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**Testimony of**  
**MICHAEL K. NAHO'OPTI**  
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**Before the Senate Committee on**

**HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**  
**1:15 PM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

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

House Bill 620 House Draft 1 appropriates general funds to support the staffing and operations of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission 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 Kaho'olawe Island 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 this 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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March 13, 2017

TO: Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello  
Councilmember 

DATE: Hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 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 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 has been exhausted. When the State accepted these funds they also clearly accepted the responsibility for continuing to fund these activities.
2. There remains 25% of the island that requires the clearing of unexploded ordnance. It is crucial to continue this effort for the safety of the workers and volunteers as well as the escorted public access.
3. The Kahoolawe 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.

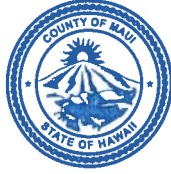
For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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Hearing Date: March 14, 2017

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Committee Members,

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HB620, HD1**

Please accept this testimony in support of House Bill 620, House Draft 1, which provides a direct appropriation for personnel and resources 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.

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
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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, HD1 will fulfill the State's commitment to restore and protect the Reserve; your support will be sincerely appreciated.

Mahalo for your consideration,



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

Testimony of  
**Donne Dawson**  
to the  
**Ke Komike no ka Kuleana Hawai'i**  
**Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

Pō'aluā, Malaki 14, 2017/March 14, 2017  
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In consideration of  
**HB620, HD1**  
**RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.**

Aloha e Luna Ho'omalū Shimabukuro, Hope Luna Ho'omalū Galuteria,  
Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

I am writing to testify in **strong support** of HB620, HD1 which seeks to appropriate funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for important restoration and preservation projects. It is the state's kuleana to do so.

As a native Hawaiian and member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana for the past 13 years, I have helped to lead many groups to the island both with the 'Ohana for educational and cultural purposes, as well as with KIRC-sponsored volunteer groups working on a variety of restoration projects to benefit Kaho'olawe. I have seen first-hand how Kaho'olawe has transformed lives. The KIRC, under the skilled and experienced leadership of its executive director, Michael Nāho'opī'i, has done incredible work in a very challenging environment and with limited funds to organize work trips involving thousands of individuals who have traveled there to kōkua, to help heal and restore Kaho'olawe and to protect and preserve the island for generations to come.

In the past several years, the KIRC has had to take dramatic steps to scale back its operations and volunteer programs given the Commission's dwindling budget. Kaho'olawe is in desperate need of this funding, at a very minimum. If they are unable to secure the funds they need, my greatest fear is that the island would have to be shut down—leaving it vulnerable to desecration and deterioration. All of the dedicated restoration work of the past three decades would be for nothing. The public would be denied the opportunity to visit Kaho'olawe, to learn from Kaho'olawe, and to give-back to the one island that has suffered such devastating destruction. Make no mistake, Kaho'olawe is a strong symbol of our future. We need to treat her as such. I urge you to support funding the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hardy Spoehr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. When the State received the responsibility as trustee for Kaho`olawe until such time as a Hawaiian sovereign nation was formed from the federal government, the State took on the management of the island and its unique resources for all of Hawai`i's citizens within the context of its special responsibilities for Native Hawaiians as recognized in the State's constitution and other laws in the State of Hawai`i. The KIRC is the embodiment of that responsibility and it has truly demonstrated its abilities to provide the leadership with State Government to fulfill this mandate. We ask full compliance with the budget requirements for the KIRC. Mahalo.

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Dear House Members,

I wish to express my support for HB620 to support the continued funding of KIRC. I teach conservation biology at Brigham Young University-Hawaii and have a deep interest in the preservation of this states unique ecosystems.

I have taken groups of students to volunteer on the restoration projects for days at a time on Kahoolawe and have been very pleased at the outcomes. My students have stated how much that experience impacted them in a positive way and I would love to see that same thing available for many more students in the future.

There are many worthy and wonderful restoration projects going on around the globe, but nowhere else in the world do I know of any other group trying to something of this magnitude, restore an entire Island. The project becomes even more impressive when you consider what the Island has been through and who bears responsibility for that. Please support this bill so that the wonderful work that has gone on there can continue into the future and so that a restored Kahoolawe can bless the people of Hawaii as well as serve as an example to the world of what can be done if we truly value what we have been given.

Sincerely,

David Bybee

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Kaulu Lu?uwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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.

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Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

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BEFORE THE SENATE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 14, 2017

House Bill No. 620 HD1

Relating to the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

The Ka Lāhui Hawai‘i Political Action Committee (KPAC) affirms and defends our Hawaiian peoples' right to over 1.8 million acres of crown and government lands.

KPAC submits the following testimony in opposition to HB 620 HD1. This bill provides funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission to clean up an island that was desecrated and destroyed by the US military. When the \$44 million appropriated by the US Military runs out the Commission should go back to the US Military to request more funds instead of taking away precious public funds that should go to Housing, Education, Health, and Sustainable Economic Development for the Kanaka Maoli people, a people who own some of the worst socio-economic, educational and health statistics in Hawai‘i. The city of Honolulu (according to "CBS Money Watch") has the third highest cost of living in the US compounding the financial hardship of Kanaka Maoli in own homeland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Healani Sonoda-Pale  
KPAC Chair

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Roxane Stewart	Individual	Support	No

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Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Cassandra L. Smith, 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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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

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Jonathan Ching	Individual	Support	No

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Thomas Brennon	Individual	Support	No

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Jim Cooper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Jim Cooper, 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. Mahalo,

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Bonnie M. Livingston	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Bonnie Malia Livingston, support HB620. The personnel for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission must continue to have financial stability to ensure the restoration of the island. The natural and cultural significance of this island is priceless, and this bill to ensure proper personnel is a critical investment for Hawaii's future. Mahalo, Bonnie Malia Livingston aka Malia Martin

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Mary LaVigne	Individual	Support	No

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Terri Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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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Kaipo Kahoali'i	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support.

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Lei K Ayat-Verdadero	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Lei Ayat-Verdadero, 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.  
Regards, Lei

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Lisa Grandinetti	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha kakou

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## **HB620**

I, Greg Burchard, support KIRC and House Bill 620 to appropriate funds for said organization whose primary mission is the restoration of the sacred island of Kaho'olawe.

On two occasions, I have journeyed with KIRC to Kaho'olawe to clear the beach of accumulated drift debris. Both missions lasted a minimum of two days in duration, but left me with the lasting impression that we owe the sacred island of Kaho'olawe much more. On one occasion, we were able to assist an injured marine animal onshore return to the ocean.

Kaho'olawe deserves to be left alone by those who would take more from it, but needs the continued support of KIRC who would give love to the 'aina.

Mahalo,

Gregory Burchard

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Re: HB620,HD1 RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

Appropriates funds to support the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

For hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 2017

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

Before I begin my testimony on this bill, let me correct a grammatical error in the name of this committee as it appears on the hearing notice. The name "Ke Komike no ka Kuleana Hawaii" should be corrected to "Ke Komike no ke Kuleana Hawaii"

This bill proposes to transfer one million taxpayer dollars to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for each of the fiscal years

20017-2018 and 2018-2019, plus additional unspecified amounts of money for each of those fiscal years to fund 19 full-time-equivalent permanent environmental specialist positions under the KIRC (at a likely cost of an extra million dollars per fiscal year).

Do not place this burden on the taxpayers of the State of Hawaii.

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 is working so hard to create.

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 OHA provided the entire funding for an election of delegates and monthlong meeting 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. This legislature simply must not confiscate tax dollars from 80% of Hawaii's people for a project which they will be racially excluded from.

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 \$640,333,000. And it continues getting more payments of state government money (ceded land revenues plus legislative appropriations) every year.

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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Virginia E Hench	Individual	Support	No

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

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Scott Schwarzwaldner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Scott Schwarzwaldner, support bill HB620 HD1. 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. Despite the mistreatment that the island of Kaho'olawe has endured over the course of many decades, the land can be rehabilitated. It requires funding, protection, hard work, and commitment, but it is worth all the efforts to restore the island for the people of Hawai'i.

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Stephanie Musbach	Individual	Support	No

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Julie Lowery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Julie Ann Lowery, support KIRC bill #BH620: 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 Hawaii'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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Rob Weltman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Kahoolawe is unique among the Hawaiian islands in many both symbolic and physical ways. It is the site of a long-running effort with participation by thousands of volunteers to restore a native ecosystem and make the island available to Hawaiian cultural practitioners and all those wanting to learn about the Hawaiian legacy and culture. It needs and deserves continued state support.

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Jay Jensen	Individual	Support	No

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anita wintner	Individual	Support	No

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Terez Amato Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

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Tyler Dos Santos-Tam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Having volunteered on Kaho'olawe, I know how important the mission of KIRC is to restoring this very special island.

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Roxanne Darling	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a unique opportunity to create lasting value for the Hawaiian Islands. I consider Kaho'olawe support an essential commitment we as the residents of Hawai'i must make. Thank you for making it happen.

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Barbara Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this measure to provide financial support and stability for the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. Protecting and managing the unique and priceless ecology and archeological sites is important to Hawaii and all of the Pacific. Mahalo.

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Keri Meyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, (insert name here), 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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johann winkler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Johann Winkler, 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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Rob Guzman	Individual	Support	No

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Benton	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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I, Jan Becket, support KIRC bill HB 620

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Jan Becket  
Hawai'i resident