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

**WATER & LAND**

**Friday, February 2, 2018**  
**2:46 PM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of**  
**SENATE BILL 3027**  
**RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Senate Bill 3027 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 housing, on-island 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 Culture 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**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:29:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leimomi Khan	DPH Hawaiian Affairs Caucus	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:14:37 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelly McHugh	KIRC	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.

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 2/1/2018 9:35:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joshua Kaakua		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

My name is Joshua Kaakua. I serve as Vice-Chair of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) and am the representative from the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO). As partners in stewardship, the PKO supports strongly SB3027 to provide operational funds to the KIRC. It is noted that the KIRC is currently operating on a reduced/skeleton budget and without funding for the cultural specialist position/programming - which is fundamental to the mission and restoration goals of the KIRC. This bill improves the safety and effectiveness of KIRC operations and reduces risk for the State. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support**.

Joshua Kaakua

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

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

Comments:

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**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:29:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jay Penniman	Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project	Support	No

Comments:

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I work closely with the KIRC restoration staff and together we are making great progress toward restoring the once plentiful seabird residents of Kaho'olawe. Your support of KIRC is a great statement of the importance and value of restoring the cultural and biological heritage of the island. Please fund the KIRC at the maximum extent possible! Maholo Nui Loa!

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:30:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lurline	Na Ko'oko'o	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. Bill # (SB3027)



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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Hyde	South Maui Citizens for Responsible Growth	Support	No

Comments:

Please approve this measure to provide funding for KIRC.

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Re: SB 3027

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 (1.00 FTE) permanent position for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission.

For hearing on Friday, February 2, 2018

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

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**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:48:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of SB 3027 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 is needed to continue KIRC's operations and to move forward with KIRC's achieving financial self-sufficiency.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Michele McLean

Depty Planning Director, County of Maui

Chair, Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission



**From:** [Pamela Asbury-Smith](#)  
**To:** [WTL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB3026  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 12:33:12 PM  
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I would like to submit testimony in favor of SB 3026.

I was employed by UXB in 1999 during the remediation of Kaho`olawe Island so that it could be returned to the Hawaiian people for use as a cultural center. As the lone Quality Assurance archaeologist during that year, I traversed most of the areas on the island doing quality checks, from Honokanaia to Pu`u Moiwi, Navigator's Chair and Sailors Hat, to Hakioawa and so much more. I saw the efforts of ordnance disposal teams, the archaeologists recording cultural sites, volunteers working in the planting circle, the botanists and environmentalists on the sweep teams, and the blessings when a burial was discovered. For Kaho`olawe to survive for future generations, it needs the attention of legislators to secure the water in order for the native vegetation to survive, and the land to be safely maintained when any ordnance is discovered.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.

***Pamela Asbury-Smith***

*Ola Aloha, E Aloha, Pu`u Aloha, Hanu ke aloha.*

*Live aloha, Be Aloha, share aloha, breathe aloha*



**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:05:21 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rob Weltman		Support	No

Comments:

Please allocate funds to KIRC to allow it to continue its valuable work to protect and restore Kaho'olawe.



**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:21:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rob Guzman		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support SB3027 to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. Visiting Kaho`olawe in 2008 was one fo the best experiences of my life, and contributed greatly to my understand of the cultural and environmental history of this island and all of Hawaii. Please continue to support the amazing work KIRC is doing.

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:25:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Bruch		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:35:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Cole		Support	No

Comments:

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I am a long time donor, and active in local issues, and I vote.

Mahalos,

Robert Cole

Pukalani

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:42:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
sheena lopes		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a student at UH Hilo, I was fortunate enough to go on a trip last year with my olelo Hawai'i teacher to the island of Kaho'olawe. I am fully supporting this bill in the hopes to continue funding the restoration and revitalization of the island of Kaho'olawe. This island has so much more potential to grow and it is very important that we continue to malama and perserve it.

Mahalo

Sheena

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:16:27 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jim Cooper		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. KIRC's work has overwhelmingly demonstrated that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, while promoting and preserving Hawaiian native cultural history for future generations and connecting our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:16:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Vander Veur		Support	No

Comments:

The work done on Kaho'olawe is vital to all of Hawaii and support of this bill will enable the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to continue to restore the island of Kaho'olawe for all of the people of Hawai'i.

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:20:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amy Hodges		Support	No

**Comments:**

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**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 12:55:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hello and aloha Chairs and committe 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 oppotunities for people of all ages who have experienced trauma to heal and rewire their brains through positive activities. Support for KIRC would allow for a continuation of healing for the land and for state residents.

Best,

Keola Limkin



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Submitted on: 1/31/2018 1:18:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
rebecca joy zalke		Support	No

Comments:

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve that will benefit the tireless efforts of the staff and volunteers in the name of Hawaii's people for generations to come. Thank you, Rebecca Zalke Patron KIRC

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 2:03:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Kaliko Baker		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha pumehana mai e nā• mea Hanohano Kenekoa:

Ke kā• kau nei au me ke kā• ko'o piha i kā•ia pila. Ua hā• 'ike le'a ke KIRC i kona mā• lama pono 'ana i ke kā• IÄ• li'ilii i loa'a iÄ• IÄ• kou i kā•ia mau makahiki i ka'ahope mai nei. No laila, 'o kā•ia noi li'ilii he noi pono akula nā• ia. Ke noi ha'aha'a aku nei au e ho'oholo i kā•ia pila i mua.

*I am writing in full suport of this bill. The KIRC has clearly shown its careful use of the little funds they received over the past few years. Thus, this small request is a righteous on. I humbly ask that you move this measure forward.*

Me ka 'oia'i,

C.M. Kaliko Baker, PhD.

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 2:10:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kylee Mar		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 3:17:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Penny-Bee Kapilialoha Bovard	UH Manoa: Graduate Student	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please accept my testimony in strong support of this measure. KIRC is on a path toward financial sustainability as per plan submitted to the Governor and Legislature in 2016.

To continue in the restoration work on Kahoolawe and the planning for its future additional funding is needed. Please support the work of the KIRC for Kaho`olawe continues to touch the lives of our diverse community.

Mahalo for your time,

Ka`onohi Lee

**SB-3027**

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Greggory Kresge		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3027**

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Trevor M Hook		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3027**

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Amy Brinker		Support	No

Comments:



**SB-3027**

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason Eno		Support	No

Comments:

I wholeheartedly support funding a full time position at KIRC.

**He ali'i ka 'Ä• ina, he kauÄ• ke kanaka**

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 1/31/2018 11:32:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kamuela Park		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I stand in support of SB3027, which aims to provide funding and support for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commision. I have been to Kaho'olawe a few times, with both KIRC and PKO and each trip has been a life changing experience. I fully respect the work of KIRC and I honestly feel that they are undersupported and underappreciated by the State. The island of Kaho'olawe needs an endless amount of more caring and work to be even remotely considered restored after the destruction and bombing that was allowed by the US military and the State of Hawai'i. I support this bill because, even though it is no where near enough, it is a step in the right direction. Finally, I urge the state and its members to continue supporting Kaho'olawe in every way possible, so that one day, one generation will be able to once again freely enjoy and ebrace the beauty and life that is given by this island.

Mahalo,

Kamuela Park

**SB-3027**

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lopaka White	Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 2/1/2018 8:01:13 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

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

Comments:

**SB-3027**

Submitted on: 2/1/2018 8:12:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

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

Comments:

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- Cassandra L. "Hokuiekekai" Smith

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

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**

Submitted on: 2/1/2018 9:26:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

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

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
johann winkler		Support	Yes

Comments:

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February 1, 2018

Welina mai kākou,

I, Roy Kākulu Alameida, support KIRC Bill SB3027.

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability for the restoration and protection of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of us for generations to follow.

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 of Hawai‘i preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system.

Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of the Kaho‘olawe coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with and smothered by derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items while 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 Hawaiian Islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other places in island waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit everyone. Please support this bill.

Mahalo for your time.

‘O au me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Roy Alameida  
Hawai‘i Island resident  
KIRC supporter

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Allie Denzler		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 Hawaii's native cultural history for future generations and to connect residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

Please continue to support this important cultural and ecological work. After all, every successful restoration project has ripple effects that benefit us all.

Thank you.

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lei Ana E. Green		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.

Dear Policy Makers,

I am writing to you in support of Bill SB 3027. I am concerned about making sure that Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, is amply supplied with the funding they need to complete their jobs with excellence. Kaho'olawe's restoration financial resources, are rapidly depleting, because, in my opinion, there was never enough money allocated to this cause, in the first place. The funding for Kaho'olawe is in dire need of replenishing. I think legislators can make a difference for KIRC, if you could speak up about the present conditions on Kaho'olawe, considering the damage from Navy ordinances, which have destroyed this land. The injured land must be effectively and sufficiently replanted, and completely rid of invasive species, in order to be as naturally native, as it once was.

Use your powers of speech and persuasion, to explain to people who are roadblocks to the progress that is now being made by KIRC, and Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana, and squelch the resistance, and educate the mind set that doesn't understand, that materials, man power, and supplies are not a given entity. You must ask for help and support, with your educated background knowledge, at every opportunity that you can, to bring attention to this innocent target. So in closing, I stand with KIRC, PKO and all of the other groups of people who lend their time, attention, and money, because we believe that this aina must be flourishing with native flora and fauna for it to be cured of its scars, before anyone can say the work has been completed.

I hope you will consider my thoughts when you allocate your budget.

Mahalo for the work you are about to accomplish,

Sincerely,

Pamela Zirker

6406 Kawaihau Rd,

Kap'a Kaua'i, Hi. 96746

phone 808-821-1350

I am asking you to take it upon yourself, using the power of your office, to do whatever it takes, to see that our Hawaiian Island of Kaho'olawe, is legitimately restored. Please help replenish its natural habitat.

**LATE**

February 2, 2018  
2:46pm  
State Capitol, Room 224

**SB 3027**  
**RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Senate Committee on Water and Land  
And  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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I, Robert S.K. Lee III, provides this written testimony in support of SB 3027 that will appropriate funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

These funds will be utilized to restore, preserve, and to fund a full-time permanent position for the KIRC. The KIRC's mission is vitally important to the people of Hawai'i as it lends to preserving and restoring the kino of Kanaloa. Kanaloa is a *pu'uhonua* and *wahi pana* (a place of refuge, a sacred place) where native Hawaiian cultural practices flourish. The *piko* of Kanaloa (the navel, the center) is the crossroads of past and future generations from which the native Hawaiian lifestyle is spread throughout the islands.

As a native Hawaiian, I strongly support this measure that will provide the essential assistance needed to continue our ability to malama our aina.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Lee  
KIRC Volunteer

**LATE**

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Submitted on: 2/1/2018 8:19:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anoilani Aga		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha nā , e Chairs and committee members,

I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They continue to care for Kaho`olawe and demonstrate that it is possible to reverse the ecological damage to the island after so many years of neglect and abuse. They provide tremendous opportunities for community groups, high school clubs, and interns to connect to the healing of the island in meaningful and safe conditions. They have committed to the preservation our native cultural history for future generations even with budget cutbacks and minimal staffing. I support additional financial and staff support so they can continue their great work and stewardship.

Mahalo,  
Anoilani Aga

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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sasha Giron		Support	No

Comments:

Salutations Chairs and committee members, I support this measure that the state should keep funding the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. I support this because the island is still damaged and the abuse that has been done to it should be corrected. Although, the American government will not fix it themselves, at least let the people of Hawai'i try to restore the island to better health. A second reason the state should keep funding is because of how important the island is to the culture and history of the Hawaiian people. The island of Kaho'olawe was used by the ancient Hawaiians as a navigating point when they would go back to Tahiti. The island also has many many archaeologically sites, (even some that may not be known), that need to be protected; there are many cats on the island and there's an erosion problem that could ruin the sites and make it hard for archaeologists and Hawaiian historians to make out the importance of the sites. The island has ocean debris in places that are hard to reach. The island still has a lot of unexploded ordnance that should be recovered. All in all, I support that the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission should keep being funded because all the wrongs that need to be righted, and all the abuse it will need help recovering from.

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kalani fukumoto		Support	No

Comments:

i support this bill to fund work done on Kahoolawe island.



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Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kalama Chock		Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/2/2018 11:17:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/2/2018 2:46:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Seana Walsh		Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) has taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native Hawaiian natural and cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho'olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island. I was born and raised on Kaua'i and Maui. A very pivotal turn in my life and career path followed a three-day native planting work trip on Kaho'olawe with the KIRC 15 years ago, at the age of 15. I am currently in my dream job as Conservation Biologist at a non-profit conservation organization on Kaua'i, where my primary role is to lead in the development of the organization's activities to implement the Hawai'i Strategy for Plant Conservation. I am dedicated to a career that forwards these goals. Working with the KIRC made me realize the importance of this type of work and instilled in me the passion to pursue this path. Knowing that the KIRC continues this work today constantly motivates and inspires me both personally and professionally. I wholeheartedly support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the KIRC. The work KIRC is doing is of immeasurable value to the Hawaiian environment and its people.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2018 2:05:39 PM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Arianna Ka'uhane Stephens		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. As a freshman in high school, I was given the opportunity to travel to Kaho'olawe with the special permission of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Having this opportunity has really opened my eyes to a 1.) wanting to travel around the world and learn about different cultures and history and 2.) wanting to be able to make a difference in the community that I find myself in. While in Kaho'olawe, we helped with different projects to benefit the island in hopes of preserving whatever is left and starting anew in bringing the beauty of the island back to life. Any bill that allows people to help this previously abused island should be supported with no opposition in my opinion. This island used to be home to people and now it is inaccessible to the public without special permission. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission has helped this island in so many ways and I really want to be able to see all the other things that they can do with a little extra help in the future. My experience on the island with this group was a spiritual and powerful one that connected me to the land in a way that I never felt connected before. This group has worked so hard to heal this island that has been through so much in the past. As a person born and raised on the Hawaiian Islands, I feel my personal responsibility to take care of these lands as they had taken care of me. I absolutely stand with the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission and I believe that they have truly made a difference in slowly resurrecting this neglected island.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**LATE**

# Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission

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## Testimony in support of SB3027

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Date: February 2, 2018  
To: Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Via: Email  
From: Commissioner Hulu Lindsey  
Subject: **Support of SB3027**

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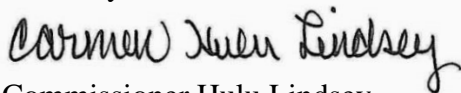
Aloha Senate Committee on Water and Land,

I would like to submit this written testimony in strong **support of SB3027**: Relating to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.

The Kahoolawe Island Reserve is in dire need of necessary funds in order to continue operations to keep the island maintained as well as continuing the restoration of its immense culture, historical value and natural resources.

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

Sincerely,



Commissioner Hulu Lindsey  
Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission