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Before the Senate Committees on

Hawaiian Affairs

Monday, February 9, 2015

2:40 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 897
RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE**

Senate Bill 897 appropriates funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission for the management, restoration, and preservation of the Kaho‘olawe island reserve. 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 community organizations conducted a series 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's role as the spiritual, cultural and physical *piko* (center) of the people of Hawai`i.



**TESTIMONY OF JAN K. YAMANE, ACTING STATE AUDITOR,
ON SENATE BILL NO. 897, RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND
RESERVE COMMISSION**

Senate Committee Hawaiian Affairs

February 9, 2015

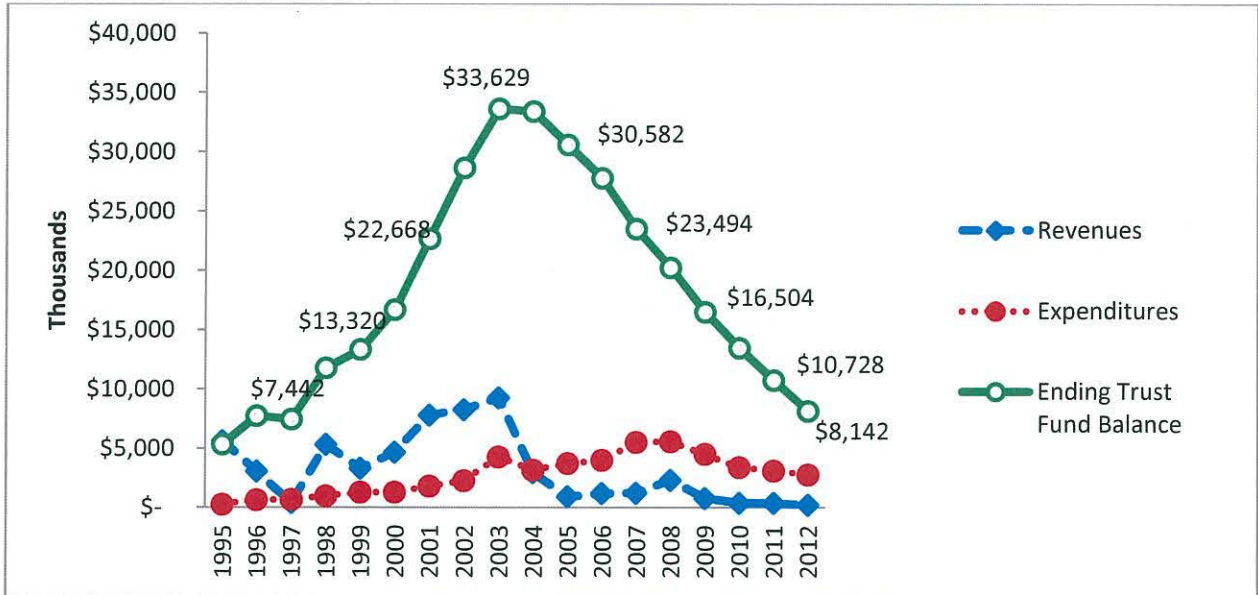
Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committees:

I am Jan Yamane, Acting State Auditor. Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on Senate Bill No. 897, relating to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. This bill would, among other things, appropriate funds to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission for the management, restoration, and preservation of the reserve.

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.

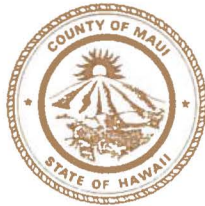


Our report noted that the commission has been unsuccessful at meeting its fundraising goals and unable to secure long-term funding. Although it has cut its budget, it continues to deplete the trust fund and at its current rate of spending, the trust fund will be completely exhausted by 2016.

While this measure will appropriate needed funds to the depleting trust fund for fiscal year 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 Senate Bill No. 897. I am available for your questions, should you have any.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
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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.

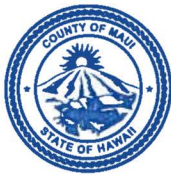
I was able to travel to Kaho`olawe last month to view the incredible work that the KIRC performs every day – its Restoration Program planting native shrubs and grasses to minimize erosion and restore native ecosystems, its Ocean Program monitoring marine species and the Island Reserve's pristine waters, 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.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor

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Director

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COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Hearing Date: February 9, 2014

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members,

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SB897

Please accept this testimony in support of Senate Bill 897, 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.

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
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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. SB897 provides this funding support.

Passage of SB897 will 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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Chair, Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission

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By
Joshua Kaakua
Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana

IN SUPPORT OF SB 897

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. My name is Joshua Kaakua testifying on behalf of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (‘Ohana) **in support of SB 897**.

The island of Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe is of significant historical and contemporary importance to the people of Hawai‘i and to Kanaka Maoli. The all-volunteer, grassroots organization Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana understands the unique challenges of restoring, preserving, and stewarding the cultural and natural resources of the island. In this regard, the ‘Ohana fully supports the valuable work of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to address future restoration, appropriate use management, and safe and meaningful access to the island reserve. The ‘Ohana is in support of SB 897 as a means to ensure continuation of the vital service KIRC provides to the State and for the cultural and natural resources of Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Aloha . . . Aloha ‘Āina

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
For hearing Monday, February 9, 2015

Re: SB 897 RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE
COMMISSION.

Appropriates funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to the Kaho‘olawe
Island Reserve Commission for the management, restoration, and
preservation of the Kaho‘olawe island reserve.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

SB897 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.

Pursuant to HRS section 6K-9, 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. 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 drop of Hawaiian blood, against the rapacious demands of the tribe for land, money, and jurisdictional authority?

Please rescind HRS Section 6K-9, and do not appropriate any money to do what OHA has a responsibility to do. I expect my legislature not to give away the store before negotiations with the Hawaiian tribe have even begun.

HISTORIC HAWAII FOUNDATION

TO: Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Kiersten Faulkner, Executive Director
Historic Hawaii Foundation

Committee: Monday, February 9, 2015
2:40 p.m.
Conference Room 224

RE: SB 897, Relating to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission

On behalf of Historic Hawaii Foundation, I am writing in **support for SB 897**. The bill would make an appropriation to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission for 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.

Since 1974, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation has been a statewide leader for historic preservation. HHF’s 850 members and numerous additional supporters work to preserve Hawai‘i’s unique architectural and cultural heritage and believe that historic preservation is an important element in the present and future quality of life, economic viability and environmental sustainability of the state.

The entire island is home to cultural, historic and archaeological resources. Despite years of military bombardment, Kaho‘olawe retains great cultural and historic significance. While much work has been accomplished to address the issues of degradation of these sites, more work is needed. The bill would provide funding to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission to continue the important work of preserving, restoring and sharing this significant site.

Therefore, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation supports SB 897.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



**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

Hearing: Monday, February 9, 2015 2:40 pm, Room 224

In Support of SB 897 Relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 897, 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 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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FOUR SEASONS RESORT
Maui at Wailea

February 9th, 2015

Aloha,

On behalf of Four Seasons Resort Maui, I am writing today to voice our collective endorsement of KIRC bill SB897. As a longtime partner of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, we would like to ask you to support this important measure to provide financial aid to the KIRC, which will benefit Hawaii's people for generations to come.

Four Seasons Resort Maui is devoted to sharing traditions, culture, history and a sense of place with our valued guests. The KIRC is integral in perpetuating our efforts toward cultural and environmental sustainability, and we have taken three employee trips over to the island of Kaho'olawe with the aim of restoring this important part of our ahupua'a. Each time, a group of more than twenty employees volunteered five days of their personal time to planting and reestablishing the island. Upon returning to Maui, these lucky individuals came back impassioned and ready to share their stories with co-workers, families and guests, in the hopes of raising consciousness for the KIRC so they can continue their work on the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety.

I would be remiss to not mention the KIRC's ongoing protection of the Kaho'olawe coastal ecosystem as well. Their ongoing clean-up efforts help to safeguard our waters for many of our beloved endangered and threatened species, including the Hawaiian monk seal, sea turtles, dark-rumped petrel, and humpback whales, which we so often tout to visitors as a reason to come visit our islands.

Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving valuable cultural and biological resources. The KIRC's strategic restoration program will benefit all of Hawaii's people and visitors. Please support this bill.

Respectfully,

Mark Simon
Director of Marketing

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Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bronson Wilson-Akana	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Bronson Wilson-Akana, supports KIRC bill SB 897 As a Kanaka and a student at Waianae High School, I understand the importance of KIRC's role in protecting and restoring the aina of Kahoolawe. I also understand that this kuleana that KIRC and the other organizations have taken on requires a lot of manpower, time, and money to restore the island after years of destruction by the U.S Military. This island has an importance to the native hawaiiians that still live today. The fact that it's apart of the Hawaiian chain makes us responible because to our natives and ancestors this is our home, and our kuleana is to take care of it.

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Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

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Carol-Marie K. Lee	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I strongly support SB897, a bill appropriating funds to KIR for FY2016-2017 to manage, restore, and preserve the important natural, ocean, and cultural resources that is encompassed by the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve. The manner and means of managing the Reserve is unique and generational. One may say there is no plan or dollar amount placed on what it would take to restore the entire island; there are many challenges that would have to be considered - some known and some unknown and that would be "Mother Nature". I would like to enlist the help of those who would like to see THAT plan and THAT budget to help the KIRC develop such a PLAN AND A BUDGET. In the meantime, this bill will help to provide "bridge funding" for the KIRC to enlist the help of others in the daunting task of Restoring a Cultural Treasure NOT only for the Native Hawaiians, but for ALL people. I humbly ask for your support in passing this measure. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide my mana`o. Me ke aloha maluhia.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 897 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KIRC

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, 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 SB 897.

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 appropriate 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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In support of Bill [#SB897](#)

Aloha. I am an intern for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission's Hui Kapehe program. I've been on island multiple times. All the work that I've seen get done throughout my time would be a loss if the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission isn't appropriated the right amount of funds to help them. Not only through the groups of volunteers who spend their time there but the staff who are committed to being there, not only physically but in any ways possible.

Without them, work could be done but not as much as it would be during a regular trip out. Kaho`olawe should be for everyone but if they aren't appropriated the funds where KIRC can take volunteers out than I'm afraid that not everyone can have this necessary experience. It's more than just taking care of an island, it's preserving the work people have done and continuing to heal the island from another's wrongs. If you think about it, KIRC would have had more money if the military didn't spend foolishly on their "clean-up".

I'd like to mahalo all of you for listening to my testimony but most of all I would like to mahalo the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana and the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission for working so hard to keep up their endeavors and opening their arms out to the community that wants to be on Kaho`olawe and embracing us with your mana`o and `ike. Thank you for everything you guys do. You all are appreciated.

Mahalo hou

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emma Panui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Emma Panui, support KIRC bill SB897. 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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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

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johann winkler	Individual	Support	Yes

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

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Kevin Gavagan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear State officials, My name is Kevin Gavagan, “n”ative Hawaiian resident, tax payer, hotel worker, Boy Scout leader, and concerned American citizen. I have been watching bills go before the legislature that were written to request support of Kahoolawe and the Kahoolawe Island reserve commission. I’ve watched as other laws took precedent over the care we owe this little island. I have watched the KIRC operation slim itself down as it used up the last of a Federal appropriation to repair the damage to Kahoolawe after years of military bombing. I watched the military handle the operation and try to best put its foot forward and in what was a most “cost efficient” way try to clean up the island. I listened to State representatives and other individuals be critical of the efficiency of spending money on Kahoolawe’s clean up and environmental restoration. I listened to public testimony on what we should do with Kahoolawe and heard everything from harvesting energy to building a Casino. All issues are important and multifaceted and will warrant years of more deliberation and care. The one thing that seems to stand out in my mind, for any of us who are American and or Hawaiian, this Little Island was there in our time of need. It helped us to win freedom all over the world since WWII. We struck down tyranny and oppression through the strength of our military, which military was made strong directly through the use of this tiny island. Like many war veterans, it is now time to let her rest. She is damaged but still good. She needs help and care. No matter how much we find room to complain about how much that care costs, it is our KULEANA, our RESPONSIBILITY to malama aina. To care for the land and perpetuate it for the benefit of our children is a phase not far away. Our state seal should remind us of our responsibility today. People are watching the actions you take and we will all be judged for failure to act responsibly. There is a spirit about Kahoolawe that is unflinching and know that if you fail to act responsibly today the people will find a way to act and give Kahoolawe the aloha it needs. Kahoolawe is a refuge, a reserve, a symbol of what can be good in our culture. To conserve and protect. Think of the hundreds and men, women, and children that have had this lesson engrained in them while serving on this island to restore its damaged eco system. Where all around us otherwise we take, we exploit to our benefit and advantage in the name of progress, here is Kahoolawe teaching us how to be better stewards to reserve and conserve. Do you not think that each one of these men, woman and child volunteers return to their homes with lessons of restoration learned

from Kahoolawe. The KIRC's waiting list is humungous. People line up out the door spending their own time and money to be a part of this Kahoolawe experience. How does the entire state not benefit from the malama aina of this island. I am one of those volunteers, I come back enriched by the goodness of that island, I am invigorated in the knowledge that if we can be successful on Kahoolawe and all of its limitations, we can better care for the other places around us in need with similar problems. Called Kanaloa by my ancestors, it shows us the way. Please support KIRC, an organization devoted to its care.

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Mei Mailou-Santos	Individual	Support	No

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Noelani Puniwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Noelani Puniwai, support KIRC SB 897 Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian 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 5, 2015

RE: SB897 - RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Dear Senators English, Baker, and Ruderman,

I am in support of SB897 which would appropriate funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for the management, restoration, and preservation of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve.

As a Kanaka Moali as well as a longtime volunteer of both Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission and Protect Kahoolawe Ohana I know the importance of continuing restoration efforts on Kahoolawe. It is essential to provide funding for these projects, because of the direct impact it has on the natural resources of this island the Hawaiian community and Hawaii as a whole.

Sincerely,

Paahana Kincaid

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Paul K Higashino	Individual	Support	No

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Roselle Bailey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a native Hawaiian born and raised on Maui and currently living here, I strongly support SB 470.

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Stanton Enomoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee on Hawaiian Affairs: My name is Stanton Enomoto and I am submitting this testimony as an individual to respectfully request your STRONG SUPPORT for SB897. I have been involved with the restoration and preservation of Kaho'olawe Island and its waters for the past 20 years. I am thoroughly familiar with the unique federal legislation that brought about Kaho'olawe's return to the State of Hawai'i and provided funding for ordnance cleanup and environmental restoration activities. These federal funds have allowed the State of Hawai'i to manage the Reserve for nearly two decades. During this time, thousands of individuals, families, researchers, cultural practitioners, and restoration volunteers have been able to safely and meaningfully access Kaho'olawe for the purposes intended in HRS Chapter 6K. Their stories of healing the island, connecting to place, understanding their culture, and improving their lives are compelling and inspiring. I believe many others, residents and visitors alike, should have such opportunities should they desire. Unfortunately, the remaining federal funds, grants, fees and donations are insufficient to allow the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to continue its management of the Reserve and additional funding sources are necessary. It is respectfully requested that the State of Hawai'i, through the Legislature, step forward to fulfill its responsibility to public trust resources and provide much needed funding to the Commission. Much work and opportunity remains in the coming years, as is articulated in the I Ola Kanaloa Strategic Plan. If you have not done so, I encourage you to read it and to join others in being a part of it; not only through your legislative support and decision making, but at a personal level as well. For implementation of I Ola Kanaloa requires the collective impact of many organizations and individuals doing their part to achieve a shared vision. In doing so, we will be able to restore not only the island and its waters, but ourselves as Hawaiians, residents of these islands, and members of a civil society. As such, I respectfully request your support for SB897 so that the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission may do its part in supporting and contributing to the restoration of Kaho'olawe. I Ola Kanaloa and mahalo piha for this opportunity to provide testimony. Me ka 'oia 'i'o, Stanton Enomoto

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I, Terri Gavagan, support KIRC bill SB897.

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