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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

Testimony of Linda Chu Takayama
Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor of Hawaii

Before the
House Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs
February 10, 2020
9:00 a.m., Capitol Auditorium

In consideration of
HCR 37

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON RECONCILIATION COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND FORMULATE A RECONCILIATION PROCESS RELATING TO ISSUES OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE STATE OF HAWAII, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and committee members:

On behalf of Governor David Ige, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 37. This resolution requests the Governor to convene a Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission to examine and formulate a reconciliation process relating to issues of past, present, and future importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United States of America.

The Governor fully appreciates and joins with the Legislature in efforts to unite our community through a meaningful process of reconciliation and representing a shared vision of what Hawaii's future will be. He is committed to a participatory and meaningful process that includes ongoing productive dialog to include, but not limited to, land use and stewardship, environmental protections, economic stimulus, cultural representation, and the advancement of science.

Again, we strongly support this legislation and are honored to convene this effort should the legislature approve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment: Statement by Governor David Y. Ige

House Concurrent Resolution No. 37 Presents a Unified and Comprehensive Way Forward for All the People of Hawai‘i

As an elected government official who has served the State of Hawai‘i for decades, I have faced Hawai‘i’s challenges from different perspectives and have worked to build consensus around solutions. Working together, our state has addressed many complex issues, including through legislation, public/private partnerships and other collaborative efforts. The joint package of proposals presented at the beginning of this legislative session is one example of how the executive and legislative branches can work together effectively. Indeed, the convening of the Legislature provides an opportunity to address pressing issues with a unified and comprehensive approach.

Mauna Kea, and the complex task of stewarding it respectfully, is front and center among the issues that require a unified approach. Historically, our state has been able to address some of the grievances and challenges implicated by Mauna Kea. These include amending our state constitution in 1978 to provide express constitutional protections for Native Hawaiians, and enacting legislation to create programs directly benefiting Native Hawaiians. Examples include the establishment of the Native Hawaiian programs at the University of Hawai‘i Manoa and the University of Hawai‘i Hilo, as well as our statewide public charter school system, approximately half of which are schools with a Native Hawaiian focus and which complement the establishment of immersion schools throughout the State. We have pursued cooperative efforts between Kamehameha Schools and the Department of Education to advance the Hawaiian language as a medium of teaching in public schools, and to promote Hawaiian culture-based education statewide. And, we established the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Efforts such as these place us far ahead of other states and even countries. However, all that has transpired regarding Mauna Kea has made it impossible for anyone in our state to avoid the conversation about what our shared future will look like. While emotional and often discordant, the conflict that emerged surrounding Mauna Kea created a unique opportunity to conceptualize a process reflective of and responsive to such a complex moment. I, alongside other public officials, have listened and learned from the different voices that have made their perspectives, concerns and insights known. And, as I have said many times, I am willing to work with anyone interested in finding a way forward for all the people of Hawai‘i.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 37, introduced on February 4, 2020, marks the beginning of an effort to find a new place of understanding and resolution. HCR No. 37 calls for the formation of a Blue Ribbon Commission to examine and establish a reconciliation process relating to past, present and future issues of importance to Native Hawaiians, the State of Hawai‘i and the United States of America. The purpose of this Commission is to create a framework that will address more than just Mauna Kea. It will create a model that can be replicated and used to address other complex state moments.

This concept was not arrived at in a vacuum, but after looking carefully at the examples presented by countries such as Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and others that have addressed similar moments in their histories. Like those efforts, this Commission will be comprised of experts and leaders from our community, and it will have both my support and the support of the Legislature as it conceptualizes and designs a process. As directed by the resolution, I will act swiftly to appoint a coordinator and to identify interested and experienced individuals to participate.

HCR No. 37 also asks the Commission to turn its attention first to Mauna Kea. There is no doubt that this is the appropriate and necessary starting place. We stand in this moment with a deep understanding that there exists no place like Mauna Kea for the fulfillment of so many aspirations – spiritual, cultural, educational and scientific. And while emotions run very deep, this is not a time to let anger and frustration overpower the possibilities for moving forward together. Our history and geography make us unique, and we must find ways to work together.

This Reconciliation Commission is a first step towards a future that respects and includes all the people of Hawai‘i. It will promote empowerment and inclusion by acknowledging both different Native Hawaiian perspectives as well as the many perspectives of our larger community.

I strongly believe that by working together, our shared future can be a positive and harmonious one.

Governor David Y. Ige

DAVID Y. IGE
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February 7, 2020

The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane
Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land & Hawaiian Affairs
The Thirtieth State Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Auditorium
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Yamane and Members of the Committee:

RE: House Concurrent Resolution No. 37

The Department of the Attorney General submits this testimony in support of HCR No. 37.

The purpose of this resolution is to create a framework for engaging different perspectives in a process that is inclusive and presents a viable mechanism for conflict resolution. It resembles conflict resolution processes already accepted and used in Hawai'i. In addition, it is similar to approaches taken by other countries that have addressed historically and politically complex issues in an inclusive, respectful, and legally sound manner.

Regarding the issues that could become a part of this process, including those related to Mauna Kea, the Attorney General plays a unique role. As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the State, the Attorney General is responsible for ensuring state laws are enforced. This requires coordination and collaboration with the state's local and federal law enforcement counterparts. It also requires the Department to investigate matters and if necessary, to resolve them administratively, civilly and sometimes criminally. Law enforcement responds to situations of concern, and once engaged, the available options for resolution are more limited.

But the Attorney General is also the Chief Legal Officer for the State, and as a member of the Governor's cabinet, is committed to working on behalf of the administration to address challenges in a collaborative way. In this role, the Attorney

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General ensures that proposed laws and policies meet constitutional standards and that they fit sensibly into the larger array of legal and regulatory structures.

This resolution, and the proposed Reconciliation Commission, provides an alternative approach to addressing conflicts in the State of Hawai'i. It also is a process that will allow for genuine engagement by different community members. The Department has reviewed the legal aspects of this process, and believes it sets forth a sound, and indeed promising way to resolve matters that involve long-standing, divisive issues.

For these reasons, the Attorney General supports the intent and purpose of HCR No. 37, and will assist as necessary to ensure its success.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Clare E. Connors
Attorney General

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, February 10, 2020
9:00 AM
State Capitol Auditorium**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON
RECONCILIATION COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND FORMULATE A
RECONCILIATION PROCESS RELATING TO ISSUES OF PAST, PRESENT, AND
FUTURE IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE STATE OF
HAWAII, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

House Concurrent Resolution 37 requests the Governor to convene a blue ribbon reconciliation commission to examine and establish a reconciliation process relating to past, present, and future issues of importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United States of America; and to identify processes and reconciliation proposals related to land use and stewardship, the environment, economy, culture, and science, with its first task to examine and establish a reconciliation process related to Mauna Kea. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department is one of the foremost agencies walking the fine line between Native Hawaiian cultural uses of land and land use law. Mauna Kea is a prime example, and many others exist as the Department works to integrate traditional knowledge of place and cultural practices in a broad range of stewardship and management responsibilities, all in the context of larger social, economic, health and education challenges. A reconciliation process will help establish a broad statewide framework of collaboration to navigate these issues.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this measure.

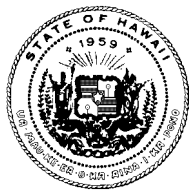
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February 9, 2020

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HCR 37 – REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON
RECONCILIATION COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND FORMULATE A
RECONCILIATION PROCESS RELATING TO ISSUES OF PAST, PRESENT, AND
FUTURE IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE STATE OF
HAWAII, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Hearing: February 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Auditorium, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this concurrent resolution to convene a reconciliation commission and to formulate a reconciliation process relating to the Native Hawaiian People, The State of Hawaii, and the United States of America.

Though Hawaii is often ranked as the healthiest state in the Union and the population of the State is recognized to have the longest life expectancy of all 50 States, health disparities remain especially for Native Hawaiians living in Hawaii who have the lowest health life expectancy in the State measure as a gap of 13.7 years as confirmed in a recent study "Healthy Life Expectancy in 2010 for Native Hawaiian, White, Filipino, Japanese, and Chinese Americans Living in Hawai'i."¹ In Hawaii, Native Hawaiians overpopulate the State's criminal

¹ See Y. Wu, O. Uchima, C. Browne, K. Braun, "Healthy Life Expectancy In 2010 for Native Hawaiian, White, Filipino, Japanese, and Chinese Americans Living in Hawaii," Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health, 2019, available at <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1010539519875614?journalCode=apha>

justice,² child welfare,³ special education systems,⁴ and homeless populations.⁵ Clearly, the service delivery models, approaches, and policies are not working for Native Hawaiian residents, and changes are necessary.

While this concurrent resolution identifies as its first task for the Blue-Ribbon Reconciliation Commission is to examine and establish a reconciliation process related to Mauna Kea, DHS recognizes this first task is one step to address the structural and other inequities that impact the lives of Native Hawaiians in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

² http://www.justicepolicy.org/uploads/justicepolicy/documents/10-09_exs_disparatetreatmentofnativehawaiians_rd-ac.pdf

³ See, A Statistical Report On Child Abuse and Neglect in Hawaii, Confirmed Child Victims by Race and severity of Harm, 2013-1017, at 7, <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2017-CAN-report-print.pdf>.

⁴ "Native Hawaiian students represent 39.1% of students enrolled in a Special Education program compared to representing only 26.0% of the total public school population." See, <https://19of32x2yl33s8o4xza0gf14-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/A-Native-Hawaiian-Focus-on-the-Hawaii-Public-School-System.pdf>

⁵ See, <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/HNNH.pdf>

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February 7, 2020

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Committee on Water, Land and Hawaiian Affairs

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Committee Members:

RE: HCR 37 Requesting the Governor to convene a blue-ribbon reconciliation commission to examine and formulate a reconciliation process relating to issues of past, present, and future importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawai'i, and the United State of America

HCR 37 is a recognition of a deeply painful history of intrusions on the First Nation of Hawai'i, which today are reflected in issues that include, but are not limited to, Maunakea. It is about the wrongs done to indigenous people of the world whose scars remain fresh.

It is also about Hawai'i being globally recognized as a cultural and natural treasure, a place on this earth where people live together peacefully and respectfully in harmony with each other and with nature, a beacon of hope, the gift of aloha that makes us who we are.

I usually try to avoid being overly dramatic, but I think HCR 37 may be one of the most important measures that this Legislature will consider this year. I thank the author for introducing it and hope it will be viewed as a great opportunity to understand and address wrongs of the past, to make us a better people and place.

Please give HCR 37 your enthusiastic support.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Harry Kim'.

Harry Kim
MAYOR



MAUNAKEA OBSERVATORIES

To: Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair, House Committee on Water, Land and Hawaiian Affairs
From: Maunakea Observatories
Subj: Letter Supporting HCR37 to Convene a Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission
Date: 9 February 2020

Through this letter the Maunakea Observatories express their strong **support** for HCR37 which proposes to establish a Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission to examine and formulate a reconciliation process relating to issues of past, present, and future importance to the native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United States of America. As members of the Hawaii Island community, the Maunakea Observatories are keen to see progress made with reconciling long-standing grievances in the native Hawaiian community, particularly those that relate to the future of Maunakea, where we operate the most powerful collection of telescopes in the world. The Maunakea Observatories stand ready to support this process and respectfully request representation on the Reconciliation Commission on matters related to Maunakea, given the potential effects of this commission on the future of Maunakea astronomy.

Mahalo,

Director Doug Simons, Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope

Director Hilton Lewis, W.M. Keck Observatory (Keck I and Keck II)



MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair;
The Honorable Chris Todd, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Water & Land,

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR37 ON
A BLUE RIBBON RECONCILIATION COMMISSION**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our support and offer comments on HCR37.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce is deeply concerned that an environment is being created here in Hawaii that can deter significant investments, new industry attraction and global projects in our state. Not only does Hawaii have a high regulatory environment, but we lost the Hawaii Super Ferry after government approval and now, after seeking to attract the telescope project on Mauna Kea; getting all necessary government approvals; and having the courts provide approvals to allow the project to move forward, it is not.

Every state is working to address economic development and attract new industries such that offer STEM and higher paying jobs. We have to find a way to come together so projects are not contested in the middle of the process, further sending a message that major investment in Hawaii is tenuous and risky.

Therefore, we support the concept of this blue ribbon commission. We would like to see more language included in the resolution to indicate that the commission will have statewide representation to bring together Native Hawaiians and all cultures in Hawaii, including representatives from the business community, nonprofit community, and educational/university community from each county as the purpose is to discuss and reconcile differences. We believe this is critically important to create economic diversity and a sustainable Hawaii for future generations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter and we look forward to seeing a revised resolution that addresses our comments.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

House Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs
The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Chris Todd, Vice Chair

HCR 37 Requesting the Governor to Convene a Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission to Examine and Formulate a Reconciliation Process Relating to Issues of Past, Present, and Future Importance to the Native Hawaiian People, the State of Hawaii, and the United States of America.

Monday, February 10, 2020
9:00 A.M.
Auditorium

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of the Committee:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes in **strong support of HCR 37** to establish a formal reconciliation process relating to past, present, and future issues of importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United States of America including, but not limited to, “the current discord related to Mauna Kea, including issues related to land use and stewardship, the environment, economy, culture, and science.” (HCR 37, page 2, lines 17-19.)

PRP supports the astronomy industry in the State of Hawaii, the importance of science, and the positive economic, research and educational benefits generated therefrom. In 2014, the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization (UHERO), in concert with the Institute for Astronomy, conducted a survey to assess in-state expenditures associated with Hawaii’s astronomy sector. That survey, which did not capture the full extent of the direct and indirect economic impact of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT), found that total astronomy-related spending in Hawaii in 2012 was \$88.08 million, with a total impact of \$167.86 million statewide considering “indirect and induced benefits and adjusting for inter-county feedback and spillover effects.” (UHERO, *The Economic Impact of Astronomy in Hawaii*, August 28, 2014). Given TMT’s commitment to direct contributions to education in Hawaii through the *Hawaii Island New Knowledge (THINK) Fund*, its financial commitment to its *Workforce Pipeline Program*, its capacity to generate construction jobs over a ten-year period and observatory operations jobs, the economic impact of astronomy to the State of Hawaii must exceed the figures calculated in 2014. TMT’s presence in Hawaii will also maintain the nation’s lead in astronomical research, innovation and discovery.

PRP is confident that a formal reconciliation process, as envisioned by HCR 37, will provide the necessary and essential forum for stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogue and find ways to respectfully and honestly resolve past, present, and future issues. The conversation should not be a binary choice between TMT and Native Hawaiian rights. We can and should have both and a formal process provides the best path forward. Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HCR 37.



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Submitted on: 2/8/2020 2:20:16 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandy Yee	Hawai'i Peace & Justice	Support	No

Comments:

This is very important. Please CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON RECONCILIATION COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND FORMULATE A RECONCILIATION PROCESS RELATING TO ISSUES OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE STATE OF HAWAII, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 10:30:57 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kailana Moa-Eli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In the past events with the Hawaiian kingdom being overthrown illegally , why is the mirror still reflect down upon the Hawaiian please stop and reflect upon the truma the Hawaiians went through and still are We Are Still Here we are your fellow Brother's and Sister's Mahalo for reading this testimony. Ke Akua pu.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/5/2020 8:41:58 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a native Hawaiian, I am in support of HCR37. Please pass this concurrent resolution.

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 1:10:19 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Mauiola Keaka Stone Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Mr. Chair Yamane,

My name is James Mauiola Keaka Stone Jr.. I am an attorney, an educator, a native Hawaiian and I support the intent of HCR37.

By way of context, the three most important issues facing our people are: 1) Health care, specifically chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes; 2) Various housing issues, whether HHL, sub-standard housing or homelessness; and 3) Incarceration. These are all issues of poverty. To a great extent Mauna Kea has become a metaphor for all of the issues facing our people. This is easy to understand because many in our community feel that as a result of recent protests, for the first time they are being heard. Not since the protests of the 70s has an issue captured the attention of the wider community. However, be careful not to reduce all of our problems to one of mauna management. There is a significant danger that questions regarding the management of the mauna will distract policy makers from the more important (and more complex) problems we face. Frankly, the issue of whether TMT can be built is settled as a matter of law. The construction should start now and the current management plan addresses the cultural and environmental issues raised over the past eleven years. E niki ka hele, mai maka'u. Go forward carefully, but do not be afraid.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2020 6:10:52 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Simply too broad, placating and why a "blue" ribbon, the language already denotes that is the goal. who determined this was a good idea? where did it come from? i.. and the Governor appoints them? That's not going to well for the DOE, BLNR and a myriad of other commissions.

I can't support or oppose this because it's just...a matter of what lens one uses to see things on these islands.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:54:46 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Takasugi	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I support the fact that these sorts of dialogues should be started. However, this should not be used to delay TMT any more than it already has. TMT has passed all legal requirements to proceed, and has made numerous concessions over the years. Furthermore, they are committed to give to the Native Hawaiian community, through scholarships and internship opportunities, as well as training in high paying jobs. I believe that TMT is already trying to start this conversation.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 1:31:03 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Wagner	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I tentatively support the creation of a blue ribbon commission to discuss issues concerning Native Hawaiians. I'm not sure how this affects the discussions between Native Hawaiian groups and the Department of the Interior (hopefully all parties can productively work together).

I do not support this commission being used to delay or stop the building of the Thirty Meter Telescope. TMT has already gone through a lengthy approval process and has a legal right to move forward. TMT will have a positive impact on our economy and is already providing educational opportunities for our keiki.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 1:19:14 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherrell Watson	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I approve of this measure going forward, and feel it is an important step for our state to take; however I do not feel it should affect the legal construction of TMT and add any more delays.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 2:32:30 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
KATHERINE ROSEGUO	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Reserving support until I know more about this. I support the sentiment and the idea that these larger conversations should be had. However, TMT should not be delayed any further by these discussions. TMT has the legal right to proceed. TMT will help lift thousands of Native Hawaiians out of poverty through scholarships, jobs and investments, and no reconciliation process should stand in the way of such an incredible gift. No more delays for a good project for Hawaii. Delay is complicity. IMUA TMT.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 1:29:37 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L.J. Remillard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We support the sentiment and the idea that these larger conversations should be had. However, TMT should not be delayed any further by these discussions. TMT has the legal right to proceed, and our state has a legal responsibility to ensure the TMT can proceed. TMT will help lift thousands of Native Hawaiians out of poverty through scholarships, jobs and investments, and no reconciliation process should stand in the way of such an incredible gift.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 1:30:35 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lindy Pounds	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Because I fear this bill would fruther delay the TMT I do not support it. The TMT has been delayed far too long. It is for all humanity and should be built. Hawaiians will recieve support in education from the TMT.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:59:25 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carter Barto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I support the sentiment and the idea that these larger conversations should be had. However, TMT should not be delayed any further by these discussions. TMT has the legal right to proceed. TMT will help lift thousands of Native Hawaiians out of poverty through scholarships, jobs and investments, and no reconciliation process should stand in the way of such an incredible gift.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2020 12:57:38 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Annette Reyes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Based on the fact that this may affect TMT I oppose. But I support the idea that these kinds conversations need to happen. TMT should not be affected by this and should not be delayed any further by these discussions. TMT has the legal right to proceed. TMT went through 10+ years of application processes, 2 Contested Case Hearings and 2 Supreme Court Rulings all in TMT's favor! TMT will help thousands of Native Hawaiian Keiki through scholarships, jobs and investments, and this process should not stand in the way of such an incredible project.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 10:25:02 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kenneth kudo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

On how to reconcile with native Hawaiians, I feel that Native Hawaiians are not the indigenous people of Hawaii, they are aboriginal colonists the same as everyone else here, just that they came and conquered the islands before others. The native hawaiian protest problems of today started with native hawaiian protest problems of the past, when the State "reconciled" with native Hawaiians in the 70s, by allowing the formation of OHA (and DHHL). It sounded like an easy reconciliation at the time, give them something and they'll shut up and stop protesting. We'll create OHA and if they want benefits for their race, let them work for it. The Office of Hawaiians Affairs was the reconciliation, sounds commendable. How can Hawaiian affairs be wrong affairs? The name sounds like an agency established for the good and improvement of affairs of all Hawaii. But a monster was created. "For OHA purposes" OHA defined a native "Hawaiian" as only that race, Kanaka Maoli, inhabiting the Sandwich Islands before 1778. OHA controls billions of dollars in our state, promotes governance, protecting and improving the aina and culture of, by, and for only the Kanaka race - as if they can do a better job for Hawaii, and continually empowering, enriching, and separating the Kanaka from the rest of the state's population and FROM its government! Its time we call it what it is: OKA, the Office of KANAKA Affairs. Doesn't sound so good now, does it? The millions of dollars costing taxpayers of all ethnicities in Hawaii, continue to feed and strengthen only one Kanaka race who continually strengthen to cause increased civil disobedience and a divided Hawaii to further empower OKA, causing racism too bigtime, and a separate Kanaka government competing against the State government and rule over Hawaii. Its also like dangling carrots to entice donkeys to follow suit, sadly turning much of the race into furious insatiable jackasses (pardon the expression). So how do we reconcile with this race? Kanaka Maoli must now realize that they are not any more oppressed than any other race in Hawaii. They must not support empowering their race over all others, and they must not support self governance. Hawaii must become ONE for all races, regardless of who emigrated first. **A HAWAIIAN IS** a resident of Hawaii, **NOT** a particular **RACE** in Hawaii. We reconcile by agreeing to either have the empowering and separatist OHA benefit all races in Hawaii. In other words, ABOLISH OHA, and if not, for the purpose of encouraging future debate, at least change their name to OKA, calling it what it unfairly is - blatant racism, and rename "native Hawaiian" to the ethnicity that it is, "Kanaka". We reconcile by finally resolving that the affairs of Hawaii, our Hawaiian affairs be heretofore dispatched under one central U.S. State government. Make **The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is the Office of the Hawaiian People.** The people of Hawaii are after all **multi-raced**, and we will

always be multi-raced. **We Hawaiians**, the people of Hawaii, reconcile with the Kanaka race, by the statute of all races surrendering to the concept of unity and equality. Mahalo from a 73 year old Japanese man born and raised in Hawaii along with my parents born and raised, with grandparents who were here before 1893 and me being a true, law abiding, respectable "Hawaiian" who lived here all his life, loving his aina, now with my three kanaka maoli grandsons.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 10:21:47 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

oppose

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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER LAND AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

For hearing Monday, February 10, 2020

Re: HCR37

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON RECONCILIATION COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND FORMULATE A RECONCILIATION PROCESS RELATING TO ISSUES OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE STATE OF HAWAII, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

The proposed resolution HCR37 would set in motion a badly misguided process to achieve "reconciliation" with "Native Hawaiians" merely because a group of activists, who are a small minority among ethnic Hawaiians, decided to break the law. They blocked access for construction equipment for a telescope on Mauna Kea, and kept their blockade in place for several months at a cost of millions of dollars for police "presence" because a timid and incompetent Governor and

Hawaii Island Mayor on day #1 failed to make expeditious use of the police presence they had ordered.

The existing HCR37 would reward lawbreaking and disrespect for a ten-year process where all views were given fair consideration through informal community deliberations, formal hearings, and lawsuits. HCR37 kow-tows to the use of mediation and reconciliation as weapons of delay and obstruction. Let's remember that very recently the partners from India in the 30-meter telescope project announced that they are likely to pull out of the project if it stays in Hawaii because of current interminable delays and the likelihood of ongoing future disruptions and protests even after construction is finished. This resolution would reward threats of violence disguised as "kapu aloha." Under international law, a blockade is viewed as a form of violence and is an act of war.

This testimony in opposition is provided in the form of a new resolution in the nature of a substitute, whereby the reasons for opposing the existing HCR37, and the way forward to achieve true reconciliation, will become clear. Please replace the entirety of HCR37 with the new language below.

Whereas the greatest source of racial divisiveness in Hawaii has been coming for many years from a few ethnic Hawaiian activists who refuse to abide by decisions reached through democratic due process where their participation was welcome; and

Whereas some ethnic Hawaiian activists refuse to acknowledge that Hawaii is the 50th State of the United States and seek to restore Hawaii to its former status as an independent nation; and

Whereas some ethnic Hawaiian activists seek to create a Hawaiian tribe and get federal recognition of it; and

Whereas both the tribalists and the race-nationalists embrace a creation legend which they say portrays anyone with a drop of Hawaiian native blood as being genetically a child of the gods and a brother/sister to these living Hawaiian islands in a way nobody else can ever be who lacks a drop of Hawaiian blood; and

Whereas that fascist religious belief is used as the theological justification for asserting Hawaiian racial supremacy and the right to race-based political power and ownership of all lands and waters in Hawaii [note #1]; and

Whereas Hawaiian religious fascism along with demands for race-based ownership of all the lands and waters of Hawaii were proclaimed in a so-called Constitution for a Hawaiian nation adopted by a monthlong meeting financed by OHA in February 2016, which is expected to be submitted to the U.S. Secretary of Interior as part of an application for federal recognition of a Hawaiian tribe when political conditions are deemed favorable [Note #2]; and

Whereas the United States adopted a joint resolution in 1993 apologizing to ethnic Hawaiians for sending in peacekeepers to protect lives and property during the Hawaiian revolution of 1893, but that resolution of sentiment, filled with falsehoods, has been abused by portraying it as a confession of a crime under international law which would require financial reparations and disgorgment of Hawaii as the 50th State [Note #3]; and

Whereas ethnic Hawaiian activists have repeatedly, over a period of several decades, staged large protest marches and forcible occupations of public lands disrupting lawfully authorized projects, costing many millions of dollars, causing lost economic opportunities, bitter resentment, and racial divisiveness; and

Whereas calls for peace and reconciliation, along with efforts at mediation, have repeatedly been abused as weapons of obstruction and delay causing important projects to be abandoned for fear of never-ending threats and harassment; and

Whereas the people of Hawaii, of all races and cultures, are determined to come together in peace, mutual respect, and friendship guided by the Aloha Spirit [Note #4];

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the Senate concurring, that the U.S. Congress is requested to repeal PL103-150 (the apology resolution of 1993) and the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge to place on the ballot in the general election of 2020 all amendments to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii necessary to abolish the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge to repeal in this year and in coming years all statutes enabling or funding state or county programs providing benefits exclusively or preferentially to members of any particular racial group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Governor of the State of Hawaii, and Hawaii's Congressional delegation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge to be guided in the future by the following four fundamental principles as clarified herein:

1. Equality before God: All humans are equal in the eyes of God regardless of race.

2. Equality under the law: Government should treat all people equally under the law regardless of race.

3. Unity with America: Hawaii is the 50th State of the USA, whose laws rightfully have jurisdiction here.

4. Unity of Hawaii: The people and lands of Hawaii should remain unified under the single sovereignty of the State of Hawaii, not divided along racial lines.

Clarifications:

1. Those who don't believe in God, or believe in 400,000 gods, have other ways to say it. The U.S. Declaration of Independence said: "All men [people] are created equal." Don't believe in creationism? Natural law gives every human equal worth and inalienable rights.

A beautiful Hawaiian creation legend says the gods mated and gave birth to these islands as living beings. Later the gods mated and gave birth to the first human from whom we all are descended. Thus humans are children of the gods and brothers/sisters to the 'aina.

Unfortunately some activists twist this legend to say only people with Hawaiian blood have this genealogy; therefore ethnic Hawaiians have a god-given right to rule Hawaii. Using religion or race as a basis to demand political power in Hawaii is just as unacceptable as jihad in the Middle East, fascism in Europe, or white nationalism in South Carolina.

2. Equal treatment under the law means there should be no special rights or government entitlement programs for one race preferentially or exclusively. Hawaii has many hundreds of such programs. They are illegal under the 14th Amendment equal protection clause, and morally repugnant as "institutional racism" comparable to Jim Crow laws in the old South.

For each program, either open it so all races have access or shut it down. If Native Hawaiians are truly the most needy, then they will receive most of the help if help is given based on need alone.

Article 12 Section 7 of the Hawaii Constitution grants special rights to Native Hawaiians for "traditional and customary practices" interpreted to include trespassing for shoreline access, religious practices, or gathering certain materials. The pono way to honor that provision while also honoring equality under the law is to extend the traditional and customary rights of Native Hawaiians to all citizens. In the kingdom, those rights were for everyone regardless of race ("hoa'aina" meant "tenant" not "native tenant"; "kanaka" meant race-neutral "person").

3. The Hawaiian revolution of 1893 was done entirely by local men while 162 U.S. peacekeepers, present for fear of rioting or arson, were never needed or used. Hawaii remained an independent nation until 1898.

The Republic of Hawaii was given full-fledged international recognition as the rightful successor government by emperors, kings, queens, and presidents of at least 19 nations, including Queen Victoria — all personally signed letters congratulating President Dole. A few months later, after an attempted counterrevolution failed, ex-queen Lili'uokalani personally signed a letter of abdication and an oath of loyalty to the Republic, after consulting with her longtime personal attorney and witnessed by her former cabinet ministers. [Note #5]

In 1897, the Republic offered a Treaty of Annexation to the U.S., which the U.S. then accepted in 1898. [Note #6] Some Senators complained that ratification by both House and Senate was not correct procedure for a treaty, but they lost. Neither Hawaiian secessionists nor U.N. has standing to overrule the method chosen by the sovereign U.S. to make its internal decision to ratify what the Republic of Hawaii offered. Yes, we are Americans.

4. What Kamehameha hath joined together, let no politicians rip asunder. The people and lands of Hawaii should remain unified under the single sovereignty of the State of Hawaii, not divided along racial lines — no race-based government recognized as though it is an Indian tribe.

Note #1: Hawaiian religious fascism. A twisted version of a beautiful creation legend provides the theological basis for a claim that ethnic Hawaiians are entitled to racial supremacy in the governance and cultural life of the Hawaiian islands. See <http://www.angelfire.com/big11a/HawnReligFascism.html>

Note #2: Full text of the so-called Constitution adopted February 26, 2016 as copied from the Na'i Aupuni website (which no longer exists) <http://big09.angelfire.com/NatHwnConstitAdopt022616.pdf>

Right up front in your face, the preamble says "we join together to affirm a government of, by, and for Native Hawaiian people" [i.e., of the race, by the race, and for the race], and "affirm our ancestral [i.e., race-based] rights and Kuleana to all lands, waters, and resources of our islands and surrounding seas." [i.e., we're gonna take over the whole place, just like Kamehameha did, who was known as "Ka Na'i Aupuni" -- the conqueror.] "We reaffirm the National Sovereignty of the Nation. We reserve all rights to Sovereignty and Self-determination, including the pursuit of independence. Our highest aspirations are set upon the promise of our unity and this Constitution."

The plain language in the preamble is the declaration of a race-war from a gathering blatantly labeled "Na'i Aupuni" which means "Conquest."

In case there's any doubt about fascist racial exclusivity, Article 2 -- Citizenship -- says "A citizen of the Native Hawaiian Nation is any descendant of the aboriginal and indigenous people who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the Hawaiian Islands and is enrolled in the nation."

Article 7, Section 4 reaffirms the religious belief that ethnic Hawaiians have a genealogical relationship with the islands, saying "The Nation has a right, duty, and kuleana, both individually and collectively, to sustain the 'Aina (land, kai, wai, air) as an ancestor, source of mana, and source of life and well-being for present and future generations.

Note #3: U.S. apology resolution 20th anniversary -- A resolution was introduced in the Hawaii legislature to commemorate the 20th

anniversary of the U.S. apology resolution; and testimony was offered to the Hawaii legislature in the form of a substitute resolution explaining that the apology resolution is filled with falsehoods, has produced bad consequences, and should be repealed.

<http://www.angelfire.com/big09/ApologyReso20thAnniv.html>

Note #4: "The Aloha Spirit -- what it is, who possesses it, and why it is important"

<http://www.angelfire.com/planet/big60/AlohaSpirit.html>

Note #5: Photographs taken in the State of Hawaii Archives show letters personally signed by 19 foreign heads of state, and accompanying materials, plus Lili'uokalani's letter of abdication and oath of loyalty to the Republic.

<https://historymystery.kenconklin.org/recognition-of-the-republic-of-hawaii/>

Note #6: Treaty of Annexation between the Republic of Hawaii and the United States of America (1898). Full text of the treaty, and of the resolutions whereby the Republic of Hawaii legislature and the U.S. Congress ratified it. The politics surrounding the treaty, then and now.

<http://www.angelfire.com/big09a/TreatyOfAnnexationHawaiiUS.html>

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 4:42:28 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Veronica Ohara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a Kanaka Maoli I support this effort to resolve issues facing us. But if this is just another tactic to delay the construction of TMT, HCR37 is sadly an extension of the long reach of KAHEA and the Ki'ai, and the UH professors who foment unrest. Our own Hawaii Supreme Court has awarded TMT the right to proceed with construction. That we should have to once again delay construction over another Bill is a shame for democracy in the 50th State of Hawaii.

Hawaiians have many serious issues, incarceration, homelessness, marginalized education, health issues such as obesity, teen pregnancy. These issues should be resolved but they have nothing to do with TMT. And the Ki'ai waste our tax payers dollars for their ideology.

Sadly the UH professors have conflated our personal issues with the TMT and astronomy on Maunakea. We might challenge their use of position as employees of the State of Hawaii why they use tax payers dollars to deceive the residents because it is clearly a conflict of interest.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 6:47:42 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Imua TMT	Imua TMT	Support	Yes

Comments:

TMT has the legal right to proceed. That should not be coupled with addressing all issues confronting all Native Hawaiians. Thus, while we support the sentiment of this resolution, that these larger conversations should be had, TMT should not be delayed any further by these discussions.

Indeed, TMT will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. TMT will uplift thousands of Native Hawaiians by giving us access to an economically advantageous, sustainable, and culturally relevant global industry through scholarships, jobs and investments. No reconciliation process should stand in the way of such an incredible gift.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 6:29:45 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joni Kamiya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 7:00:59 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harry Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a community college chemistry professor and kamaaina whose Hawaiian grandchildren live on HHLs, I strongly support building the TMT as it benefits Hawaiian culture and all of Hawaii. The issues of Hawaiian protestors are more than just the mauna, but the TMT has been wrongly targeted. It was an issue that got traction so the protestors dug in. This is not fair to TMT and to the rest of Hawaii's law abiding citizens. My family wants the law to be enforced so TMT can move forward, but we also want the voices of the protestors to be heard.

If you form a panel comprising both sides, I recommend two young Hawaiians who are in favor of the TMT: Sam King II and Malia Martin who are active in Imua TMT.

Mahalo for your consideration

Aloha, Harry

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 7:07:25 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	The descendants of Henry Kekoa Maui	Support	No

Comments:

As a descendant of Henry Kekoa Maui and all 'ohana before him and after him, I hereby fully support this bill and will gladly ask to be a part of this committee to bring solutions to the table.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 7:32:37 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noel Morin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I support the intent of this measure and that this is an opportunity to reconcile differences. It will be important, however, that this not further delay the implementation of the TMT, a project that has gone through the proper due diligence and has the legal right to begin.

The TMT and the scientific and economic benefits it brings is a gift for our residents. It will continue to help empower our youth, enable jobs and careers, and allow Hawaii to diversify its economy. It will help ensure that Hawaii stays a leader in science and technology, and continue to contribute to the body of knowledge and understanding of our universe. We should ensure that it is not further delayed.

Sincerely,

Noel Morin

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 8:48:12 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Marie LaRosa	Volcano Community Action Network	Support	No

Comments:

I support the intent of the resolution HCR 37 to reconcile differences with respect to the TMT, but like the testimony of Imua TMT, I am concerned that the creation of a blue ribbon panel may stall the project into oblivion and that it is time to move this project forward and not let it fail.

While I do not wish to speak for Hawaiians as I am not a native Hawaiian, I strongly support the construction of the TMT telescope on the Big Island. I have been a resident here for decades and feel that the project, if done with care and respect is a win-win for the Island, State and, hopefully Hawaiians. It would provide a needed economic boost for the Island, exciting opportunities for local youth, and information that could prove valuable for the world. As a scientist, I feel that this project could be an excellent example of collaboration between scientists and cultural practitioners. After all, Hawaiians have been astronomers for generations.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 9:13:03 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenneth Chambers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in support of the intent of HCR 37

I support the this resolution, such a reconcilliation is crucial for all residents of Hawaii.

Nonetheless, TMT should not be delayed any further by these discussions. TMT has a legal right to proceed with construction, and further delay puts the benefits of TMT to Native Hawaiians and to all residents of Hawaii, and to the world community, at risk. Reconciliation is crucial for our community, but time is of the essence or we will all lose this incredible opportunity.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 10:20:37 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pete Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Appoint Malia Martin and Samuel Wilder King II to the panel to represent the young Native Hawaiians that think TMT and Mauna Kea unite culture and science and therefore Mauna Kea is the perfect place for TMT.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/6/2020 11:00:46 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Cadiz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in support of the intent of HCR 37

TMT has the legal right to proceed. That should not be coupled with addressing all issues confronting all Native Hawaiians. Thus, while we support the sentiment of this resolution, that these larger conversations should be had, TMT should not be delayed any further by these discussions.

Indeed, TMT will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. TMT will uplift thousands of Native Hawaiians by giving access to an economically advantageous, sustainable, and culturally relevant global industry through scholarships, jobs and investments. No reconciliation process should stand in the way of such an incredible gift.

Mahalo, and Imua TMT!

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 1:24:22 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable legislators,

I am writing in support of this bill, with ***reservations***.

I support the underlying notion of these larger conversations, particularly as it relates to helping native Hawaiians. However, TMT should **absolutely *NOT*** be delayed any further by these discussions. To be clear, this bill and the committee it forms should **NOT** be weaponized against a beneficial, collaborative, and scientific enterprise that received the blessings of **MANY** community and native Hawaiian leaders. TMT has the legal right to proceed as evidenced by a **TEN** year process, two contest case hearings, and a final, Hawaii Supreme Court ruling in favor by 4-1. TMT will help lift thousands of Native Hawaiians out of poverty through scholarships, jobs, and investments, and no reconciliation process should stand in the way of such an incredible opportunity.

What many don't realize is that the 1960 tsunami that devastated much of Hilo gave birth to modern astronomy in Hawaii. Led by this very state government, astronomy was seen as the answer to economically lift the Big Island. It was as a much-needed clean and high tech industry in a state with limited natural resources. Hawaii is not special in this regard, the island nation of Japan is similarly resource poor, but flourishes due to its cutting edge tech industry. The state of Hawaii can one day achieve that same elite status.

As a state that relies heavily on tourism, Hawaii's economy is especially vulnerable to economic downturns. *The 2008 recession was one of the worst for nearly all Hawaii residents, resulting in ~1/4 drop in visitor expenditures, and a gaping deficit in the state budget that critically affected teachers' pay.* On Big Island specifically, the rate of hotel occupancy dropped by a staggering 25%, which traditionally feels the slowdown first and recovers last.

In addition to global economic fluctuations, natural disasters have an outsized effect on Hawaii's economy, especially on Big Island. The 2018 Kilauea eruption is a very recent example, and although I wasn't personally affected, many people around me were and some lost their homes. HVNP was closed for 134 days due to daily earthquakes and multiple lava flows along eruptive fissures, damaging 700 structures and costing \$800 million in property damage alone. Compared to 2017, total visitors to Big Island halved,

as did the number of local jobs and total economic output. *Unfortunately this threat is ever-present as Kilauea and its much bigger neighbor Maunaloa are always at risk of erupting.*

On the other hand Hawaii astronomy has proven to be particularly resilient in the face of economic upheaval. A 2014 study done by the UH Economic Research Organization determined that annual Hawaii astronomy related expenditures totaled \$88 million. When including indirect economic benefits this figure increases to \$168 million, of which \$91 million is attributed to Big Island alone. *As a result astronomy is within the top 5 industries in the state (the other 4 being agriculture, entertainment/recreation, educational services, and management of companies and enterprises), which is incredible given how little space it uses compared to the other 4 top industries.* This reveals the potency of a fully mature high tech industry in Hawaii. TMT themselves will contribute approximately \$26 million ***alone***, that is a whopping 25% increase in money for Big Island ***alone***.

TMT will continue the legacy started by the first governor of Hawaii. Where possible TMT will be hiring local contractors during construction as well as when it is operational. Besides the economic benefit of injecting \$26 million a year into the Big Island economy, TMT will create 140 permanent jobs to run the observatory, all funded by a multinational consortium. All but 20% of these jobs are non-scientific, with the majority of them in the technical, engineering, and IT fields, which are highly transferrable skills into other industries. TMT has already shown good faith by contributing \$1 million into the THINK fund, and is involved with the Maunakea Scholars program. This is a first-of-its-kind program that gives high school students in Hawaii actual observing time on Maunakea for a mentored research experience. Just imagine what would happen if all the observatories left. As an employee of the Mauna Kea Observatories, I spend my dollars directly in the local economy: grocery stores, restaurants, entertainment, the list goes on. Now imagine me and more than 1400 other employees disappear, that money coming from the US federal budget and other countries will completely vanish.

TMT also realizes the importance of training and preparing students in STEM related careers, especially robotics which has a large interest in Hawaii. This initiative focuses on preparing local residents, especially those of Native Hawaiian descent and underrepresented minorities, for jobs in STEM-related fields that command higher wages, allowing more to stay in Hawaii with flexible upward mobility in the industry. This is highlighted in one specific case where TMT sponsored Camp Laniakea in 2018 for children affected by the Kilauea eruption.

To be clear, TMT is spearheading the diversification of Hawai'i's workforce that will be more resistant to economic fluctuations, while exploring the Universe and raising the status of Hawai'i as a global leader in science and technology.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Respectfully yours, Jason

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 7:51:02 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please appoint Malia Martin and Sam King II to the panel. The TMT project must move forward

Mahalo,

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 7:57:05 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harm-Jan Steenhuis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in support of the intent of HCR 37

TMT has the legal right to proceed. That should not be coupled with addressing all issues confronting all Native Hawaiians. Thus, while we support the sentiment of this resolution, that these larger conversations should be had, TMT should not be delayed any further by these discussions.

Indeed, TMT will directly benefit Native Hawaiians. TMT will uplift thousands of Native Hawaiians by giving us access to an economically advantageous, sustainable, and culturally relevant global industry through scholarships, jobs and investments. No reconciliation process should stand in the way of such an incredible gift.

Also I recommend that the Governor appoint Malia Martin and Samuel Wilder King II to the panel to represent the young Native Hawaiians that think TMT and Mauna Kea unite culture and science and therefore Mauna Kea is the perfect place for TMT.

Mahalo,

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 8:24:23 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Betsey Strauss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

TMT has the legal right to proceed with construction. Further conversation should be had to address the issues confronting Native Hawaiians, but construction should not be delayed any longer than it has while these discussions proceed.

Please allow TMT to proceed with construction.

Mahalo,

Betsey Strauss

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 8:27:00 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Cumming	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Yes, we need this discussion. Yes, we need a, "Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission" to address issues of past, present, and future importance to the native Hawaiian people.

The problem with this bill is that it is a thinly veiled attempt by the anti-TMT protesters to use this commission to block TMT. There is no evidence that this commission will be firewalled against protesters that are driven by social media memes, misinformation, and outright lies

Many times on social media the protesters have claimed that your not a "Real Hawaiian" unless you are against TMT. How can this commission have TMT supporters and still get the respect of the Hawaiian people?

HCR37 Needs to be voted down or amended to guarantee that TMT will not be delayed by the formation of this committee and that the committee will represent all Hawaiians, including Hawaiians that support TMT.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 10:03:08 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christoph Baranec	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

TMT will directly benefit all peoples of Hawaii by giving us access to an economically advantageous, sustainable, and culturally relevant global industry through scholarships, jobs and investments.

Please appoint Malia Martin and Samuel Wilder King II to the panel to represent the young native Hawaiians that think TMT and Maunakea unite culture and science. Maunakea is the perfect place for TMT.

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February 7, 2020

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Water, Land & Hawaiian Affairs

RE: Hearing on HCR 37
Committee on Water, Land & Hawaiian Affairs
Date: Monday, February 10, 2020
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: Auditorium
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd and
Members of the Committee on Land, Water & Hawaiian Affairs:

I support HCR 37.

I agree that "there remains a pressing need to establish a new relationship based on reconciliation and trust between the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United States of America".

The historical injustices which have been inflicted on our Native Hawaiian people are well established, and have been manifested in the following areas.

Native Hawaiian Health. The Native Hawaiian race in the mid 1800's was threatened with extinction. The race was dying off because Native Hawaiians had no immunities to diseases brought to Hawaii as a result of contact with the West.

Native Hawaiian Culture. Our native culture was suppressed in various ways:

- Hula was discouraged.
- Native dress was not accepted in many places.
- Use of our native language was discouraged.
- Our indigenous religious practices were replaced with Christianity.

Native Hawaiian Governance. As referenced in HCR 37, the Hawaiian monarchy was overthrown on August 17, 1893. The overthrow was led by Caucasian businessmen who believed that the monarchy was an obstruction to their business interests.

Native Hawaiian Lands. Approximately 1.8 million acres of Crown and Government lands were taken from the Hawaiian monarchy at the time of the overthrow without compensation, and those lands were “ceded” or transferred to the U.S. Government in 1898 when Hawaii was annexed to the United States. Through the Admission Act of 1959 approximately 1.4 million acres were transferred to the new State of Hawaii in trust for 5 different purposes with 20% directed “for the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians.”

Many Native Hawaiians believe that these historical injustices have resulted in disadvantages suffered by our Native Hawaiian people including:

- Poor health.
- Insufficient education.
- Unfulfilling jobs.
- Over-representation in the prison population, and in other matters reflecting social dysfunction.
- Inability to obtain sufficient safe and comfortable housing, with the tragic example of having nearly 28,000

Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
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beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust on the waiting list for years.

Based on the clear need to improve the quality of life for many of our Native Hawaiian people, I agree with the objective of HCR 37 to "Examine and establish a reconciliation process relating to past, present, and future issues of importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United States of America" including a process related to Mauna Kea. It is my deep hope that such a reconciliation process can be established. More importantly, it is my dream that such a reconciliation process will lead to a higher quality of life for our Native Hawaiian people through better health, more education, jobs that advance self esteem, and sufficient safe and comfortable housing.

Mahalo nui for allowing me to present this testimony.

Aloha ke Akua,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivan M. Lui-Kwan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "I" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ivan M. Lui-Kwan

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 10:56:16 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosemarie Patronette	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 11:03:03 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rynette Keen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Mai Kakou,

RE: HCR37

As a Native Hawaiian, I am in opposition to this bill as I have no confidence in the current governmental system nor the House of Representative or Legislator to do the right thing for the Native Hawaiian people. Neither do I trust nor respect Governor Ige to do the right thing by this bill because of his previous actions regarding the use of lands held in trust for the Native Hawaiian beneficiaries, his terrible handling of the Mauna Kea incident, his appointment of Bill Aila as Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Land, the University of Hawaii, in particular, David Lasner and the increased negligence shown by Ige, the Attorney General, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the representatives and legislators in their treatment of opponents to the TMT construction. For years the FAKE STATE of Hawaii has used and abused the lands of the Hawaiian beneficiaries under the guise that the American government controls these islands. Through discrimination, lack of proper funding for the betterment of the Hawaiian people, and many more atrocities, this current government is an illegal oppressor of the Native Hawaiian people. Until an arbitrary panel can be convened, I oppose this action by the FAKE STATE of HAWAII to seek reconciliation with the Hawaiian people because I DO NOT TRUST the people mentioned above and entities to be fair and just to the Native Hawaiian people.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 11:22:07 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Weiss	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I am in support of this resolution however I do not agree that the TMT should be partnered with it. TMT will benefit all peoples globally, and as such Hawaiians will also reap that benefit as will the Hawaiians employed in the science field and those working directly on the TMT project. Additionally the TMT has the legal right to proceed.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 11:41:15 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Geoff Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am skeptical that this new panel will accomplish what so many people have failed, but it's worth a try. TMT has been approved, build it!!!

KA LĀHUI HAWAII

KOMIKE KAI AĪĀINA

BEFORE THE HOUSE WATER, LAND AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37

Relating to Blue Ribbon Commission; Native Hawaiians

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Todd, and Members of the Committee,

Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Political Action Committee (KPAC) OPPOSES House Concurrent Resolution which would create a Governor appointed "Blue Ribbon" Reconciliation Commission to look into reconciliation with the "Native Hawaiian " people beginning with Mauna Kea.

In March, 1999 the US federal government "commenced" a reconciliation process with the "Native Hawaiian" people and then published a report with its findings entitled "From Mauka to Makai: The River of Justice Must Flow Freely" in 2000. This report stated that the Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination i.e. increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. But it was also made clear in that report that self-determination is limited to the federal framework by that process - undermining true self-determination where all options are on the table including independence from the US.

This measure attempts to start a reconciliation process between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawai'i with the appointment of a "Blue Ribbon" Reconciliation Commission appointed by the Governor. The first task of this Commission will be to examine and establish a reconciliation process for Mauna Kea. Any process that begins with Gubernatorial appointees, is State initiated and flawed especially a reconciliation process for Mauna Kea.

In the month of July 2019 alone, Governor Ige called the National Guard on peaceful protectors of Mauna Kea, dismantled traditional ahu (altars) and structures used in religious ceremonies on Mauna Kea, and arrested 38 elders who were blocking construction of the private Thrity Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea Access Road. More recently this administration is targeting organizations that have shown support and helped to sustain the occupation of Mauna Kea by peaceful protectors demonstrating that Govenor Ige and his administration do not have the best interests the Mauna Kea protectors in mind and will use whatever means necessary to 'clear the way' for TMT including a bogus reconciliation process.

Any State initiated reconciliation process would be within the context of State laws and the Constitution which already protect and recognize many Kanaka Maoli rights and entitlements. However, the State of Hawai'i has shown time and time again that they will not follow their own laws and legal precedents

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when it comes to Kanaka Maoli rights and entitlements always putting the burden of proof on Kanaka Maoli and distorting the laws to serve corporate interests. With this said, the Governor appointed panel to look into reconciliation is disingenuous and any true process of reconciliation should begin with an apology and admission of the wrong that was done to the Mauna Kea Protectors and Kupuna and the wider Kanaka Maoli community.

Sincerely,

M. Healani Sonoda-Pale
Chair, Ka Lāhui Hawai‘i Hui Komike Kalai‘āina

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 12:22:46 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Crouch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Respected legislators,

Im am writing in support of this bill, with significant reservations and annotations.

I support the broader propspect of these conversations, but not linked to any activity or INACTIVITY on TMT.

TMT has the legal right to proceed, and won it through a ten year , laborious process, including a hearing and review by the supreme court. TMT will help lift many Hawaiians out of poverty through scholarships, jobs and investments, and no reconciliation process should hamper this in any way. The construction of a telescope intended to benefit both the hawaiian community and all of humanity is not linked to these separate conversations. The astronomy community was in fact inveited here after the tsunami of 1960. Hawaii needs to encourage any investment in clean, high tech industry not linked to tourism. This is the best hope for giving autonomy, dignity, and prosperity to hawaii's children and adults. Mahalo.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 12:58:37 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Show respect and reverence!

Don't do this correctly!

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 1:09:43 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avery Thorpe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination, that is increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. Governor Ige and his administration continually demonstrate that they do not have the best interests on the cultural integrity of Mauna Kea and our 'aina.

HCR37 does not in fact promote reconciliation at all, as all members of the so-called "Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission" will be appointed by Governor Ige. This bill simply attempts to quietly clear the protestors for construction of the TMT on our sacred Mauna. This plan simply serves to create a bogus, state sponsored and initiated "reconciliation" process. This measure is disingenuous. Any true process of reconciliation should start with an apology by the Governor and his administration to the Mauna Kea Kia`i and the larger Hawaiian community.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 1:32:01 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ana Kahoopii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination, that is increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. Governor Ige and his administration continually demonstrate that they do not have the best interests on the cultural integrity of Mauna Kea and our 'aina. HCR37 attempts to 'clear the way' for construction of the TMT on our sacred Mauna. The measure creates a bogus, state sponsored and initiated "reconciliation" process. HCR37 initiates a state created process for reconciliation between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawaii by establishing of so-called "Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission." All members to this commission will be appointed by Governor Ige. This measure is disingenuous. Any true process of reconciliation should start with an apology by the Governor and his administration to the Mauna Kea Kia`i and the larger Hawaiian community.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 1:43:02 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wai'ala Ahn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please Oppose HCR37! Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination, that is increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. Governor Ige and his administration continually demonstrate that they do not have the best interests on the cultural integrity of Mauna Kea and our 'aina. HCR37 attempts to 'clear the way' for construction of the TMT on our sacred Mauna. The measure creates a bogus, state sponsored and initiated "reconciliation" process. HCR37 initiates a state created process for reconciliation between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawaii by establishing of so-called "Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission." All members to this commission will be appointed by Governor Ige. This measure is disingenuous. Any true process of reconciliation should start with an apology by the Governor and his administration to the Mauna Kea Kia'i and the larger Hawaiian community. Please Oppose HCR37. Mahalo.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 2:05:05 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Brower	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

First and foremost, TMT has the legal right to proceed. While I support the sentiment of this resolution in addressing all issues confronting all Native Hawaiians, that should not encumber TMT's legal right to proceed. TMT should not be delayed any further than it already has been by these discussions, which I agree should take place.

To that end, please appoint Malia Martin and Samuel Wilder King II to the panel to represent the young Native Hawaiians that think TMT and Mauna Kea unite culture with science and therefore understand that Mauna Kea is the perfect place for TMT.

In fact, TMT will and has already directly benefited Native Hawaiians. TMT will uplift thousands of Native Hawaiians by giving us access to an economically advantageous, sustainable, and culturally relevant global industry through scholarships, jobs, and investments. No reconciliation process should stand in the way of such an incredible gift.

Mahalo, and Imua TMT!

Jerry Brower

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Submitted on: 2/7/2020 2:20:36 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The consortium that was formed to build the TMT on Kauna Kea spent many years obtaining the necessary permits to be able to commence construction on Mauna Kea. Native Hawaiian interest were represented at all of the many hearings that ensued over the years. The process was ultimately approved by the Hawaii's Supreme Court. If we are to survive as a state it is essential that the rule of law prevail. I would strongly support the fact that Native Hawaiian interest have not been adequately represented over the years. However the construction of the TMT in no way deminishes those rights. The strengthening of STEM education in the state and good paying jobs both during construction and operation of the telescope are a net positive for the Hawaiian community. Thank you for your consider4ration.

Phil Barnes

Hilo, Hawai'i

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 2:48:37 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ross Wilson Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TMT legal right to proceed should not be coupled with addressing all issues confronting native Hawaiians today including poverty, homelessness, incarceration, lack of affordable housing and medical care and sovereignty.

I support HCR37 but TMT should not be delayed by discussions of the various issues facing native Hawaiians today.

TMT 's THINK (The Hawaii Island New Knowledge Fund) benefits Hawaii Island students and teachers through the Hawaii Community Foundation and the Pauahi Foundation and TMT has funded the initiative with approximately \$6 million since 2014.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 4:11:50 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bal Patterson	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

HOUSE WATER, LAND AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, February 10, 2020

Testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HCR37

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Bal Patterson and I am a taxpaying Hawaii resident and registered voter. I STRONGLY OPPOSE this resolution. Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination, that is increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. Governor Ige and his administration continually demonstrate that they do not have the best interests on the cultural integrity of Mauna Kea and our 'aina. HCR37 attempts to 'clear the way' for construction of the TMT on our sacred Mauna. The measure creates a bogus, state sponsored and initiated "reconciliation" process. HCR37 initiates a state created process for reconciliation between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawaii by establishing of so-called "Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission." All members to this commission will be appointed by Governor Ige. This measure is disingenuous. Any true process of reconciliation should start with an apology by the Governor and his administration to the Mauna Kea Kia`i and the larger Hawaiian community.

Respectfully submitted,

Bal Patterson

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/8/2020 8:00:57 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Koonohiokala Norenberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The audacity of anyone or any group to presume that the so called state of Hawaii has the competent jurisdiction necessary to formulate a reconciliation process and committee by the appointment of a so called governor that has made reckless choices in the past which has endangered peaceful kia'i insults our intelligence and is criminal by Kingdom standards and by the common sense standards of any good and just people of every Country across this entire globe, (whether they are recognized or not). My husband and I adamantly, strongly, oppose this bill that even goes so far as to cloak within it's pages, unjust terms of entrapment.

Again, my husband and I would like to remind everyone present of where they are: You are located in The Hawaiian Kingdom aka The Kingdom of Hawaii aka Ko Hawaii Pae Aina aka The Kingdom of Akua a fact that has prompted this conversation to begin with. As such, please keep it honest and truthful and wholesome always. Aloha.

Debra K Norenberg, Ali'i and Myron C Norenberg, American

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/8/2020 1:00:34 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bridgit Bales	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this disingenuous measure.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 11:48:17 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shiyana Thenabadu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please include language in this resolution to ensure that the the proposed commission is properly balanced, and not simply composed of TMT opponents.

I recommend that Malia Martin and Samuel Wilder King II be appointed by the Governor to this commission to represent young native Hawaiians that think that TMT and Mauna Kea unite culture and science. Both Malia and Sam are very familiar with the issues and would be excellent members of this blue ribbon commission.

The TMT has the legal right to proceed and will directly benefit Native Hawaiians with good jobs and STEM opportunities. No cultural practioners will be stopped from accessing the summit to practice their culture and great care has been taken to protect the environment.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 11:46:42 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
RAMONA CHING	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination, that is increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. Governor Ige and his administration continually demonstrate that they do not have the best interests on the cultural integrity of Mauna Kea and our 'aina. HCR37 attempts to 'clear the way' for construction of the TMT on our sacred Mauna. The measure creates a bogus, state sponsored and initiated "reconciliation" process. HCR37 initiates a state created process for reconciliation between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawaii by establishing of so-called "Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission." All members to this commission will be appointed by Governor Ige. This measure is disingenuous. Any true process of reconciliation should start with an apology by the Governor and his administration to the Mauna Kea Kia`i and the larger Hawaiian community.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 11:21:46 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support HCR37. The illegal overthrow of the legitimate Hawaiian government and the stealing of the land from the Hawaiian people is an historical injustice that has cast a long shadow over the subsequent 126 years of life here in the islands. The frustration and rancor it created lives on today in, for example, the opposition to the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea. This historical trauma has also directly impacted the lives of Native Hawaiians and trapped them in intergenerational cycles of poverty, poor health outcomes, and disempowerment. Morally, it is the right thing to do to seek ways to fully acknowledge and redress the injustices of the past. Practically, seeking truth and reconciliation is the only path that will enable our community – all of Hawaii – to heal and move forward in a positive way.

Please refer to this article I wrote in Civil Beat five years ago:

<https://www.civilbeat.org/2015/01/cloud-over-hawaii-the-need-for-truth-and-reconciliation/>

Mahalo for recognizing both the moral and practical importance of healing.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 9:33:17 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Renee Riley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In “Cloud Over Hawaii: The Need for Truth and Reconciliation,” Paul Arinaga notes the very real and understandable resentments of Hawaiians - and non-Hawaiians as well; I agree and hope you do too. Arinaga proposes, "Hawaii establish a “Truth and Reconciliation Commission” led by unifying figures and representative of all the people of Hawaii. Much as was done in South Africa and is being done in Canada, the purpose of this commission would be to unearth the truth, but to do so in such a way that there can be space for reconciliation, and perhaps even forgiveness.

This is not a New Age pipe dream. Reconciliation could have many tangible – and perhaps even immediate – benefits. It might lead to greater cohesion in our community, which in turn could enable us to solve practical problems such as the lack of affordable housing, limited economic opportunities and transportation gridlock.

On an individual level, reconciliation could release the huge amount of negative energy that I feel is currently locked away within many people, and within Hawaii as a whole. Harboring feelings of anger or resentment consumes enormous amounts of energy – energy that could be better spent in moving us all forward. . . .

Truth and reconciliation could afford people a degree of closure and healing, and in the process release a wellspring of positive and creative energy. Given all the challenges we face, isn't this exactly what we need right now?" I hope you agree too and take action. Aloha, Renée

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 9:07:18 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leona Leialoha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Respectfully,

Leona Leialoha

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 7:31:29 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Cabalse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 7:15:25 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa L Nakama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a registered voter I strongly oppose HCR 37...

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 7:06:36 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lehua Kaulukukui	Kuamoo FoundatioN	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Lehua Kaulukukui, President

Kuamoo Foundation

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/7/2020 6:40:38 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Grabow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SCR37 because it is a **superficial and bogus**, Governor-Appointed Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission on Mauna Kea.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/8/2020 2:58:37 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joy Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/8/2020 6:11:51 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bronson Kainoa Kiyoshi Azama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Bronson Azama and I am a student at James B. Castle High School, I would like formally say that I oppose HCR37 and what the bill entails. Reconciliation efforts should not be started on the basis of finding a way for the Thirty-Meter Telescope(TMT) to move forward. Native Hawaiians, environmentalists, and even astronomers from across the world and in Hawai'i have expressed not wanting further desecration on Mauna Kea's sacred peaks. If the illegal State of Hawai'i truly seeks to better the current standing of Native Hawaiians, I highly suggest announcing that there will be no construction of the TMT. That would be a step in the right direction towards bettering the contemporary status of Native Hawaiians and undoing past wrongs.

Mahalo,

Bronson Azama

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/8/2020 6:46:17 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LaVonne Stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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LaVonne Stewart

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/8/2020 11:52:32 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roberta Chu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a Hilo resident and support this concurrent resolution WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) The Maunakea Observatories and University of Hawaii need to be part of the commission.
- 2) The reconciliation process must take into consideration whether the State supports and wants Hawaii to continue to be recognized as the world center for excellence in astronomy. If it does, it should take into consideration a scientific assessment to determine what complement and the number of telescopes are needed to maintain the State's global standing.
- 3) The reconciliation process regarding stewardship must take into consideration current land management efforts and outcomes. This is not to be confused with policy on astronomy and future development, that should be determined based on the assessment by the scientific committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Chu

478 Kipuni Street, Hilo, HI 96720

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 6:53:52 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edith Kawai	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Governor **has not been given guidance as to**, from which group or groups he is **"to invite interested and experienced individuals to serve as members.**

Neither does this HCR include any consultation on the process to move forward, and on the "established reconciliation process".

First Task of the BBRC SHALL BE TO EXAMINE 1) *all contractual agreements made by the U/H and approved by the Board of and DLNR and related County of Hawaii permits,*

and 2) *current status of each for each scientific improvement* (less Hale Pohaku).

Then, the Second Task of the BBRC SHALL BE TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES for examining and establishing a reconciliation process related to "Mauna Kea,

its current and future proposed uses.

Then, the Third Task of the BBRC SHALL BE TO CONDUCT INFORMATIONAL CONSULTATION SESSIONS ON:

1) Results of their findings

2) GUIDELINES to use to examine and establish a reconciliation process

AND, 3) Receive CONSTRUCTIVE suggestions

Then, the Fourth Task of the BBRC will be to EXAMINE AND PROPOSE TO ESTABLISH a reconciliation process.

Before submitting the BBRC report to the legislature, BBRC shall again conduct consultation sessions.

Check out the list of "Talking Heads" to whom Certified Copies of the HCR is to be transmitted -

what about the KIA'I LEADERSHIP, Royal Order of Kamehameha, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homestead Associations,

Hui O Na 'Ali'i, Office of Hawaiian Affairs and U/H.

EDITH KAWAI

65-1234 Puu Opelu Road, Waimea (Kamuela), HI

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Submitted on: 2/9/2020 8:51:51 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Terry	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Like most kama'aina residents on the Big Island, our family longs for a productive reconciliation concerning the fallout of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom and other historical wrongs visited on the Hawaiian people. Our `ohana includes virtually every ethnic group in Hawaii in varying mixes, and the issue thus become exceedingly complex and tangled. At the same time, we do not want to sacrifice Hawaii's leadership in astronomy, and particularly the TMT project, because it involves and positively affects so many of our island's residents and children, of all ethnic backgrounds, including many, many native Hawaiians. TMT was sited to be well away from the summit of Maunakea to avoid the most sacred region, and the environmental and cultural provisions to protect resources are excellent. For many of us, TMT will advance, not harm, native Hawaiian culture. We respect differing views, but it is painful to hear so many rumors about aquifer contamination, nuclear reactors, endangered species harm, military uses and other absurdities that even a casual review would show were completely false. The dialogue should not be guided by these falsehoods. I join my friends at Imua TMT in asking that if the blue-ribbon panel is convened that the Governor appoint Malia Martin and Samuel Wilder King II to the panel to represent the young Native Hawaiians who envision TMT and Maunakea uniting culture and science and believe that Maunakea is the perfect place for TMT.

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HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 9:41:15 AM
Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kahealani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 9:46:38 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 12:29:58 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamalani Keliikuli	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 12:50:41 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry boothe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination, that is increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. Governor Ige and his administration continually demonstrate that they do not have the best interests on the cultural integrity of Mauna Kea and our 'aina. HCR37 attempts to 'clear the way' for construction of the TMT on our sacred Mauna. The measure creates a bogus, state sponsored and initiated "reconciliation" process. HCR37 initiates a state created process for reconciliation between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawaii by establishing of so-called "Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission." All members to this commission will be appointed by Governor Ige. This measure is disingenuous. Any true process of reconciliation should start with an apology by the Governor and his administration to the Mauna Kea Kia`i and the larger Hawaiian community.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 1:23:52 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela M Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a registered voter and Kanaka Maoli, I strongly oppose House Current Resolution 37 in its entirety.

Mahalo,

Pamela M Williams, BSW

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 1:35:10 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo and I am a kanka maoli (Native Hawaiian) and a lifelong paying resident of Hawai'i on O'ahu. I OPPOSE HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37.

In March, 1999 the US federal government "commenced" a reconciliation process with the "Native Hawaiian" people and then published a report with its findings entitled "From Mauka to Makai: The River of Justice Must Flow Freely" in 2000. This report stated that the Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination i.e. increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. But it was also made clear in that report that self-determination is limited to the federal framework by that process - undermining true self-determination where all options are on the table including independence from the US.

This measure attempts to start a reconciliation process between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawai'i with the appointment of a "Blue Ribbon" Reconciliation Commission appointed by the Governor. The first task of this Commission will be to examine and establish a reconciliation process for Mauna Kea. Any process that begins with Gubernatorial appointees, is State initiated and flawed especially a reconciliation process for Mauna Kea.

In the month of July 2019 alone, Governor Ige called the National Guard on peaceful protectors of Mauna Kea, dismantled traditional ahu (altars) and structures used in religious ceremonies on Mauna Kea, and arrested 38 elders who were blocking construction of the private Thrity Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea Access Road. More recently this administration is targeting organizations that have shown support and helped to sustain the occupation of Mauna Kea by peaceful protectors demonstrating that Govenor Ige and his administration do not have the best interests the Mauna Kea protectors in mind and will use whatever means necessary to 'clear the way' for TMT including a bogus reconciliation process.

Any State initiated reconciliation process would be within the context of State laws and Constitution which already protect and recognize many Kanaka Maoli rights and entitlements. However, the State of Hawai'i has shown time and time again that they will not follow their own laws and legal precedents when it comes to Kanaka Maoli rights

and entitlements always putting the burden of proof on Kanaka Maoli and distorting the laws to serve corporate interests. With this said, the Governor appointed commission to look into reconciliation is disingenuous and any true process of reconciliation should start with an apology and admission of the wrong that was done to the Mauna Kea Protectors and Kupuna and the larger Kanaka Maoli community.

Please oppose this bill.

me ke aloha 'Ä• ina,

Nanea Lo

LATE

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 5:36:17 PM
Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grete Perkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 5:56:27 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kat Brady	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 6:40:51 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tara Rojas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

NO is NO. Keep Hawaiian Lands in Hawaiian Hands. The lands belong to the Hawaiians - the State needs to return and "gift" back these lands to their rightful owners...no one else.

Aloha e ka Luna Ho‘omalua a me nā Lālā Kōmike o ka Hale o ka ‘Ōlelo Ho‘oholo HCR 37,

Ke waiho ‘ia nei kēia hō‘ike kāko‘o no HCR 37 no ka ho‘omaopopo ‘ana i nā hana a me kānāwai e pili pū ana e ho‘oholo ‘ia ai no ka moku‘āina ‘o Hawai‘i nei.

Aloha Chairperson and Members of the House Committee on Resolution HCR 37,

This testimony of support for HCR 37 is submitted to identify processes and measures thereof to be implemented for the state of Hawai‘i.

In September of 2017 an unexpected appearance of the first known interstellar object traveling through our solar system was confirmed by the Pan-STARRS telescope on Haleakalā, giving rise to the start of a small committee that could perhaps offer a Hawaiian name for this mysterious interstellar object. Through the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, I was asked as a Hawaiian language professor of the College of Hawaiian Language, to offer a Hawaiian name for the then named **11/2017 U1**, that was swiftly moving through Earth's solar system and its discovery would be made public to the world within 48 hours. The meaning of a scout at the front coming to check us out presented itself to me and **‘Oumuamua** was given as its Hawaiian name. It is indeed uplifting to reconnect our endangered Hawaiian language to the tradition of naming celestial bodies and to return to the knowledge of our cosmic origins as documented in our *ko‘ihonua* or genealogical creation chants, that authenticate our earliest Hawaiian beginnings from *pō*, a fathomless powerful darkness reincarnating space and time. The unique power of this written Hawaiian language legacy of documentation is now becoming more understood and meaningful through Hawai‘i's Hawaiian language revitalization movement substantiating the mission statement of our Hawaiian Language College, Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani, that our language binds us to who we are as a people. A living language establishes the foundations for the wellbeing of a thriving identity and therefore a thriving people.

From the fortuitous naming of ‘Oumuamua, a committee, A Hua He Inoa (Calling Out a Hawaiian Name to Honor) is now a program organized through the auspices of the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center to share in our vision for Maunakea. The work of A Hua He Inoa (AHHI) collectively creates a space and opportunity for shared learning, exploration, understanding and even offer outcomes that can be a part of reconciliation. AHHI does not address the management and governance structures that are at the core of issues that remain critical to moving our people and State forward, and those that we believe this Blue Ribbon panel is intended to address. AHHI nonetheless helps inform a future that the proposed commission may help define, hence we bring AHHI to the attention of this committee through our joint testimony.

sJohn DeFries

President and Principal Advisor, Native Sun Business Group, Inc.
Executive Director, Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association

Larry Kimura

Associate Professor, Hawaiian Language

Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

Doug Simons

Executive Director, CFHT

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 8:31:39 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blaine De Ramos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

i oppose HRC37

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/9/2020 10:32:07 PM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thayne Currie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly appreciate the language and intent of this resolution, provided that that it leads to swift and tangible action. I am happy that the legislature finally is taking a leadership role in addressing these complex issues, which have lingered unsolved for far too long.

The resolution asks this Blue Ribbon Commission to make addressing issues surrounding Mauna Kea an immediate priority. Interpreted broadly, I agree. For instance, plans to make any outstanding payments to DHHL for the Mauna Kea Access Road should be addressed. Modifications to the management structure of the astronomy precinct, a key topic emphasized by Mayor Harry Kim, could be addressed. While the timeline to at least restart construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope should be deemed outside the mandate of this Commission, it is possible that the Commission could identify additional steps that current observatories can and should take to achieve a more equitable future.

To succeed, this Commission will need to include thoughtful community members who have a good rapport with those espousing a range of opinions on Hawaiian sovereignty, land rights, and Mauna Kea. I would like to recommend Wallace Ishibashi Jr. on the Big Island and Malia Martin on Oahu as community members I believe could effectively serve on this Commission.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 12:12:44 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Ward	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Ko`olau Foundation

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February 10, 2020

To: Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair
Rep. Chris Todd, Vice Chair
& Members, Committee on Water, Land & Hawaiian Affairs

From: Mahealani Cypher
Ko`olau Foundation

Re: H.C.R. 37 – Support for Reconciliation Commission

LATE

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

The Ko`olau Foundation strongly supports House Concurrent Resolution 37 and urges you to pass this measure out of committee. We commend Speaker Saiki for introducing this concurrent.

If passed in the House and Senate, this commission could bring about and facilitate a healthier and more productive dialogue and examination of the issues that have confronted and divided both Native Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians for generations.

It could materialize as the start of clarifying ways in which the State of Hawai`i has failed to achieve mitigation for harms done to the state's Native Hawaiian people since the Territory of Hawai`i became a state in 1959. It could identify pathways toward acknowledging and correcting inequitable treatment of the Hawaiian people for many decades.

In 1993, Hawai`i marked 100 years since the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. That same year, the Clinton Administration held hearings at the East-West Center during which Native Hawaiians and others testified as to how the U.S. government had committed wrongs against the Hawaiian people and suggested mitigations for the harms done.

We urge the State of Hawai`i to do the same. Long overdue, let us proceed with a responsible, rational and clear-eyed approach to identifying and addressing these problems.

Mahalo for this opportunity offer our mana`o.



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 10, 2020

Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair
Members, House Committee on Water, Land & Hawaiian Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

LATE

Subject: Support for HCR37 – Convening a Blue-Ribbon Reconciliation Commission

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd and Members:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports H.C.R. 37, which would establish and convene a blue-ribbon Reconciliation Commission to set up a process for identifying and repairing problems between the Native Hawaiian people and the state and federal governments.

We believe this is an important first step toward clearing up what can sometimes be confusion and misunderstandings among government and community members as we all struggle to find real solutions to concerns that have been raised since even before the 1893 illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

We appreciate that Speaker Saiki has introduced this Resolution in an effort to seek real reconciliation and repair of harms done to the generations of Hawaiian people who have endured over a century of U.S. control over Hawaiian lands and waters.

Most important, however, is the need for tangible actions that would follow up on the findings of such a commission. It is our hope that the State Legislature will ensure legislative action to correct the wrongs of the past.

Mahalo for considering our appeal for passage of this Resolution.

Me kealoha pumehana,

/s/ Leialoha Kaluhiwa

President

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. One of the largest of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs, its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".

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HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 6:21:55 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Regina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill!!!

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 7:06:13 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Ha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I suport HCR 37.

Because of the dual existential threats of Climate Change and Decline in Fossil Fuel Energy, we must be aware of and respond appropriately to what is happening in the world outside of Hawaii.

I reccomend that Malia Martin and Mailani Neal be appointed to the proposed panel.

Richard Ha



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs
Monday, February 10, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.
Auditorium, State Capitol**

LATE

RE: HCR 37 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd and Members of the Committees:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HCR 37, which would request that the Governor convene a Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission to examine and formulate a reconciliation process relating to issues of past, present, and future importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the state of Hawaii, and the United States of America.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

While the Thirty Meter Telescope and Mauna Kea stewardship have brought these issues to the forefront, as the resolution acknowledges, reconciliation issues are deep-seated into the history between the Native Hawaiian community and state and federal governments.

We support this resolution because it provides a path forward to amicably find solutions to matters of disagreement between these communities. A Blue Ribbon Commission comprised of notable voices from both sides of an issue will be able to both find solutions to current challenges and mitigate future conflict.

From an economic and business perspective, our members and other Hawaii businesses require certainty and stability to continue to grow and attract outside investment. Our state needs this investment in our economy to fund the growing needs of our community. Approved projects that have gone through the proper legal process should not be stopped after the fact. Doing so compromises future investment in our state and efforts to improve the business climate for our communities.

It is our hope that this Commission would find a balance between honoring Native Hawaiian culture and respecting our communities while ensuring opportunities for future generations.

This proposal provides a path forward during a pivotal moment in our state and nation, at a time when partisanship, prejudice and violence are becoming everyday occurrences. As an



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The Voice of Business

island state with diverse and close-knit communities, we cannot afford to be divided; we need to be united in our shared beliefs of respect, tolerance and inclusion.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support of HCR 37.

HCR-37

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 8:59:20 AM

Testimony for WLH on 2/10/2020 9:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peggy McArdle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha.

I oppose this measure. Trying for a different outcome using the same mind set of characters appointed by the governor defines insanity. Native Hawaiians have already communicated their needs and are also speaking with their bodies on the line, today. Why isn't leadership listening? A blue ribbon panel appointed by the governor isn't going to remedy this. Leadership needs to listen and fulfill the needs requested already. Mahalo.

LATE

Testimony of Peter Apo
Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs
February 10, 2020
Hearing Scheduled: 9 a.m.
HCR 37 Requesting Governor Convene Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission

LATE

Mr Chairman:

I support HCR 37, with reservations, because I believe subjecting the intention of the resolution to the legislative process and the dialogue that ensues will help better define a framework of the challenges to be faced in a reconciliation process. I set forth some of my reservations and a recommendation as follows:

Reservation 1

The purpose of HCR 37 seems to usurp the constitutional purpose for which the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was established. Carrying out the provisions of HCR 37 may actually exacerbate, rather than facilitate a path to reconciliation.

Reservation 2

The constitutional intent of creating OHA was to provide an opportunity for Hawaiians to engage in a *Hawaiians only democratic process* that would, among other challenges, yield a proposal for Hawaiian self-determination. The Hawaiians only concept, with respect to the Hawaiians only OHA elections, was challenged and shot down by the Rice-Cayetano decision. So, the fundamental constitutional purpose to grant Hawaiians a full measure of *self-determination* was removed as an option. I do not believe any proposal for reconciliation can succeed if Hawaiians are not allowed to gather as a lahui somewhere along the way.

Reservation 3

Reconciliation, is defined as restoring friendly relations. There are a significant number of Hawaiians who disclaim their U.S. citizenship, who refuse to vote, and for whom the word *reconciliation* is not in their vocabulary. Bridging this important sector of the Hawaiian community will be one of the more challenging circumstances faced by a Commission.

Recommendation:

Proceed to subject HCR 37 to a full discussion this legislative session and, in the end, strike an agreement with OHA to carry out the intended purpose of HCR 37.

Date	My name Is-First	My name Is-Last	I reside at	<p>HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37.-In March, 1999 the US federal government "commenced" a reconciliation process with the "Native Hawaiian" people and then published a report with its findings entitled "From Mauka to Makai: The River of Justice Must Flow Freely" in 2000. This report stated that the Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination i.e. increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. But it was also made clear</p>	<p>HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37.-This measure attempts to start a reconciliation process between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawaii with the appointment of a "Blue Ribbon" Reconciliation Commission appointed by the Governor. The first task of this Commission will be to examine and establish a reconciliation process for Mauna Kea. Any process that begins with gubernatorial appointees, is State initiated and flawed especially a reconciliation process for Mauna Kea.</p>	<p>CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37.-In the month of July 2019 alone, Governor Ige called the National Guard on peaceful protectors of Mauna Kea, dismantled traditional ahu (altars) and structures used in religious ceremonies on Mauna Kea, and arrested 38 elders who were blocking construction of the private Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea Access Road. More recently this administration is targeting organizations that have shown support and helped to sustain the occupation of Mauna Kea by peaceful protectors demonstrating that Governor Ige and his administration do not have the best interests of the Mauna Kea protectors in mind and</p>	<p>CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37.-Any State initiated reconciliation process would be within the context of State laws and Constitution which already protect and recognize many Kanaka Maoli rights and entitlements. However, the State of Hawaii has shown time and time again that they will not follow their own laws and legal precedents when it comes to Kanaka Maoli rights and entitlements always putting the burden of proof on Kanaka Maoli and distorting the laws to serve corporate interests. With this said, the Governor appointed commission to look into reconciliation is disingenuous and</p>	Additional Comments:
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2020-02-10 13:21:55	Phaethon	Keeney	Honokaa, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>Please do the right thing and apologize, our communities cannot stand further injustice and beginning the process of healing with true aloha and community participation will serve everyone involved, including the astronomy community. The TMT was the one too many, one too big, one too far, that exposed for everyone the history of injustice, racism, and big business rulebreaking implicit in many of these decisions to date. We need better listening and representation for the Kanaka Maoli, not another flawed top down process that will further complicate the issue. Mahalo.</p>
2020-02-10 12:55:51	Serafina	Gajate	Volcano, Hawaii Island	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 12:40:37	Clare	Loprinzi	kailua kona, moku o kee	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 12:37:00	Kelley Kekaipua	Farquhar	Waianae Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 12:33:59	Kaha	Patolo	Honolulu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 12:28:51	Sharon	Kershner	Waimanalo, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 12:26:31	Cindy	Naone	Maui	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 12:24:58	Cindy	Kaauamo	Maui	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 11:05:22	James	Trujillo	Kapahi, Kauai	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-10 10:34:38	christopher	roehrig	Hawaii	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2015 - 1:30am Mauna Kea linked to many in Waima I apologize to the Hawaiian people for writing this and for any inaccuracies. I am not the one to do it. I am not Hawaiian although a keiki o ka aina (child of the land.) I have learned from kupuna in Waima that the correct name for Mauna Kea is Mauna A Wakea, the mountain of Wakea. Wakea is the Sky Father and Papa the Earth Mother. It is said that Wakea and Papa are the first parents of human life on Earth as they are of the plant life that springs living from earth under the influence of the sun and rain from heaven and of animal life that feeds upon it. Wakea and Papa are referred to as the "primordial parents," "supreme beings," the "progenitors" or "first ancestors" of the Hawaiian people, according to kupuna in Waima; Abraham Fornander's "Polynesian Race"; David Malo's "Hawaiian Antiquities" and "Kumulipo," the Hawaiian creation chant. The Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan (2009) states, in part: "In Native Hawaiian culture, Mauna Kea is a focal point of spiritual and cultural significance, a home of deities, a
2020-02-10 10:18:02	Paisley	Richards	Wai'anae, O'ahu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

2020-02-10 09:18:37	Kapua	Keliikoa-Kamali	Waiana, HI	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON RECONCILIATION COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND FORMULATE A RECONCILIATION PROCESS RELATING TO ISSUES OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE STATE OF HAWAII, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. While I appreciate the gesture of this Resolution it falls short of true reconciliation. Identifying a reconciliation "process" is nice but this Resolution is insufficient as it's currently worded. True reconciliation also requires: 1) Equal representation from the Hawaiian community from individuals that have Hawaiian interests at heart. 2) Public hearing and testimony on prospective Commissioners, prior to appointment. 3) Expanding the objective. Not limiting it to Mauna Kea since we're talking about "issue's of importance to Native Hawaiian people". 4) Recommending resolution actions. 5) Assurances of implementation. 6) Consequences of failure to comply. 7) Progress and update reporting.</p>
2020-02-10 09:01:13	Simbra Lynn	Kanakaka'ole	Keaau, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>CEASE & DESIST IMMEDIATELY FROM CREATING LEGISLATION THAT DIRECTLY/INDIRECTLY PREVENT/HINDER/OBSTRUCT/C/A USE KANAKA PEOPLE & OUR NATURAL RESOURCES TO DIMINISH</p>
2020-02-10 09:00:28	Paul	Kekauoha	Waimanalo, O'ahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>I oppose HCR37 which will not again represent the kanakaka maoli voice.</p>

2020-02-10 08:38:30	gina	mamone	born and raised Hilo Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I oppose to any and all Governor appointed commission to deal with any and everything concerning Mauna Kea! He has continued to show us all where his loyalty lies!(with and for TM) and it is not for or with the people and the aina(Mauna Kea) he was elected to serve!
2020-02-10 08:14:22	Harrinette	Holt-Hansen	Ewa Beach, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I couldn't have said it better. Yes, when the topic is not popular with our Governor, or to his liking, I cannot help but feel a dismissive attitude from him..
2020-02-10 08:06:02	Lucia	You	Kaliua, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Kanaka Maoli are entitled to the right of self-determination.
2020-02-10 07:50:50	Glen	Kila	Waianae, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Mauna Kea is a Kanenuiaka akua, deity that is worshiped by Kane worshipers. Building TMT on Mauna Kea is a desecration of our sacred akua, deity. Our Kanenuiaka religion is recognized by the United Nations' NGO, International Association for Religious Freedom.
2020-02-10 07:34:49	Lei	Niheu	Papakolea, Honolulu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 07:22:16	Jocelyn Keola	Daire	Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 06:57:38	kathy	clark	medway, ma	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 06:44:01	Lorraine	Sonoda Fogel	Honolulu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Remember to be Pono.
2020-02-10 06:34:38	Erica	Badua	Hawi, Mokua Keawe Hai	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 06:21:00	Gail	Martin	Kaneohe, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 06:20:56	Regina	Peterson	Kapolei, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	It is unbelievable that the take state of Hawaii is trying to find any way possible to go against wants of the people of Hawaii. I oppose this bill

2020-02-10 06:16:54	Hope	McKeen	Hilo, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	At some point the state needs to stop protecting the interest of foreign entities and start protecting its own people that includes the land!!!
2020-02-10 06:10:08	Ashley	Ferriman	Kapolei, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination, that is increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. Governor Ige and his administration continually demonstrate that they do not have the best interests on the cultural integrity of Mauna Kea and our 'aina. HCR37 attempts to 'clear the way' for construction of the TMT on our sacred Mauna. The measure creates a bogus, state sponsored and initiated "reconciliation" process. HCR37 initiates a state created process for reconciliation between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawaii by establishing of so-called "Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission." All members to this commission will be appointed by Governor Ige. This measure is disingenuous. Any true process of reconciliation should start with an apology by the Governor and his administration to the Mauna Kea Kāi'i and the larger Hawaiian community.</p>
2020-02-10 05:50:14	Charlotte	Lyman	Kane'ole, O'ahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 05:43:33	Nathan	Yuen	Ewa Beach, Hawaii	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 04:18:52	tiki.industries@gmail.com	tiki.industries@gmail.com	tiki.industries@gmail.com	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	tiki.industries@gmail.com
2020-02-10 03:27:02	Bridgit Lee Loy	Bales	Hilo Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 02:40:18	Terra	Kimura	Kilauea Kauai	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-10 02:05:32	Meleana	Kamal	Malamae, O'ahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-10 01:14:54	Paula	Texeira	Magnolia, AR	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>I am a Hawaiian Island woman. My family line goes way back to QueQueen Kaiolani. They fought for the land. My ancestors fought as well. For many years that's all we had to do. Our Island is small. We have sacred places that you will never understand. Our people deserve the respect that are resting in Mauna Kea. My people that been arrested for protecting Mauna Kea was not necessary and cruel to do. All we do is fight for what we know is right in our hearts. I can tell you right now. Whatever you have plan to build and do to Mauna Kea will haunt you and your family for years to come. Disrespecting the land and our ancestors there will come at a price. We know what's wrong. We know what can happen to anyone and those that interfere with Mauna Kea and treating our people that's been arrested to protect what we know is right. I strongly recommend that you leave our people, ancestors and land alone or you and you family will forever regret it. Our ancestors will make sure you regret touching our land and people that are helping will</p>
2020-02-10 00:19:28	Theresa	Peetana	Honolulu and island of HI	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>No treaty of Annexation. Show me the proof if ONE was ever done. All this none sense drove my chana's into ruins. We standing in peace, love, and our birth right. No more. Standing in solidarity. Thank you</p>

2020-02-09 23:41:59	Lukanicole	Zavas	'Ahuimannu, Oahu	no	yes	no	no	Why let the person that is supporting the construction of TMT and pushing for the development of Mauna a Wākea appoint the members of the "Blue Ribbon" reconciliation committee. It's akin to a chrominance being able to choose his own judge and jury. I do not trust the Governor to not have a bias when choosing committee members.
2020-02-09 23:34:13	Ke'eaumoku	Kapu	Lahaina ZMaui	yes	yes	yes	yes	This matter belongs entirely amongst our Kanaka Maori people. We decide our faith. The State of Hawaii need to cease and desist.
2020-02-09 23:29:41	Jennifer	Mitchell	Hawaii moku o Keawe	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 23:17:06	Diana	Delgado Cornejo	Makiki, O'ahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 23:10:33	Donna	Sterling	Kahikuni, Maui	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 22:56:37	Earl	Dileon	Kealahou Kona Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	Ku' 247 365
2020-02-09 22:44:29	Patricia	Gozomba	Honolulu Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 22:30:13	Leona	Leialoha	Hilo, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 22:29:49	Torren	Kimura	Kauai	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 22:27:27	Kaukaohu	Wahlani	Puea, Waianae HI	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 21:46:35	Lawrence	Kiddler	Kapolei Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 21:38:06	Sherry	Guillermo	Kailua Kona, HI	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 21:35:09	Kar	Martin	Honolulu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	I am telling you that this bs needs to stop! I do not trust lge or any politician just give back the bribe money and stop forcing this project down our throats! The people do not trust you! Lies after lies! Sickenng!!!
2020-02-09 21:21:43	Kristyn	Bonilla	Honolulu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-09 20:50:16	Fisilipeau	Drummondo	kahuku oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>have been a hopeful bill for ko hawaii pae aina aboriginal people of the land and their descendants had it not been for the history of hardship and disloyalty to our Kingdom of Hawaii. We have had to endure as a people and nation for the last 127yrs to hold tight to the hope that truth shall prevail! I still believe! I'm not definite if this bill will help us to accomplish this hope or as in the past and more so today have us stand against injustices to our land and people! We have agencies in the government right now that are supposed to be for the benefit of ko hawaii pae aina but it seems they are as helpful as your US government is to us. Understandable because you cannot serve two masters, in this case two nations! Except the US can follow their law and uphold our law as the host nation. We believe in our nation, culture, language, history! we are not afraid to stand firm for our people, land, and resources, including mauna kea! I appreciate the effort for what it is worth, but I will stand with my people and oppose this bill. We are Aina <3 Aloha Aina Mahalo Nui, Fisilipeau</p>
2020-02-09 20:36:33	Tara	Rofas	Ewa Beach, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-09 20:22:53	Devauin	Chavez	Honolulu, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>I grew up in Waipio Valley on the island of hawaii and was fortunate enough to know my great great grandparents on both parents sides of my ohana. I was also taught to always respect my elders. Now as a mother of 5 I strive to raise and teach my children with the same respect values and things I was taught. I hope that you consider the fact that we as kanaka are striving to be able to leave behind access to hawaiian lands for many generations to come. Aloha</p> <p>Aolē T.M. Tilihi</p>
2020-02-09 19:32:50	Dane	Kalina	Hilo, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 18:58:30	Laurie	Akana	Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 18:50:59	Adriane	Adams	Hilo Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 18:47:12	Emmaline	Padeken	Kaneohe, oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 18:37:08	Tina	Taniguchi	Kauai	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-09 18:35:42	Cecilia	Reilly	Hai'ku, HI	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I have known of the "strange form of illegal occupation of Hawaii" since the day after i moved to Kauai in '90. I was told by my classmate. My education focused on this reality. I find the Hawaiians to be perfect examples of caring for the earth and communities and trust them entirely as a collective. I see the only way to move forward is for the U.S. government to list and admit all wrongs, apologize and offer to pay to restore the sovereign Hawaiian State (state which means country in international law) to the health and sustainability known at the time of the illegal overthrow. Mahalo
2020-02-09 18:06:19	Jonah	Cummings	Aiea, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I oppose this HCR for all the above reasons.
2020-02-09 17:59:12	Anita	Anderson	Kilauea, Kauai island	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 17:57:27	Mapuana	Lukea	Maiana	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I oppose house CR 37
2020-02-09 17:55:05	Donna	Carmel	Windward, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 17:48:57	Waili	Carmel	Kaneohe Oahu	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 17:30:44	Noe Noe	Wong-Wilson	Hilo, HI	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I am one of the kupuna who was arrested for protecting Mauna Kea. I object to this top down, outdated process.
2020-02-09 17:21:31	Cheryl	Galza	Pauilo Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-09 17:09:26	Drena	Rodrigues	Hilo, HI.	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>I oppose any committees that the governor appoints because there is a bias built into these committees. These committees do not speak for the Hawaiian community, as with the case of DHHL and BLNR, these committees speak for the governor who oppose those who want to protect Mauna Kea. In the case of DHHL and BLNR they have gone against what the Hawaiian people want and have introduced bills and laws to go against the Hawaiian community. We do not need another committee to go against the Hawaiian community.</p>
2020-02-09 17:08:04	Hilton	Aki	Roseburg, Oregon.	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>No further comments.</p>
2020-02-09 17:03:04	Clarinda	Hufanga	Volcano, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 16:57:30	Rudolf	Kok	Kaaau, Hawaii. 96749	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>The governor should recuse himself from any appointments regarding Kanaka Maoli as he has shown himself to be outright hostile to Kanaka Maoli. He is an ineffective leader who has tried to solve problems by lying to the public and abusing his power. This is bad for every resident of the state.</p>
2020-02-09 16:45:46	mtada347@gmail.com	mtada347@gmail.com	Honolulu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>mtada347@gmail.com</p>

2020-02-09 16:37:40	Mary	Keep k	Keaau, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I have ancestors that have lost their land due to government of Hawaii illegalities back n the 1800s. i am sensitive to manipulation by the State of Hawaii of when it comes to illegal actions against the Kanaka Maori.
2020-02-09 16:35:48	Leighton Reade	Tseu	Honolulu Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Aole, Noi Mauna Kea is sacred. Our ancestors share lives in the heart of Mauna Kea. Leave Mauna Kea In the uhanne of the ancestors. KAPU, THE SACREDNESS OF OUR ANCESTORS IS ALIVE IN PUUWAI OF MAUNA KEA. KAPU
2020-02-09 16:01:34	Kalena	Blakemore	Volcano	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 15:38:21	Sandra	Castell	Ewa Beach, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 15:27:32	louiehawaii@yahoo.com	louiehawaii@yahoo.com	louiehawaii@yahoo.com	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	louiehawaii@yahoo.com
2020-02-09 15:19:03	Kalamaoka'aina	Niheu	O'ahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 14:57:32	Ruhyyih	Spock	Makawao, Maui	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 14:23:48	Lauriel	mcGehee	Baton Rouge Louisiana	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Please pay heed to the citizens of this land!
2020-02-09 13:57:14	Tanya K. D.	Alana	Papakōlea, O'ahu Island	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	This State of Hawaii is in fact invalid according to International Laws, in violation of Humanitarian Laws spanning 127 years, and this fake State of Hawaii is continuously committing Genocide against the Aboriginal Hawaiians.
2020-02-09 13:54:18	Claud	Sutcliffe	Kamuela, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	The future of Mauna Kea should be decided by Kanaka Maoli!
2020-02-09 13:31:23	Alex	Miller	Hilo Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 13:24:15	Kuulei	Cooper	Hilo, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 13:22:14	Anuha	Drummond	Kahuku, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 13:14:41	Pamela	Williams	Honolulu Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 13:12:18	Leliea	Satori	Paalilo, Hawaii Island	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-09 09:04:19	Pi'ikea	Keawekane-Stafford	Wai'anae, Moku o Keawe	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Aloha mai, my ohana and I have and continue to serve in the protection of Mauna Kea, Pohakuika and all 'Ala and ocean sources. We feel that this Blue Ribbon reconciliation is disingenuous and turns the non-Kanaka general public against our community and further marginalizes our kuleana and identity in our own homeland. Please uphold the laws and rights that are already in place for our people. Mahalo
2020-02-09 08:22:13	Jonah	Keohokapu	Kukaniloko, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Reconciliation is bogus. Hawaii is still illegally occupied by the United States. Total restoration of a free and independent Hawaii Kingdom must be implemented. No compromises!
2020-02-09 07:22:22	Santos	Alvarez	Miami, Florida	no	no	yes	no	no	I strongly oppose
2020-02-09 07:19:53	Chanee	Shitoma	Hilo	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 07:10:00	Gua	Goracorea	Honolulu Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 06:25:13	Paul	Remenschneider	Wood-Ridge, NJ	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 05:08:20	Eunice	Teng	Singapore	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-09 03:43:59	Eleanora	Keiipuleole	Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Kuleana Lands you say? What does that really mean to you, Legislature? To do as you please irrelevant of the historical and cultural impact it has on its peoples.
2020-02-09 00:44:55	Alice	Daniels	Palm Springs	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	The rights of the people. Need to be preserved.
2020-02-08 23:42:45	Janet	Mac Neal	Hilo, HI 96720	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I refute, oppose & condemn this legislation to STOP TMT construction & desecration to Our Sacred Mauna Kea, PERIOD!

2020-02-08 23:21:29	Karen	Prihan	Ocean view Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 22:13:20	AuntyG	Noeau	Kawaihae HAWAII	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I STRONGLY OPPOSE HCR37 & STRONGLY URGE the House Water, Land and Hawaiian Affairs Committee to Please, Vote NO on HCR37 in it's entirety
2020-02-08 21:39:58	Lexie	Carvalho	Waianae, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 21:39:21	Robert	Lee	Waianae, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 21:38:55	Myrnda	Lee	Waianae, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 20:42:45	Debra	Hendrickson	Kailua Kona, Big Island	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 20:13:50	Melissa	Saengon	Texas	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 18:44:27	Cathy	Kapua	Waianae, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 18:41:48	LaVonne	Stewart	Ninole Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 18:22:40	Laurn	Gallindo	Princeville, HI	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 18:13:27	Samantha	Alayvilia	Lihue Kauai	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 16:58:56	Grey	Marchild	Oahu, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

Giving out 99 year leases is like giving pseudo ownership to the lands and leads to lease to fee conversion. SB 2946 allows for condemnation of surrounding areas for the Aloha Homes program that would build dense 'affordable' housing units along the rail using these stolen Hawaiian lands (for which Kanaka Maoli never settled or relinquished any claims too).

As a lifelong resident of Hawai'i and hula practitioner, I recognize Mauna Kea as sacred!

2020-02-08 11:11:36	Lopaka	Lonoaea	Mililani Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	No one should have control except the rightful owner which is the Kingdom of Hawaii...
2020-02-08 10:44:21	Valerie	Van Gorder	Brookdale, CA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 10:41:26	Victoria	Parks	Worthington, OH	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	This is ancestrally sacred to the native Hawaiians and should be respected and left unaltered by any state or corporate entity.
2020-02-08 10:33:31	Mahealani	Boelaho	Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 09:49:32	Pamela	Punihaole	Kona Hawaii Island	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Adhere to the law, stop using power and control to fraudulently rearrange the laws to benefit the BIG CORPORATIONS...Hawaii in general is so messed up, so chaotic, so corrupted that resolution to anything feels hopeless ...Hawaii feels like we're in the dumps instead of paradise...people in politics are in it for personal gain and building their resume...so sad!
2020-02-08 09:34:19	Puanani	Rogers	Kealia ahupua'a, Kaula'i	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 09:27:49	Annette	Queen	Ewa Beach, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 09:23:30	Lopaka	Lonoaea	Mililani Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Give the the kingdom back or stop trying to control something that not the United states one I'm talking about Hawaii and the Kanaka...

2020-02-08 07:15:43	Melelani	Llames	(Makakilo) Kapolei, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	The actions of the current Governor have bordered on insane, to have any commission appointed by him furthers the insanity. This proposed commission has nothing to do with "Reconciliation". I vehemently oppose this resolution. Mahalo for your service and listening to my testimony.
2020-02-08 08:07:31	Karen	Martin	Honolulu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	The abuse of power needs to stop! Let's start with all you crooks Dunn and Bradstreet numbers! Your pilau ways are a reflection of years of corruption her in the Hawaiian Kingdom! Instead of going after innocent groups and people, you should look in the mirror! The people demand transparency from this so cal government and let us see all your financial dealings including TMT and the 3.4 million dollars Bribe to Ige. Aole this kind Hewai!
2020-02-08 07:57:58	Shane	Pale	Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Committing war crimes in the kingdom has no statue of limitations! Keep playing the game because the house of cards will come crashing down! Decoccupy and take the military with you! Mahalo
2020-02-08 07:45:06	Carmlo	Ramirez	Captain Cook	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Aole TMT!!
2020-02-08 07:36:23	Nata	Temese Kuga	Mahaloa, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-08 07:06:53	Frank	Mulec	Pahoia, Hawaiki	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	We need to protect, not destroy God's given creation.
2020-02-08 06:53:28	Angelina	Misseri	Kealakakua, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 06:40:49	Charri Strong Texeira	Strong	Wailuku, Maui	yes	yes	yes	no	no	We definitely are opposed to the building of additional technology (telescope) on Mauna Kea
2020-02-08 06:24:25	Don	Kane	Honolulu, HI	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I strongly oppose house concurrent resolution 37 as Kanaka Maoli community.
2020-02-08 06:04:52	Sadie	Sarkissian	Kailua, oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I Strongly Oppose this!!! This is not Necessary. Gov Ige continues to harazs the people Leave this alone. It is not necessary.No more false apologies. I work w/ tourism and people not feorn hete sees whats going on.!. This Hawaii continues to change bc of money and greed. IT'S ALWAYS TO BENEFIT NON LOCALS. Its time you all stop the corruption! NO to your Committee. Ond day soon Hawaii will not be a toueist destination.Even travelers know the government go against the peoples wishes to save Our Culture. There is no longer respect to The People by The Government. NO TO YOUR FAKE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE. NO NO NO NO NO. CC TO ALL.
2020-02-08 05:48:44	Mari	Abraham	Cawston Canada	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Give the land and water back to the People of Hawaii.
2020-02-08 05:35:05	Theron	Coivin	Omaha, Ne	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-08 05:12:33	Kahu, Richard	DeLeon	Wailuku maui	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	As a kupuna who was arrested on mauna kea to protect all that is Sacred and to protect all natural resources as I am the first natural resource I stand with this petition to say Alole
2020-02-08 04:50:52	Mark	Verne	Konami, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 04:44:42	Jodi	Rodar	Pelham, MA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 04:44:38	Karin	Cooke	Hawi, Big Island of Haw	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 04:33:31	Deandra	Barraera	San Antonio, Texas	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	CHEEHOOI
2020-02-08 04:19:40	Genevieve	Harrison	Hilo Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 03:45:24	Ralph	McDonald	Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	A frequent Big Island visitor. I urge the state to stop desecration and environmental harm on Mauna Kea.
2020-02-08 03:42:09	Angel	Hiffmann	Bedford	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 03:33:53	Carole	Vandal	Aquimnah, Martha's Vine	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Water and land matter. What we destroy when we abuse our water and land will lead to the destruction of mankind. One drop of water at a time and one acre of land at a time. Protect her because our lives matter. Even more crucial, we do this for generations to come.
2020-02-08 03:19:28	Dayle	Dasliv	Santa Ana, California	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Please stop betraying the inherent rights of native Hawaiians to preserve their culture.
2020-02-08 03:11:22	David	Hakala	Carson City Nevada	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	give the land back to the native people! they clearly have always done a better job protecting land!
2020-02-08 03:04:06	Miriam	John	Worcester, Vermont	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-08 02:49:59	Lurline	Bettencourt	Kapa'a Kauai	no	no	yes	no	no	

2020-02-07 23:17:13	Misao Elin	Mizuno Haidōrsdóttir	Tokyo Reykjavik Iceland	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 23:00:08	Manon Maggie	Petre Connor	Paia Maui Waima Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	As a longtime resident of Maui, I respect the Hawaiian culture & what is sacred to them and ask you to do the same. These are their islands and their sacred places like Mauna Kea are off limits and belong to the crown lands. Nothing more can be built on that mountain, it is sacred and needs to stay that way, Mahalo for doing what is right. Malama Pono
2020-02-07 22:45:18	Vida Matthew	Cavaco Williams	Papaiko Hawaii Waikea, Maui	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Governor Ige has proven that he represents the money. This has to stop. He shouldn't be a part of any process to establish any kind of counsel for Mauna Kea or any lands of Kanaka. He needs to step away.
2020-02-07 22:33:10	Donna Mirra	Ortiz Ceaus	Oahu Bucharest, Romania, Eur	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 22:07:28	Mirra	Ceaus	Bucharest, Romania, Eur	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I oppose the building of the telescope!
2020-02-07 22:03:02	Martin Kelly	Bautista McAlain	Pearl City Oahu Mobile, Alabama	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 21:56:25	Kelly Dorlan	McAlain Cabanling	Mobile, Alabama Waianea, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 21:48:02	Wailani Jahmarley	Gonsalves Kauh	Pahoa, Hawaii Honolulu Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 21:33:39	Jahmarley	Kauh	Honolulu Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 21:27:18	Tiffany	R	Honolulu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 21:17:06	Tiffany	R	Honolulu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 21:12:31	Earl	Kalawala	Hilo, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I OPPOSE HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3711! It does not address the issue of protecting a resource that has historical, cultural and ecological significance!

2020-02-07 21:12:11	Crystal	Davis	Detroit MI	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	This place is sacred to the Hawaiian native peoples and should be respected.
2020-02-07 21:05:28	Roxann	Madriaga	Waipahu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	AOLE PERIOD
2020-02-07 21:00:22	Leona	Leialoha	Hilo, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 20:49:10	Lopaka	Lonoea	Mililani Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Lonoea is my last name and my family has kuleana lands..
2020-02-07 20:22:44	Emily	Bayer	Paso Robles	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Public Law 103-150 stated "Whereas, the indigenous Hawaiian people never directly relinquished their claims to their inherent sovereignty as a people or over their national lands to the United States,....": The State of Hawaii has been in a state of occupation since January 16, 1893. It's Representatives are ADMINISTRATORS during occupation to keep LAW and ORDER! Sovereignty CAN'T be transferred to the Occupier, but the Sovereignty Kingdom Laws are mandated to be enforced during occupation, NOT the Occupiers laws. HEWAI'I!
2020-02-07 20:20:35	Elin	Riehle	West Inn Oregon	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 20:19:29	Raylene	Pratt	Ko'olaupoko Ahupua'a, Nyes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-07 20:08:12	Katherine	Piho	Waianae, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I OPPOSE this bill. My Ohana and I have gone to court several times to claim our lands on Maui and Hawaii Islands. Each time, our lands were "given" to our opponents and their attorneys. Even when I asked for a lawyer in court I was not represented and the court records were altered to show my opponents' version only. Even the courts are crooked! I was asked several times to speak louder into the microphone. But when I asked for the tapes the court said there were none. Isn't it the courts first duty to preserve evidence? I and my Ohana don't trust the courts and the government!
2020-02-07 20:07:57	Rebecca	Light	Oakland, California	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 20:06:20	Johanna	Stone	Kailua, Kooilaupoko, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 20:05:38	Christopher	Kanehailua	Maianae	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I feel THAT the Kanaka people should decide on all issues pertaining to Hawaii knowing the truth without outside interference of the State or County
2020-02-07 20:05:30	Dorothy	Hatori	Honolulu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Please do what is right and stop the building of TMT. Stand for what is right rather than money. Please stop the Government corruption and greed. This is your chance to help heal the Hawaiian community who have suffered since western colonization.
2020-02-07 20:02:25	Daveynn	Ashford	Las Vegas, NV	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 20:00:29	Noelani	Aha	Waialuku	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-07 17:49:23	Kaylene	Sheldon	Kaawa, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>Na Kanaka Maoli 'Ōiwi should be given a whole voice over sacred sites as a collective, not just those appointed by the Governor. We need to find a better way to protect conservation lands from development and from corporate interests. Safety should be our first priority. Building large structures over "wao akua" is harmful and dangerous. Building traditional hale and ahū is healthy and eco-friendly. Any agreements or arrangements that the Governor has with the corporations need to be readjusted, revised and he really needs to protect Hawaii's natural resources a lot better.</p>
2020-02-07 17:49:00	Jacqui	Keale	Honolulu Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>This is home and my dad and siblings are Hawaiian. I may not have Hawaiian blood, but am Hawaiian at heart. I think it is horrible the state government wants to desecrate the mauna and disregard the rights of the Hawaiian people.</p>
2020-02-07 17:47:32	Brandon	Deal	Honolulu Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Do not build this telescope on sacred land
2020-02-07 17:47:21	Shon	Kapu	Kaneohe oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 17:44:52	DANIELLE	FELICIANO	Kaneohe, oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 17:43:41	Lori	PorterBlatcher	Murrieta, CA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 17:38:00	Taylor-Marie	Atalla-Alvarez	Virginia Beach, VA	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 17:32:25	Marie Alohalani	Brown	Mountain View, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 17:22:56	Nicole	Cravalho	Haiiku Maui	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-07 17:19:06	Lise	Vaughan Sekona	Honolulu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	'Aole TMT!!!!!! Stop the desecration. Start the investigation into corruption at the highest levels, misconduct and mismanagement of Mauna Kea by the University and the State of Hawaii.
2020-02-07 17:18:27	Celeste	Tavares	Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 17:05:56	Stephen	Flick	Ocean City, NJ	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 17:05:26	Carlene	Dela Cruz	Makawao, Maui	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Please keep our Mauna sacred and honor our 'aina.
2020-02-07 17:03:30	Mariko	Munro	Honolulu HI	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 17:00:01	cinchy	freitas	kailua kona hi	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:54:58	Lewis	Whitney	Hawi	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Aole TMT
2020-02-07 16:53:49	Anwar	Emperado	Honolulu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	This is hewa.
2020-02-07 16:53:25	Scott Kai'uanehonokai	Adams	Hooilehua, Molokai	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	A'ole to HCR37
2020-02-07 16:52:30	Aaron Craig	Nakapaahu	Vallejo California	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Stop this.
2020-02-07 16:50:32	Nadina	Knight	London, England, UK	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:50:18	Ryan	Begay	Page, az	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:50:09	Daena	Couc	Makakilo Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Stop the schemes.
2020-02-07 16:49:11	Marc	Grawunder	Westerkappeln, Germany	no	no	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:48:01	Keisha	Rodrigues	Kamuela	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:45:43	Kamehamekaha	Taylor	Waimānalo, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:42:10	V	Paha	Hau'ula OAHU	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:42:08	grace	Bostock	Kamuela, hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:38:53	April	Rica	Honolulu hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:33:03	Warren	Morton	Milliani, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 16:20:35	Bai	Patterson	Honolulu, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Kanaka Maoli are becoming more and more politically astute and active. As a registered voter I hope each of you will take a stand to that is in the best interest of Hawai'i's aboriginal peoples.
2020-02-07 15:47:42	Lori	Halemano	Waikale, O'ahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 14:59:03	Rebekah	Luke	Kaawa, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I oppose HCR37.
2020-02-07 14:53:04	GABRIELLA	LOPEZ	Honolulu Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 13:51:59	Rhonda	Vincent	Kapolei, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	I oppose a State controlled reconciliation process for Mauna Kea. I believe it would not be the public's best interest
2020-02-07 13:50:05	Elsie	Umu	Kailua Kona	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	

2020-02-07 13:40:05	Mali'ala	Ahn	Hawaii Island	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>Kanaka Maoli people have made clear their desire for increased self-determination, that is increased Kanaka Maoli control over their lands, resources and affairs. Governor Ige and his administration continually demonstrate that they do not have the best interests on the cultural integrity of Mauna Kea and our 'aloha. HCR37 attempts to 'clear the way' for construction of the TMT on our sacred Mauna. The measure creates a bogus, state sponsored and initiated "reconciliation" process. HCR37 initiates a state created process for reconciliation between the Kanaka Maoli people and State of Hawaii by establishing of so-called "Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission." All members to this commission will be appointed by Governor Ige. This measure is disingenuous. Any true process of reconciliation should start with an apology by the Governor and his administration to the Mauna Kea Ka'i and the larger Hawaiian community.</p>
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2020-02-07 13:35:51	Kalalana	Moa-eli	Waianae	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
2020-02-07 13:28:40	Ana	Kahoopi	Kamuela, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
2020-02-07 13:25:29	Norman	Gaspar	Honokaa Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
2020-02-07 13:24:45	Theodora	Akau Gaspar	Honokaa Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
2020-02-07 13:19:23	Susan	Rosier	Pahoa	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
2020-02-07 13:14:07	Shaylyn	Kimura	Kiiauea, Kauai	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
2020-02-07 13:07:54	Kalena	Blakemore	Volcano, Hawaii Island	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
2020-02-07 13:06:38	Jonah	Cummings	Aiea, oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
2020-02-07 13:06:28	MaryAnn	Omerod	Honolulu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		
2020-02-07 13:04:58	John	Omerod	Honolulu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	<p>All of the above pretty much says it! A'ole This is a waste of taxpayer dollars! Just another committee to make the Public think the state is trying to help while agencies make outlandish rules for Mauna Kea and you folks aiiw it!</p> <p>I oppose HCR37</p> <p>I oppose HCR37</p>	

2020-02-07 13:03:03	Kealoha	Pisciotta	Hilo Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Self Determination is a human right afforded all people including native Hawaiians. Self determination must start with the people not top down.
2020-02-07 13:01:16	May	Balino-Sing	Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 12:56:54	MaiyAnn	Omerod	Honolulu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 12:56:47	Mary	Pale	Kalaaha, Molokai	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 12:48:04	Lynette	Kaopuliki	Lanai, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 12:42:09	Edean	Reyes	Miliani Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 12:41:51	Thomas	Milcrek	Maialua, Oahu	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 12:00:10	Keomaliani	Von Gogh	Oia'a Moku O Keawe	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	
2020-02-07 11:21:29	Tanya	Aynessazian	Keaau, Hawaii	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	You people have an opportunity here. To listen to Traditional Hawaiian Knowledge and work towards solving problems, or listen to Money and continue the devolution of life in these Islands. Which will you choose?