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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and
WATER & LAND**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018
10:45 AM
Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 351, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Senate Bill 351, Senate Draft 2 proposes to amend various provisions related to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (Aha Moku) and to provide a source of funding to cover its program expenses. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this bill and offers the following comments.**

Since its inception in 2012, Aha Moku has assisted the Department in understanding and integrating local indigenous resource knowledge and practices with natural and cultural resource management initiatives carried out by the Department today. The Department supports the continued existence of Aha Moku and appreciates the intent of this measure in seeking to provide a stable source of funding for the Aha Moku program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Testimony of
Rocky Kaluhiwa, Acting Chair
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Before the House Committees of
Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs
Water and Land

Tuesday, March 20, 2018
10:45 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

**In SUPPORT of
Senate Bill 351 SD 2
Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee; Budget; Appropriation**

Senate Bill 351 SD1 amends various provisions related to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, including budgetary requirements. It appropriates funds for expenses of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and the annual Puwalu. **The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) supports this measure.** Currently, funding for AMAC has been exhausted and all operations are now being conducted pro-bono. However, with the support of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) we have been able to keep the program alive until June 30, 2018.

The Aha Moku System, brought forward from the 9th century, through the translations of oral chants by John Kaimikaua, encompasses the eight main Hawaiian Islands and supports the traditional and generational knowledge of the people who are connected to each of the 46 moku and 606 ahupua'a. The Aha Moku today is centered around bringing that knowledge forward to work with those who are now part of ahupua'a communities, the Public Trust. Its focus is on natural and cultural resource sustainability that is site-specific to geographic (ahupua'a) districts. Communities take care of their resources where they live.

The purpose of the Aha Moku is to bring forth the voices – concerns and recommendations for solutions – from the communities of an ahupua'a on natural and cultural resources to the attention of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Aha Moku brings forth and shares generational knowledge of methods handed down practitioner to practitioner in ways to protect, preserve and sustain the land, ocean, watershed and every natural resource within a site-specific ahupua'a. This knowledge, often combined with modern scientific methods, further ensures that natural and cultural resources are protected and perpetuated. It also emphasizes that all who live in Hawaii are stakeholders and responsible for the health of our ecosystem.

On behalf of ahupua'a communities, the Aha Moku advises the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) on issues pertaining to natural and cultural resources. But more than advising the Land Board, Aha Moku has been able to bring ahupua'a community concerns to the attention of the divisions of DLNR who then communicate directly with those communities. This continues to progress and is on-going successfully as reflected in the 2017 Activities Summary attached. (2017 report attached)

However, the challenges facing the Aha Moku continue to be daunting due to the instability of funding. Challenges that face the Aha Moku now are summarized by the following. Appropriations and support from the legislature will alleviate these challenges:

- Funding is exhausted and as of January 1, 2017 all work is being done pro-bono to continue addressing the numerous issues on-going on every island where the people are currently working with DLNR divisions to mitigate concerns that impact the natural and cultural resources of that place;
- This bill asks that the budgetary requirements for conducting meetings and other related functions of the state aha moku system and aha moku advisory committee be included in the budget of DLNR. However, we do not want to cause DLNR undue hardships as we have a strong collaborative relationship with the department. We ask that these funds be released from the Special Land and Development Fund to include the expenses incurred by the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. To accommodate this request, it is necessary that the ceiling for the Special Land and Development Fund be raised by \$350,000. This would accommodate the ask of \$350,000 for all Aha Moku administrative and operating funds.

The Aha Moku System benefits the entire state by strengthening the rapport and relationship between the department and the public, including the native Hawaiian community, on issues concerning natural and cultural resources. Its success, however, depends on its ability to effectively obtain public input, including from native Hawaiians, and communicate this to the department with respect to managing natural and cultural resources.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, created by Prince Jonah Kalanimoku Kuhio in 1918 brought the Aha Moku forward to the Legislature in 2007. The Legislature created the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and restored the traditional Aha Moku System in 2007 via Act 212 SLH 2007, and Act 288 SLH 2012 to be a part of the fabric of Hawaii State Policy. Yet, in the 10 years of its existence within the state system, its proven success within the department, and the strong support of the public, the Legislature and its committees, funding has never been released.

Hawaii houses the Aha Moku, the only one of its kind in the United States, as stated in the IUCN World Conservation Congress held in Hawaii in September, 2016. The Hawaii State Legislature has achieved what the rest of the world is striving for – the merging of indigenous knowledge and practices into contemporary government policy in order to protect and sustain the ecosystem and environment. Please do not let this die.

We humbly ask that Senate Bill 351 SD2 be passed by the Joint House Committees of Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and the Aha Moku System,

Rocky Kaluhiwa, Acting Chair ProTem
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Attachment: 2017 Aha Moku-DLNR Activity Report



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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(The following excerpt was taken from the 2016-2017 Aha Moku Activities)

SYNOPSIS OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN DLNR AND PAE’AINA (ISLANDS)

In 2016 and 2017, the following concerns and issues were brought forward by the Ahupua’a and Moku communities, through the Aha Moku office, to the appropriate divisions within DLNR. These matters are addressed by divisions who then work directly with the impacted communities. And, because the protection and sustainability of natural and cultural resources are the focus of an issue, it is sometimes realized that to reach a satisfied result often includes the necessity of collaboration and cooperation with other governmental agencies whose jurisdiction often overlaps; and, with various non-governmental organizations who are often contracted by government agencies to assist. Therefore, these issues are on-going and take time to complete. The DLNR divisions that are listed are active in resolving concerns.

Natural Resource Issues and Concerns Brought Forward by Ahupua’a and Moku Communities

Issues and Concerns	Island	DLNR Divisions
IUCN	All Islands	CO
Sea Rise & Global Warming , Pae’Aina	All Islands	CO, OCCL
Hawai’i State Environmental Court, Pae’Aina	All Islands	CO, AMAC
Papahanaumokuokeakua Monument Expansion, Pae’Aina	All Islands	CO, AMAC
Marine Spatial Planning, NOAA, Pae’Aina	All Islands	CO, AMAC, DAR
Hunting Issues, Pae’Aina	All Islands	CO, DOFAW
Community-Based marine management, Miloli’l	Hawaii	DAR
Pohue Bay illegal coastal activities, Ka’u	Hawaii	OCCL
Thirty Meter Telescope Project, Mauna Kea	Hawaii	CO, OCCL, SP
Rapid Ohia Death, Puna	Hawaii	DOFAW
Keauhou Aquifer, Kona	Hawaii	CWRM
La’au Lapa’au Protocol, Lapakahi	Hawaii	SP
Lipoa Point, Ka’anapali	Maui	ENG, Land, SP, DOFAW, DAR, OCCL,

Honokohau and Honolulu Stream Issues, Ka'anapali	Maui	CWRM
Wailuku and Iao Stream Diversions, Wailuku	Maui	SP, CWRM, SHPD
Small Boat Harbor Improvements, Manele	Lana'i	DOBOR
Ocean Events Management	Moloka'i	DOBOR, DAR, DOCARE
Community-Based Marine Management, Mo'omomi	Moloka'i	DAR
Bureau of Ocean Management (BOEM), Ocean Windmills	Oahu	CO
Continuing concerns on the future of Kaho'olawe by the Moku connected to it: Honuaula (Maui), and Molokini	Kahoolawe	KIRC
Makua Valley Natural Resource Restoration/Protection/Protocols	Oahu	SP, DOCARE
Waianae Water Restoration	Oahu	CWRM
Illegal Memorials along Waianae Coast	Oahu	DOCARE, SP
Kawanui Marsh concerns, Ko'olaupoko	Oahu	CO, SP
Makai Watch Collaboration	Oahu	DOCARE
Chain of Custody Process for Sacred Artifact, Mokuleia	Oahu	CO, DOFAW, SHPD
Consultation with Taiwan natural resource practitioners	Oahu	AMAC
Ahupua'a Stream Protection, Maha'ulepu	Kauai	CWRM
Near shore natural resource & fishery protection, Maha'ulepu	Kauai	DAR
Ala Loa Trail Restoration, Ko'olau	Kauai	DOFAW-Na Ala Hele
Invasive Rat Eradication, Lehua	Ni'ihau	DOFAW, Invasive Species

**DLNR Divisions: Chairman's Office (CO), Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR), Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR), Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE), Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW), DOFAW Invasive Species (Inv.Spc), Land Division (Land), Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL), State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), State Parks (SP)

SB351 SD2 AhaMoku

[Darlyne Vierra <dvierra22@gmail.com>](mailto:dvierra22@gmail.com)

Mon 3/19/2018 5:44 AM

To: omhtestimony <omhtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>;

Our name are Darlyne Vierra and Aloha Beck and I am one of the Aha Moku representative as Aloha Beck for Kau district. Here in Ka'u we have plenty issues and We are asking for you folks to support all of our Aha Moku it is really needed in rural Ka'u this we need this to pass, so we can get help in our district. since 2007 we suppose to have some funding and still nothing so we are asking to pass SB 351 SD2 that way we can do more to help the people and the wide spread communities. We ask again to pass this bill for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee to support us.

Mahalo Nui loa

Darlyne Vierra

Aloha Beck

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Native Hawaiian Organization Charity

Kahuna Council of Hawai`i · Na Lei Hulu Kūpuna Council- Act 153 2005

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
The House Of Representatives
Twenty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session of 2018

FROM: Gerald N.Y.C. Lam, kūpuna po`o,
geraldnyclam@gmail.com

DATE: March 20, 2018, 10:45 AM, State Capitol, Conference Room 312

RE: **In SUPPORT of Senate Bill 351 SD2 – Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory
Committee; Budget; Appropriation**

The passage of Act 162 of 1998, as last amended by Act 153 in 2005, is meant to protect and preserve Hawai`i's indigenous traditional knowledge in surviving kūpuna for ensuring passage of capacity to future generations in order to assure meaningful and effective indigenous management of the `ĀINA (lands, skies, and oceans). The traditional intellectual property that is the traditional arts, knowledge, and skills of Hawai`i is critical not only to the spirit of this archipelago, but also, to the sustainable industry and commerce of every island.

Recently, professional and community action has arisen for utilizing and otherwise commercializing the Native Hawaiian traditional practice of Ho`oponopono, which is protected as the fundamental right of Native Hawaiians under Section 7, Article 12 of the Hawai`i State Constitution. On March 12, 2018, a panel discussion was convened by the statewide community of professionals and practitioners at Ali`iolani Hale in the Supreme Court to present the integration of indigenous traditional practices into Western programs and activities. The entire 2-hour session targeted the Native Hawaiian traditional practice of Ho`oponopono, which by law, cannot be implemented without specific cultural certification only available through a handful of authorized Native Hawaiian Organizations. Notably, Hawai`i's natural resources comprising our `Āina and ho`oponopono are incarnately inseparable (*lokahi*). Without the ho`oponopono process, issues concerning the `Āina cannot be resolved. State laws require that a practitioner of ho`oponopono (1) have Native Hawaiian ancestry, and (2) be certified by a council pursuant to Act 153. Such *haku ho`oponopono* existing and available today are limited. **Besides the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, there are no State administrative or regulatory resources to effectively manage this critical requirement with respect to the invaluable `Āina. We are also afraid that without the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, other critical community competencies and resources will not otherwise become available to State agencies. Our `Āina will lose. Not only would this afflict our precious quality of life, but also, Hawai`i's commerce.**

There are scant Legislative vehicles available that enable Hawai`i's indigenous host the community management designed to benefit all of Hawai`i. The Aha Moku is specifically for bringing forth the myriads of voices from various communities to the attention of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) that otherwise, would be left unutilized.

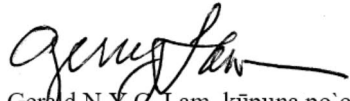
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In the past, the Legislature has recognized the importance of this short-term need for Hawai'i's long-term future. Worthy gains have been made in consolidating disparate communities and rare cultural competencies into a chorus resulting in material successes by DLNR in protecting priceless natural resources and healing to communities. The Aha Moku Advisory Committee is critical to this continuing effort. These individuals committed to the whole of Hawai'i need funding. The Native Hawaiian Organization Charity Kahuna Council (NHOC), convened pursuant to Act 153 of 2005, sees this as critically important to our Hawai'i. As such, NHOC will also commit its State powers, depth of traditional knowledge, 'ike no'eao, and huna resources to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee for DLNR needs.

There is no place in the U.S.A. or the entire world like our Hawaiian Islands. Yours is the Legislative support needed for merging indigenous 'ike and arts into modern Hawai'i's governing natural resources management policies, especially since our State has no bioethics code or regulations. The recent assembly of professionals convened at the Supreme Court was simply our Judiciary's tardy response to a long mature statewide social conscience of land and natural resources *indigenous* management. Ho'oponopono can mean that the courts can become irrelevant and unnecessary especially in the venue of public lands and resources management.

We sincerely request that Senate Bill 351 SD2 be passed by your Joint House Committee of the Committee On Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and Committee On Water & Land.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gerald N. Y. C. Lam, kūpuna po'o

Fw: Senate Bill 351 SD2

david kawelo <dlkrnkawelo@yahoo.com>

Mon 3/19/2018 9:52 AM

To: waltestimony <waltestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>;

--- On Mon, 3/19/18, david kawelo <dlkrnkawelo@yahoo.com> wrote:

> From: david kawelo <dlkrnkawelo@yahoo.com>
> Subject: Senate Bill 351 SD2
> To: OHMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
> Date: Monday, March 19, 2018, 9:38 AM
> Aloha: On behalf of the Waianae Ahupua'a we
> fully support this bill 351 SD2 for the funding of the Aha
> Moku Advisory. They bring the voices, concerns,
> recommendations, and solutions from the people of our
> ahupua'a on natural and cultural resources to the
> attention of the DLNR on issues related to land and natural
> resources within each ahupua'a. They continually fulfill the
> mandates of Act 288. Shame on the legislature
> representatives who are working for their constituents
> and are voters servants that they have not funded the Aha
> Moku since its inception 2007, its about time they get the
> funding needed to work for each ahupua'a throughout our
> islands.... Mahalo Nui, Rochelle Nohea Kawelo, Waianae
> Hawaiian Civic Club Pelekikena
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AMAC and SB 351 SD2

[Terrie Hayes <terriehayes@gmail.com>](mailto:terriehayes@gmail.com)

Mon 3/19/2018 10:40 AM

To: omhtestimony <omhtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>; waltestimony <waltestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>;

Aloha from Kauai,

We SUPPORT SB 351 SD2 and the work of Aha Moku and AMAC.
We request the funding that has been promised for years, so we may continue our work,
and in order to achieve the World Mandate for success in sustainability.

Mahalo,
Llewelyn Kaohelaulii
Kona Moku , Manokalanipo (KAUAI)
and Terrie Hayes

Aloha, my name is Hanale Hopfe Waiana'e AHA Moku Representative....please support State Bill 351 SD2. We are making a difference ! Mahalo piha.

[Hanale Hopfe <hanalekilahopfcreations@gmail.com>](mailto:hanalekilahopfcreations@gmail.com)

Mon 3/19/2018 10:43 AM

To:omhtestimony <omhtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>;



Supporting SB 351 SD2

mdente@hawaii.rr.com

Sun 3/18/2018 5:32 PM

To: omhtestimony <omhtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>;

I completely support SB 351 SD2 as it is increasingly important to educate residents as well as tourists of our ahupuaa and the ancient land divisions and how important they are for sustainable living. I am a longtime owner and resident on Kauai.

Marj Dente Olohena Ahupuaa
[6335 Waipouli Rd, B, Kapaa, HI 96746](#)

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:04:57 AM

Testimony for OMH on 3/20/2018 10:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus urges you to pass SB351SD2. In spite of limited funding for the 'Aha Moku, it has evidenced its value to the state many times over in issues that are related to land and natural resources. The Chairs of the DLNR and the BLNR can attest to this. When passage of Act 288 took place, both the Governor and Legislature recognized its value. Thus, passage of SB351 SD2 would implement the intent of Act 288.

Also, kudos to the Governor and the Hawaii state legislature for taking the action to integrate indigenous cultural knowledge into contemporary governmental regulations and policies...an action unprecedented by any other state by the creation of the 'aha moku system and walking the talk of incorporating Native Hawaiian knowledge and values in its government decision-making process.

SB-351-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2018 8:22:59 PM

Testimony for OMH on 3/20/2018 10:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu supports SB 351 SD2. Our club been a long time supporter of the 'Aha Moku system as an example of how Hawaiian traditional knowledge can be used to inform management of our marine resources. Please pass SB 351 SD2.



COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

TIME: 10:45 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 312

TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT SB351,SD2

Chairs Ing and Yamane, Vice Chairs DeCoite and Todd, Members of the OMH/WAL Committees:

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. Many of our members want to incorporate Hawaiian Cultural and Sustainability practices into our businesses.

We support the intent of SB 351, SD2 and believe this bill will finally fund the Aha Moku Advisory Committee which was established by the 2007 Legislature but never funded. The Aha Moku Advisory Committee provides a very important function in representing Hawaiian knowledge on how best management practices through the Aha Moku System.

Please pass this important Bill to help the Aha Moku Advisory Committee fulfill its purpose.

Sincerely, James E. Coon, President OTC

SB-351-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 10:37:01 AM

Testimony for OMH on 3/20/2018 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

Support for SB 351 SD2

Kapoula Thompson <kapoula@kuaokala.org>

Mon 3/19/2018 12:09 PM

To: omhtestimony <omhtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>;



This email is in support of funding AHA MOKU and keeping it in existence!

- The purpose of the Aha Moku is to bring the voices – concerns, recommendations and solutions – from the people of an ahupua'a on natural and cultural resources to the attention of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and may advise the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) on issues that are related to land and natural resources.
- The AMAC continuously fulfills the mandates of Act 288 by generally working with many of the ahupua'a throughout the state. Many of these traditional ahupua'a are in the process of becoming organized island by island;
- In 2017 over 30 individual issues were brought forward by the ahupua'a people to DLNR and were either mitigated, or are in the process of being mitigated.
- In 2016, at the International Union for Conservation (IUCN) World Conservation Congress, held for the first time in the United States, in Hawaii, it was shown that only one state in the United States was able to achieve the world mandate for success in sustainability – to integrate indigenous cultural knowledge into contemporary governmental regulations and policies. That State is Hawaii, and they did it through the Aha Moku System.

Mahalo for your support.)

Kapoula Thompson
Principal - Kua o Ka La NCPCS

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SB 351 SD2

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Mon 3/19/2018 7:54 AM

To: omhtestimony <omhtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>;

Please vote in support of SB 351 SD2.

Mahalo,

Wanda Anae-Onishi

Hawaii resident

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SB-351-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 10:35:55 AM

Testimony for OMH on 3/20/2018 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian from Puna Moku on the island of Kaua`i. I **support SB 351 SD2** and urge your support in passing this important legislation.

Mahalo,

Donna K. Santos

LATE

SB-351-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 3:39:48 PM

Testimony for OMH on 3/20/2018 10:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kealoha Pisciotta	Mauna Kea Anaina Hou and Kai Palaoa	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 351 SD2 WITH AMENDMENTS

Aloha Lawmakers,

My name is Kealoha Pisciotta and I submit this testimony on behalf of Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, Kai Palaoa (a marine protection group) and as a member of Kia'i Kanaloa (and Island Wide Network of Ocean and Cetacean protectors).

I strongly support the intent and purpose of the Aha Moku Councils under Act 212 and 288 which are to strengthen the islands at the local level and to help provide direct input to the decision makers from the islands practitioners and leadership regarding protection of not our ReSource but rather our SOURCES—which are those things that give us life such as our reefs, forests and our Mauna!

We support SB 351 SD2 as Amended to provide funding in the amount of \$350,000 to be allocated in the following way:

\$175,000 for AMAC - for an administrative secretary position and travel and logistical costs for monthly AMAC meetings which will be rotated to the different islands so that our island 'aha moku concils.

\$95,000 for annual puwalu which will be organized and coordinated by the island 'aha moku councils collectively \$80,000 for the island aha moku councils (\$10,000 per island).

Please pass this measure so that the necessary funding reaches the people and practitioners who are protecting all of our SOURCES and who understands how to restore abundance to our Aina and our Oceans for our future generations!

Aloha and Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kealoha Pisciotta



LATE

KO`OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

March 20, 2018

Testimony in SUPPORT – S.B. 351, S.D. 2, - Aha Moku Advisory Committee

To: Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chair/Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Members, Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair/Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Members, Water & Land Committee

From: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Aloha Chairs Ing and Yamane, and members of these committees:

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports Senate Bill 351, Senate Draft 2, concerning funding for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. We also support clarifying that assigning this program administratively to the Department of Land and Natural Resources does not place the Aha Moku under the control of the Department.

Members of our civic club come primarily from the nine ahupua`a around Kane`ohe bay. We are deeply concerned that decisions made regarding the lands, waters and people of our area – and specifically our Native Hawaiian people – are culturally sensitive and pono.

Having a fully-funded Aha Moku Advisory Committee would enable it to function much more effectively to help the State of Hawaii make better decisions, particularly with regard to major state initiatives (like the 30-meter telescope project) but more importantly in making policy on a range of subjects that have to do with activities on the lands and ocean waters, or with regard to Native Hawaiians.

We urge your committees to consider this legislation favorably and to pass Senate Bill 351, Senate Draft 2.

Mahalo.

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is one of the largest in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs nationwide. Ko`olaupoko HCC is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians and providing leadership and scholarships. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart."



Ko`olau Foundation

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March 20, 2018

To: Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chair
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice-Chair, & Members
Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair
Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair, & Members
Committee on Water & Land

From: Aaron Mahi, President
Ko`olau Foundation

Subject: Support for S.B. 351, S..D. 2 – Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Aloha Chairs Ing and Yamane, Vice Chairs DeCoite and Todd, and Committee Members:

The Ko`olau Foundation strongly supports Senate Bill 351, S.D. 2, which provides funding for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee staff and operations.

We have always viewed the kupuna cultural practitioners who serve on this valuable committee as essential to providing guidance to state agencies and decision-makers, helping to mitigate or avoid problems involving the Hawaiian culture and our people.

This Legislature approved the formation of this Advisory Committee some years ago, but has failed to provide funding to enable the Aha Moku to succeed in meeting the statewide needs for cultural understanding in rule-making and policy setting.

We urge that you approve this bill and ensure funding is set aside for the operations of the AMAC, for its staff and for the group to gather regularly to discuss pending issues before the State of Hawai`i. If the AMAC is to be attached administratively to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, it should be made clear that the AMAC is not subservient to DLNR (or its director), but rather should be considered a semi-autonomous body to function more independently to provide guidance on Hawaiian issues.

Please support funding for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee. Mahalo for this opportunity to offer our mana`o.

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HA'ULE KA LEWA, HA'ULE KA LANI, HO'ALE KA LEPO POPOLO

March 19, 2018

**BEFORE THE STATE OF HAWAII HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
AND THE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018, 10:45 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM 312, HAWAII STATE CAPITOL**

**TESTIMONY PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO SB 351, SD2
RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dear Chairs Ing and Yamane and Vice-Chairs DeCoite and Todd, Members of the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, and Members of the House Committee on Water & Land:

My name is Malia Akutagawa and I testify in my official capacity as the Po'o and on behalf of Ka 'Aha Kiole o Moloka'i which serves as the island 'aha moku council for Moloka'i. **Ka 'Aha Kiole o Moloka'i conditionally supports SB 351, SD 2 Relating to the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, subject to the attached proposed amendments to said bill.**

In the **second sentence of the third paragraph of Section 1** of the bill, we propose the following **amended language (as underlined and marked bold)**:

This autonomy of being attached to, but not being under the jurisdiction of, the department of land and natural resources ensures a collaborative rapport between the aha moku advisory committee, **the 'aha moku councils of each island,** the department of land and natural resources, its divisions, **the various federal, state, and county agencies the department consults with,** and the board of land and natural resources.

The rationale for the above amended language is to acknowledge that the department consults with agencies at various levels of government on natural resource management issues and it is important for the aha moku advisory committee and the aha moku councils of each island to provide indigenous management principles and methodologies for resource care.

In **Section 2 (c) within the second paragraph** of the bill, we propose the following **amended language (as underlined and marked bold)**:

The aha moku advisory committee may hire an **administrative secretary** who shall be exempt from chapter 76. The **administrative secretary shall** assist the **aha moku advisory committee to schedule meetings, arrange travel, draft meeting agenda and minutes and perform other duties as appropriate to assist the aha moku advisory committee** in accomplishing **its work**.

Historically, the majority of funding has been utilized for the executive director position. Insufficient funding for the actual work of the aha moku advisory committee to meet regularly, even on a quarterly basis has minimized the aha moku system's impact on improving natural resource management and stewardship and has created a top-heavy approach to implementing the aha moku legislation. This is not what the legislature originally intended. Rather, Act 212 and Act 288 were adopted by the legislature to support a bottoms-up process to inform and advise the State in natural resource management.

Furthermore, there isn't much work currently to justify the continued support of an executive director. At this point, it makes more sense to support the hiring of an administrative secretary to schedule aha moku advisory committee meetings, arrange travel, draft meeting agenda and minutes.

Perhaps at a future time, the legislature may want to consider funding an executive director position. This should be only after the aha moku advisory committee has been able to meet more regularly (e.g., monthly), conduct strategic planning, and institute policies and procedures on how it may best serve as a bridge for the aha moku councils of each island and the department in communicating best indigenous resource management practices. If the work of the aha moku advisory committee increases such that more administrative support is warranted, then the legislature may elect to revisit whether or not an executive director position is necessary.

To fulfill the legislative mandate of sharing valuable native Hawaiian methodologies to the work of the department in managing natural resources and ecosystems, it makes better sense to invest state funds into the proper functioning of the aha moku advisory committee and its collaborative work with the aha moku councils of each island. Further below in our testimony, we will propose an appropriate allocation of funds to best fulfill the mandate, spirit, and intent of the aha moku legislation.

In **Section 2 (e)** we propose **amending the second sentence (as underlined and marked bold)**:

The annual report shall include a list of all recommendations made by the **aha moku advisory committee and the aha moku councils of each island in their formal work in partnership with the committee and the department**, the resulting action taken by the department over the course of the prior year, **and recommendations made and actions taken as a result of annual puwalu gatherings**.

We have added clarifying language here to include a requirement that the annual report also incorporate the findings and recommendations arising from annual puwala gatherings and from the island aha moku councils communicating concerns at the local level to the aha moku advisory committee and the department.

In **Section 2 (f)** we propose **amending** this provision to read as follows **(as underlined and marked bold)**:

The budgetary requirements for conducting meetings and other related functions of the state aha moku system and aha moku advisory committee, including the salary of the **administrative secretary**, shall be included in the department's budget. The department shall provide administrative support to the aha moku advisory committee. If appropriate, federal monies and other monies that become available to the department may be used to offset administrative costs incurred by the department for the purposes of this subsection.

As mentioned previously, we support creating an administrative secretary position to replace the executive director position as it makes greater fiscal sense and we would like to see more funding be allocated towards regular monthly meetings for the aha moku advisory committee, to support the leadership and capacity building of the island aha moku councils, and to support the convening of annual puwala.

Add a new paragraph (g) to Section 2 of the bill to read as follows (as underlined and marked bold):

(g) The aha moku advisory committee shall meet monthly and rotationally on at least each of the six main Hawaiian islands to strengthen communication and collaboration with the aha moku councils of each island, to hear the concerns and incorporate into the aha moku advisory committee's work the recommendations provided by the aha moku councils of each island that are relevant to integrating indigenous resource management practices with western management practices in each moku; identifying a comprehensive set of indigenous practices for natural resource management; fostering the understanding and practical use of native Hawaiian resource knowledge, methodology, and expertise; sustaining the State's marine, land, cultural, agricultural, and natural resources; providing community education and fostering cultural awareness on the benefits of the aha moku system; fostering protection and conservation of the State's natural resources; and developing an administrative structure that oversees the aha moku system."

This additional paragraph (g) to Section 2 is recommended to ensure that the aha moku advisory committee meets more regularly on a monthly basis. Since the adoption of Act 288, the aha moku advisory committee has met sporadically, to the point of not convening business for two years and then finally meeting 3 times in 2017. This has seriously hampered the effectiveness of the aha moku advisory committee and aha moku system overall. Based on these sporadic meetings in the past, it is questionable whether the department of land and natural resources has been adequately informed of the concerns and recommendations of island aha moku councils and aha moku advisory committee members.

The above paragraph ameliorates this situation by making sure the aha moku advisory committee meets monthly and rotates its meetings on at least the six main Hawaiian islands. The proposed amendment also clearly recognizes the roles that the island aha moku councils and aha moku advisory committee in collaborating and working together to make sure the department of land and natural resources receives the best information and advice on native Hawaiian, indigenous practices and methodologies in mālama ‘āina.

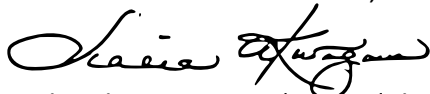
In the **first paragraph of Section 4** of the bill, we propose the following **amended language (as underlined and marked bold)**:

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of **\$350,000.00** or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2018 for expenses incurred by the aha moku advisory committee **and the aha moku councils of each island** in the course of fulfilling its duties under section 171-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that **\$175,000.00 be allocated for administrative staff support for the aha moku advisory committee, and to cover travel and logistical expenses for the aha moku advisory committee monthly meetings, and for production and dissemination of the annual report and other reports as necessary; provided that \$80,000.00 be allocated for the leadership and capacity-building of the eight island aha moku councils with an equitable apportionment of \$10,000.00 per island; and provided that \$95,000.00 be allocated to the island aha moku councils collectively for organizing and convening annual puwalu.**

We propose here actual dollar amounts and a detailed budget breakdown in order to ensure that each island ‘aha moku council receives a fair and equitable share of \$10,000 each for leadership development and capacity building. We also propose an appropriate amount of \$95,000 for the organizing and convening of annual puwalu which we would like to designate the responsibility of the island aha moku councils to organize as a collective. These gatherings are an opportunity for the island aha moku councils to share knowledge across Ka Pae ‘Āina in order to empower and strengthen each other. It makes best sense that the island aha moku councils organize the annual puwalu and invite officials from the department and other government leaders to collaborate. The recommended sum of \$175,000 is suggested to support an administrative secretary position for the aha moku advisory committee and to cover travel and logistical expenses for monthly meetings on each island.

We thank the legislature for investing in the success of the Aha Moku System and encourage your support for these proposed amendments. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Me ke aloha a me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,



Malia Akutagawa, Po‘o o Ka ‘Aha Kiole o Moloka‘i

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that over the past two hundred years, Hawaii has experienced extensive changes, including the deterioration of the Hawaiian culture, language, values, and land tenure system, which have, in part, resulted in the over-development of the coastline, alteration of fresh water streams, destruction of life-giving watersheds, decimation of the coral reefs, and decline of endemic marine and terrestrial species. As a result, in 2012, the legislature passed Act 288, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, which established the aha moku advisory committee within the department of land and natural resources for administrative purposes. Act 288 formally recognizes the aha moku system, a traditional system of best practices of ahupua'a, regional site-specific geographic areas, that acknowledges the natural contours of land, natural resources located within those areas, and methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community. The role of the aha moku advisory committee is

to advise the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources regarding the aha moku system, on issues related to land and natural resources.

The legislature further finds that the aha moku advisory committee has continued to fulfill its mission by working with the eight main Hawaiian islands, which encompass forty-six traditional moku, in which six hundred nine ahupua'a are listed. Since 2012, the aha moku advisory committee has documented its accomplishments in a report to the legislature and included recommendations from all of the main Hawaiian islands. Additionally, the reports list resource issues relating to the aha moku system that were brought to the attention of the department of land and natural resources. Most of these issues were mitigated within the department at a divisional level to the satisfaction of the inquiring communities.

The success of the aha moku system also brings forth the voices of the public, including native Hawaiians, to the department of land and natural resources with regard to natural and cultural resources, distinct environments, and specific ecosystems independently of government influence. This autonomy of being attached to, but not being under the jurisdiction of, the department of land and natural resources ensures a collaborative rapport between the aha moku advisory committee, the aha moku councils of each island, the department of land and natural resources, its divisions, the various federal, state, and county

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agencies the department consults with, and the board of land and natural resources.

The legislature further finds that although Act 288, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, included funding for the aha moku advisory committee, the funds were never released. As a result, it has been difficult for the aha moku advisory committee to continue to fulfill its mission and duties.

The purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Require the department of land and natural resources to include the expenses for conducting meetings and other related functions of the state aha moku system and aha moku advisory committee in the department's budget and provide administrative support to the aha moku advisory committee;
- (2) Allow the special land and development fund to be used for any expenses incurred by the aha moku advisory committee; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for expenses of the aha moku advisory committee.

SECTION 2. Section 171-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[+]§171-4.5[+] Aha moku advisory committee; established. (a) There is established the aha moku advisory committee to be placed within the department of land and natural resources for administrative purposes. The committee may advise the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources in carrying out the purposes of this section.

(b) The committee shall consist of eight members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate from a list of nominations submitted by the aha moku councils of each island. Oversight of the aha moku advisory committee

shall be by the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources. The committee members shall select the committee chairperson from among the members.

(c) The members shall not receive compensation for their service, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred while participating in meetings and events approved in advance by the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources.

The aha moku advisory committee may hire an ~~administrative secretary~~ who shall be exempt from chapter 76. The ~~administrative secretary shall~~ assist the ~~aha moku advisory committee to schedule meetings, arrange travel, draft meeting agenda and minutes and perform other duties as appropriate to assist the aha moku advisory committee~~ in accomplishing ~~its work~~.

(d) The aha moku advisory committee may provide advice on the following:

- (1) Integrating indigenous resource management practices with western management practices in each moku;
- (2) Identifying a comprehensive set of indigenous practices for natural resource management;
- (3) Fostering the understanding and practical use of native Hawaiian resource knowledge, methodology, and expertise;
- (4) Sustaining the State's marine, land, cultural, agricultural, and natural resources;
- (5) Providing community education and fostering cultural awareness on the benefits of the aha moku system;
- (6) Fostering protection and conservation of the State's natural resources; and
- (7) Developing an administrative structure that oversees the aha moku system.

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(e) The committee shall submit an annual report in English and Hawaiian to the legislature and the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular legislative session. The annual report shall include a list of all recommendations made by the aha moku advisory committee and the aha moku councils of each island in their formal work in partnership with the committee and the department, the resulting action taken by the department over the course of the prior year, and recommendations made and actions taken as a result of annual puwalu gatherings.

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SECTION 3. Section 171-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) There is created in the department a special fund to be designated as the "special land and development fund". Subject to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, and section 5(f) of the Admission Act of 1959, all proceeds of sale of public lands, including interest on deferred payments; all moneys collected under section 171-58 for mineral and water rights; all rents from leases, licenses, and permits derived from public lands; all moneys collected from lessees of public lands within industrial parks; all fees, fines, and other administrative charges collected under this chapter and chapter 183C; a portion of the highway fuel tax collected under chapter

243; all moneys collected by the department for the commercial use of public trails and trail accesses under the jurisdiction of the department; transient accommodations tax revenues collected pursuant to section 237D-6.5(b)(5); and private contributions for the management, maintenance, and development of trails and accesses shall be set apart in the fund and shall be used only as authorized by the legislature for the following purposes:

- (1) To reimburse the general fund of the State for advances made that are required to be reimbursed from the proceeds derived from sales, leases, licenses, or permits of public lands;
- (2) For the planning, development, management, operations, or maintenance of all lands and improvements under the control and management of the board pursuant to title 12, including but not limited to permanent or temporary staff positions ~~who~~ that may be appointed without regard to chapter 76; provided that transient accommodations tax revenues allocated to the fund shall be expended as provided in section 237D-6.5(b)(5);
- (3) To repurchase any land, including improvements, in the exercise by the board of any right of repurchase specifically reserved in any patent, deed, lease, or other documents or as provided by law;
- (4) For the payment of all appraisal fees; provided that all fees reimbursed to the board shall be deposited in the fund;
- (5) For the payment of publication notices as required under this chapter; provided that all or a portion of the expenditures may be charged to the purchaser or lessee of public lands or any interest therein under rules adopted by the board;
- (6) For the management, maintenance, and development of trails and trail accesses under the jurisdiction of the department;
- (7) For the payment to private land developers who have contracted with the board for development of public lands under section 171-60;
- (8) For the payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued by the department, and the establishment of debt service and other reserves deemed necessary by the board;
- (9) To reimburse the general fund for debt service on general obligation bonds issued to finance departmental projects, where the bonds are designated to be reimbursed from the special land and development fund;
- (10) For the protection, planning, management, and regulation of water resources under chapter 174C; ~~and~~

(11) For any expenses incurred by the aha moku advisory committee in the course of fulfilling its duties under section 171-4.5; and

~~[(11)]~~ (12) For other purposes of this chapter."

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$350,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for expenses incurred by the aha moku advisory committee and the aha moku councils of each island in the course of fulfilling its duties under section 171-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that \$175,000.00 be allocated for administrative staff support for the aha moku advisory committee, and to cover travel and logistical expenses for the aha moku advisory committee monthly meetings, and for production and dissemination of the annual report and other reports as necessary; provided that \$80,000.00 be allocated for the leadership and capacity-building of the eight island aha moku councils with an equitable apportionment of \$10,000.00 per island; and provided that \$95,000.00 be allocated to the island aha moku councils collectively for organizing and convening annual puwalu.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

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SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Aha Moku Advisory Committee; Budget; Appropriation

Description:

Amends various provisions related to the aha moku advisory committee, including budgetary requirements. Appropriates funds for expenses of the aha moku advisory committee and the annual puwalu. Effective July 1, 2050. (SD2)

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Rep. Kaniela Ing, Chair
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair

Position: **SUPPORT SB351 SD2**

To the Chairs, Vice Chairs and the House Committee Members for the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs and Committee on Water and Land:

I write this testimony in support of **SB351 SD2**. This bill calls for the funding that is needed to support the Aha Moku. Aha Moku encompasses the 8 main Hawaiian Islands, 46 Moku and 606 Ahupua'a. Without this funding, the Aha Moku cannot exist. Right now, there is only one person on staff who works with all islands, moku and ahupua'a.

In addition, language in this bill creates another position to work with the islands which would be a multiplier to the efforts of the current staff. Supporting this bill will show that the Hawai'i State Legislature supports Native Hawaiian(s) contributions to the state and society not just through words but also necessary monetary support.

Furthermore, in 2016, at the International Union for Conservation (IUCN) World Conservation Congress, held for the first time in the United States, in Hawaii, it was shown that only one state in the United States was able to achieve the world mandate for success in sustainability – to integrate indigenous cultural knowledge into contemporary governmental regulations and policies. That State is Hawaii, and they did it through the Aha Moku System.

Ken Farm

Member-At-Large
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Kalihi-Palama

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Felicia Cowden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Ahamoku land management system is paramount to building resilience for Hawaii, as is the stated goal for the State. Please support SB351 SD2

We see awareness and unrest across the islands as the more environmentally exploitative Western land system prevails to the destruction of cultural values and resources.

Please continue to fund the Aha Moku Advisory Committee as it is a step in the right direction, and deserves even greater support.

Felicia Cowden

Kilauea, Kauai

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Keep Aha moku alive



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Aloha,

It is a big disservice to our community, culture and aina if the Aha moku is dissolved. The AHA moku is doing a lot of work and most of all it is empowering people who want to see the change and preservation of what we call our own. I have been on a lot of projects in Waianae where we pay for basically everything to make things happen. There is no funding coming from anyone else. So please do not stop this, we are making a difference for everyone and especially our keikis.

Very respectfully,

Joseph k simpliciano jr

SB 351 SD2 SUPPORT



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Aloha,

My name is Elizabeth Kuluwaimaka of Kahuku Ahupua'a in Ka'u on the island of Hawaii. I am one of the Aha Moku representatives for Ka'u.

The purpose of the Aha Moku is to bring the people's voices on natural and cultural resources to the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This is our home and I would like to take care of it.

Please, this is a letter of SUPPORT for SB351 SD2.

MAHALO,

Elizabeth Kuluwaimaka

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Senate Bill 351 SD2

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Aloha,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 351 SD2, Aha Moku Appropriations Bill. The Aha Moku is pivotal in helping people like myself, let our voices and concerns be heard. The Aha Moku ensures that community concerns on cultural and natural resources are heard, assisting in making quality decisions for sustainability now and in the future. I have had first hand experience working with the Aha Moku and can attest that without their help and genuine support of our communities voices, we would all suffer from ill advised decisions.

Please support Senate Bill 351 SD2, so that our people can continue thrive as we move forward into the future, with a balance of indigenous cultural knowledge integrated with contemporary governmental regulations and policies.

Mahalo nui loa. Ua mau ke ea o ka aina.
Cedric Kaiponohea Bertelmann