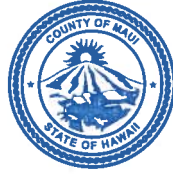


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Hearing Date: February 24, 2017

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Aloha Chair Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members,

SUBJECT: Support for HB620

Please accept this testimony in support of House Bill 620, which provides a direct appropriation for the continued restoration and management of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve (Reserve), which includes the island of Kaho`olawe and 90 square miles of its surrounding waters.

As the Chair and Maui County representative for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), I can attest to the urgency and importance of providing these secure sources of funding. Those of you who have been able to visit Kaho`olawe would hopefully agree.

When the State accepted the return of Kaho`olawe from the United States, it clearly accepted the responsibility to preserve and manage the Reserve while holding it as part of the public land trust until the island and its waters are transferred to the native Hawaiian sovereign entity. The terms of this acceptance were also stated in the federally-mandated Kaho`olawe Island Conveyance Commission final report to Congress in 1993: "in the short term, federal funds will provide the bulk of the program support for specific soil conservation projects and related activities. ***In the longer term, however, state revenues will be needed to continue and enhance those activities initiated with federal funds***" (emphasis added). This funding responsibility, therefore, belongs to the State.

With 25 percent of the island remaining uncleared of unexploded ordnance, a round-the-clock 24/7 presence on Kaho`olawe is needed to ensure the protection of the general public. KIRC's Restoration, Ocean Resources and Cultural programs have made great strides in restoring and protecting Kaho`olawe's native ecosystems and cultural resources, which benefit all of Hawai'i's people. Thousands of volunteers from throughout the state have contributed to these efforts over the years; their work should be honored by providing support for these programs to continue. These activities warrant secure state support for them to continue.

Passage of HB620 will fulfill the State's commitment to restore and protect the Reserve; your support will be sincerely appreciated.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michele McLean".

Michele McLean
Deputy Planning Director, County of Maui
Chair, Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission



**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Finance
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Friday, February 24, 2017 2 pm
Room 308

Support for HB 620 Relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 620 HD 1, which appropriates funds to support the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

The U.S. Navy should support the KIRC and pay to clean-up and restore Kaho'olawe, but it appears they are done with the island.

We are concerned the Navy will also abandon its responsibility to: (1) restore Ka'ula Islet and other areas it destroys and pollutes in training exercises; (2) replace the Red Hill underground storage tanks in a timely manner if at all; and (3) clean-up the polluted soil at Red Hill. The Navy is not a good neighbor.

Please pass HB 620 HD 1. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

Marjorie Ziegler



Pa'u o Hi'iaka on Kaho'olawe

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TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT OF HB620, HD1

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

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

It is our opinion that KIRK should be supported by the tax revenue from all our citizens and this proposed HB 620,HD1 seeks to do just that by allocating specific funding to KIRK/DLNR from the General Fund.

Please pass HB 620, HD1. It is the right thing to do for Hawaii.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President

February 22, 2017

I, Kimberley Newhouse, support KIRC bill HB 620.

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come.

As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system.

Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work.

Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

Aloha,

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mark klemen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Mark Klemen, support KIRC bill (ENTER BILL #). ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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John Stephens	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am in favor of this bill. Land, in Hawai'i, is extremely important because it is so limited. It's going to become even more vital in the future. We need to preserve it. Hawai'i only has 8 major islands and Koho'olawe is one of them. For decades it was abused and made unihabitable, but we now have a chance to restore it. Please give your support to the KIRC's dedicated restoration and improvement efforts. They are essential for the present and even more so for our future. Mahalo, John Richard Stephens Author/Editor

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Jennifer Goya	Individual	Support	No

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Skye Coe	Individual	Support	No

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Chris Larson	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Vander Veur	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Jennifer VanderVeur, support KIRC bill HB620. Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

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My name is Terri Gavagan and I support HB 620.

I ask you to 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. My family has been greatly changed by Kaho'olawe. It has influenced my teenage daughter's decision to eventually become a marine biologist and eventually work to protect Kaho'olawe's precious marine resources. We talk about wanting to our young people to either stay or return to Hawai'i after their education and make their home here. This is your chance to provide some of those opportunities. Her exposure to Kaho'olawe has also encouraged her to continue her pursuit of gaining knowledge about her Hawaiian culture. When I broke the news to her a couple of years ago that it did not look like the state would provide the needed funding to continue work on Kaho'olawe she actually broke down in tears and asked if that meant the end to her dream of working for Kaho'olawe. At first I did not know how to respond, but eventually I told her that we would keep fighting for Kaho'olawe.

I ask you to support her dream along with numerous other young people whose lives have been given direction by this very special place.

Mahalo.

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February 22, 2017

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of House Bill 620

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of House Bill 620. I am a strong advocate and supporter of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), and this bill is vital to protect the island of Kahoolawe and its resources.

From 2005 through 2014, I served as the KIRC's Deputy Attorney General. That experience gave me great insight into the native Hawaiian practices, customs, and dedication to the environment. During my tenure, I was able to see KIRC take thousands of people to the island to help with restoration and to sow native plants. The work not only helps the island, it also helps "heal" those who are able to volunteer there.

Without funding, the island and its resources will be in jeopardy. I strongly urge you to pass this bill to provide the KIRC with the necessary funding it so desperately needs and deserves! Please feel free to contact me at the above address, email, or telephone number should you need any further information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Rowena A. Somerville

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

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Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Dean Tokishi, support KIRC bill HB620. Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill. Dean

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Benton	Individual	Support	No

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Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I, Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii, am writing as a concerned citizen of Maui Nui in support of HB620 relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). 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. Thank you for considering my testimony. I humbly ask that you vote in support of HB620. Mahalo!

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Susan Forsyth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Susan H. Forsyth, support KIRC bill HB620. ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Kyle Kajihiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Kyle Kajihiro. I support KIRC bill HB 620 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. I have been to Kaho'olawe several times and can attest to the transformative power of the island to awaken senses and understandings about Hawaiian cultural practices and environmental restoration. I urge your support of this bill. Mahalo.

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As a concerned citizen, I support bill HB620. This funding is necessary for the KIRC to realistically meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem and we must preserve its valuable cultural and biological resources. The KIRC's massive restoration program is designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island and will serve to benefit generations to come. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB620.

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Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, James Bruch, support HB620. 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. Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Larry Stevens	Individual	Support	No

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Before the House Committees on

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Friday, February 24, 2017
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State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 620 HD1
RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

House Bill 620 appropriates funds to support the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The House Draft 1 amendment respectfully requests the House Committee on Finance to consider appropriating \$600,000 to promote water sustainability and photovoltaic powered desalinization on Kaho`olawe and \$1,000,000 for operational expenses to continue the State's management responsibilities with regard to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve. The Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this measure.

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.

This request includes funding to support KIRC staffing and operations for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. Without additional funding, the KIRC will be unable to continue its innovative management regime beyond Fiscal Year 2017. The KIRC's management and control of Kaho`olawe is not only restoring the ecological damage on Kaho`olawe and protecting its endangered and rare flora and fauna, but ensuring the meaningful and safe use by the people of Hawai`i that fortify the Reserve.

Without this funding, the KIRC will not be able to retain its highly trained and effective staff, continue its innovative restoration programs or keep the island of Kaho`olawe open for safe, escorted public access.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ROYCE TOMSON	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, ROYCE TOMSON, support KIRC bill HB620. 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. The island has been, and can continue to be, a fabulous place to learn and share environmental and cultural issues. This is easily evidenced by the sheer number of people that want to volunteer to help restore the aina. The waiting list is years long! It's our kuleana to help heal the island. Mahalo.

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Ryan Farrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Ryan Farrell, support KIRC bill HB620. ... Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. ... As the only Island Reserve set up entirely in trust for a Native Hawaiian Sovereign Entity, the KIRC is well poised to change the economic landscape and life quality of Native Hawaiians and the communities in which they reside by means of a truly unique experience on the island of Kaho'olawe. The State must maintain the responsibility of supporting the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. ... As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. ... Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that a trust fund be stabilized to continue this work. ... Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill. ... I repeat, please support this bill.

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Grant Thompson	Individual	Support	No

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Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

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TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello 
Councilmember

DATE: Friday, February 24, 2017

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 620 H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. The trust fund created by the approximately \$44,000,000 of federal funding provided for the cleanup and restoration of the island is all but exhausted. In accepting these funds the State also accepted the responsibility for continuing to fund these activities.
2. KIRC has made great strides in its restoration of the island and protecting its cultural and environmental and archaeological resources, and is the only island listed in its entirety on the National Register of Historic Places and as such it is imperative that we continue to preserve this important resource for future generations.
3. The federally mandated Kaho'olawe island conveyance commission's final report in 1993 recognized that even with the federal funding, in the long-term state funding would be necessary. There remains much to be done and therefore crucial that KIRC have a viable financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan to carry this out.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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Leimomi Khan	Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucu	Support	No

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Rachel Hodara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kahoolawe island reserve commission needs a stable fund to continue it's good work for the island of Kahoolawe!

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Rob Lee	Individual	Support	No

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I, Leona Seto-Mook, support KIRC bill HB620.

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I have been to Kaho'olawe three times to work on restoration projects. I have seen the progress made, but clearly see that still so much more to be done. It will take many more years, perhaps another generation, to restore this treasure at the center of our island chain. These efforts can only continue with continued financial support.

Mahalo,
Leona Seto-Mook
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