

HB-2594

Submitted on: 2/4/2018 8:39:58 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ruth A. Ravina-Koethe	DOE	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 done a superb job restoring the environment after so many years of devastation. Kaho`olawe Kaneloa is a sacred place for all the children of Hawaii to experience. Without these forerunners leading us, teaching us, showing us the way, their experience and dedication, has led the way for us to come. We join them and share with them the fight to save this island with all its vital cultural and historical sites. 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.

**Testimony of Riley Eldon Coon *in strong support to H.B. 2594, Relating to
the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission*
Tuesday, February 06, 2018**

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Aloha. My name is Riley Eldon Coon and I am the Director of Operations at Trilogy Excursions on Maui. I am proud to be k̄anaka maoli and I support the restoration of Kaho‘olawe for the benefit of future generations. I humbly ask that H.B.2594 be passed to help restore and preserve Kaho‘olawe island reserve for the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo.

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HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS CAUCUS
February 6, 2018

Testimony in support of HB2594 with comments concerning staff funding

Aloha! The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, DPH strongly supports HB2594 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 note that the Water and Land committee passed HB620, HD1, SD1 that made it to conference last year but time ran out. We were appreciative of your work and care in the passage of HB 620 and are hopeful that the Senate and House will expedite passage of its bills this year so that funding for the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission will be realized.

In last year's reports by the House and Senate, appropriations under consideration included proposed funding to DLNR for nineteen full-time permanent positions for the Commission; HB 2594 simply calls for the funding of one full-time equivalent permanent position for the KIRC. We did not have time prior to today's hearing to consult with KIRC as to the reason for this drastic change, but trust that your committee will allocate funding for staff appropriate to the work that must be done.

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.

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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Zirker	Department Of Education	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Policy Makers,

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. The funding for Kaho'olawe is in dire need of replenishing. I think legislators can make a difference for KIRC, if you speak up about the present conditions on 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 Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana, and countless volunteers, and educate the mindset 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 for Bill # HB2594, with KIRC, and 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 that the work there has been completed.

I hope you will consider my thoughts when you allocate your budget. Mahalo for the work you are about to accomplish.

Pamela Zirker



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Before the House Committee on

WATER & LAND
and
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

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

House Bill 2594 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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Seana Walsh		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) has taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native Hawaiian natural and 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 was born and raised on Kaua'i and Maui. A very pivotal turn in my life and career path followed a three-day native planting work trip on Kaho'olawe with the KIRC 15 years ago, at the age of 15. I am currently in my dream job as Conservation Biologist at a non-profit conservation organization on Kaua'i, where my primary role is to lead in the development of the organization's activities to implement the Hawai'i Strategy for Plant Conservation. I am dedicated to a career that forwards these goals. Working with the KIRC made me realize the importance of this type of work and instilled in me the passion to pursue this path. Knowing that the KIRC continues this work today constantly motivates and inspires me both personally and professionally. I wholeheartedly support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the KIRC. The work KIRC is doing is of immeasurable value to the Hawaiian environment and its people.

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

Comments:

I believe the funds requested for this hearing are beneficial and necessary to continue the mÄ• lama of this, our wahi kupuna.

I believe that it is insufficient funds for the work that must be done and that more funding and support from the Federal government, especially military fudning, should be sought.

I kÄ• ko'o the work of the KIRC.

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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Hamill		Support	No

Comments:

Dear chairs and committee members,

I enthusiastically support the measure to provide additional financial and staff resources for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. Through their important work, they have demonstrated that it is possible to reverse the severe ecological damage done to the island and to preserve it for future generations.

Chad S. Hamill, PhD

Vice President, Northern Arizona University

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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	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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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Strahn	Maui Dive Shop	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan Becket		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.

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

Jan Becket

Kamehameha teacher (retired)

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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Keliipaakaua		Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Makainai		Support	No

Comments:

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair

Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair

House Committee on Water & Land

Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair

Representative Lynn Decoite, Vice Chair

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

The NÄ• Ko'oko'o 2nd cohort from the University of Hawai'i MÄ• noa

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

9:00 A.M.

House Conference room 312

Support for H.B. No. 2594, Relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

The NÄ• Ko'oko'o program from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa is a group created by many Professors who have collaborated with the Native Hawaiian Student Services(NHSS) and SENCER Hawai'i to revive the ea (breath, life, sovereignty) in the Pacific Island Community to protect sacred sites and restore

land and water rights for indigenous peoples which will ultimately perpetuate a lifestyle of Aloha 'Āina. I strongly support H.B. No. 2594 Relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve for the State of Hawai'i to grant funds for a full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent position in natural and physical environment (LNR906) for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) that will continue the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Strategic Plan of Restoration, Preservation, self-determination of the 'Āina.

In Kuwada's (2015) reflection of Kahalemaile's speech "ke ea o ka honua, he kanaka", explaining "The ea of the earth is the person" shares the understanding that people are strongly connected to the earth with love that the ea, the breath or life force comes from the kā naka (p. 577). The island of Kaho'olawe has not been treated with respect especially after being bombed and experimented on with explosives for 50 years. The US navy attempted to clean up the island, but after their short stint, as many knew, the island was not fully cleaned up.

In class we were assigned to create an ea approach based off the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics (A Framework for Ethical Decision Making, 2016, para. 7). The Ea Approach applied is centered around the 'Āina, a practice of the land having a higher priority than the people and its government. The approach further promotes an aloha 'Āina lifestyle that brings to life sustainability within the community. If this ea approach is applied to the H.B. No. 2594 Bill, this will allow for the culture of Hawai'i to continue and to be perpetuated in righteousness. Many might say that they are against the state of Hawai'i to fund monies for the regeneration of Kaho'olawe because it takes funds away from the DOT, the DOE, and DHRD. The community can always come together to uplift each other in times of need, but the people are not truly whole when culture is lost.

Without the 'Āina which provides the air we breathe, food, water, and materials to survive, we are nothing (Goodyear-Ka'Āpua, 2014, p. 2, 5). Although, it is not just the basic needs that our body desires, the needs of having a connection with the 'Āina is just as important because of the familial connection. We come from the land and therefore are able to live a full life with 'ohana.

Young (2012) was asked "I hā koe?", which means "where are you?" from the language of Rapa Nui while he was there writing his dissertation (p. 2). This phrase yet easy to answer, is more complex than just a straight answer of where you are. It's the stories behind the 'Āina, the people who once passed through the area, the events that occurred while there. Place yourself in Kaho'olawe, and ask yourself, "where are you"? You already know the history of the island, but think more of what the 'Āina has lost and the connection to the land and its resources by its people. Kaho'olawe was once a place of learning, allow it to rise through the ashes once more and become a school of Hawaiian Traditions. Hawai'i and its people have already lost so much, losing the 'Āina, the wai, the culture, the Queen, the aloha, do you need to take away their identity too?

Again, I am in support to funds being sanctioned for the H.B. No. 2594 Relating to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve.

Mahalo,

Sarah Maka‘Ā‘na‘i

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Ethics?”; “A Framework for Ethical Decision Making” & “Making-an-Ethical Decision”

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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James E. Coon	Ocean Tourism Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

OMH Chair Ing, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the OMH Committee

WAL Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd and Members of the WAL Committee

The Ocean Tourism Coaliton Stands in Strong Support of HB 2594. We believe that is is the responsablity of the State Government to fund the needs of Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. This is a correct venue to do that. Please pass HB 2594.

Sincerely,

The Ocean Tourism Coalition

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Submitted on: 2/3/2018 9:55:52 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Kajihiro	Hawai'i Peace and Justice	Support	No

Comments:

Kaho'olawe is an important natural and cultural resource for all of Hawai'i. It stands as a stark reminder of the long-term social and ecological cost of poor land-use decisions and as an example of the possibility for communities and environments to undergo restoration and healing from decades of abuse. However, Kaho'olawe's restoration is not complete; it is an ongoing process, a laboratory for figuring out some of the most difficult challenges of environmental and cultural restoration complicated by unexploded munitions. Sadly there are many other sites in Hawai'i where the deadly legacy of war and militarization will take generations to restore and can benefit from Kaho'olawe's experience. Kaho'olawe is a place that helps us to improve our knowledge, technology, and practices for doing this kind of cleanup. This bill appropriates a modest budget to continue this important work. Furthermore, it allows the KIRC to continue educating thousands of visitors and enlisting them as partners in the collective effort to care for our environment. As we adapt to global climate change, Kaho'olawe may be very well help us to learn how better to survive in the ruins of the anthropocene. I urge your support for this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2018 8:03:23 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Tokishi	KIRC	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.

Dean

February 6, 2018
9:00am
State Capitol, Room 312

HB 2594
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs
And
House Committee on Water and Land

I, Robert S.K. Lee III, provides this written testimony in support of HB 2594 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

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Submitted on: 2/2/2018 4:45:23 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carmela Noneza	KIRC	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lopaka White	Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly McHugh	KIRC	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.

February 2, 2018

I, Roy Kākulu Alameida, a resident of Kea‘au, Hawai‘i, share testimony in full support of Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve **HB2594**.

I am asking for your support of this important measure to provide the finances for stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to follow.

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 preserve this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system.

Without KIRC ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a large 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 Hawaiian Islands and provides replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's 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.

I humbly ask for your full support of **HB2594**.

‘O au me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Roy Alameida (ret.)
Hawai‘i Island resident

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Submitted on: 2/2/2018 9:09:37 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Fox		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. The volunteer trips to participate in the healing have a 7 year waitlist! This is clearly a very popular issue in Maui residents.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hannah K Anae		Support	No

Comments:

Welina, Chairs and Community Members,

I am in full support of this measure to provide additional funding and support for staffing at the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). They provide an excellent program for the mālama of the island and its ecological inhabitants on land and sea. What is truly remarkable is their individual dedication and commitment to the restoration of Kaho'olawe.

It was very disheartening growing up knowing the abuse of our 'Āina or kāupuna - the land. I always thought that it would be impossible to reverse the process of the exploitation of the island caused by neglect and the U.S. military, but KIRC has proven that it is POSSIBLE to restore the island back to health. Through their dedication, trial, and error along with hours of observation and persistence they have come up with solutions - resulting in plants growing in places that seemed impossible. Kāmakani, plants standing in the strongest winds.

Kaho'olawe is the piko or center that is able to see all of his siblings (O'ahu, Maui, Lāna'i, etc), and is a place for spiritual healing - very culturally significant. There is many wahi pana that include hi'ona nāke kanaka or man-made features on the landscape that needs mālama so that it can remain for future generations.

I know many individuals who want to help KIRC restore the island because they know the intent, purpose, and integrity of their restoration project. Please help KIRC with additional funding to allow kanaka to assist in the restoration of our Kaho'olawe.

He ali'i ka 'Āina; he kauwāke kanaka, "The land is a chief; man is its servant" (Mary Kawena Pūku'i, 'Ālelelo No'eau).

Pono no kākou e kālia i kākou hana po'okela, (We must strive to do our best work)

Kaumakaman• kalanip• (Hannah K Anae)

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Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
garvin freitas		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
Kimo Cashman		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
Chynna Helm		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, my name is Chynna Helm and I support giving financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. I have had the unforgettable opportunity to be a part of KIRC team a few years ago through the UHMC program. It was one of the best experiences of my life. As a Hawaiian, being there and restoring it, connected me to my ancestors and family in a way no other place could. Kaho`olawe is a sacred place and needs to be cared for. There is much more work to be done. Although I wasn't there for too long, the most rewarding part for me was being able get dirty and put some life back into the land. The island needs hands to care for her and KIRC does a great job at that. While working with KIRC, I learned a great deal about the history of the island. I was taught about the problems Kaho`olawe faces and how to use creative thinking to get solutions. Whenever the topic of the island comes up I try my best to educate others about the things that I've learned. Kaho`olawe will always have a special place in my heart. I urge you to support this bill as I do. I often think of Kaho`olawe and wish I could return. But I also hope that KIRC will be able to continue operating so that others may be able to feel her soil and nature her back to health.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2018 11:48:39 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kalani fukumoto		Support	No

Comments:

i support this bill to fund the restoration of Kaho'olawe

HB-2594

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 7:41:25 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Briana Hurley		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 was allowed to visit the island a year ago and the experience changed my life and outlook. Kaho'olawe is in the midst of being healed, we can't let our pervious work be done in vain. The restoration should be continued with even more fervor because Kaho'olawe deserves it.

HB-2594

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 8:40:08 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Pastores		Support	No

Comments:

HB-2594

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 10:34:37 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Foote		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 on: 2/3/2018 12:30:46 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Simpson	Eric Simpson Landscaping	Support	No

Comments:

Dear members, I am in complete support of this measure to provide financial and staff support for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. This project will serve to set an invaluable precedent showing that native history and ecological damages can be preserved in spite of tremendous damage, abuse, neglect and the passage of time. Safe preservation of cultural and native history is a noble cause that will provide generations invaluable insight into the past.

HB-2594

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 7:01:40 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Will Lichty		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 on: 2/3/2018 7:16:30 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl		Comments	No

Comments:

Anything that we can do to restore Kahoolawe seems to be a great idea. Having someone in charge of this full time also seems to be a great idea. My question to all of you is why is the State paying for this when it was the US Govt. that did all the damage? Just like the Marshall Islands and the people who came here.. it seems that we are always cleaning up after the US Govt. Why aren't there stronger rules or policies in place to make the Feds. pay for the damages they commit? This reminds me of Pohakuloa which is being leased for a minimum rate while the US Govt. destroys the lands and even when just asked to clean up what they have done, they don't. Or look at Red Hill and the leaking water or the leaks at Pearl Harbor etc.

My comments are thoughts of a citizen of our islands who wonders when will we just say no and hold the US Govt. accountable for what they do?

HB-2594

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 8:41:19 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dianna Wilcox	1960	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 on: 2/4/2018 5:17:18 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trevor M Hook		Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2018 9:12:14 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2018 9:59:32 PM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darcy Yogi		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 shown their commitment to the renewal of Kaho'olawe's damaged ecosystems and to the preservation of Native Hawaiian culture. Their organization and volunteers help this landscape to heal, while conducting meaningful and positive work.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2018 8:13:49 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri Gavagan		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: 2/5/2018 8:19:48 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Serene Smalley		Support	No

Comments:

I support this measure as it is our responsibility to clean up our messes. Those who are responsible for these terrible misuses of the lands should be held accountable. Those who are gracious enough to work to malama this land should be allowed to do so.

HB-2594

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 8:23:11 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cassandra L. Smith		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. Specifically, the KIRC Cultural Resource Project Coordinator position is critical to continuing this work.

Humbly,

Cassie L. Hokuikakai Smith

HB-2594

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 8:32:21 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2594

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 8:45:22 AM

Testimony for OMH on 2/6/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amber Namaka Whitehead		Support	No

Comments: