016  
10:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
**HB2034**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE  
COMMISSION.**

Chairs Ing and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Cullen, and Members of the Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs and Water & Land Committees.

I am writing to testify in strong support of HB2034 which seeks to appropriate funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for important restoration and preservation projects. It is the state's kuleana to do so.

As a native Hawaiian and member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana for the past 12 years, I have helped to lead many groups to the island both with the 'Ohana for educational and cultural purposes, as well as with KIRC-sponsored volunteer groups working on a variety of restoration projects to benefit Kaho'olawe. I have seen first-hand how Kaho'olawe has transformed lives. The KIRC, under the skilled and experienced leadership of its executive director, Michael Nāho'opī'i, has done incredible work in a very challenging environment and with limited funds to organize work trips involving thousands of individuals who have traveled there to kōkua, to help heal and restore Kaho'olawe and to protect and preserve the island for generations to come.

In the past several years, the KIRC has had to take dramatic steps to scale back its operations and volunteer programs given the Commission's dwindling budget. Kaho'olawe is in desperate need of this funding, at a very minimum. If they are unable to secure the funds they need, my greatest fear is that the island would have to be shut down—leaving it vulnerable to desecration and deterioration. All of the dedicated restoration work of the past three decades would be for nothing. The public would be denied the opportunity to visit Kaho'olawe, to learn from Kaho'olawe, and to give-back to the one island that has suffered such devastating destruction. Make no mistake, Kaho'olawe is a strong symbol of our future. We need to treat her as such. I urge you to support funding the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Bryan Berkowitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the mission of the KIRC.

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Makanalani Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Mai Kakou, My name is Makanalani Gomes, I am Kanaka Maoli and I stand in STRONG SUPPORT of this measure. I have been to Kaho'olawe. I have experienced it's mana and it's ability to heal. I strongly believe that for our Lahui; Kaho'olawe will act as symbol of renewal, healing, resiliency, and strength. I was allowed to access Kaho'olawe with KIRC my fear is that with out financial support from the Legislature, KIRC will not be able to provide those accesses for other Native Hawaiians as well as others who support and have love for the aina. I would like to think that in the future if I have keiki they will be able to access Kaho'olawe with KIRC as I did. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify and I apologize for sending in late testimony.

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Testimony for HB2034-HB 2035

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Aloha my name is Hans Wilhelm and I support house bill 2034- HB 2035.

I am a schoolteacher of Hawaiian language and culture at Kamehameha schools and I have been taking students to Kaho'olawe for the last 15 years. I have worked along side the KIRC to provide quality educational opportunities for the keiki o ka 'āina (children of the land). Over these past years I have seen KIRC struggle to accomplish their mission of restoring the cultural vibrancy, and health of Kanaloa. Under Mike Nahoopii, the KIRC has had to drastically cut services, access to the island, and has been unable to maintain the integrity of the equipment used to maintain the access corridors to places on the island. The vehicles are in disrepair, the chainsaws need to be maintained or replaced, the gloves have pukas, and the staff has been laid off. To date the KIRC has a skeleton crew and a few committed volunteers. However the KIRC was never meant to support itself. The State of Hawaii has multiple agencies that require funding to remain viable and relevant. The State has a trust and fiduciary responsibility to see that Kahoolawe is restored and eventually returned to the Hawaiian people in the interests of pono and justice.

Lastly Kaho'olawe is a special place, a holy place. It is our mecca, our Jerusalem. It is the place that stirs up powerful feelings of pride, and love for the land, which for many lies dormant. For my students, it is a life changing experience that cannot be duplicated anywhere else. Please give the KIRC the financial means to continue their good works. Budget hawks in this administration are quick to cut money where they feel that they are not benefiting everyone in the State of Hawaii.

However, by protecting Kahoolawe you ensure that the (spiritual piko) of Hawaii is cared for and that the soul of the Hawaiian people will not be snuffed out by political garbage, racism, and cultural genocide. The soul of the Hawaiian people is at stake here. Everything that is Hawaiian we enjoy today flows from the renaissance started by George Helm, Kimo Mitchell, and those early brave souls and kūpuna. Let us not abandon their memory and bravery. Let us work together to restore the good things that make us who we are.

Aloha 'āina,

Kumu Hans Wilhelm E.d.D