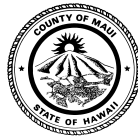


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February 20, 2018

TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello  
Councilmember 

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 2594 H.D. 1, RELATING 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 for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of Kaho'olawe island, and to fund one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent position for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

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 has been exhausted. When the State accepted these funds they also clearly accepted the responsibility for continuing to fund these activities.
2. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission continues to make incredible strides in the restoration of the island, protecting its cultural, environmental and archaeological resources through the development of innovative restoration projects which have been effective in the extremely harsh environment. It is imperative to continue to preserve this important resource for future generations.
3. In order for KIRC to continue and protect the strides they've made, it is critical to restore the cultural resource project coordinator to manage, protect and restore the archeological and historical resources of Kaho'olawe. In addition, the Commission's efforts will also ensure that the people of Hawaii that visit the island can do so safely and meaningfully.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

2018HB2594HD1Support-KIRC



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**Testimony of**  
**MICHAEL K. NĀHO`OPTI**  
**Executive Director**

**Before the House Committee on**

**FINANCE**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**  
**2:00 PM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of**  
**HOUSE BILL 2594 HOUSE DRAFT 1**  
**RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

House Bill 2594 HD 1 appropriates funds for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve and determine the appropriate uses of Kaho`olawe Island, and to fund one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent position for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this position.

In the State's FY18/FY19 approved biennium budget, Act 49 SLH 2017, KIRC was authorized 15 temporary positions and \$1,065,147 (FY18) and \$1,097,047 (FY19) in general funds for the management and restoration of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve. Of these funds, \$883,647 is set aside each year for Personal Services. The remaining balance is allocated for \$93,000 each year for current lease payments for the KIRC's Wailuku office and \$88,500 (FY18) and \$120,000 (FY19) for Maui-based cost such as office and commission operation expenses and travel.

The additional funding is necessary to support volunteers, contractors and KIRC staff while on Kaho`olawe. This includes housing, on-island transportation, repair and maintenance of our buildings and infrastructure and safety equipment and supplies. Additionally, the funds are necessary to support the operations, repair and maintenance of the KIRC's landing craft, which is the primary means of transporting people, supplies and equipment to Kaho`olawe.

Due to the vacancy of the KIRC Cultural Resource Project Coordinator position in 2016, the KIRC was not able to include this position with those authorized in Act 49. This position is necessary to review and coordinate the various request to use the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve for Native Hawaiian cultural practices; conduct regular surveys and archaeological preservation of the island's 612 archaeological sites and 2,063 features; and to oversee the KIRC's Kaho`olawe Island Burial Council and island-wide National Historical Register status.

This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai`i. Funding will enable the continuation of innovative KIRC land and ocean restoration programs for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve and entrust a unique and critical opportunity to introduce, encourage and develop the next generation of land, ocean and cultural resource managers through an integrated *mauka to makai* volunteer program. Through immersive, hands-on experiences within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system, these opportunities incorporate both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods.

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 12:53:46 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michele McLean	County of Maui / KIRC	Support	No

Comments:

Please accept this testimony in strong support of HB2594 HD1 to provide funding to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission. This funding is in line with the Financial Self-Sufficiency and Sustainability Plan that the KIRC presented to the Governor and the Legislature in December 2016. This plan lays out the pathway toward KIRC being financially self-sufficient through a variety of funding sources and revenue generation; over the next few years, it also requires continued state funding.

KIRC is on track to implement this plan, with continued success with revenue generation and grant funding, plus state CIP funding to build KIRC's administrative office and exhibition space that will be a key revenue generator in the near future. In the meantime, continued modest state funding is needed to maintain basic programs and operations, and to restore the cultural project coordinator position.

Your support of HB2594 HD1 is needed to continue KIRC's operations and to move forward with KIRC's achieving financial self-sufficiency.

Mahalo for your consideration!

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 9:42:18 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leimomi Khan	Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucu	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha! The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, DPH strongly supports HB2594 HD1 that appropriates funds for the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of Kahoolawe Island and to fund one full-time equivalent permanent position for the KIRC.

We know that you understand the critical importance of this funding as there are unique challenges to restoring, preserving, and determining the appropriate use of Kaho'olawe. Kaho'olawe still suffers from extensive erosion and other ecological problems, the presence of unexploded ordnance, the existence of archaeological and other cultural and historic sites, and the presence of native and endangered flora and fauna.

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 HB2594 HD1.

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 2:46:24 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I**

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2594 HD1 RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

To the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; the Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No.2594 HD1 relating to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission and an Appropriation.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 2594 HD1 and support its passage.

House Bill No. 2594 HD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of Kaho'olawe island, and to fund one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent position for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

The DPH Platform states that "[w]e support the best training for our military, we urge protection of our 'aina from long-term degradation and prevention of harm to our cultural and community assets. (Platform of the DPH, P. 10, Lines 545-546 (2016)).

We support the protection of our 'aina against destruction by corporate, government, or military usage and expect full restoration and reparation of environmental damage. (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 422-423 (2016)).

We support the growth of Native Hawaiian . . . healing practices. We value and wish to foster the preservation of our host culture. (Platform of the DPH, P. 4, Lines 313-314 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 2594 HD1 appropriates funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of Kaho'olawe island, and to fund one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent position for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 308

**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT OF HB2594,HD1**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on FIN:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC). The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. Most of these are family businesses which are locally owned and operated. Many of them have been in business for several decades and are an important and valued part of their respective communities. Most of these businesses operate from State Boating Facilities. While this proposed legislation does not directly impact our industry we believe that the restoring, preserving and the determining appropriate uses of Kaho'olawe is important to everyone who calls Hawaii home.

It is our opinion that KIRK should be supported by the General tax revenue.

Please pass HB2594,HD1. It is the right thing to do to help restore Kaho'olawe.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President





Aloha Chairs and Committee members,

Over the years the Old Lāhainā Lū‘au has been very supportive of the restoration of Kaho‘olawe by sending our employees to volunteer, learn the painful history, and practice our Hawaiian culture when we access the island. Old Lāhainā Lū‘au understands the enormity of the cost to supply, manage, and restore the island and besides physically supporting KIRC and PKO, has donated money to both either directly or through fundraising efforts.

We will continue to support the efforts of restoring the island and humbly ask that you all support this cause as well by voting in support of HB2594.

Kawika Freitas

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**HB-2594-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lyman L. Abbott	Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB2594 HD1 regarding the KIRC. I have worked on this island since 1998 and will be leaving soon. After 20 years it has provided me with an opportunity to learn about the many facets of Kaho`olawe's succesful methods of native plant restoration. I held a position in Natural Resources Quality Control for four years with the Parsons UXB Clearance Project from 1998 to 2002, and then as a Natural Resources Specialist in the KIRC Restoration Department from 2003 to 2018. This Bill will provide another employee with economic stability and the promote the knowledege of helping restore Kaho`olawe devastated ecosystems.

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HEARING: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 2:00pm, Conference Room 308

RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 2594 HD1: KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE  
COMMISSION; APPROPRIATION RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE  
COMMISSION.

Aloha. My name is Jo Ann Tuifanu and I am writing this testimony in strong support for HB2594 HD1. In 2016, I participated in an internship with K.I.R.C that allowed me access to participate in the restoration efforts for Kaho'olawe. Through the Native Hawaiian program on Honolulu Community College campus and collaboration with Maui Community College, I was able to reconnect with my Hawaiian culture that I've been disconnected from for so long. I am a recovering addict and have been in and out of incarceration for many years. Going to Kaho'olawe gave me a new perspective on life. I connected with Kanaloa. The island has gone through a lot because of bombing and military use. Still has hope for life.

HB2594 HD1 will provide innovative programs that emphasize ancestral and traditional knowledge, use a cultural approach of respect and connectivity with the environment, and integrate ancient and modern resource-management techniques.

If this bill does not pass, others like me won't get the opportunity to reconnect to their culture and gain new perspective on life.

Please vote **YES** on HB 2594 HD1 to allow greater access to care for the most in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Tuifanu

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/18/2018 9:13:52 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Cooper	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is important that efforts to restore the island of Kaho'olawe continue. The funds requested here are quite modest in the face of the substantial effort that remains, please consider approving HB2594 HD1 to see that these efforts continue.

Andrew Cooper  
Waikoloa

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 8:56:59 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island. MAHALO

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 9:11:34 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joshua Irvine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 9:13:39 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryan Berkowitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. It will help further the mission of the KIRC.

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 9:17:21 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rob Guzman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2594. Having been to Kaho'olawe once almost 10 years ago, I realized how important it is to continue the amazing work that KIRC has done to restore this devastated island. Please continue to fund and support clean up and restoration work on Kaho'olawe.



**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 9:18:57 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Marie Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and members of the House Committee on Finance. Mahalo nui for the 2018 - 2019 funding. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in full support of HB 2594 H.D.1 to provide additional funding resources for the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue its mission to restore and manage the Kahoolawe Island Reserve (Reserve) for the people of Hawaii, **everyone**.

Testimony over the years has stated that the work to restore the Reserve is generational and is important for the Reserve serves as a repository of the history and culture of the native people of these islands. And, as modern society dictates, to accomplish the mission bestowed on the State of Hawaii as the owner of this land, it requires money. The KIRC is in its second Fiscal Year of its *Six Year Financial and Work Plan, submitted to the 2015 State Legislature*. In FY 2017, KIRC received \$1,065,000 of the projected \$2,185,000 needed to operate in 2018, a difference of \$1.1M. It has been a challenge to cut operational costs and raise funds to make up the difference at the same time.

Therefore we humbly ask your assistance in providing additional funding to allow KIRC to continue its efforts in the restoration and maintenance of those precious resources.

Mahalo piha,

Ka`onohipi

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 9:34:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jan Becket	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in support of HB2594

I have visited Kaho'olawe five times since 1994 and have witnessed first hand the results of a dedicated and focused effort to mitigate the environmental damage to the island and to restore native ecosystems. When I first visited in 1994, I hiked across the island with a group of Kamehameha Students as a chaperone / supervising teacher. Vast sections of the upland were totally bare, stripped of vegetation. Now, when I have gone more recently, I see large sections planted in endemic Hawaiian vegetation, which is clearly taking hold and spreading.

This could not happen without the dedication of a few people who have made the island their life's work. It has been clear on recent visits that the restoration effort is inadequately funded and staffed. Nonetheless, the KIRC staff has compensated in amazing and creative ways to cover missing positions and to maintain a rich educational experience for volunteers. Given the amazing progress already made, this is an effort all of us need to support.

I fully support HB2594. Please offer your support as well.

Jan Becket

Kamehameha teacher (retired)

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 9:46:08 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kylee Mar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 9:49:15 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Noelani Puniwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:00:08 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
johann winkler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-2594-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:05:29 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donelle Sakuma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members,

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Me ka ha`aha`a,

Donelle Sakuma

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:05:41 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole cody	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members,

I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They've done a great job in the efforts to restore the island and also provided space for residents, visitors, researchers, and others to contribute to these efforts as well.

Mahalo for your time.

Aloha,

Hoku Cody



**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:38:59 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Grandinetti	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:46:45 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Stephens	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We all know the 'aina is extremely important. The population of Hawai'i is growing, but the land is limited. We aren't going to get any more. There are only eight major islands and Kaho'olawe is one of them. It has been badly abused, but we are restoring it. This bill is a significant part of that effort. We need to bring back Kaho'olawe--both for the present and for the future generations. Please vote "yes".

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 10:59:29 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bob Law	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members,

On my volunteer work party week, I have personally seen the positive affect that KIRC has made in reversing the ecological damage to Kahoolawe. I support this measure and truly believe that the additional staff and financial support will help not only Hawaii residents, but also volunteers all over America, understand the importance of preserving Kahoolawe as an important part of Hawaii's cultural history.

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 11:09:01 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick Kinney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I was on the volunteer list for kahoolawe Island for 7 years. I finally made it on January 23 2018. It was everthing I had hoped for. The land though damaged is coming back. The beauty was breath taking and worth fighting for. I intend to volunteer again and every year there after that I come to the island of Maui.

I am Canadian and have been coming to Maui for over 30 years. Kahoolawe Island is a treasure and should be restored. I have seen what a small group of dedicated individuals can accomplished and hope that they get the funding they desperatley need

Patrick Kinney

**HB-2594-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 11:26:28 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2018 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
SYBIL LOPEZ	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members,

I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai`i. Funding will enable the continuation of innovative KIRC land and ocean restoration programs for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve and entrust a unique and critical opportunity to introduce, encourage and develop the next generation of land, ocean and cultural resource managers through an integrated mauka to makai volunteer program. Through immersive, hands-on experiences within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system, these opportunities incorporate both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods.

As a member of the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana, we need these resources available for the restoration of this sacred place, our wahi pana, where me, my children, and grand children can exercise and continue our cultural and traditional practices.

Mahalo nui loa;

Sybil K Lopez

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terez Amato Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please help this important work to continue by passing this measure! Mahalo, Terez Amato Lindsey, Kihei, Maui

**HB-2594-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alana Yuranin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island. Mahalo, Alana Yurkanin

February 20, 2018

Kaho‘olawe Matters...

Aloha kākou,

My name is Roy Alameida, resident of Kea‘au, Hawai‘i Island. I urge for your support of HB2594 that would provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Commission has diligently taken the leadership to demonstrate that ecological damage can be reversed to stop neglect and abuse and preserve the cultural history of Kaho‘olawe for future generations. The Commission has allowed us to connect with the healing of Kaho‘olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island. It is a place to reconnect spiritually and culturally.

Mahalo,

Roy Alameida



**HB-2594-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joshua Kaakua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee on Finance,

My name is Joshua Kaakua. I serve as Vice-Chair of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) and am the representative from the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO). As partners in stewardship, the **PKO supports strongly HB2594** to provide operational funds to the KIRC. It is noted that the KIRC is currently operating on a reduced/skeleton budget and without funding for the cultural specialist position/programming - which is fundamental to the mission and restoration goals of the KIRC. This bill improves the safety and effectiveness of KIRC operations and reduces risk for the State. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support**.

Joshua Kaakua

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rick Warshauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this measure. I have been to Kaho'olawe many times over thirty five years, and have been noting the vegetation recovery over this time. The KIRC efforts to do so have been effective and deserve to be continued and expanded.

Rick Warshauer

Volcano

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rena Pali	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The work that they do is vital to the healing of Kaho`olawe island after years of devastating abuse. KIRK enables a great opportunity to engage people in the rich culture and history of these islands through malama `aina volunteer work and education about the importance of our natural environment, how fragile these natural systems are, and what role people play in caring for the environment. The conservation efforts made by KIRK has increased vegetation on Kaho`olawe island, rehabilitating some parts of the dry landscapes. Your support for this bill is needed to ensure a greener future for Kaho`olawe island. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
pookela hanson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please consider in favor of this measure. Kahoolawe remains a symbol of strength and unity within our community. The island, the experience, and the relationships built from that island have positively affected people across the world, including myself. Mahalo for considering this measure and for your support. A hui hou.

**LATE**

**HB-2594-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Molly Mamaril	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amy Elizabeth Gordon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island. I have been to this island with my family and it is testament to the resiliency of nature, spirit and community...let us support further restoration and protection for one and all.



# Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission

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## Testimony in support of HB 2594 HDI

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Date: February 21, 2018  
To: House Committee on Finance  
Via: Online Submission  
From: Commissioner Hulu Lindsey  
Subject: **Support of HB 2594 HDI**

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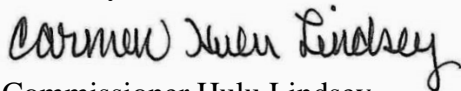
Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I would like to submit this written testimony in strong **support of HB 2594 HDI**: Relating to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

The Kahoolawe Island Reserve is in dire need of funds necessary to support a full-time position to assist with the restoration of the island’s immense culture and historical value, and natural resources. This permanent cultural resource position is critical for our efforts in pursuing the progress for the natural and physical environment (LNR 906) for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission in helping to further restoring, preserving, and determining the appropriate uses of the Kaho‘olawe island reserve for the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration to pass this bill in your committee.

Sincerely,



Commissioner Hulu Lindsey  
Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission

**LATE**

February 21, 2018  
2:00pm  
State Capitol, Room 308

**HB2594, HD1  
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

House Committee on Finance

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I, Robert S.K. Lee III, provides this written testimony in support of HB2594, HD1 that will appropriate funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

These funds will be utilized to restore, preserve, and to fund a full-time permanent position for the KIRC. The KIRC's mission is vitally important to the people of Hawai'i as it lends to preserving and restoring the kino of Kanaloa. Kanaloa is a *pu'uhonua* and *wahi pana* (a place of refuge, a sacred place) where native Hawaiian cultural practices flourish. The *piko* of Kanaloa (the navel, the center) is the crossroads of past and future generations from which the native Hawaiian lifestyle is spread throughout the islands.

As a native Hawaiian, I strongly support this measure that will provide the essential assistance needed to continue our ability to malama our aina.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Lee  
KIRC Volunteer

**HB-2594-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

**LATE**

February 21, 2018  
2:00pm  
State Capitol, Room 308

**HB2594, HD1  
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

House Committee on Finance

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I, Kareem R. Furtres, provides this written testimony in support of HB2594, HD1 that will appropriate funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

These funds will be utilized to restore, preserve, and to fund a full-time permanent position for the KIRC. The KIRC's mission is vitally important to the people of Hawai'i as it lends to preserving and restoring the kino of Kanaloa. Kanaloa is a *pu'uhonua* and *wahi pana* (a place of refuge, a sacred place) where native Hawaiian cultural practices flourish. The *piko* of Kanaloa (the navel, the center) is the crossroads of past and future generations from which the native Hawaiian lifestyle is spread throughout the islands.

As a native Hawaiian, I strongly support this measure that will provide the essential assistance needed to continue our ability to malama our aina.

Respectfully submitted,

Kareem Furtres  
KIRC Volunteer