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Before the House Committees on

WATER AND LAND

Friday, February 10, 2017
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

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

House Bill 620 appropriates funds to support the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. 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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TO: Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Water & Land

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy Helm Crivello", is written over the printed name and title.

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2017

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 620, 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 work of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission has been crucial and considerable in the restoration and preservation of the island, however there still remains a lot to be done
2. The federally mandated Kaho'olawe island conveyance commission's final report to Congress in 1993 recognized that long-term funding by the State would be necessary.
3. The Federal funding for the cleanup and restoration of the island will be exhausted this year. It is crucial that the State fund the cleanup and preservation efforts of the KIRC and that the KIRC develop a viable financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

2017HB620Support



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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2017

TIME: 9:00AM

PLACE: Conference Room 325

TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT OF HB620

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong and Members of the Committee on WAL:

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 seeks to do just that by allocating specific funding to KIRK/DLNR from the General Fund.

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

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President



**Conservation Council
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Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Water and Land
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hearing: Friday, February 10, 2017 9 am
Room 325

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

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee,

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

Marjorie Ziegler

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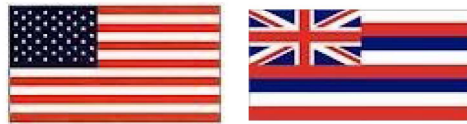


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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Re: HB620 RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

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

For hearing on Friday, February 10, 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.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/8/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roxanne Darling	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, I strongly support the KIRC bill. As they stated so clearly: It's the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety It contains nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features. I believe it is our kuleana to preserve this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system. Mahalo for your support, Roxanne Darling

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Dean Tokishi	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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Rob Guzman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Robert Guzman, support KIRC bill HB 620 and urge legislators to do the same. Spending 5 days on Kaho'olawe in 2008 was one of the highlights of my life. Anything that can be done to improve this island will enrich all of our futures. Mahalo.

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Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

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Noelani Paresa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Kaho'olawe is still in need of extensive cleaning to etc rid of the rest of the unexploded ordinance. The amount of money initially bequeathed to Kirc did not reflect the extent of pollution and damage interred during the occupation/destruction by the u.s. military. Please be sure to extend enough financial assistance to ensure the complete restoration of our island. Mahalo, Noelani Paresa of waihe'e, great granddaughter of Rebecca Pomaikai Paresa.. direct descendant of King Kamehameha

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Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Bill Ford	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kepo'o Keliipaakaua	Individual	Support	No

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johann winkler	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Forsyth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB620 in support of K.I.R.K. Funds are needed to continue the wonderful work being done on the beautiful Island.

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kalani fukumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please fund KIRC. the work this organization has done over the years to restore/replant Kaho'olawe will be for naught if KIRC is left unfunded. the island is making a comeback please don't let all the years of hard work go in vain. Fund KIRC. mahalo, kalani fukumoto

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Mather	Individual	Support	No

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing as a concerned citizen in support of HB620 relating to the KIRC. 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. Thank you for considering my testimony, and for supporting this bill.

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