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Before the Senate Committees on
Ways and Means

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
1:35 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

**In Consideration of
SENATE BILL 2582
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHOO LAWE 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.

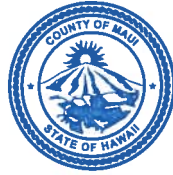
In the case of Kahoolawe, its place in Hawaiian history is assured and the promise of the United States and the State of Hawaii to return the island to the Hawaiian people must be upheld. Portions of that promise have already lapsed since the Navy did not complete the cleansing of all unexploded ordinances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

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Hearing Date: March 1, 2016

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Conference Room 211
State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawai'i

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz, 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.

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.

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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,



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



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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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Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, 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 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 SB 2582.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify. Marjorie Ziegler

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

For hearing Tuesday, March 01, 2016

Re: SB2582 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

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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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February 28, 2016

TO: Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember 

DATE: March 01, 2016

SUBJECT: **SB 2582, RELATING TO MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE
KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION KIRC**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support this important measure. The purpose of this measure is appropriate funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for restoration and preservation projects. It also requires the submission of a financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 2017 regular session.

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. In accepting these funds the State also accepted the responsibility for continuing to fund these activities.
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. The federally mandated Kaho'olawe island conveyance commission's final report in 1993 recognized that even with the federal funding, in the long-term state funding would be necessary. We have reached that point and it is crucial that KIRC have a viable financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

I, Dennis Elms, 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.

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

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

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 have donated my time on 4 different trips and see first-hand the need to have KIRC continue their efforts helping the island become self-sustaining.

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Don Aweau	Individual	Support	No

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

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I, Sarah Brandenstein support KIRC bill SB2582

I learned more during five days on Kaho'olawe doing restoration and conservation volunteer work than I have learned in years of schooling. The education that Kaho'olawe provides to those who visit cannot be replicated in books or class rooms. The experiences I had on Kaho'olawe motivated me to major in Hawaiian Studies, anthropology, and ecology. There is still so much work to be done, there should be so much more funding available. I believe that the more people who have the opportunity to visit Kaho'olawe, to learn about the history and help restore the island the better. Kaho'olawe is inspiring! Working there motivates people to be more involved with perpetuating Hawaiian culture and preserving and respecting our environment,

I believe Kaho'olawe is one of the most important places in Hawaii and the educational, historical, and cultural value alone should be enough to support the restoration and work efforts on Kaho'olawe. The KIRC has been doing incredible work to repair the horrendous damages left from the crimes committed during the bombing of Kaho'olawe.

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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.

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David L. DeMark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB2582

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Noelani Puniwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Noelani Puniwai, support KIRC bill SB 2582. 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. It is our responsibility and I choose to support the restoration of this Island with funding from our legislature.

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Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

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Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

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Lyman L. Abbott	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass SB 2582 so we may continue to restore the ecosystems on the badly eroded landscape. Thank you, Lyman L. Abbott

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BETTE-JEAN AH LOY	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Clean Kahoolawe, the military needs to clean our sacred land.

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kalani fukumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I've had the privilege of volunteering with KIRC for the first time in 2010 with the KS'71 group. We went again in May of 2015 and we saw a pronounced difference in the reforestation of the island. Our plantings of 2010 have taken hold and are thriving. The island is actually making a comeback. Please do not let the island die! Please fund KIRC! Mahalo's, kalani

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Paul Wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's easy to neglect Kaho'olawe. No residents on that island are barking for attention. The island would seem to be the backest backwater of our State. But we have to reverse that lazy thinking. Kaho'olawe is our heart and soul. The courageous sacrifices made on its behalf must not be betrayed by inaction on the part of the State of Hawai'i. Not affixing blame anywhere, but I have to say the obvious—that the work of restoration, not at all finished by the US Navy, was lobbed to the State. And the State agreed to accept that duty. And now KIRC is reduced to crowdsourcing for funds. That is absolutely shameful. Kaho'olawe is the spiritual center of our State. Every citizen should go there on a PKO access—not a quick touchdown in a helicopter but a real transformative experience on the ground. If they did, they would learn the reality of where we live. Certainly every malihini investor who buys land in Hawaii should be required to spend real soul-searching time on that land. And above all, every elected legislator must get off his or her okole and submit to the discipline of true awareness of the life and reality of our islands, so stark and vivid on Kaho'olawe. Don't starve KIRC. Feed it. We need it.

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Jordan Ham	Individual	Support	No

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johann winkler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Johann Winkler, 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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Martha Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I humbly seek your enthusiastic support of SB2582, which appropriates funds to the Kahoolawe 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 restoration and preservation of this island are a necessary and continuing step in the healing of a people, a nation, and a sacred place. Your support is crucial to this mission. Malama Kaho'olawe! Me ka ha'aha'a, Martha Evans

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