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**Testimony of  
MICHAEL K. NĀHO`OPTI  
Executive Director**

**Before the Senate Committee on**

**WAYS & MEANS**

**Friday, February 23, 2018  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 3027 SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Senate Bill 3027 SD 1 appropriates funds for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve and determine the appropriate uses of Kaho`olawe Island, and to fund one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent position for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this position.

In the State's FY18/FY19 approved biennium budget, Act 49 SLH 2017, KIRC was authorized 15 temporary positions and \$1,065,147 (FY18) and \$1,097,047 (FY19) in general funds for the management and restoration of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve. Of these funds, \$883,647 is set aside each year for Personal Services. The remaining balance is allocated for \$93,000 each year for current lease payments for the KIRC's Wailuku office and \$88,500 (FY18) and \$120,000 (FY19) for Maui-based cost such as office and commission operation expenses and travel.

The additional funding is necessary to support volunteers, contractors and KIRC staff while on Kaho`olawe. This includes on-island housing, transportation, repair and maintenance of our buildings and infrastructure and safety equipment and supplies. Additionally, the funds are necessary to support the operations, repair and maintenance of the KIRC's landing craft, which is the primary means of transporting people, supplies and equipment to Kaho`olawe.

Due to the vacancy of the KIRC Cultural Resource Project Coordinator position in 2016, the KIRC was not able to include this position with those authorized in Act 49. This position is necessary to review and coordinate the various request to use the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve for Native Hawaiian cultural practices; conduct regular surveys and archaeological preservation of the island's 612 archaeological sites and 2,063 features; and to oversee the KIRC's Kaho`olawe Island Burial Council and island-wide National Historical Register status.

This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai`i. Funding will enable the continuation of innovative KIRC land and ocean restoration programs for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve and entrust a unique and critical opportunity to introduce, encourage and develop the next generation of land, ocean and cultural resource managers through an integrated *mauka to makai* volunteer program. Through immersive, hands-on experiences within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system, these opportunities incorporate both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods.

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/20/2018 12:54:44 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michele McLean	Testifying for County of Maui / KIRC	Support	No

Comments:

Please accept this testimony in strong support of SB 3027 SD1 to provide funding to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission. This funding is in line with the Financial Self-Sufficiency and Sustainability Plan that the KIRC presented to the Governor and the Legislature in December 2016. This plan lays out the pathway toward KIRC being financially self-sufficient through a variety of funding sources and revenue generation; over the next few years, it also requires continued state funding.

KIRC is on track to implement this plan, with continued success with revenue generation and grant funding, plus state CIP funding to build KIRC's administrative office and exhibition space that will be a key revenue generator in the near future. In the meantime, continued modest state funding is needed to maintain basic programs and operations, and to restore the cultural project coordinator position.

Your support of SB 3027 SD1 is needed to continue KIRC's operations and to move forward with KIRC's achieving financial self-sufficiency.

Mahalo for your consideration!



COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Friday, February 23, 2018

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 211

**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT OF SB3027,SD1**

Chair Senator Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

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 General tax revenue.

Please pass SB3027,SD1. It is the right thing to do to help restore Kaho'olawe.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/17/2018 1:00:17 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Testifying for Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu supports SB3027 SD1. This funding is necessary for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission 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. Please pass SB3027 SD1. Mahalo.

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Re: SB 3027 SD1

RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

Appropriates funds for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of Kaho‘olawe island, and to fund one full-time equivalent permanent cultural resource project coordinator position for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. (SD1)

For hearing on Friday, February 23, 2018

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

Please note that the committee report from WTL incorrectly stated that my testimony was in support — my testimony to WTL was in opposition, and what's below is an exact copy of it.

This bill proposes to transfer 600,000 taxpayer dollars to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide funding for

specified programs of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for fiscal year 2018-2019, plus an additional \$53,864 for one FTE staff position.

Please 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 has been working so hard to create for at least 18 years.

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 advertising and racial registration programs both in Hawaii and on the mainland. OHA provided the entire funding for an election of delegates and a monthlong meeting in 2006 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 more than \$600 million. And it continues getting more payments of state government money (ceded land revenues plus legislative appropriations) every year, including a bill in this year's legislature demanding \$35 million per year from ceded land revenues.

Enough already! OHA can easily afford funding for Kaho'olawe. 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.



**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 1:00:07 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

**OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I**

THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

THE SENATE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 211

RE: Testimony in Support of SB2676 SD1 RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair; the Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

Good afternoon. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill No. 2977 SD1, regarding the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission being instructed to assess the effects of tourism on climate change and publish a report on its findings.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of Senate Bill No. 2977 SD1 and support its passage as about one-third of greenhouse gas emissions in Hawaii come from aviation and marine transportation, much of which is driven by visitors.

Senate Bill No. 2977 SD1, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it instructs the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to assess the effects of tourism on climate change and publish a report on its findings.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that "[w]e know that climate change is a real threat to our islands and the world. We strongly urge candidates and elected officials to take immediate action to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change. This includes funding adaptation measures including coastal retreat, effective participation of indigenous peoples in climate change governance, and recognition that indigenous, local, and traditional ecological knowledge is key in climate change adaptation solutions." (Platform of the DPH, P. 8, Lines 435-439 (2016)).

We need to give priority to the development of "green" sustainable industries and businesses. We need financial literacy and asset building programs to strengthen our 'ohana. Green commerce includes biodegradable or recycling packaging. We need to pursue relationships with the information technology industry. We need to invest in world-class higher education to stimulate our economic resources. We need to reduce our dependence on tourism, real estate development, and military. A diversified economy will help to create diversified jobs." (Platform of the DPH, P. 2, Lines 68-73, (2016)).

Given that Senate Bill No. 2977 SD1 instructs the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to assess the effects of tourism on climate change and publish a report on its findings, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours, /s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:22:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lyman L. Abbott	Testifying for Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission	Support	No

Comments:

Please support SB 3027 for Kaho`olawe. I have worked on Kaho`olawe for almost 15 years and we need resources to continue to out plant native grasses, shrubs and trees. Our work is beginning to take and show a difference in wide ranging regeneration of `a`ali`i plants and large (7ft tall) koa trees. Please support this bill. Thank you, Lyman

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Submitted on: 2/18/2018 9:13:13 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Cooper	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is important that efforts to restore the island of Kaho'olawe continue. The funds requested here are quite modest in the face of the substantial effort that remains, please consider approving SB3027 SD1 to see that these efforts continue.

Andrew Cooper  
Waikoloa

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/21/2018 7:09:25 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kim Kuulei Birnie	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha...after deliberating whether management of Kaho'olawe should go to the National Park Service, OHA, or a number of other options, the visionaries of the early 90s agreed that the DLNR within the State of Hawai'i should lead the management of Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. It's imperative that the State contribute regularly to Kaho'olawe's restoration and management. I am in strong support of this appropriation. I am in very strong support of KIRC being written into the State's annual budget until such time the island and its waters are turned over to a future Hawaiian sovereign entity. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha 'aina,

Kim Ku'ulei Birnie

Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana member, Kohemalamalama o Kanaloa-Protect Kaho'olawe Fund director

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:58:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jenny Pawai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Lā ‘Aha Ho‘olohe: 23. Pepeluali. 2018

*‘Ōlelo hō ‘ike a Sophie Kaleimomi Dolera, Moho Kahuawaiola  
Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke ‘elikōlani*

SB3027 S.D. 1 Proposed RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE  
COMMISSION:  
**Kāko‘o Piha**

Aloha e nā lālā o ke Kōmike o ka Wai a me ka ‘Āina,

‘O au ‘o Kaleimomi Dolera, kekahi moho o ka papahana Kahuawaiola a he moho pū au no ka papahana laeo‘o Ho‘ona‘auao ‘Ōlelo a Mo‘omeheu ‘Ōiwi ma ke kula ‘o Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke ‘elikōlani.

Eia nō au e hō‘ike nei i ko‘u kāko‘o piha i kēia pila. Ua kipa mua au i ka ‘āina hiwahiwa ‘o Kanaloa a mau no ka pono e kōkua aku i ia ‘āina. No “ke aupuni,” nā kānaka nō paha i loa‘a ka mana a me ke kālā, ke kuleana ‘o ka mālama ‘ana, ke kōkua ‘ana, a me ka paipai ‘ana i nā kānaka Hawai‘i, ka lāhui Hawai‘i, a me ka pae ‘āina holo‘oko‘a ‘o Hawai‘i.

He wahi pana maoli ‘i‘o nō ‘o Kaho‘olawe. Makemake mākou, nā kānaka aloha nui i ia ‘āina, e ho‘omau ma ka mālama ‘āina ma laila. Eia na‘e, ‘a‘ole hiki ke hō‘ea wale i ia ‘āina, pono e ho‘olilo i kekahi kālā. No laila, he kōkua nui inā ho‘olako ke aupuni i nā mea e pono ai no ka ho‘omau ‘ana i ka mālama ‘ana i ia wahi.

Ua hala he mau makahiki he nui ‘ino me ke kōkua ‘ole mai ke aupuni e noho nei ma Hawai‘i i kēia au a he pupule nō ke kōkua ‘ole. He makepono ke kāko‘o ‘ana iā KIRC. Mahalo au i nā kānaka e kipa pinepine ana iā Kanaloa no ka mālama maika‘i ‘ana iā ia a he mālama pū i ka lāhui Hawai‘i. Inā ‘a‘ole kāko‘o ‘ia ‘o KIRC he kū‘ē i ka lāhui Hawai‘i a he hewa nō kēnā.

No laila, kāko‘o piha au i kēia pila no ka pono o ke ea o Hawai‘i, no ka pono o ka lāhui Hawai‘i, no ka pono o ka ‘āina o Hawai‘i.

Mahalo no kēia wā ‘aha ho‘olohe.

Na‘u me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,  
Kaleimomi Dolera

**~ I ‘ike ‘ia nō ke kanaka no kekahi lāhui ma kāna ‘ōlelo ~  
~ E kūpa‘a ma hope o ka Maui Ola Hawai‘i ~**

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:47:56 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:29:53 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Grant Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:24:26 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 8:48:59 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 8:47:17 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kanoe Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members,

I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

mahalo,

Brandy Kanoe Kimura

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 8:25:46 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryan Berkowitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill and the mission of the KIRC.

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 8:14:11 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I fully support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The KIRC has demonstrated that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse with its many successful restoration projects.

The KIRC also has the responsibility to preserve the irreplaceable native cultural resources for future generations, and to connect our communities with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island as well as local outreach efforts. Specifically, the KIRC Cultural Resource Project Coordinator position is critical to continuing this work. Thank you very much for your time.

Humbly,

Cassie L. Hokuikakai Smith

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 7:28:57 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terri Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I wish to testify in support of SB3027. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) has completed impressive things under very difficult environmental and financial constraints. The staff has developed innovative methods in its mission to restore Kaho'olawe as well as forging working relationships for various organizations in its additional mission of educating the public about Kaho'olawe. It is important that funding be restored to hire a Cultural Resources Project Manager so that the KIRC can continue its mission while continuing to integrate Hawaiian cultural values in its projects.

Mahalo for allowing me to submit testimony on this very important matter.

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 8:53:02 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keola Limkin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello and aloha Chairs and committee members,

I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). During the Fall of 2017, I assisted a group of former foster youth to access Kaho'olawe and do restoration work. Kaho'olawe continues to present opportunities for people of all ages who have experienced trauma to heal and rewire their brains through positive activities. As being a former foster youth myself, I too have found healing. Support for KIRC would allow for a continuation of healing for the land and for state residents.

Best,

Keola Limkin



**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:55:04 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol Marie Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee on Ways and Means. First, Mahalo nui for the 2018-2019 funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in full support of SB3027 SD1 which will provide additional funding for island operations. Testimony over the years has stated that the Reserve serves as a repository for the rich natural, cultural and historical resources, therefore, the restoration and preservation of these resources are important to all the people of Hawaii. And as modern society dictates, to accomplish that mission bestowed on the State of Hawaii as the owner of this land, requires money. The KIRC is in its second fiscal year of its *Six-Year Financial and Work Plan*, submitted to the 2015 State Legislature. In FY2017, KIRC received \$1,065,000 of the projected \$2,185,000 needed to operate in 2018, a difference of \$1.1M. It has been a challenge to cut operational costs and raise funds to make up the difference which trickles down to affect the work that was already completed. Lack of maintenance affects the survival rate of the plants in the ground, facilities, infrastructure, and the list goes on.

Therefore we humbly ask for your assistance in providing additional funding to allow KIRC to continue its efforts in the restoration and maintenance of those precious resources.

Mahalo Piha,

Ka`onohipi

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 8:50:03 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Ann Pahukoa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle Kajihiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this bill. I SUPPORT SB3027 SD1 to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Kaho`olawe is known internationally as a model for environmental and cultural resource restoration after years of neglect and abuse. As a ecological and cultural restoration laboratory, the island has also provided countless numbers of volunteers the opportunity to perform service, to learn about Hawaiian cultural knowledge and practices, and to be positively transformed by the experience. It is an ongoing effort that deserves the continued support of the state.

A failure to commit the necessary resources to the restoration effort jeopardizes the long term success of this endeavor. I encourage you to support this bill. Thank you.

**SB-3027-SD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
linda tesar-amimoto	Individual	Support	No

**Comments:**

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with

the healing of  
Kaho`olawe  
through  
meaningful  
and safe work  
on the island.

This project is  
doing its best  
over the years  
to correct the  
heavy  
damage done  
by poor  
governmental  
policies and  
please, must  
be  
continued.

**SB-3027-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/22/2018 9:40:27 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/23/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
?Ika?aka Pang	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

'Auhea 'oukou e ka 'Aha 'ACElelo nÄ• na e ho'oholo ka pono o ka pae 'Ä• ina, aloha nui. KÄ• ko'o au i ka pila SB3027. He kÄ• ko'o nÄ• ho'i iÄ• KIRC i ka ho'oholo 'ana i nÄ• hana ho'Ä• la e 'oi a'e ai ka pono o Kanaloa Moku, Kaho'olawe, Honua'ula, Mauinuiakama. na'u me ka mahalo, na ikaakamaikai



# Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission

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## Testimony in support of SB 3027 SD1

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Date: February 21, 2018  
To: House Committee on Finance  
Via: Online Submission  
From: Commissioner Hulu Lindsey  
Subject: **Support of SB 3027 SD1**

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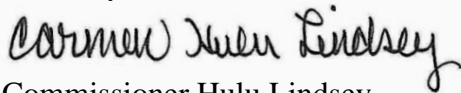
Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I would like to submit this written testimony in strong **support of SB 3027 SD1**: Relating to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

The Kahoolawe Island Reserve is in dire need of funds necessary to support a full-time position to assist with the restoration of the island’s immense culture and historical value, and natural resources. This permanent cultural resource position is critical for our efforts in pursuing the progress for the natural and physical environment (LNR 906) for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission in helping to further restoring, preserving, and determining the appropriate uses of the Kaho‘olawe island reserve for the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration to pass this bill in your committee.

Sincerely,



Commissioner Hulu Lindsey  
Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission