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To: Sen. Karl Rhoads, Chair/& Members
Committee on Water & Land

Sen. Kai Kahele, Chair/& Members
Committee on Higher Education

From: Aaron D. Mahi, President
Ko`olau Foundation

Subject: S.B. 1178 – Appropriation for He`eia National Estuarine Research Reserve

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard; Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kidani; Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation stands in strong support of Senate Bill 1178, which would provide matching funds to launch the He`eia National Estuarine Research Reserve in Ko`olaupoko. These funds would match \$700,000 in federal funds already committed to this program for the He`eia NERRS, which was designated by NOAA in January and secured. A condition of receipt of these funds is that Hawai`i provide a 30% match.

The Ko`olau Foundation is a non-profit Hawaiian community organization which is dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of Hawai`i. A core value of our work is to recognize and support efforts to protect and sustain a healthy environment that can also support historic and cultural resources statewide. Much of our current work involves efforts to establish a cultural preserve in Haiku Valley, He`eia ahupua`a.

In the 2017 Senate Legislative Program is stated, “We will protect and preserve Hawaii’s natural resources by exploring ways to improve agricultural practices and mitigate climate change impacts. We are committed to supporting the preservation of Hawaii’s unique geographical features, including coastlines and watersheds.” It goes on to express the Senate’s commitment to “conserve the state’s water resources, address changing sea levels, and protect the state’s fragile marine ecosystem.”

This program is ideally suited to address the Senate’s legislative program by offering a major opportunity to combine resources that will help identify how the estuary of He`eia is affected and to look closely at the entire ahupua`a of He`eia to find solutions to problems.

We respectfully ask your support for this appropriations bill.

Mahalo nui for considering our mana`o.

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Derek Kraft	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chairs Rhoads and Kahele, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Kidani and members of the committees, I thank you for this opportunity to provide my personal testimony in support of SB1178, Making an Appropriation for the He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve. I strongly support this bill. This reserve will bring together traditional methods of management with modern science to restore the impacted watershed of He'eia. The project will benefit the community and serve as an example for the nation in the integration of culture and science and I ask that you support the passage of this bill to secure the State match for the Federal funding committed to this effort.

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Comments: This bill has major positive consequences that will influence how we manage the environment with respect to the native parent culture. I support this bill as it engages the local and global communities and researchers in gaining a better understanding of our Kaneohe Bay ecosystem as a global model for ecological management practices.

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