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Before the Senate Committee on

WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 30, 2017

1:40 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 620 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

House Bill 620 House Draft 1 Senate 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 and respectfully request the Senate Committee on Ways and Means provide funding for 19 KIRC positions (\$1,033,612) and general operational fund (\$1,000,000) for each fiscal year 2018 and 2019.

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.

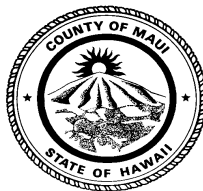
This request includes funding to support KIRC staffing and operations for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. Without this funding, the KIRC will be unable to continue its innovative management regime beyond Fiscal Year 2017. The KIRC's management and control of Kaho`olawe is not only restoring the ecological 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.

In addition to successfully passing a fiscal and management audit by the State Auditor, the KIRC, in 2013, also engaged in a two-year effort to create a community-based, multi-organizational 2026 strategic plan for Kaho`olawe and at the recommendation of the legislature,

developed and submitted this year, an in-depth Financial Self-Sufficiency and Sustainability Plan, which securing state funding for KIRC staffing is one of the three main tenants of the this plan.

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 29, 2017

TESTIMONY OF ALAN M ARAKAWA
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, March 30, 2017, 1:40 p.m.
Conference Room 211

HB620 HD1, SD1 RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** OF HB620 HD1, SD1.

Whether through HB100, the State Budget, or through HB620, which is before you today, please include sufficient funding for the next two fiscal years for KIRC personnel and operations.

The Governor's Budget Request included a direct appropriation for personnel and resources for the continued restoration and management of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve (Reserve). This funding was removed during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB100. If you did not restore this funding when you considered HB100 yesterday, please include it in HB620 today. At least \$1 million per year for personnel and \$1 million per year for operations is needed for the KIRC to adequately maintain its facilities, operations and projects.

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, in my opinion, belongs to the State.

Inclusion of funding for KIRC personnel – whether in HB100 or HB620 – will fulfill the State's commitment to restore and protect the Reserve; your support will be sincerely appreciated.

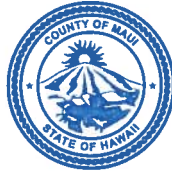
Sincerely,

Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor, County of Maui

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor

WILLIAM R. SPENCE
Director

MICHELE CHOUTEAU McLEAN
Deputy Director



COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Hearing Date: March 30, 2017

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee
on Ways and Means
Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Committee Members,

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR KIRC FUNDING IN HB620, HD1, SD1

Please accept this testimony in support of providing funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). Whether through HB100, the State Budget, which you considered yesterday, or through HB620, which is before you today, please include sufficient funding for the next two fiscal years for KIRC personnel and operations.

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Mahalo for your consideration,

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

MICHELE MCLEAN
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Chair, Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Re: HB 620, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

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

For decision making on Thursday March 30, 2017

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

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.



PROTECT KAHO'OLAWE 'OHANA
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Thursday, March 30, 2017

1:40 PM

State Capitol, Room 211

By Joshua Kaakua for the
Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana

In SUPPORT of HB 620 HD1, SD1

Aloha e Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Joshua Kaakua testifying on behalf of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) in support of HB 620, HD1, SD1 relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

The 'Ohana fully supports the valuable work of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to address restoration, appropriate use management, and safe and meaningful access of Kaho'olawe. Kanaloa Kaho'olawe represents significant historical and contemporary importance to the people of Hawai'i (and to Kanaka Maoli) and the proper protection and management of the island as a cultural, natural, and public resource is, in our opinion, a State imperative. The 'Ohana is in support of HB 620 as a means to ensure continuation of the vital service KIRC provides to the State and for our people. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Aloha 'Āina.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, DPH	Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucu	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, DPH supports HB620 HD1 SD1 that provides financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. 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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Leimomi Khan	Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments: The Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club supports HB620 HD1 SD1 that appropriates funding for the Kahoolawe Island Commission Reserve. The funding will support the necessary work to continue the restoration of this Island, and to protect the Kahoolawe 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. Please support this bill.

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**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Thursday, March 30, 2017 1:40 pm
Room 211

Support for HB 620 HD 1 SD 1 Relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 620 HD 1 SD 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 SD 1. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler

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Pa'u o Hi'iaka on Kaho'olawe

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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. Contact info: gavagant001@hawaii.rr.com

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

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Kevin Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a native Hawaiian (n) I would like to voice my concern for the ongoing State support of Kahoolawe. I feel like amongst my legislators in the current political climate, Kahoolawe will be deprioritized and the ongoing cost of its care and restoration will be defunded. Please please see feel and understand this sanctuary of culture, and this environmental icon of restoration and resource management. I realize that these are soft goods, unlike the hard goods in front of us like rail and the physical condition of our schools. Make no mistake however, Kahoolawe is a real and vital resource to all residents of Hawaii. Its success is truly our state's reflection of Aloha aina. Please let this phrase Aloha Aina reflect your actions and support Kahoolawe. Our children will watch and remember what we do today and if all we had preached to them was just words. Do not leave this kuleana for them to pick up after us.

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Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

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Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Eva Wisemark	Individual	Support	No

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Stephens	Individual	Support	No

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

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Chris Larson	Individual	Support	No

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Kylee Mar	Individual	Support	No

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Zella Ellshoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I lived in Hawai'i for quite a few years and studied at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I was fortunate enough to be able to travel to Kaho'olawe as a volunteer in the 1980s for a few days to plant transplants in efforts to revegetate areas of the island. In the late 1990s, I worked for a while on the clearance project and was involved with biological surveys on the island. The return of control of the island to the people of Hawai'i and the subsequent cleanup and use of the island have been dear to my heart and of great interest to me. I support Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission staff funding and moneys for operations to continue to manage and restore the island for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. This is important for the continued restoration projects and access to the island. Thank you for continuing to support Kaho'olawe.

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TO: Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello 
Councilmember

DATE: Hearing on Thursday, March 30, 2017

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 620 H.D. 1, S.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 visitors.
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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katharine T. Cannon-Eger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The future of Kaho`olawe is an issue close to my heart for 40 years. I strongly support funding of the Kaho`olawe Reserve Commission.

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Kaulana Dameg	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Benton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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.

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Ronald Smith
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March 29, 2017

Dear Committee Members,

Please see my Testimony in *support* of restoring funds for the **KIRK
HB620**

Please restore funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to the State Budget. In the Governor's Request, funding was provided to support KIRC staff position but was eliminated during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB620. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i.

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Andrew Fox	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I urge you to support this funding for the restoration of Kahoolawe

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Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Smith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support funding for KIRC staff positions. Mahalo.

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Jenny Wisemark-Cerro	Individual	Support	No

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Lyman L. Abbott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 620 to support the restoration work we are doing on Kaho`olawe. This helps to restore native plants and reduce rates of soil erosion on the island. Thank you, Lyman

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robert carroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Support funding for KIRC staff positions and additional general operational funding for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 in order for the KIRC to continue the management and restoration of Kaho'olawe. Without this funding, the KIRC will not be able to retain its highly trained and effective staff, continue its innovation programs or keep the island of Kaho'olawe open for safe, escorted public access. Kaho'olawe is a symbol of resilience, hope for the future of the Hawaiian Nation, and an opportunity to rebuild a cultural heritage.

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

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Carol Marie Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Tokuda and Members of Ways and Means Committee, Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of this measure (HB620). The KIRC has made great strides toward the restoration efforts on Kahoolawe. As a resident of Maui for most of my 68 years, the view of Kahoolawe from Maui has greatly improved. By that I mean the "red" areas have gotten smaller and the Naulu cloud bank which starts at Ulupalakua and travels across the channel to Pu`u Moa`ulanui has widened thus bringing shade to the slopes of Haleakala from Ulupalakua to Makena like it did when I was a little girl and the Lilinoe (misty rain) to the top of Kahoolawe. This is truly a testament to the native Hawaiian mo`olelo of Malama `Aina no Ma Ukua I Ma Kai. Had the restoration work not continued over the years this resource of water would not be available to Kahoolawe. Restoration work on Kahoolawe has taken hold, please support this measure that will allow this important work to continue. Mahalo, Ka`onohi Lee

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