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Before the Senate Committee on

**WATER AND LAND
And
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1577 HD1
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

House Bill 1577 House Draft 1 appropriates funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission and to fund two full-time equivalent positions for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this measure.

In Act 340, the creation of the KIRC and Hawaii Revised Statute Chapter 6K in 1993, the legislature found that “the extensive erosion and other ecological problems, presence of unexploded ordnance, archaeological sites and native and endangered flora and fauna that a management regime was needed to meet the challenges of restoring and presenting the island”.

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

The KIRC first began receiving state general funds in the administration's budget in the fiscal year 2018-2019 biennium budget. The initial funding supported 15 FTE staff and operating funds for our Maui office and Kihei Boathouse. In fiscal years 2019 and 2020, the KIRC Cultural Resource Project Coordinator position was restored and \$100,000 in operating funds were added but subsequently were eliminated due to the impact of COVID on the State's economy in fiscal years 2021 and 2022. The KIRC is requesting additional operating funds and personnel to support our efforts to restore the island, protect endangered and rare flora and fauna and ensure the safety of visitors to Kaho'olawe.

The key to the KIRC's restoration efforts is the volunteer workforce that we bring to Kaho'olawe to help with native out plantings, erosion control construction and invasive weed eradication. The additional funds will support key services such as operating the Kaho'olawe base camp facilities, generating power and water, and maintaining vital infrastructure, equipment and vehicles. The additional funds will also support critical safety systems such as medical supplies, safety equipment and emergency transportation.

The additional KIRC positions are critically vital as the KIRC has observed a recent increase in unpredictability and severity of weather and ocean conditions in the waters surrounding Maui and Kaho'olawe most likely due to climate change and global warming, which has resulted in an increased need for additional manpower to safely and effectively operate the KIRC ocean vessel. Additionally, our Kaho'olawe field teams also need additional field support as we have been successful in expanding our restoration efforts to create more native dryland forest habitats, expand beach restoration and shoreline protection efforts, cultivate food sustainability and increase on-island water generation, collection, storage and distribution systems.

The KIRC has lived on a shoestring budget for the past decade, making do with whatever resources and funds we have been able to get, but at the same time been able to do amazing work on restoring one of the most devastated and remote places in Hawaii. The task ahead of the KIRC is one of the greatest challenges for this and the next generation, but to many here in Hawaii, a challenge that is worth the effort.

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND AND
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 1577, H.D. 1

March 15, 2022
1:00 p.m.
Room 016 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 1577, H.D. 1, authorizes two permanent positions and appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in FY 23 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

HB-1577-HD-1

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Comments:

Aloha Chairs Inouye and Shimabukuro, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Keohokalole, and Committee Members,

Please accept this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 1577 HD1 to provide funding support for the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). I worked on the KIRC staff for approximately five years and then served as Chair of the Commission for eight years, and so I can attest from first-hand experience that the KIRC knows how to make the most of any funding it has. The work that the staff can and does perform with limited resources and a difficult physical environment is nothing short of miraculous. Their dedication to the restoration and preservation of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve and its natural and cultural resources is exemplary. This funding request would be a very responsible use of taxpayer dollars and deserves your support.

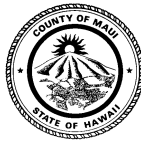
Mahalo for your consideration,
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TO: Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: March 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR HB 1577, HD1, RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to provide funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, including two full-time equivalent permanent positions.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. The Island of Kaho'olawe provides significant cultural and historic importance to the native people of Hawai'i and Maui County residents.
2. Due to extensive safety, archaeological, and environmental concerns, specialized management is needed to effectively meet the unique challenge of addressing continued revitalization and appropriate use for the island.
3. This measure would appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to effectively accomplish their work of restoring, preserving, and evaluating appropriate use of the island.

For the foregoing reasons, I **SUPPORT** this measure.



March 11, 2022

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Dear Chair and Members of the House Water & Land and Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committees,

My name is Herb Lee, Jr. and I am the President & CEO of the Pacific American Foundation. We have been a long-time community and educational partner with KIRC and currently serve as a fiscal sponsor for certain of their projects.

I urge you to pass HB1577. I am in full **SUPPORT** of this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue their long-term restoration of Kaho'olawe, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. Funding will enable the continuation of innovative land and ocean restoration programs for Kaho'olawe, while also entrusting a unique and critical opportunity to introduce, encourage and develop the next generation of land, ocean and cultural resource managers through an integrated mauka to Makai volunteer program. Through immersive, hands-on experience within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system, these opportunities incorporate both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods. I respectfully ask you to please **PASS** HB1577.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Lee, Jr.", written over a white background.

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

For hearing Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Re: HB 1577, HD1 RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE
COMMISSION.

Appropriates funds for the Kaho'olawe island reserve commission and to
fund two full-time equivalent permanent positions for the Kaho'olawe island
reserve commission.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

Three points will be discussed in this testimony:

1. The most important point is that prior legislation and existing statute law make it clear that Kaho'olawe is not to be regarded as the permanent property of the State of Hawaii, and that its transfer to a different government is expected to happen within the next few years. Therefore the legislature must either stop wasting State government money on Kaho'olawe; or else pass legislation rescinding the automatic transfer of the island to a different government, so that money spent to rehabilitate that island actually is for the long-term benefit of the State.

2. All expenses for rehabilitating and maintaining Kaho'olawe should be paid by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from its share of ceded land revenues, not from the State's general fund.

3. It seems there are no statements of long-term or even short-term goals and objectives regarding the intended uses of Kaho'olawe. For example, we might like to create a sustainable water supply so that vegetation can grow without constant human intervention, but why should we do that? Do we want significant numbers of people to have that island as their primary place of residence where they can grow their own food? We should not merely appropriate money and then wait for people to figure out how to use it -- we should have a statement of purposes first, and then figure out how much money is needed to achieve those purposes and how to hold the recipients accountable for achieving those purposes. Don't spend money without saying why; and don't hire bureaucrats with no way to measure whether they achieve goals which nobody has stated.

1. Kaho'olawe is not to be regarded as the permanent property of the State of Hawaii; its transfer to a different government is expected to happen within the next few years.

HB455 of year 2019 made clear that Kaho'olawe is not to be regarded as the permanent property of the State of Hawaii, and that its transfer to a different government is expected to happen within the next few years. According to that bill: "Pursuant to section 6K-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the management and control of the Kahoolawe island reserve will be transferred to a sovereign native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition by the State and the federal government. This event is anticipated to occur within the timeframe of the 2026 strategic plan."

It's unclear whether the expected "Native Hawaiian entity" will be a sovereign independent nation recognized internationally, or whether it will be similar to an Indian tribe as envisioned by the numerous versions of the "Akaka bill" in Congress from 2000 to 2012. Either way, Kaho'olawe WILL be transferred out of the State of Hawaii and into the Hawaiian nation -- a transfer expected within the next four years.

How serious is the threat that a federally recognized Hawaiian tribe will soon be created?

Although the Akaka bill has not been re-introduced in Congress since the end of 2012, Senator Brian Schatz zealously devoted his entire maiden speech to pushing in favor of it on June 11, 2013, even though no such bill had been introduced at that time 6 months into the new Congress and even though it has never been introduced from then until now. Full text of his speech, and analysis of it, is at

<https://www.angelfire.com/big09/AkakaSchatzMaiden061113.html>

Senator Schatz has served on the Senate Indian Affairs Committee continuously for more than 9 years, and as its Chairman during 2021-2022. He is also Chairman of an appropriations subcommittee, the same position from which Senator Inouye repeatedly attached the Akaka bill by reference (merely naming its bill number and declaring it to be "hereby enacted") deep inside must-pass military or national debt appropriations bills.

Near the start of the current 117th Congress, on January 21, 2021 KITV News reported "The new administration is opening the door for federal recognition for Native Hawaiians, allowing greater self-determination and control similar to other Native American tribes. ... "We have a historic opportunity to be able to walk through that portal," Esther Kia'aina said. Before winning a seat on the Honolulu City Council, Esther Kia'aina worked in D.C. for decades. She says the tide turned after the U.S. government issued a formal apology for the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom. President Biden recently appointed Deb Haaland as the first Native American Interior Secretary, if Native Hawaiians want recognition, Kia'aina says no[w] is the time to stand up. ... As the debate continues there's also a new Native Hawaiian voice at the Capitol who is listening. "I do feel that it's important to hear from our Native Hawaiian community so they can have input on whatever future that holds as far as governance but as a Native Hawaiian and one who represents Hawaii in Congress I look forward to bringing that Native Hawaiian perspective," Hawaii U.S. Congressman Kai Kahele said.

The President could issue an executive order to recognize a Hawaiian tribe, but such an order would be fragile since it could be reversed by any future President. Congressional action through something like the Akaka bill would be permanent and remains a strong possibility. But there is another way to create a Hawaiian tribe and get federal recognition for it. A regulation unilaterally proclaimed by the U.S. Department of Interior at the end of the

Obama administration remains in place and could be activated at any time, like a sleeper agent in a spy movie.

43 CFR 50 "Procedures for Reestablishing a Formal Government-to-Government Relationship With the Native Hawaiian Community" was published by the Department of Interior in the Federal Register on October 14, 2016, pp. 71278-71323, thereby making it law. This rule became effective November 14, 2016, 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. In a format that is easy to read, 43 CFR 50 is at <http://tinyurl.com/jyvdbwg>

To see the rule as it was actually formatted in the Federal Register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/znjgwkr>

How serious is the threat that an internationally recognized sovereign independent Nation of Hawaii will be created? [which would automatically receive a transfer of Kaho'olawe according to HRS 6K-9]

One lecturer in Hawaiian Studies at a community college has been, for more than two decades, filing federal lawsuits and corresponding with foreign government consulates in the U.S. demanding that the U.S. disgorge and withdraw its belligerent military occupation of Hawaii. Another activist who styles himself as Foreign Minister of the still-living Kingdom of Hawaii has for many years been making at least one trip annually to both the United Nations in New York and the United Nations in Geneva Switzerland to lobby diplomats of foreign governments, some of which are enemies of the U.S., to invoke old treaties between their nations and the Hawaiian kingdom, and to introduce legislation in the General Assembly to reinstate Hawaii on the U.N. list of non-self-governing territories in need of decolonization. Consider also the ongoing effort to remove the name and statue of President McKinley from the high school, on grounds that McKinley performed a despicable act in persuading Congress to agree to the "illegal" Treaty of Annexation in 1898 -- the primary purpose of that effort is to show the world [falsely but convincingly] that Hawaii rejects being part of America and wants help to escape. In 2021 a committee of this legislature held a hearing on a resolution demanding that the Board of Education remove McKinley's name and statue, and the committee seemed shocked by the strong resistance to that proposal.

One piece of evidence showing the seriousness of intent to create a sovereign Hawaiian nation is the fact that in 2015 the State of Hawaii Office

of Hawaiian Affairs engaged in a well-funded process to create a Constitution for that nation. That effort proceeded in tandem with the Department of Interior multi-year series of hearings and preliminary drafts of 43 CFR 50. All versions of that emerging regulation called for ethnic Hawaiians to hold an election to select delegates to a Constitutional Convention, who would then write a Constitution, get it ratified by a vote of ethnic Hawaiians, and submit it to the Secretary of Interior for approval. OHA spent millions of dollars to update its list of ethnic Hawaiians, and subcontracted to a specially created "private" but wholly owned subsidiary "Na'i Aupuni" to hold an election of delegates. However, a lawsuit by Judicial Watch and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii succeeded in getting the U.S. Supreme Court to issue an injunction by 5-4 vote blocking the election results from being used, on account of the Rice v. Cayetano Supreme Court decision of year 2000 which ruled that a state government agency [OHA's subsidiary Na'i Aupuni] cannot hold a racially exclusionary election. Because of the Supreme Court injunction a decision was made to seat at the constitutional convention all 151 people who were still interested in participating (out of the 209 who had originally filed papers to run as candidates), but to cut the length of the convention from 8 weeks to 4 weeks in order to get the work done within the original budget. The Na'i Aupuni convention met throughout the entire month of February and voted to approve its Constitution on February 26, 2016. The Constitution was published on the Na'i Aupuni website; but of course Na'i Aupuni no longer exists and neither does its website. However, the Constitution remains available here:

<http://big09.angelfire.com/NatHwnConstitAdopt022616.pdf>

The Native Hawaiian Nation is racially exclusionary, restricted to people who have at least one drop of Hawaiian native blood. All lands and waters of the archipelago of the Hawaiian Islands shall belong to the Native Hawaiian Nation. In other words: This nation is of, by, and for the race exclusively; and the race owns all the lands and waters of Hawaii. The constitution reasserts the concept from the ancient Hawaiian religion, that ethnic Hawaiians have a genealogical relationship with the gods and the land, which is the basis of their race-based rights to control the government and how the lands are used. Here's the relevant exact language from the constitution as approved by the Na'i Aupuni convention on February 26, 2016:

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." By the way, "Na'i Aupuni" means "Conquest" and was one nickname for Kamehameha Ka Na'i Aupuni "The Conqueror." In case there's any doubt about 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. And Article 8 says "The Government shall not ... Make any law with intent to suppress traditional Native Hawaiian religion or beliefs." Notice also that although the Constitution seems designed to pursue federal recognition as an Indian tribe, it also says "We reserve all rights to Sovereignty and Self-determination, including the pursuit of independence."

This bill now in the Hawaii legislature is a simple bill appropriating money to establish a bureaucracy for restoring Kaho'olawe Island. In this section of my testimony I am saying you should not do that because under HRS 6K-9 it is envisioned that Kaho'olawe will no longer belong to the State of Hawaii, and there is a strategic plan, referred to in HB455 of year 2019, which anticipated that the transfer will happen by 2026. If the ethnic Hawaiian power-elite in Hawaii decides to move forward to implement the federal regulation 43 CFR 50, and to put forward the Na'i Aupuni racist Constitution which allows for independent nationhood, there is absolutely no way you in the legislature can stop it. But you do have it in your power to stop throwing money down the rathole of a soon-to-be outside-of-Hawaii Kaho'olawe.

You legislators can overcome this objection merely by getting rid of the automatic transfer of Kaho'olawe to the anticipated Hawaiian nation. PLEASE RESCIND HRS 6K-9. You have it in your power to do that.

2. All expenses for rehabilitating and maintaining Kaho'olawe should be paid by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from its share of ceded land revenues, not from the State's general fund.

The text of this bill specifically identifies ethnic Hawaiians as the primary beneficiaries. The first sentence makes that clear when it says "Through Act 340, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, the legislature found that the island of Kaho'olawe was of significant cultural and historic importance to the native people of Hawaii." and the second sentence refers to "the existence of archaeological and other cultural and historic sites, and the presence of native and endangered flora and fauna ..." "The State" and "the people of Hawaii" are briefly mentioned, but only in a condescending way implying they are are of lesser status.

Accordingly, all expenses for rehabilitating and maintaining Kaho'olawe should be paid by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from its share of ceded land revenues, not from the State's general fund.

According to OHA's latest annual report, on June 30, 2021 OHA had assets of \$764,820,000. Another bill already approved by a committee this year calls for \$638 Million in arrears plus \$79 Million per year in future for OHA from ceded land revenues, exclusively for "betterment of Native Hawaiians" who comprise 20% of Hawaii's people; with no set-aside of 4 times those amounts exclusively for the other 80% of Hawaii's people who lack a drop of Hawaiian blood.

What the heck do you folks think OHA should be doing with all that money? This bill says "There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of [\$500,000 before bill was amended] or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 in natural and physical environment (LNR906) for the Kaho'olawe island reserve commission." And in addition "There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of [\$72,000] or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to fund two full-time equivalent (2.00 FTE) permanent positions in natural and physical environment (LNR906) for the Kaho'olawe island reserve commission."

That's a mere \$572,000 which is a tiny drop in the bucket for OHA. But it would establish a good precedent: OHA should be responsible for projects and costs that are primarily for the benefit of ethnic Hawaiians. That's why

Section 5(f) of the Statehood Act of 1959 identifies "the betterment of native Hawaiians" as one of the 5 purposes for which revenues from the ceded lands can be used. Of course we know that \$572,000 is merely seed money -- something to get the ball rolling -- the beginning of expenditures that will mushroom to hundreds of millions of dollars in a few years. Make OHA pay!

3. What are the long-term or even short-term goals and objectives regarding the intended uses of Kaho'olawe? We should not merely appropriate money and then wait for people to figure out how to use it -- we should have a statement of purposes first, and then figure out how much money is needed to achieve those purposes and how to hold the recipients accountable for achieving those purposes. Don't spend money without saying why; and don't hire bureaucrats with no way to measure whether they achieve goals which nobody has stated.

In 1992 I first came to live permanently in Kane'ohe, and for several years (1992 to 1995) I was enrolled in courses in Hawaiian language, history, and culture. That was the same time period when the bombing of the "target island" was stopped, ownership of the island was transferred to Hawaii, and Congress appropriated \$400 Million for cleanup of unexploded ordnance. I attended community meetings celebrating these events. Both in my classes and in community meetings I was invited several times to go along on a one-day visit to Kaho'olawe. I politely declined. But it was clear from those community events, from televised news reports, and from the invitations to tag along, that there was no clear plan or purpose for how to use the island. Indeed, some might consider it sacrilegious, or at least disrespectful, to talk about "using" Kaho'olawe. An 'olelo no'eau says: "He ali'i ka 'aina; he kauwa ke kanaka." Land is a chief, people are its humble servants. Our job is not to use the land but to serve it.

But in practice casually visiting Kaho'olawe was seen partly as a sort of tourist daytrip for fun and adventure. A bit daring because of all the unexploded bombs and need to stay on a narrowly defined path. It was also regarded by some activists as a pilgrimage to a sacred place, born from the womb of a god and giving birth to other creatures -- Ke kohe [lawe] malamalama o Kanaloa was its legendary name, identifying it as the shining [portable] vagina of the sea god Kanaloa. So the activists performed

protocol: chants, prayers, setting up a lele for offerings of fish or vegetables. Very nice, and very impressive to daytrippers.

Is that it? Is that the reason why the State of Hawaii should spend lots of money to rehabilitate Kaho'olawe? Simply to admire it and perhaps to worship it? Is the ancient religion the native Hawaiians now adopted as the official religion of the State of Hawaii? Or maybe it will become the island where the capitol of the Hawaiian nation will be erected. Or maybe we can turn it into a vegetable garden and send the produce by barge a short distance to Maui. Or maybe it would be a great place for OHA to build a casino! Figure out what you want to do with it before you spend tax dollars on it.

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Comments:

E ka I! E ka Ahu! E ka Mahi! E ka Palena! E ka Paia! a me ka Luahine! E o'u poki'i mai na kupuna. Ke poe na-na i na-i i ka aina, a i kukulu i ke Aupu-ni o na Kamehameha. Mai ka pa-ana laau mua ana i ka wai o Keomo a ka hui lokahi ana o na mokupuni i ke Kai o Ku-loloia.

(David Kalakaua, December 28, 1872 campaign broadside)

Aloha Hawai'i Senate Water and Land Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Gilbert Coloma Keith-Agaran, and Senate Hawaiian Affairs Chair Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Jarrett Keohokalole; Water and Land Committee members Kurt Fevella, Bennette Misalucha, and Gil Riviere; Hawaiian Affairs Committee members Laura Acasio, Kurt Fevella, and Les Ihara, Jr..

I write seeking your unanimous support of HB1577, HD1 to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and to fund two full-time equivalent (FTE) permanent positions for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). This supports the uncommon mission and continuing work of the KIRC to protect, to preserve, to restore, and to meaningfully and safely use Kaho'olawe and surrounding 2 miles of Kanaloa for ancestral and traditional knowledge continuum and for cultural, educational, and scientific opportunities and purposes.

WE thank you for your unwavering declaration and dedication to perpetuate this special tasking of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission and for your over 28+ years of commitment to bring this sacred and special place in Kanaloa Kaho'olawe HOME to the people of Hawaii, where Title and Access Control now resides in the hands of the State of Hawaii, where cultural and environmental management stewardship is perfected, where healing of land, sea, and military relationships from the destructive bombardment and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) legacy of the United States Navy and invited RIMPAC nations is In-Process.

The Ku-ula shrine at Haki'oawa thanks you. The Kamohi'o Bay shrine of *wana* (sea urchin) carved and *pohaku* images and *kapa* [on exhibit at the Bishop Museum] thanks you. The adze quarry of Pu'u Mo'iwi thanks you. The petroglyphs at Ahupu Iki thanks you. The *palupalu o Kanaloa* of Ale'ale, Pu'u Koa'e and Kaho'olawe li'ili'i thanks you. The *limu lipoa* of Honokanaenae thanks you. The *nai'a* and *kohola* playing and resting in Honokanai'a Bay thanks you. The *honu* of Keanakeiki thanks you. The falling *kupe'e* of Honoko'a thanks you. The sands of Ki'i thanks you. The beached whale carcass and *iwi kohola* of Kanapou Bay thanks you. The storied navigational places of Kealaikahiki and Moa'ula 'Iki thanks you. The prehistoric basalt adze of Kaho'olawe found on Napuka Atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago thanks you. Lae 'O Kaka, where the recovery of warshot torpedoes by Uncle John Kelly of Kupikipikio (BlackPoint) "was considered extremely important in order that cause of failure might be determined" by US Navy Admiral Lockwood and Admiral Momsen for United States Pacific Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, thanks you. *Ka Lae o Kamohoali'i thanks you.*

The Sea, Kai, Awa, Bay, Reef, Sands, Beach, Shoreline, Paia, Pond, Stream, and Stone House of Kuloloi'a thanks you for your malama and care of our sacred and special persons, places, and resources of Hawai'i Nei.

Aloha Ke Akua,

Manuel WMD Kuloloio

Kuloloi'a 'Ohana, Honua'ula, Maui, Hawai'i

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2022 2:21:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anela Evans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai e Chairwoman Inouye, Vice Chair Keith Agaran, Chairwoman Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, the Senate Committee on Water and Land and the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. Aloha kākou!

Thank you for your willingness to consider this measure that requests funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). The additional funding for more staff positions will allow the KIRC to continue their commitment to the restoration and revegetation of Kaho‘olawe. I continue to have the amazing opportunity for the past 17 years to volunteer on Kaho‘olawe with both the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO) and the KIRC. I also had the privilege to work full- time for the KIRC for two years. Throughout those 17 years, I have seen the progression and growth of the island as it recovers from over 100 years of devastation - beginning with the introduction of ungulates and then continuing with the U.S. Navy's bombing of the island.

The KIRC staff members are some of the most hardworking and talented individuals that I’ve ever had the opportunity to work with. Many of them are versatile in their knowledge and perform many diverse tasks. For example, many of us, while hired to perform duties such as a marine biologist or a restoration specialist, also assisted in boat operations necessary to transport volunteers, food, and fuel to the island.

I would like to strongly urge you to please support HB1577. The KIRC's role in the restoration of Kaho‘olawe and their mission of Kūkulu ke ea a Kanaloa is critical to the success and growth of our ‘āina and our people. Aloha.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2022 2:39:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Cole	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the House Committees on Water and Land and on Hawaiian Affairs,

I urge you to pass HB1577. I am in full SUPPORT of this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue their long-term restoration of Kaho`olawe, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. Funding will enable the continuation of innovative land and ocean restoration programs for Kaho`olawe, while also entrusting a unique and critical opportunity to introduce, encourage and develop the next generation of land, ocean and cultural resource managers through an integrated mauka to makai volunteer program. Through immersive, hands-on experience within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system, these opportunities incorporate both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods. I respectfully ask you to please PASS HB1577.

Thank you,

Robert Cole

Pukalani

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2022 3:18:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hannah K Anae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the House Committees on Water and Land and on Hawaiian Affairs,

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Thank you,

Hannah Kaumakamanōkalanipō Anae

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2022 4:02:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support HB1577

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Submitted on: 3/11/2022 10:29:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support all funding to go to Kaho'olawe as it relates to the environmental restoration thereof. I support subsequent funding as well as multiple funding sources to be allocated to the restoration of the landscape in Kaho'olawe. Additionally, I fully support a Furlow Program to be implemented as a means to provide substantial reintegration of clients in the Drug Court Initiative. Having inmates learn, identify with, and implement solutions that will sustain our environment; is a great way to reconstruct a purpose into their lives that is fulfilling and heals the disenfranchisement that caused their prior poor choices.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2022 11:18:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samantha Alvarado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am requesting your support to pass HB1577 to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue their long-term restoration of Kaho`olawe. The island of Kaho'olawe is a more than worthy cause that is so deserving of our care and stewardship. The support of this bill will help aid in environmental restoration, cultural education, and critical community building opportunities. Thank you for your help in passing this bill. You are helping to heal thousands of lives in doing so. Mahalo.

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2022 12:08:29 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
johann winkler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the House Committees on Water and Land and on Hawaiian Affairs,

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Thank you,

Johann Winkler

Dear Elected Official and Policy Maker,

I am writing to you today, in concern for the funding for Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. I stand in full support of Director Michael Naho'opi'i, and his efforts to sustain the KIRC funding.

I find myself disheartened, when I see that he must consistently struggle to find funding for the important conservation and ecological work, that must take place on Kaho'olawe, due to devastating destruction by the Navy.

KIRC desperately needs your help securing appropriations for supplies, manpower, and maintenance of motorized vehicular transportation for use both at sea, and on land.

KIRC constantly needs funds for the following reasons, to buy the supplies needed to maintain planting restoration and conservation efforts, to maintain housing facilities of staff and volunteers, to supply food and basic survival materials for the workers and volunteers, and to be able to all maintain mechanical workings that keep the jobs running, not to mention countless other costs that accrue when restoring an entire island.

I am asking you, as my elected representative, to hear me now, and pass this message on to the people you work with. Go to them, and describe KIRC's yearly, no, daily plight, to secure funding for these and more important items. Please be the person that I am glad I voted for and use your persuasive powers to reach across party lines, to get all legislators to cast their votes for all bills, that protect the status quo, and/or increase the funding for Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Please make informed speeches to colleagues, and hold discussions with your peers, to explain why KIRC needs to keep a personnel team of highly qualified professionals. Elaborate, when necessary, that these are the people who staff the core team, responsible for keeping the island in the positive direction toward a goal of total restoration.

It is important to continue to provide funding that enables KIRC to invite teams of volunteers to Kaho'olawe. Their volunteer program provides a necessary part of the work force on the island. A steady flow of these volunteers is imperative to keep KIRC in working order, to accomplish the goals they have set. Volunteers work with the staff, to perform the laborious tasks of repairing the

island. As a volunteer, I am devoted to the health of these Hawaiian Islands, and I possess the love for Kaho'olawe, as do countless others. Our families are witnesses to the action we take today, and for generations to come. Please do your part to honor the will of future generations who strive to repair the island from the devastation. Hawaiians were witnesses to its destruction and are the resource of volunteers who feels the urgency to take part in its restoration.

Therefore, I am urging you to **vote in support of Bill HB1577**, and get involved in helping KIRC's scientists, cultural practitioners, Hawaiian people, passionate natural conservationists like myself, and countless talented people, who vow to do whatever it takes to restore Kaho'olawe Island to its natural condition: flourishing in native Hawaiian flora and fauna.

Thank you for reading my letter of concern. Please vote in support of KIRC's quest for financial security at every opportunity. I know I will be observing your courage and fortitude in our futures.

Sincerely,

Pamela Zirker

6406 Kawaihau Rd.

Kapa'a, Kaua'i, HI,

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Phone (808) 821-1350

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2022 12:42:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret Pulver	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs,

I urge you to pass HB1577. I am in full **SUPPORT** of this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue their long-term restoration of Kaho`olawe, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. Funding will enable the continuation of innovative land and ocean restoration programs for Kaho`olawe, while also entrusting a unique and critical opportunity to introduce, encourage and develop the next generation of land, ocean and cultural resource managers through an integrated mauka to makai volunteer program. Through immersive, hands-on experience within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system, these opportunities incorporate both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods. I respectfully ask you to please **PASS** HB1577.

Thank you,

Margaret Pulver

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Submitted on: 3/12/2022 1:35:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole Cody	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the House Committees on Water and Land and on Hawaiian Affairs,

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Thank you

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Submitted on: 3/12/2022 4:00:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia R Rubenstein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the House Committees on Water and Land and on Hawaiian Affairs,

I urge you to pass HB1577. I am in full SUPPORT of this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue their long-term restoration of Kaho`olawe, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. **Funding will enable the continuation of innovative land and ocean restoration programs for Kaho`olawe, while also entrusting a unique and critical opportunity to introduce, encourage and develop the next generation of land, ocean and cultural resource managers through an integrated mauka to makai volunteer program.** Through immersive, hands-on experience within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system, these opportunities incorporate both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods. <---**As a volunteer with KIRK I fully support this statement and** I respectfully ask you to please PASS HB1577.

Thank you,

Julia Rubenstein

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2022 6:04:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalani Fukumoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill to fund KIRC that the restoration of Kaho'olawe may continue.

Mahalos

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Submitted on: 3/13/2022 1:36:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol-Marie K Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this measure.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/13/2022 1:37:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Davianna McGregor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the House Committees on Water and Land and on Hawaiian Affairs,

I urge you to pass HB1577. I am in full SUPPORT of this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue their long-term restoration of Kaho`olawe, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2022 9:10:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Inouye and Shimabukuro, Vice-Chairs Keith Agaran and Keohokalole, and Committee members: Please support the KIRC's continued efforts to help restore Kaho'olawe.

The additional funds in HB1577 HD1 will finance key support services such as operating the Kaho`olawe base camp facilities, generating power and water, and maintaining vital infrastructure, equipment and vehicles. The funds will also support critical safety systems such as medical supplies, safety equipment and emergency transportation.

The additional KIRC positions are critically vital as the KIRC has observed a recent increase in unpredictability and severity of weather and ocean conditions in the waters surrounding Maui and Kaho`olawe most likely due to climate change and global warming, which has resulted in an increased need for additional manpower to safely and effectively operate the KIRC ocean vessel. Additionally, Kaho`olawe field teams also need additional field support as we have been successful in expanding our restoration efforts to create more native dryland forest habitats, expand beach restoration and shoreline protection efforts, cultivate food sustainability and increase on-island water generation, collection, storage and distribution systems.

Aloha `Āina,

Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

KIRC Commissioner representing Native Hawaiian Organizations

Dear Members of the House Committees on Water and Land and on Hawaiian Affairs,

I urge you to pass HB1577. I am in full **SUPPORT** of this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue their long-term restoration of Kaho`olawe, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. Funding will enable the continuation of innovative land and ocean restoration programs for Kaho`olawe, while also entrusting a unique and critical opportunity to introduce, encourage and develop the next generation of land, ocean and cultural resource managers through an integrated mauka to makai volunteer program. I personally volunteered and had an immersive, hands-on experience within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system. I found that they incorporate both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods. I respectfully ask you to please **PASS** HB1577.

Thank you,

Robert Law

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 8:31:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terri Gavagan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, The work to restore Kaho'olawe and provide safe meaningful access to the islands is vital in allowing Native Hawaiians to perpetuate their culture. Additionally the KIRC allows the general public the opportunity to contribute to the restoration of an island and learn about the importance of the mauka to makai connection in Hawai'i. I strongly encourage you to support the KIRC by providing the necessary funding to continue their mission.

Mahalo,

Terri Gavagan

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 9:08:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members of the House Committees on Water and Land and on Hawaiian Affairs,

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Cassie Smith

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Submitted on: 3/14/2022 9:32:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chuck Chimera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Having had the privilege to volunteer on Kaho‘olawe in the past, I strongly support HB1577 HD1 and the ongoing efforts of the Kaho‘olawe island reserve commission.

Mahalo,

Chuck Chimera

Honokaa, HI

LATE

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 6:23:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tammy Harp	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Lorraine Inouye, Chair; Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair; Senator Bennette Misalucha; Senator Kurt Fevella; Senator Gil Riviere; Committe Members on Water and Land,

Aloha Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Chair; Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair; Senator Laura Acasio; Senator Kurt Fevella; Senator Les Ihara, Jr.; Committee Members on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am in support of HB1577 HD1. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Tammy Harp

LATE

HB-1577-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 7:52:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nathan Nishimura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I urge you to pass HB1577. I am in full SUPPORT of this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue their long-term restoration of Kaho`olawe, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come.

Mahalo

Nathan Nishimura