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**Testimony of**  
**MICHAEL K. NAHO'OPTI**  
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**Before the Senate Committees on**

**HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**  
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**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**  
**1:15 PM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of**  
**SENATE BILL 2582**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE**  
**COMMISSION**

Senate Bill 2582 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 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.

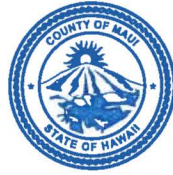
For fiscal year 2016, it was necessary for the KIRC to severely reduce operating cost in order to remain within the fiscal constraints of the funds made available from Act 84/2015 (\$1,000,000 in general funds for each year FY2016 and FY2017) the residual of the trust fund and any grants

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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Hearing Date: February 17, 2016

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
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and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
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Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai`i

Aloha Chairs Shimabukuro and Gabbard, Vice Chairs English and Nishihara, and Committee Members,

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SB2582**

Please accept this testimony in support of Senate Bill 2582, 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.

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.

Support for SB2582

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With 25 percent of the island remaining uncleared of unexploded ordnance, a continued round-the-clock 24/7 presence on Kaho`olawe is needed to ensure the protection of the general public. KIRC's Restoration, Ocean Resources and Cultural programs have made great strides in restoring and protecting Kaho`olawe's native ecosystems and cultural resources, which benefit all of Hawai'i's people. Thousands of volunteers from throughout the state have contributed to these efforts over the years; their work should be honored by providing support for these programs to continue. SB2582 provides this funding support.

Passage of SB2582 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



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

Before the Senate Committees on  
Hawaiian Affairs  
Water, Land, and Agriculture

Wednesday, February 17, 2016  
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**In Consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2582  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Senate Bill 2582 appropriates funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects. It requires submission of a financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 2017 Regular Session. **Aha Moku SUPPORTS this measure.**

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

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

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



**Conservation Council  
for Hawai'i**

*Hawai'i's voice for wildlife*

*Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu*



Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
and Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture

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In Support of SB 2582 Making an Appropriation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committees.

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 2582, 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 completely 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 SB 2582. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify. Marjorie Ziegler

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Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 2582 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

Aloha, my name is Herb Lee, Jr., Executive Director of the Pacific American Foundation and I am writing in support Senate Bill 2582.

In 2009, the Pacific American Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization partnered with the KIRC, the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana, the Maui Department of Education and the Polynesian Voyaging Society to develop rigorous new curricula that was culturally relevant and project-based for grades 7 to 12. It was the most profound experience that we have ever had to work with all of the partners to share mana'o and to develop an educational program that would help to heal the island for the next 100 years. The project was called "Malama Kaho'olawe," and it became a catalyst for teachers, students and community to learn, contribute and to "Malama" this very special part of Hawaiian history.

The work that KIRC has done with its many partners have been nothing short of phenomenal given the limited resources that they had to work with since the federal government stopped the clean-up effort over a decade ago. The healing and restoration process needs to continue and more importantly the educational opportunities that have been created are fundamental to understanding how we manage finite natural and environmental resources with global consequences.

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability for the continued 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.

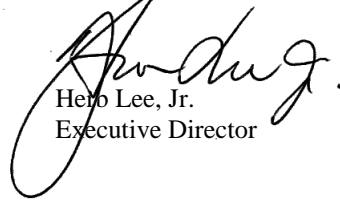
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Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other 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. I hope you give this bill your highest consideration for passage.

Please feel free to contact regarding any other questions you might have. I can be reached at [herblee@thepaf.org](mailto:herblee@thepaf.org) or cell at 927-5646.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Lee, Jr.", written over the typed name and title.

Herb Lee, Jr.  
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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE

For hearing Wednesday, February 17, 2016

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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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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea M Buckman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the efforts to restore Kaho'olawe as an important piece of Hawai'i's cultural heritage. mahalo, Andrea

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Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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 SB2582 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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Mai ka pi'ina a ka lā i Ha'eha'e a hiki i ka napo'o 'ana o ka lā i ka mole o Lehua, aloha mai kākou. 'O au 'o Aulani Herrod. He kama au o Hawai'i nei a kūpa'a au ma hope o ka 'āina. Kāko'o au i kēia pila pili i ke kōkua 'ana iā KIRC i mea e hiki ai i ka po'e aloha 'āina ke mālama iā Kanaloa, 'o ia ho'i 'o Kaho'olawe.

Aloha mai kākou. I am Aulani Herrod and I support KIRC bill SB2582. I am here as a young kanaka maoli, a conservationist, and a Hui Kāpehe member and I ask that you support this bill that will provide financial support for the KIRC restoration program in which will benefit Hawai'i's people and the future generations to come.

Since I was a keiki, I've had a connection with the 'āina and I love to be outdoors and mālama i ka 'āina. Aloha 'āina is life for me. I've been blessed to have gone on three accesses – two with KIRC and one with PKO. Three years ago, I went on my first access with KIRC through the Hawai'i Youth Conservation Corps (HYCC) and I've never had a deeper connection with the 'āina. I was so moved as my barefeet got to touch the red dirt and my hands were buried in the soil as I went to work. There's so much mana on that island and it's a very important place to the kanaka of Hawai'i nei. I know deep in my na'au that it's my kuleana to do my part in helping to restore and protect Kanaloa. There is so much to say about this special island. It just has a grasp on you.

As a member of Hui Kāpehe, I kindly ask that you support this bill so that we can continue going on these accesses to mālama Kanaloa and to perform cultural and traditional practices. This island is very dear and sacred to me. It is my goal to get as much kanaka as I can to restore this island. No nā pua e hiki mai ana kēia. This is for the future generations. This is for my lāhui. No kākou ke kuleana. Inā 'a'ole pēlā, no wai lā? If we don't take care of the 'āina, who will? 'O ia wale ko'u mana'o. Mahalo

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Carol-Marie K. Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this measure to provide much needed funding for the KIRC but more importantly Kanaloa Kaho`olawe. The work that has been accomplished thus far has exceeded the expectations of many at that is due to the innovative methods implemented by the very talented and dedicated staff working under the harshest environmental conditions. Equally important is all of the volunteers who are the workforce for without volunteers much would not have been accomplished. Please, Kaho`olawe needs your financial support. Me ka maluhia, Carol-Marie K. Lee

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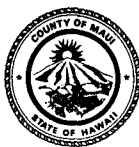


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TO: Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
  
Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello  
Councilmember 

DATE: February 17, 2016

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF SB 2582, 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. It requires submission of a financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan to the legislature.

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.

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Elaine Wender	Individual	Support	No

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Flame K Porter	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Flame Porter, support KIRC bill (SB2582). ... 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. For Our Keiki

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Glory Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Glory Ramos, support KIRC bill (ENTER BILL #SB2582). ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Harry	Individual	Support	No

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Jacob Bryan Ka'omakaokala Aki	Individual	Support	No

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, James Bruch, support KIRC bill SB2582. Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Jennifer Vander Veur	Individual	Support	No

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Joe Ritter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. KIRC is underfunded. Help preserve Kaho'olawe

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Kano3 Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Brandy Kanoelani Kimura, support KIRC bill SB2582. ... 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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Larry Stevens	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Kaho'olawe has enormous potential as a resource for Hawaii. The economy is good. Now is not the time to cut them short. We can do this.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leimomi Khan	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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Lyman L. Abbott	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass SB 2582 so restoration work can continue in the decimated Watersheds on Kaho`olawe. Thank you, Lyman L. Abbott

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Margaret Pulver	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kahoolawe is a place of Leung, experience, and culture. Thanks to KIRC, I have been able to bring my middle and high school students to the island for cultural and service learning journeys. Som elf my students found their future path in life by working on that island. It breaks my heart to think that future generations of students won't have the same opportunities to experience such a powerful and transformative place. The amazing work that happens on Kahoolawe shouldn't stop because of politicians past mistakes. I strongly believe that the government should provide funding for access and restoration.

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robert carroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill proposing funds for the restoration and preservation of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. This island is a precious resource for Hawaiian cultural practices and may have future economic benefits for the state.

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Rosanna 'Anolani Alegado	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Rosanna 'Anolani Alegado, support KIRC bill SB2582. I am a native Hawaiian scholar who has had the wonderful opportunity to visit Kaho'olawe and have directly benefited from the opportunity to experience what the Island can teach each of us. 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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February 14, 2016

I, Roy Kākulu Alameida, a resident of Kea‘au, Hawai‘i, share testimony in full support of Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve SB2582.

I am asking for your support of this important measure to provide the finances for stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to follow.

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I humbly ask for your full support of **SB2582**.

‘O au me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Roy Alameida  
Hawai‘i Island resident

## **Testimony regarding SB2582**

My name is Terri Gavagan and I am submitting testimony in support of SB2582, 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.