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Testimony of
MICHAEL K. NĀHO‘OPTI
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Before the House Committee on

WATER, LAND & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, February 6, 2019
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 454
RELATING TO KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE

House Bill 454 appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support native dryland restoration, management and maintenance on the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve. The Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this measure.

Decimated of its natural environment through years of over-foraging and military bombing, an estimated 1.9 million tons of soil is lost annually on Kaho‘olawe to erosion. Severely eroded landscapes cover one-third of the island, with runoff choking Kaho‘olawe’s pristine reefs and significantly impacting the ocean ecosystem. With only 25 inches of rain falls annually at the summit, with perhaps less than 10 inches per year at the coast. Most plants on Kaho‘olawe are hardy alien species that easily outcompete the few, fragile native plant populations for water and nutrients.

Since the end of the Navy’s unexploded ordnance cleanup in 2004, the KIRC has begun a race against time to stem erosion and further degradation. The KIRC has since initiated numerous restoration projects, funded by various grant opportunities, that has made significant changes to transforming the desolate hardpan into vibrant living landscapes.

The Kaho‘olawe Native Dryland Forest Project seeks to conduct native plantings on the leeward, upland slopes of Kaho‘olawe to reestablish native forest watersheds, increase ground water recharge, reduce surface water runoff and reduce coral reef sedimentation. This project began with initial state funding in fiscal year 2018 with fieldwork starting in the summer of 2018. Since that time, the KIRC has been able to install a new solar-powered, water pump to move water from our water catchments to the new planting site, install irrigation piping, remove invasive alien brush and bore holes for the new plants. Since our winter planting season started

this past fall, we have planted close to 5,000 native plants with a goal of planting 15,000 by the end of this first season.

Funding this project will allow the KIRC the unique opportunity to make a major leap forward in its long-term goal of restoring the Island of Kaho‘olawe. The results of this project will allow us to return the natural environment of Kaho‘olawe back to its former existence prior to the centuries of abuse, misuse and neglect from modern societies.

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 5:37:51 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Yamane and Lowen, Vice Chairs Todd and Wildberger, and WTL and EEP Committee Members,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of HB454 to provide additional funding to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission for native dryland forest restoration. The Legislature has been a great partner to the KIRC in recent years, and this additional -- and targeted -- bridge funding is needed to continue the KIRC's restoration efforts while the KIRC works to implement its financial sustainability plan. We could not have come this far without your support, and hope to earn continued support this session.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Michele McLean, AICP

Acting Planning Director, County of Maui

Chairperson, Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission



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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

TIME: 10:30am

PLACE: Conference Room 325

**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT OF HB454
RELATING TO KAHOOLOWE ISLAND RESERVE**

Chair Yamane, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Todd, Vice Chair Wildberger and Members of WLH/EEP Committees:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC), speaking in **SUPPORT OF HB 454 RELATING TO KAHOOLOWE ISLAND RESERVE.**

The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. All of them operate from State Boating Facilities managed by DLNR/DOBOR. Most of these are family businesses which are locally owned and operated.

While this proposed legislation does not directly impact our industry we believe that the restoring, managing, preserving and maintaining the dry land forest of Kaho'olawe is important to everyone who calls Hawaii home.

It is our opinion that KIRK and these efforts should be supported by the General tax revenue.

Please pass HB454 It is the right thing to do to help restore Kaho'olawe.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President, Ocean Tourism Coalition

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 4:20:19 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martin	Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure and its companion, which provide additional support for native dryland forest restoration and management programs of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. These types of projects need the ongoing support of the legislature.

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:30:05 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 12:27:23 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Hyde	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Reforestation of Kahoolawe is the lynchpin to successful restoration of this unique Hawaiian Island. Please continue to fund this worthy effort.

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 1:47:41 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
johann winkler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 3:39:53 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rob Weltman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 10:09:09 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kalani fukumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill as it pertains to the restoration of Kahoolawe Island. The island is making a remarkable comeback from near extinction due to the love of aina of many volunteer groups and the selfless dedication of KIRC personnel.

PLEASE make funds available so the work of restoration can continue.

kalani fukumoto

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 7:05:10 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Hopwood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear HSL, and whom it does concern ,

Please support these very important Bills for Kahoolawe and it's future

Re-planting is a very important part of the chain of regeneration of the island Aina and of the reefs and diverse aquatic life that surround the island .

Keep the Spirit of Hawaii alive ,

sincerely Paul Hopwood

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 10:45:48 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roy Alameida	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I submit testimony in support to "Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support native dryland forest restoration, management, and maintenance on Kahoolawe Island Reserve." It is vital that Kaho'olawe receive full support toward the revitalization of the Island.

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 4:30:36 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Omar Sultan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 10:45:18 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noa Lincoln	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 7:52:52 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 8:14:20 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Re: HB 454

RELATING TO KAHOOLOWE ISLAND RESERVE.

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support native dryland forest restoration, management, and maintenance on Kahoolawe Island Reserve.

For hearing on Wednesday, February 6, 2019

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

This bill proposes to transfer \$6,000,000.00 taxpayer dollars to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide funding for construction of infrastructure for drylands forests specified programs of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission at the rate of \$3,000,000.00 for each of two fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

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 19 years.

As the language of HB455 points out (another bill you have under consideration right now), "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 (2017) shows that OHA has total assets of more than \$662 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.

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:25:20 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joel Saito	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Joel Saito and I am a High School Social Studies teacher at Le Jardin Academy in Kailua, Oahu. I support HB454 and would like to see this bill become a law. I'm representing myself in the support of this bill.

I support this bill because I think it's important to fund restoration projects on Kaho'olawe. I got the chance to visit the island in 2016 as part of a school group from Mililani High School. While we didn't work with Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission we got to see the beauty of the island with Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana. I was inspired on this trip to take care of our island home. Even though I live on Oahu, I still find it valuable to support projects that can help restore forests and vegetation on the island. In fact, I'm in support of projects and programs that help fund reforestation and restoration across the state. Hawaii's natural resources are a key part of the island's livelihood. I hope this can one day hold true for Kaho'olawe. Dryland forest restoration could help mitigate some of the erosion problems that plague Kaho'olawe. With a lack of undergrowth and forest, rains cause heavy erosion damage the the island which ultimately affects the reefs surrounding the island. With proper planting and care, trees and vegetation could potentially slow down some of these erosion problems.

I trust that the Department of Land and Natural Resources can effectively manage this reforestation project. I have worked with the DLNR and their staff is very hardworking and diligent. While this project is a big undertaking, if funded and staffed properly, I can see this project being a success.

While this bill doesn't support further UXO removal I'm also in support of appropriating money to that as well. Hopefully the island can be restored someday and access can one day be feasible.

While it saddens me that this island has gone through so much degradation and devastation for me, this island still remains one of the most beautiful places I've ever been. As a teacher I one day hope to take my students to Kaho'olawe so that they can understand an often pushed aside piece of Hawaiian history. Perhaps some day my students can help assist in this work project or one day visit a mature dryland forest.

Sincerely,

Joel Saito

High School Teacher

Le Jardin Academy

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:57:54 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Marie Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 454 which will allow the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission to continue its mandate to restore the island of Kahoolawe to a strong, vibrant, island it once was which will protect the pristine waters surrounding the island and restock the fisheries for Maui Nui.

Me ka ha`aha`a,

Ka`onohi Lee

Kamali`i o Honua`ula

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:36:32 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members,

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

Mahalo for your consideration,

Cassandra L. Smith

February 4, 2019

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Rebecca Kapolei Kiili and I am a Maui born native. I am also a Resource Teacher for Nā Kula Kaiapuni o Maui, the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program schools on our island. As a youth who traveled to Kaho‘olawe with Nā Pua No‘eau programs, I have been fortunate to benefit from my travels there beginning in 1994. Like many others who have experienced the island’s mana, beauty, and spirit, Kaho‘olawe holds great value and significance in my life. It is my hope that the island can continue to inspire, motivate, guide, and rehabilitate others in their own life journey.

Providing for the additional financial and staff support for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) is a measure I strongly support. In my humble opinion, 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.

I recently returned from my fifth Volunteer access with a group of my high school Kaiapuni students and can tell you that I have seen firsthand the fruits of our labor and the work we previously contributed to the island. It is indeed a beautiful, hopeful, and a satisfying feeling to embrace. This access was extra special for me as I experienced the unfolding synchronicity of each day. It was truly manafu, magical, and memorable!

Kaho‘olawe’s value is priceless and immeasurable for the ways that the island moves people’s spirits and fills people’s souls. For our young adults, the island holds so much power in helping them to gain insight and perspective along their own life journey in discovering their own beauty and power. I recall one student telling me, “if there is hope for Kaho‘olawe, there is hope for all of us.”

‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia. No task is too big when done together by all. (‘Ōlelo No‘eau 142) We need your help and support to continue caring for this precious resource.

Thank you for your time, support, and aloha.

Me ka na‘au ha‘aha‘a,

Rebecca Kapolei Kiili

Rebecca Kapolei Kiili
Kumu Kāko‘o Kaiapuni
Resource Teacher, Nā Kula Kaiapuni o Maui

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 1:55:47 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Zirker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Policy Makers,

I am writing to you in support of Bill HB454. I am concerned about making sure 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. The funding for Kaho'olawe is in dire need of replenishing. I think legeslators 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, atention, and money, because I 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,

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Kapa'a, Kaua'i, HI, 96746

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HB-454

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 4:22:17 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kylee Mar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

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Submitted on: 2/4/2019 6:02:23 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine Wender	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 7:14:21 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Davianna McGregor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

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Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:01:33 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB455. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) is an important example of what can happen when a state agency works cooperatively with volunteers, community groups and other organizations to restore and protect a vital area of Hawai'i. The KIRC's mission to restore the island, protect its cultural resources as well as provide a place for Native Hawaiians to practice their culture requires that it continue to provide safe and meaningful access to the Reserve. The additional KIR positions will help to ensure this.

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 5:01:12 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan Becket	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In 1994 I accompanied my my Kamehameha Schools students on a special access to Kaho'olawe We hiked the 11 miles across island. Then, the upland hardpan was a barren desert cut by deep gullies created by water runoff. Nothing grew. We walked on the single dirt road across the island, from Hakioawa to Honokanaia, sometimes passing ordnance gathered on the side of the road for later demolition.

Recently, I had the privilege twenty years later to revisit the same terrain in two KIRC accesses this past year. What an amazing transformation. Where nothing grew there are now rows of native vegetation thriving in the harsh upland conditions of an island denuded of topsoil. It is clear that the regeneration of native plants on the hardpan has happened because of the accumulated experience and on-the-ground knowledge of state workers on Kaho'olawe. That group of dedicated people has succeeded in transforming the eroded upland hardpan into a native garden — an amazing feat.

This transformation has happened because of three factors: 1) a small pool of dedicated people with a vision, 2) their accumulated knowledge and experience, 3) support by the state. Without adequate support, the regeneration of Kaho'olawe cannot take place. Words cannot express the transformation I have witnessed. I am now a retired Kamehameha Schools photography teacher. My images of this regeneration are here: <http://www.janbecket.net/piwigo/index.php?/category/20/>

Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come.

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 preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system.

Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater 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 Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. Please support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:15:29 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 11:42:40 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phaethon Keeney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Kahoolawe deserves our care. This island is an important cultural and historic site that tells a story about the arc of human history and awareness. It is a key in the modern understanding of protecting and preserving 'aina and all of humankind by doing so. We must do the right thing. Please support native dryland forest restoration, management, and maintenance on Kahoolawe Island Reserve.

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:32:20 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ChristopherMcCullough	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:19:46 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chezlani Casar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pablo Beimler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 5:08:07 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tammy Harp	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd and WLH Committee Members,

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger and EEP Committee Members,

I am in support of HB454 Relating to Kaho'olawe Island Reserve in which funds will be appropriated under the DLNR to continue in the healing of Kaho'olawe through its native dryland forest reforestation, management and maintenance program(s).

Mahalo for your consideration.

Tammy Harp

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 5:15:54 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Donlon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha -

My name is Jeffrey Donlon and I support funding for Kaho'olawe Island Reserve commision. They have assisted in many of my accesses. Kahoolawe is a unique learning experience found no where else in the world. My middle school is trying to set up a program based on problem solving on Kahoolawe. The additional funding will support the students in my class and many others.

Mahalo,

Jeffrey

HB-454

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:29:43 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/6/2019 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello chairs and committee members. I'm writing to voice my support for additional financial and staffing for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. This group is leading the way for restoration of Kaho'olawe Island. It is through their work that an island that has been neglected and abused in the last century has a chance to become a thriving habitat and natural preserve for many native Hawaiian species. Someday it is my hope that it is also an example of humans caring for their environment instead of destroying it. Please support this bill.

Mahalo,

Scott Marshall

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shane Palacat-Nelsen	Individual	Support	No

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