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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimomi Khan	Testifying for Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucu	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Testifying for Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

As a former Navy contractor hired to protect the natural resources of Kaho'olawe Island during the UXO clean up project, I support HB2594 HD2. Additional funding is indeed needed to support Kaho'olawe island operations, safety, and infrastructure, as well as to restore the cultural resource project coordinator, a critical position needed to manage, protect, and restore the many many archaeological and historical resources of Kaho'olawe. Pass HB2594 HD2.



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Testimony of
MICHAEL K. NĀHO`OPTI
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Before the Senate Committee on

WATER & LAND

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

3:01 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2594 HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

House Bill 2594 HD 2 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 and recommends that the Senate Committee on Water & Land amends the measure as it did the companion bill Senate Bill 3027 by specifying that the appropriation for full-time equivalent permanent position is for a cultural resource project coordinator.

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.

Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission

Testimony in support of **HB 2594 HD2**

Date: February 14, 2018
To: Senate Committee on Water and Land
Via: Online Submission
From: Commissioner Hulu Lindsey
Subject: **Support of HB 2594 HD2**

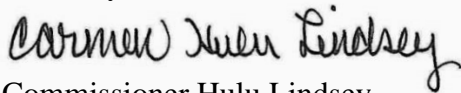
Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I would like to submit this written testimony in strong **support of HB 2594 HD2**: Relating to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

The KIRC 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 KIRC 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

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Submitted on: 3/12/2018 9:40:38 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lyman L. Abbott	Testifying for Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB 2594. I work on Kaho`olawe and this position will help us do our jobs with more efficiency. Thank you, Lyman L. Abbott

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Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michele McLean	Testifying for County of Maui / KIRC	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of HB2594 HD2 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.

As with your support of companion bill SB3027, your support of HB2594 HD2 is needed to continue KIRC's operations and to move forward with KIRC's achieving financial self-sufficiency.

As the KIRC Chair, I respectfully request your support of this measure.

Mahalo,

Michele McLean

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Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jay Penniman	Testifying for Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable legislators, Please provide support to the Kaho'olawe Reserve Commission to continue the restoration work they are engaged in on the island of Kaho'olawe. We have worked with them for many years and recognize their work as on the leading edge of island restoration worldwide. The opportunity to bring this island from the destruction of bombing, grazing and introduction of alien pest species is unmatched in the Hawaiian archipelago. This is a long term project which the state should be fully supportive of and provide the funding to ensure success. The staff of the KIRC is experienced and committed and deserve your (ours, as taxpayers) support.

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Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martin	Testifying for Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and Committee members. Thank you for supporting the KIRC to continue it's incredible mission to restore Life to Kanaloa. The ambition of KIRC is foundational to the assertion of Hawaii's cultural heritage and to the protection of its cultural and natural resources. The KIRC is doing work that garners admiration for the power of cultural and ecological restoration through the world. Let us support the KIRC and appropriate the funds needed to both continue and expand. 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.

Martin J Frye



COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Kenekoa/Senator Karl Rhoads, Luna Ho'omaluu/Chair

Kenekoa/Senator Mike Gabbard, Hope Luna Ho'omaluu/Vice Chair

No Ka 'Aha Ho'olohe

NOTICE OF HEARING

Lā / DATE: Pō'akolu, Malaki 14, 2018 / Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Hola / TIME: 3:01 p.m.

Wahi / PLACE: Lumi 'Aha Kūkā 224 / Conference Room 224

TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT OF HB2594,HD2

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee on WTL:

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,HD2. It is the right thing to do to help restore Kaho'olawe.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Hirakami	Testifying for HAASPCS	Support	No

Comments:

For over ten years, students and teachers from Hawaii Academy of Arts & Science Public Charter School have been going to Kahoolawe to participate in restoration work as well as learning about the history and cultural aspects of the island. I have been a chaperone on one of our many visits. For many of our native Hawaiian students, as well as our Hawaii born non-native students, the trip to Kahoolawe has been life changing. To get there, students must plan, organize and fund raise to pay for airfare and transportation on Maui as well as the trip to the island. I suggest that part of the funds be set aside to defer transportation costs for educational institutions so that the students do not have to bear the cost of transportation. They already dedicate many hours of tedious work such as replanting pili grass on the denuded landscape. Thank you for putting some of our State money to this important venture. In addition, we should still try to get the United States government, especially the military branch, to contribute to this cause.

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Re: HB 2594, HD2

**RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE
COMMISSION.**

Appropriates funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of Kaho'olawe island, and to fund full-time equivalent (FTE) permanent position(s) for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. (HB2594 HD2)

For hearing on Wednesday March 14, 2018

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

This bill proposes to transfer an unspecified number of taxpayer dollars (\$600,000 in the original bill) to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide funding for specified programs of the Kaho'olawe

Island Reserve Commission for fiscal year 2018-2019, plus additional money for an unspecified number of staff positions That's what some people call a "pig in a poke" — we have no idea how many dollars or how many staffers.

Please do not place ANY financial burden on the taxpayers of the State of Hawaii regarding Kaho'olawe. Here's why..

Let OHA pay all costs associated with the rehabilitation of Kaho'olawe -- an island which this legislature and OHA both believe will be handed over in the near future to the Hawaiian tribe which OHA has been working so hard to create for at least 18 years.

As the language of this bill points out, "Pursuant to section 6K-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, 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. This event is anticipated to occur within the timeframe of the 2026 strategic plan."

In Act 195 (2011) this legislature set in motion a process now underway to create a Hawaiian tribe. The U.S. Department of Interior recently proclaimed a regulation whereby that tribe can get federal recognition -- the final rule 43CFR50 proclaimed by the U.S. Department of Interior by publication in the Federal Register on October 14, 2016. 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.

According to OHA trustee Lei Ahu Isa, OHA has used approximately \$33 Million of state government money over the years to lobby for federal recognition of a Hawaiian tribe either through the Akaka bill or through advertising and racial registration programs both in Hawaii and on the mainland. OHA provided the entire funding for an election of delegates and a monthlong meeting in 2006 which produced a

proposed constitution for the tribe. OHA has repeatedly pledged that when a Hawaiian tribe has achieved federal recognition, OHA will transfer all its assets to the tribe.

If the tribe is successful in creating itself and getting federal recognition, section 6K-9 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes guarantees that the island of Kaho'olawe will immediately 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.

It would be foolish and immoral for the State of Hawaii to spend taxpayer dollars collected from 100% of Hawaii's people of all races to pay for upgrades to an island which is expected to be removed from the State of Hawaii and handed over to a sovereign "nation" [tribe] restricted by law to one racial group whose people are perhaps 20% of Hawaii's people, most of whom will probably not even join the tribe. Once the tribe has been created there will be negotiations between the State of Hawaii vs. the tribe to decide how much additional land and money the State will give to the tribe. The State should not give away resources before the negotiations even begin.

OHA's most recent annual report (2016) shows that OHA has total assets of more than \$600 million. And it continues getting more payments of state government money (ceded land revenues plus legislative appropriations) every year, including a bill in this year's legislature demanding \$35 million per year from ceded land revenues.

Enough already! OHA can easily afford funding for Kaho'olawe. Let OHA pay whatever money it wishes to pay to KIRC to rehabilitate Kaho'olawe -- an island which this legislature and OHA both believe will be handed over in the near future to the Hawaiian tribe which OHA is working so hard to create.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Albertini	Testifying for Malu 'Aina	Support	No

Comments:

Our organization supports HB2594 HD2. Kaho'olawe has suffered greatly from decades of bombing and needs to be restored. This is a step in the right direction.

Jim Albertini, president of Malu Aina



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

Director of Public and Cultural Relations

Old Lāhainā Lū'au

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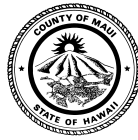
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March 12, 2018

TO: Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy Helm Crivello".

DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 2594 H.D. 2, RELATING TO 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 an unspecified number of full-time equivalent fulltime employed permanent position(s) for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. (HB2594 HD2).

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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Lu'uwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

On behalf of the Hawaiian CC, Lu'uwai and Kukahiko Ohana, we would like to ask the committee and Mr. Chair to support KIRC and the PKO . The island and its history speaks for itself. Our club Kamali'i Program has been able to take yearly huaka'i to Kanaloa with our haumana. Its has been a huge part our keiki program for over 30 years. As our keiki is allowed to perform community service projects for Kanaloa, Mainly the Ala Loa (trail) that we have helped to work on for many many years. Our Kamali'i love working and revisiting the island.

Ka'uhane Lu'uwai

Keiki and Mens coach Hawaiian CC of Maui.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roy Alameida	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 the island to help with the healing. It is happening, but does take time. Your support will help with the continuous healing of Kaho'olawe.

Mahalo for your time,

Roy Alameida, Hawai'i island

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I ola kanaloa!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan Becket	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is testimony in support of HB2294

Submitted 3/11/2018 by Jan Becket, Kamehameha Schools teacher (27 years), retired.

I hiked the 11 miles across Kaho'olawe in a special access with my Kamehameha Schools students in 1994. Then, the upland hardpan was a barren desert cut by deep gullies created by water runoff. Nothing grew there. We walked on the single dirt road across the island, from Hakioawa to Honokanaia, sometimes passing ordnance gathered on the side of the road for later demolition.

Recently, I had the privilege twenty years later to revisit the same terrain in two KIRC accesses this past year. What an amazing transformation. Where nothing grew there are now rows of native vegetation thriving in the harsh upland conditions of an island denuded of topsoil. It is clear that the regeneration of native plants on the hardpan has happened because of the accumulated experience and on-the-ground knowledge of state workers on Kaho'olawe. That group of dedicated people has succeeded in transforming a small corner of the uplands into a native garden — an amazing feat.

This transformation happened because of three factors: 1) a small pool of dedicated people with a vision, 2) their accumulated knowledge and experience, 3) and support by the state. Without adequate support, the regeneration of Kaho'olawe cannot take place. I am a photographer. Words cannot express the transformation I have witnessed and described. My images of this regeneration are here:

<http://www.janbecket.net/piwigo/index.php?/category/20/>

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 Hawaii's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelvin Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and Comittee Members

I have been a active member with the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana for over 20 years. I am writing to support any funding or increase in staff for the KIRC. They have done so much in the restoration and regreening of this sacred place. The support they have consitently provided fo rthe PKO has helped our role as cultural stewards tremendously. Please recognize the importance of this wahi pana for all the islands and the healing of the deep wounds inflicted upon her and a people. Mahalo for the consideration.

Kelvin Ho

Lawai, Kaua‘i

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
johann winkler	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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kimberly patterson	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.

please go to this link that illustrates 10 students experience of traveling to Kahoolawe:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1KsXgcfM17RYnJVRmhrdjBLdIE/view>

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I urge full support of HB2594 that will make significant progress toward restoration of Kaho'olawe for future generations of the Hawaii people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lei K Ayat-Verdadero	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 also believe the State should hold the military responsible for not completing the cleanup of dangerous ordinance. The on going effort is crucial for cultural knowledge and continued practice.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Pawai	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I fully support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The KIRC has demonstrated that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse with its many successful restoration projects.

The KIRC also has the responsibility to preserve the irreplaceable native cultural resources for future generations, and to connect our communities with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island as well as local outreach efforts.

Mahalo for your time,

Cassandra Lee H. Smith

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Garret Hew	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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

March 14, 2018
3:01 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

H.B. 2594, H.D. 2
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Senate Committee on Water and Land

I, Robert S.K. Lee III, provides this written testimony in support of H.B. 2594, H.D. 2, that will appropriate funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

These funds will be utilized to restore, preserve, and to fund full-time permanent position(s) 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

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Submitted on: 3/12/2018 10:19:01 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimo Cashman	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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grant Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Easterling	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noelani Puniwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha nā• !

It is our kuleana to support the amazing efforts of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2018 12:44:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Dear Policy Makers,

I am writing to you in support of Bill SB . I am concerned about making sure that Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, is amply supplied with the funding they need to complete their jobs with excellence. Kaho'olawe's restoration financial resources, are rapidly depleting. The funding for Kaho'olawe is in dire need of replenishing. I think legislators can make a difference for KIRC, if you could speak up about the present conditions Kaho'olawe, considering the damage from Navy ordinances, which have destroyed this land. The injured land must be effectively and sufficiently replanted, and completely rid of invasive species, in order to be as naturally native, as it once was.

Use your powers of speech and persuasion, to explain to people who are roadblocks to the progress that is now being made by KIRC, and Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana, and squelch the resistance, and educate the mind- set that doesn't understand, that materials, man power, and supplies are not a given entity. You must ask for help and support, with your educated background knowledge, at every opportunity that you can, to bring attention to this innocent target. So in closing, I stand with KIRC, PKO and all of the other groups of people who lend their time, attention, and money, because we believe that this aina must be flourishing with native flora and fauna for it to be cured of its scars, before anyone can say the work has been completed.

I hope you will consider my thoughts when you allocate your budget.

Mahalo for the work you are about to accomplish,

Sincerely,

Pamela Zirker

6406 Kawaihau Rd,

Kap'a Kaua'i, Hi. 96746

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kylee Mar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thea Shapiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**I strongly support this bill, I work at a charter school in Pahoia called the Hawai'i Academy of Arts and Science. Our students have gone on access trips to Kaho'olawe and I have seen how the experience of going on island to work and gain cultural knowledge changes lives. Please support the 'aina and our keiki and Hawaiian culture by supporting this bill.

Mahalo for your time,

Thea Shapiro

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Submitted on: 3/12/2018 5:22:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hardy Spoehr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members. My name is Hardy Spoehr. A number of years ago I had the honor of serving as staff to the Kaho`olawe Island Conveyance Commission (KIRC). It was our task to report to the US Congress on the critical fact that Kaho`olawe was then (and continues to be today) a pu`uhonua and wahi pana dedicated uniquely to Kanaloa; integral to our ka Pae `Aina `o Hawai`i Nei. We were successful in our task. I believe, thanks to the KIRC's board leadership, the PKO's bravelry, and to the testimonies in words and deeds of literally thousands of our Hawai`i citizens (kamali`i, `opio, makua, kupuna) who agreed with our report's findings. Things have not changed; the island continues to play a critical role in annually educating thousands of our island people.

The federal government returned the island to the State with the critical proviso that the State of Hawai`i serve as trustee of the island for future Native Hawaiian governance. As part of this responsibility, the State of Hawai`i has established the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) as its administrative body. The KIRC under current Executive Director Michael Naho`opi`i has woven a remarkable tapestry of staff talents and administrative procedures to continue the educational, environmental, and cultural practices so important for all of us who call Hawai`i home, In support of the original spirit and legal obligations of the transfer of Kaho`olawe from the federal government to the State of Hawai`i, it is "pono" (to do the right thing) for the KIRC to receive full funding..

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide SUPPORTIVE testimony for HB 2594 HD2.

Hardy Spoehr

March 12, 2018

Person Submitting Testimony: Hannibal E. Starbuck

To: Senate Committee on Water and Land

Re: Hearing on March 14, 2018, 3:01 PM Conference Room 224

Subject: HB2594 HD2_Relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB2594 HD2. Funding is necessary for the efforts of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to continue. To call Kaho'olawe a special island is an understatement. Virtually every person I have known to have visited the island has been moved in one way or another. Personally, I have been to Kaho'olawe 4 times, having travelled as a paddler in an outrigger canoe for part or all of the crossings to and from Maui each of these times. My parents were members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana since the early eighties and have gone over so many times I have no idea how many. Other family members have been over there as well. Even though the island has been damaged by grazing of animals and desecrated by bombs, it has a world to offer. It is a living classroom for navigation and Hawaiian culture. As a high school science teacher I recognize precious examples of unique meteorology, oceanography, and geology on and around the island. Please allow KIRC to continue their stewardship by securing substantial funding through this bill. Imua na pua lanakila Kaho'olawe.

Mahalo,

Hannibal E. Starbuck

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Submitted on: 3/12/2018 9:35:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I wish to testify in support of SB3027. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) has completed impressive things under very difficult environmental and financial constraints. The staff has developed innovative methods in its mission to restore Kaho'olawe as well as forging working relationships for various organizations in its additional mission of educating the public about Kaho'olawe. It is important that funding be restored to hire a Cultural Resources Project Manager so that the KIRC can continue its mission while continuing to integrate Hawaiian cultural values in its projects.

Mahalo for allowing me to submit testimony on this very important matter.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 6:48:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
rebecca joy zalke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and sustenance of the restoration and protection of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve benefiting hawaii's people for generations to come.

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Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawaipio Border	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.

If we don't correct the damages done by humans on this island who will?

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 9:52:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhodes, Vice Chair Gabbard, members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2594 HD2 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 that restoring the Reserve is important for it serves as a repository of the history and culture of the native people of these islands. And, as modern society dictates, to accomplish this 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 with extremely aging equipment needing extensive repair and raise funds to make up the difference at the same time.

Therefore we humbly ask for 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`ono`hi

To: House Committee on Water and Land, March 13th, 2018

From: KEOLA LIMKIN

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT OF HB 2594 HD2

Hello and aloha Chairs and committee members,

I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). During the Fall of 2017, I assisted a group of former foster youth to access Kaho‘olawe and do restoration work. Kaho‘olawe continues to present opportunities for people of all ages who have experienced trauma to heal and rewire their brains through positive activities. As being a former foster youth myself, I too have found healing. Support for KIRC would allow for a continuation of healing for the land and for state residents.

Best,
Keola Limkin

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 1:28:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and legislators,

I am writing to express my support for this bill that establishes funding for the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission. The KIRC represents a State commitment toward the restoration and preservation of this significant cultural and environmental reserve. Please show your support by voting to Support Kahoolawe.

Mahalo nui

Kevin Gavagan

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Submitted on: 3/13/2018 2:05:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lily Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee members,

As a member of the Native Hawaiian community, I fully support House Bill 2594 HD2 in regards to appointing proficient funding towards Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) and provide additional staff support.

Kaho'olawe is a place where people from a wide variety of communities, including communities from outside of Hawai'i, come to learn, research, and heal themselves. For some people, it is essentially a place of restoration, others see it as one of the few places where they can reconnect to their culture and their ancestors, and for others, it is a place where the environment is the teacher and the people are the students. Since we as humans depend so much on land, Kaho'olawe in particular, it is all of our duty to do all we can to protect and take care of it. Unfortunately, when the island infested with ungulates and bombs, the balance between land and man was broken. If it was not for Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana and the KIRC, Kaho'olawe would have been continuously desecrated and would have eventually become a barren land with hidden meaning and scars from the past.

KIRC is a state entity that has been working for decades in an attempt to restore the island of Kaho'olawe. There are people that have dedicated their lives to restoring the island and their passion is shown through their work on that island. Without appropriate funding, their dedication and seemingly endless work and research would be in vain. The KIRC has already accomplished many outstanding projects that are proving to help restore the island. I have volunteered for the KIRC before and whenever I get the opportunity to go out and work on the island, there is an unexplainable powerful spirit that emanates from it. When I'm there, I am disconnected from the world yet reconnected to the Earth and to my ancestral roots. I am sure that the rest of the volunteers has gone through that unique experience and left the island forever changed. Nevertheless, there are more projects that have to be done, but these projects require additional money which the KIRC needs. The island of Kaho'olawe cannot afford to have KIRC shut down due to insufficient funds and because KIRC is a state entity, it is the State's responsibility to be able to provide sufficient funds in order for this organization to be able to do its work.

There are so many more reasons as to why the KIRC needs and deserves funding which is why I am giving my full support for HB2594 HD2. Not only will this bill appropriate funding to the KIRC, but it will increase the chance of fully restoring and saving the island of Kaho'olawe for future generations to use and care for. It is a responsibility for everyone to take action to protect and maintain the lands of our ancestors.

KARL RHOADS
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

HOUSE BILL 2594
**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF: RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND
RESERVE COMMISSION**

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee,

My name is Samantha Alvarado and I am a senior in the Natural Resource and Environmental Management Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. **I would like to testify in support of HB 2594.**

As a volunteer with both the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission and the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana for the past 7 years, Kaho'olawe has played a key role in my life throughout my high school and college careers. The impact of my first trip during my freshman year of high school was one of the most influential experiences of my life and I know that experiencing the island has been a turning point in the lives of many others.

The conservation and environmental restoration work that I was able to participate in while on island impacted my decision to remain in Hawaii for university as well as acted as the deciding factor for me to study Natural Resources and Environmental Management. In the fall, I will also begin pursuing my Masters degree due in large part to experiencing Kaho'olawe. The training and observations that I acquired on island provided me with critical experience that aided in my college experience, resume and interview points, and was able to move me forward in my career field.

Kaho'olawe is a vital cultural center that affords opportunities to learn, gain professional experience, and practice Hawaiian traditions such as hula (dance), mele (songs), oli (chants), and ho'okupu (religious offerings). It is a place of personal healing and spiritual consciousness that should be protected and restored. There are an endless amount of resources and historical sites that should be cared for and accessible for study and/or use.

By appropriating funds to **support** the continued management of Kaho'olawe, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission will continue to conduct environmental restoration, educate people of all ages, and restore a place that is held very sacred in Hawaiian culture.

Thank you for your consideration.

Samantha Alvarado

University of Hawaii at Manoa

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

Natural Resources and Environmental Management

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Submitted on: 3/14/2018 6:04:07 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Jehly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Good morning members of the Hawaii State House:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of HB 2594 relating to Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

I first saw (at a distance) Kaho'olawe Island in 1968 when I came to Hawaii as a young navy seaman. I was aboard a guided missile frigate bound for Vietnam. After departing Pearl Harbor my ship participate in a required naval gunfire support exercise (NGFS). Our target was Kaho'olawe!

I became aware of the restoration taking place on Kaho'olawe a couple of years ago and started reading about the history of the Island; the efforts to stop the bombing and the long and hazardous process of restoration. I also learned there was a program of enlisting volunteers to help in the restoration.

Last January I was honored and privileged to be invited to join a group of 16 volunteers to spend 4 days in that restoration process. Our group was led by the most dedicated, professional and proud individuals I have ever worked with. Our group of volunteers was composed of like minded individuals who shared the common goal of doing good at a place that had witnessed almost total devastation. We planted about 1,200 indigenous plants and removed 'tons' of invasive trees and bushes. We rose early, ate breakfast worked hard, ate lunch in the field and even had some beach time at the end of the day. THE GROUP WAS ALSO GIVEN GUIDED TOURS OF CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SITES ACROSS KAHO'OLAWA. The pride and professionalism of the staff was inspiring.

The restoration I have described to you takes dedication and money. The dedication is already in place. In my opinion the Restoration of Kaho'olawe must continue. So I urge you to continue the funding for this very important undertaking.

Thank you for your consideration and allowing me the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Mahalo.

Steven Jehly

Orcas Island, Wa

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Submitted on: 3/14/2018 10:49:25 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Roberts	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.