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Before the House Committee on

FINANCE

**Tuesday, March 3, 2015
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

In consideration of HOUSE BILL 438 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

House Bill 438 appropriates out of the general revenues of the State of Hawai`i funds to be used for projects undertaken by the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission, including but not limited to the restoration and preservation of the natural, cultural and historic resources of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve and its meaningful and safe use by the people of Hawai`i. The Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this measure.

When the State of Hawai`i accepted the return of the island of Kaho`olawe in 1994, it accepted the responsibility "to preserve and protect a corner of their island state so that future generations can become familiar with their island's past human and natural heritage. For many Native Hawaiians and others, Kaho`olawe is a special place that has been sanctified by the loss of life in a struggle between traditional values and Western concepts of land use and management" (Restoring a Cultural Treasure, Kaho`olawe Island Conveyance Commission).

As stated in the Federally-mandated Kaho`olawe Island Conveyance Commission (KICC) 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." For the past 20 years, the initial Federal funding has allowed the KIRC to establish many of its innovative programs that emphasize ancestral and traditional knowledge, provide a cultural approach of respect and connectivity to the environment, and integrate ancient and modern resource management techniques. Those initial funds will run out by 2016 if no other funding source is secured.

With 25% of the island still uncleared of unexploded ordnance and only 10% cleared for intensive use, the KIRC's continuing presence on Kaho'olawe is needed to ensure the protection of the general public. Without funding, the KIRC will have to terminate on-island operations and close the doors to public access to Kaho'olawe.

Over the past two years, the KIRC in partnership with several dozen community organizations conducted as of state-wide community gatherings to solicit and document the public's input regarding the future of Kaho'olawe. The resultant community-wide planning document entitled "*I OLA KANALOA!*" represents a foundation to encourage the collective impact of many individuals, organizations, and the community-at-large. This arrangement acknowledges that the power, energy and resources to secure the future of Kaho'olawe is shared and dispersed among its many partners.

The funding being sought in this measure is to provide a bridge to allow the KIRC to develop these community-wide partnerships, establish collaborative enterprises with other state and federal government entities, and launch long-term revenue generation and sustainable funding opportunities supporting the future of Kaho'olawe. The passage of this measure is critical to ensure that the struggle, hard work, dedication and lives given to the island will not be wasted, but forms the foundation for Kaho'olawe role as the spiritual, cultural and physical *piko* (center) of the people of Hawai'i.



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Testimony of
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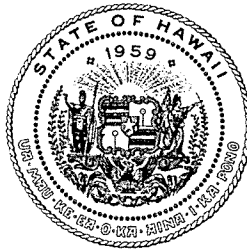
In **SUPPORT** of
House Bill 438
Making an Appropriation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

House Bill 438 appropriates funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects. **The Aha Moku supports this bill as it reflects the State's commitment to oversee the use and restoration of the reserve as it was stated in 2004 when the management and control of the island was transferred to the State of Hawaii from the United States Navy.**

The Aha Moku encompasses the eight main Hawaiian Islands and supports the traditional and generational knowledge of the people who are connected to Kanaloa, the traditional name for Kahoolawe. This includes Native Hawaiians who have generational knowledge of the island yet live within the Moku of Honuaua on the Island of Maui. Traditionally, they traveled back and forth to Kahoolawe and are intimately involved with the cultural practices still held there.

It is imperative that KIRC continue to implement their pioneering restoration projects that have proven to be effective in the extremely harsh conditions on the Island caused by the destructive actions of the past including extensive soil erosion, destruction of sacred places and natural and cultural resources. After 10 years of escalating hope of the Hawaiian people that Kanaloa would one day be a place of safety and peace, we cannot lose this hard-won faith of our people and the public trust in this endeavor because of a lack of funding. Value cannot be measured by funding.

Aha Moku supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the DLNR Executive Budget request.



**TESTIMONY OF JAN K. YAMANE, ACTING STATE AUDITOR,
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 438, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE
KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

House Committee on Finance

March 3, 2015

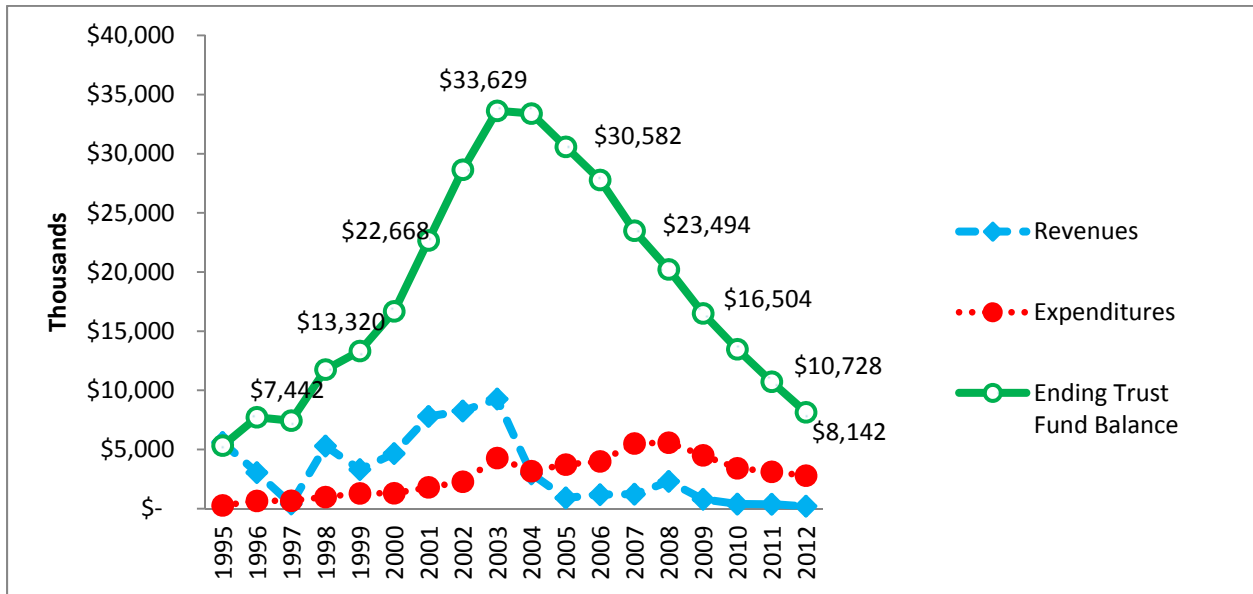
Chair Luke and Members of the Committees:

I am Jan Yamane, Acting State Auditor. Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on House Bill No. 438, making an appropriation to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. This bill would, among other things, appropriate funds to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects.

In July 2013, we released Report No. 13-06, *Audit of the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund*, which responded to a request by the 2012 Legislature via Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 63, Senate Draft 1, asking the Auditor to conduct a fiscal audit of the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. The Legislature requested that the audit include a determination of whether trust funds are being used in compliance with state laws and any applicable grant agreements, and to effectuate the purposes of the Chapter 6K, HRS, including the performance of duties and responsibilities of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. In our report, we had two findings:

1. At its current rate of spending, the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission will drain the remaining balance of the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund by 2016, and
2. The Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission has not developed a comprehensive and measurable restoration plan, including estimated costs and timeframes for completion.

The following exhibit from our report illustrates the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund’s financial revenue, expenditures, and decreasing trust fund balance for FY1995-FY2012. As you can see, expenditures have outpaced revenues for the past decade.

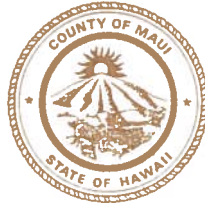


Our report noted that the commission has been unsuccessful at meeting its fundraising goals and unable to secure long-term funding. Although it has cut its budget, it continues to deplete the trust fund and at its current rate of spending, the trust fund will be completely exhausted by 2016.

While this measure will appropriate needed funds to the depleting trust fund for fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, it does not address the commission’s rate of spending and inability to successfully raise funds to preserve the trust. If the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund requires annual appropriations to continue, it raises the question whether the trust fund is needed or should be repealed. The commission could be supported through general fund appropriations.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on House Bill No. 438. I am available for your questions, should you have any.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
MAYOR



KEITH A. REGAN
MANAGING DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Ke'ena O Ka Meia
COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

TESTIMONY OF MAYOR ALAN M. ARAKAWA COUNTY OF MAUI

RE: FUNDING FOR THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Please accept this testimony in strong support of state funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). Whether through a share of conveyance tax revenue as proposed by SB 867, or a direct appropriation as proposed by SB 897 and HB 438, support of the KIRC is a state responsibility.

When the state accepted Kaho`olawe back from the U.S. military in 1994, it was recognized that state funding would eventually be needed to maintain and restore the island. As Section 1 notes in each of the above-reference bills, the federally-mandated Kaho`olawe Island Conveyance Commission reported to Congress in 1993 that KIRC's federal trust fund would be used to initiate conservation and other programs, but that state funding was required for the long term.

I was able to travel to Kaho`olawe last month to view the incredible work that the KIRC performs every day – its Restoration Program planting native shrubs and grasses to minimize erosion and restore native ecosystems, its Ocean Program monitoring marine species and the Island Reserve's pristine waters, its Culture Program preserving archaeological sites and promoting traditional Hawaiian practices, and its Operations staff providing all kinds of logistical and maintenance support to these program efforts. The KIRC's annual budget is less than \$3 million; they manage and are steadily restoring an entire island reserve – a former bombing range with 45 square miles of land and 90 square miles of ocean – for less than \$3 million per year; this has to be one of the most efficient government agencies in the state.

The Legislature has rightly recognized the state's responsibility to providing funding for the KIRC, and clearly appreciates the successes that KIRC has achieved. Your careful consideration of these funding measures comes at a critical time, and I respectfully request your support.

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March 2, 2015

TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Stacy Crivello
Councilmember

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Crivello", is written over the printed name "Stacy Crivello".

DATE: March 3, 2015

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 438, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE
KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support 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 by 2016. 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, however there still remains 25% of the island left to clear of unexploded ordnance.
3. Kaho'olawe 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.

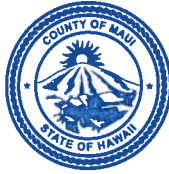
For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

Testimony:SSC:HB438

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
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COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Hearing Date: March 3, 2014

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

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

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HB438

Please accept this testimony in support of House Bill 438, which seeks 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 the Chair and Maui County representative for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), I can attest to the urgency and importance of providing this secure, short-term 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 in 1994, it clearly accepted the responsibility to preserve and manage the Reserve. 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. HB438 provides this funding support.

Passage of HB438 will fulfill the State's commitment to restore and protect the Reserve; your support will be sincerely appreciated.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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

MICHELE MCLEAN
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) supports the appropriation of general funds, in an amount to be determined by the Legislature, to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects. LURF also respectfully recommends that the Finance Committee and the Commission consider adding a provision to address the issues raised in the State Auditor's July 2013 Report No. 13-06, Audit of the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund (pursuant to SCR 63 SD1 (2012)). The 2013 Auditor's report: (1) found that the Commission has not developed a comprehensive and measurable restoration plan, including estimated costs and timeframes for completion; and (2) noted that the Commission has been unsuccessful at meeting its fundraising goals and has been unable to secure long- term funding. LURF believes that the continued restoration and preservation of Kaho'olawe is important to the State of Hawaii. Thus, as noted in the 2013 Auditor's report, if the Commission cannot establish a successful long-term funding plan, the Commission could be supported through general fund appropriations such as this measure.

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Testimony Submitted to the
House Committee on Finance

Hearing: Friday, Tuesday, March 3, 2015 11 am, Room 308

In Support of HB 438 Making an Appropriation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve
Commission

Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 438, which appropriates funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects.

It is unfortunate that the United States military did not provide sufficient funding to restore Kaho'olawe to its pre-military target condition. Kaho'olawe is an extreme example of what happens with military occupation of land around the world and in our island home. Damage is done, resources are destroyed, and the people are left to clean up the mess.

We ask you in the Hawai'i State Legislature, Governor Ige, and Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation to secure the necessary additional funding from the federal government to fully restore Kaho'olawe. In the meantime, HB 438 will help to protect our previous investment of federal taxpayer dollars in restoring the island. Do not let these past restoration efforts go to waste by turning away and neglecting the Kaho'olawe as we once did many years ago. Please kokua.

Here are photos of the native hinahina and pa'u o Hi'iaka reclaiming the land on Kaho'olawe. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.



Sincerely,

Marjorie Ziegler

Marjorie Ziegler

Conservation Council for Hawai'i is a nonprofit, environmental membership organization dedicated to protecting native Hawaiian plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations. Established in 1950 and based in Honolulu, CCH is one of the largest and most effective wildlife organizations in Hawai'i with more than 5,000 members and supporters, including concerned citizens, educators, scientists, government agencies, and elected officials.

Through research, education, service, organizing, and legal advocacy, CCH works to stop the destruction of native wildlife and wild places in Hawai'i.

Since 1973, CCH has served as the Hawai'i state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

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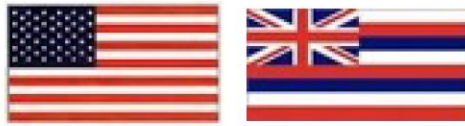
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Lyman L. Abbott	Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB438 so we may continue to restore the island of Kaho`olawe with native plants and reduce soil erosion. Thank you.

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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
For hearing Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Re: HB 438 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

Appropriates funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

SB438 should be deferred or defeated for two reasons:

(1) More than \$400 Million was appropriated by the U.S. government to clean up unexploded ordnance on Kaho'olawe; and a trust fund totaling \$44 Million was established for restoration work to be done by KIRC after the island was transferred to the State of Hawaii. However, there has not been a fiscal or management audit for how the money was spent, which individuals or companies were paid how much money to do what work, whether contracts were awarded in compliance with

state procurement laws, and whether the work was completed satisfactorily. Such management and fiscal audits should be completed and reported to the legislature before any additional funds are appropriated.

(2) So long as the island of Kaho'olawe is set aside by law to be transferred to a future sovereign Native Hawaiian entity, state government taxpayer dollars should not be spent to maintain or improve it. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has more than \$650 Million in assets in its "trust fund", and its stated purpose is to provide for "the betterment of Native Hawaiians." OHA is the primary entity pushing to create a Native Hawaiian tribe, and has publicly stated that it plans to turn over all its assets to that tribe. Either this bill should be amended to include a clause rescinding HRS Section 6K-9 and making clear that Kaho'olawe is an unalienable part of the State of Hawaii, or else this bill should be amended to require that all funds for the rehabilitation, improvement, and operation of Kaho'olawe must come from the assets of OHA.

As the text of this bill explains, "Pursuant to section 6K-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the management and control of the Kaho'olawe island reserve will be transferred to a sovereign Native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition by the state and federal governments. This event is anticipated to occur within the timeframe of the 2026 strategic plan." And indeed, Act 195, Session Laws of 2011, began the process of creating a state-recognized Native Hawaiian tribe with the expectation that once it has been established it will then seek federal recognition. During 2014 the U.S. Department of Interior held hearings in Hawaii and on the mainland to take testimony regarding an Advance Notice of Proposed Rule-Making to change federal law regarding the criteria for recognizing Indian tribes, specifically for the purpose of facilitating federal recognition of the anticipated state-recognized tribe now being created under Act 195.

Does our state legislature really intend to create a Hawaiian tribe and divide the lands and people of Hawaii along racial lines? Will this legislature do anything to protect the 80% of our people who lack a

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 438 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KIRC

Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto and members of the House Finance Committee, aloha kākou. My name is Davianna Pōmaika'i McGregor. I am a Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa and I am testifying in STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 438.

I have been a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana for the past thirty years and a supporter of the movement to stop the bombing of the island from its beginning in January 1976. The bombing stopped in October 1990 and the U.S. Congress established the Kaho'olawe Island Conveyance Commission, which recommended the termination of all military use of the island and its transfer to the State of Hawai'i to manage as a national cultural treasure. Both Title X and the Memorandum of Understanding which are part of the deed of transfer limit the uses of the island to "(a) grassland or other vegetation; or (b) trail or road; or (c) historical, cultural, or archaeological site; or (d) reservoir; or (e) heliport; or (f) suitable human habitation. The State of Hawai'i passed HRS 6K in 1993, thereby establishing the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to fulfill the state's responsibility to manage the island as part of the public land trust, for the eventual transfer of the island to the sovereign native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition by the United States and the State of Hawai'i.

Throughout the past twenty-one (21) years, the KIRC has managed the island with funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress for the clean up and restoration of the island. As these original federal funds will all be spent by the end of 2015, it is timely for the Hawai'i state legislature to fulfill the responsibility that it assumed for the island at the time of its transfer in 1994, by appropriating the monies now needed to provide for the ongoing security, management and appropriate uses of the island.

The I Ola Kanaloa 2026 plan projects the expansion of community partnerships with the KIRC in helping to fund and carry out twenty-nine (29) projects within eight (8) programmatic areas over the next eleven (11) years. The island of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe is a unique and sacred place that inspired my generation to revive our Native Hawaiian cultural and spiritual customs and practices and assume our responsibilities to Aloha 'Āina. By 2026, the I Ola Kanaloa plan envisions the island as a premier Hawaiian learning center for the refining, mastering and expanding of Hawaiian skills and practices, nurtured by Kanaloa Kaho'olawe. It will also be a model of living sustainably wherein the resources of the island are used in a responsible and sustainable manner using little or no fossil fuels. As in the past, the island will continue to be a place for renewing connections through honoring the natural environment and revitalizing cultural relationships. The achievement of these goals will not only enrich the State of Hawai'i, it will also provide a firm foundation for the emergence of the Hawaiian nation as envisioned by the Hawai'i legislature in Act 195. The monies that would be appropriated by HB 438 will be carefully spent in meaningful ways that will enrich the lives of the people of Hawai'i

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Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kelly McHugh	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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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support. Passage of this bill would provide some financial stability to enable the continuance of work to restore Kaho'olawe. Funding would also be consistent with the 1993 report to Congress by the Federally-mandated Kaho'olawe Island Conveyance Commission that recognized that state revenues will be needed to continue and enhance those activities initiated with federal funds. According to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, without a secure funding source, the KIRC estimates only one more year of funding is left. Too, 25% of the island is still not cleared of unexploded ordnance and only 10% cleared for intensive use. This kind of situation is a barrier to economic development initiatives. Perhaps, at some point in time, when the island is safe for accessibility, plans for financial self-sustainability will be doable.

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Mei Mailou-Santos	Individual	Support	No

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Erik Vuong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Terri Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe the state has a responsibility to continue the important work being done at Kaho'olawe so that the future generation can pursue its dream of perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture, restoring the 'aina as well as taking care of the ocean. One of those members of the future is my daughter whose dream is to become a marine biologist as well as an astronomer (only in Hawaii is this not seen as mutually exclusive fields) and work in the Reserve to preserve both its natural resources and her Native Hawaiian cultural heritage. Please help her to achieve her dreams by providing funding to continue the work on Kaho'olawe. Mahalo.

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pookela hanson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Hawaiians and non Hawaiians will benefit greatly from projects and initiatives this funding would support. The education and knowledge gained from Kahoolawe is unmeasurable by any standard. I've been a volunteer for 5 years and a field access guide. i have seen the progress of our efforts and now it's vital to continue the good work that is being done on island. To not support this measure would be like giving up on all the progress we have made to today. I humbly ask you support this bill.

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Paul K Higashino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB438. The Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission has done a outstanding job managing the island of Kaho`olawe. So much has been accomplished.

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Carol-Marie K. Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

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