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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND WATER AND LAND
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3013

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

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

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

Senate Bill No. 3013 authorizes two permanent positions and appropriates \$572,000 in 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.



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Before the Senate Committees on

WATER AND LAND
and
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3013
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Senate Bill 3013 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 that has made significant changes to transforming the desolate hardpan into vibrant living landscapes. These projects and all KIRC operations and staffing were initially financed from a federally funded trust fund and various grant opportunities, and recently with State funds.

The KIRC first began receiving state general funds in the administration's 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 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 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.

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February 9, 2022

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

Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

DATE: February 9, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 3013, 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 residents.
2. Due to extensive safety issues and ecological, archaeological, and other environmental concerns, specialized management is needed to effectively meet the unique challenge of addressing continued revitalization and appropriate use for the island.
3. This bill 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.

SB-3013

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Comments:

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

Please accept this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 3013 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: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
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For hearing Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Re: SB3013 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 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 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.



Hawai'i's voice for wildlife
Kō Hawai'i o nā holoholona lōhiu

**Before the Senate Committee on
Water and Land
and Hawaiian Affairs**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022
1:00pm**

State Capitol, Conference Room 016, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3013
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLawe ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Conservation Council For Hawaii **SUPPORTS SB2013**. This measure provides additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to continue their long-term restoration of Kaho`olawe, benefiting 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to **support SB 3013**.



Feb 10, 2022

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Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Water & Land 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, developed rigorous and culturally appropriate curricula for the island (Mālama Kaho'olawe) and currently serve as a fiscal sponsor for certain of their projects.

I urge you to pass SB 3013. 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 SB 3013**.

Me ke Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Lee, Jr.", written over a blue horizontal line.

Herb Lee, Jr.
President & CEO

February 9, 2022

TO: The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senate Committee on Water and Land

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

FROM: Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Chair
Board of Trustees at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

SUBJECT: SB 3013 – RELATING TO THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND
RESERVE COMMISSION.

Hearing: February 15, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference, State Capitol

My name is Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and a KIRC Commissioner, and I am providing written testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB3013. There are two years that I want to highlight, 1994 and 2004. In 1994, the U.S. Navy conveyed the deed of ownership over Kaho‘olawe to the State of Hawai‘i hence the creation of KIRC. And in 2004, the U.S. Navy transferred the management and control of Kaho‘olawe to the State of Hawai‘i and KIRC was designated as a state agency. I point these years out because the State has a responsibility to manage activities on the Kaho‘olawe as owner and KIRC is the State’s designated manager. KIRC has done amazing work over the years to restore and preserve Kaho‘olawe after decades of bombings; however, the work is far from done and KIRC needs the Committees’ support. So, I humbly ask the Committees for their consideration and support of this measure. Mahalo nui iā ‘oukou for this opportunity to offer my written testimony of support.



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Before the Senate Committees on
Hawaiian Affairs
Water and Land

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
1:00 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

**In SUPPORT of
SENATE BILL 3013
Relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission**

Senate Bill 3013 appropriates funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) and to fund two full-time equivalent permanent positions for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this measure.

As was stated in the measure, until 2016 federal funding allowed KIRC to establish programs that emphasized ancestral and traditional knowledge of the island where a cultural approach of respect for the environment that was formally devastated was initiated.

On Moku O Kanaloa, the traditional name for Kaho'olawe, there are three moku – Kona, Ko'olau and Honuaua (uniquely located on Maui) with 15 ahupua'a on the Island, and 12 ahupua'a on Maui. The connection to Maui is an ancient and traditional one not commonly known but still revered by the generational families of Honuaua.

Senate Bill 3013 provides the means for further cultural and traditional education in restoring, preserving and determining the appropriate uses of KIRC.

We **SUPPORT** the passage of Senate Bill 3013. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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SB-3013

Submitted on: 2/14/2022 12:58:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lia Kagehiro	Testifying for Maui High Cloud Bridge Club	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senate Committees on Water & Land and Hawaiian Affairs,

I encourage for your support in passing SB3013 which would provide financial and staff support in the restoration of Koho’olawe through the Koho’olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). Passing this bill would be beneficial to Hawai’i and its people by enabling the staff to receive the funding necessary to restore and preserve the island for generations. Allowing this bill to pass would enable volunteers and members of our community to participate in programs that support the research in marine life affected by the island's rich history. As a member of Hui O Naulu - The Cloud Bridge Club and an avid learner about marine life, funding for KIRC would be essential in our learning and support our community in a positive way. Integrating both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific resources, KIRC would benefit our Hawaiian islands but without the funding, our progress would be cut short. That is why, on behalf of the Maui Highschool Cloud Bridge Club, I ask for your support in the passing of SB3013.

Thank you,

Lia Kagehiro

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Submitted on: 2/9/2022 4:44:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Anela Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

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 SB3013**. 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: 2/10/2022 7:10:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Matt Hatakeyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senate Team Members,

I support SB 3013 to fund two full time team members for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission or KIRC. KIRC is in need of additional labor support to continue the restoration of our beloved Kanaloa. Adding two full time personnel would help ease the current burden on existing team members and add capacity to further KIRC's activities, ultimately connecting with more people in Hawaii and around the World.

Mahalo,

Matt Hatakeyama

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 7:26:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
johann winkler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

I urge you to pass SB3013. 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 SB3013.

Thank you,

Johann Winkler

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 7:44:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Natashja Tong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

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Thank you,

Natashja Tong

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 7:54:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
pookela hanson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

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Mahalo Pookela

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 8:39:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Courtney Kerr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

I urge you to pass SB3013. 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** SB3013.

Mahalo,

Courtney Kerr

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 9:06:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Margaret Pulver	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I urge you to pass SB3013. 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 SB3013**.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 9:10:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Elaine Wender	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill to provide much-needed and much-deserved funding to KIRC. Please pass this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 9:17:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. E Ola Kanaloa!

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 10:42:13 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for supporting the restoration of Kanaloa Kaho`olawe.

February 10, 2022

Dear Members of the House Water & Land Committee,

I urge you to pass SB3013. 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** SB3013.

Thank you,

Rob Lee, CCMSgt (ret), USAF/HIANG

Volunteer for Kaho`olawe

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 12:11:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

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

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 2:05:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Melissa Barker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please vote in favor of SB3013 supporting Kaho`olawe.

Thank you,

Melissa Barker

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Submitted on: 2/10/2022 2:15:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Greg Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

My name is Greg Jones. I was born on Maui in 1976 and for the last 9 years, I've been a science teacher at Maui High. I am writing in support of SB3013.

Beginning in 2019 my Marine Science classes partnered with KIRC staff to teach students about the history of Kaho'olawe and the reclamation and restoration efforts underway there now. Dean Tokishi and Courtney Kerr of KIRC repeatedly visited classes to teach students research techniques such as in water belt transect surveys and statistical analysis of the data collected. Then after a hiatus for covid lockdowns, several groups of interested student's were able to visit Kaho'olawe and take part in conservation and restoration work on island.

KIRC staff wrote a grant to fund this exchange but as a result, we have formed a club at Maui High called Hui O Naulu - The Cloud Bridge Club. Among other opportunities to learn about the work of conservation in the Islands, we hope to return with a group to Kaho'olawe annually. We are currently planning another access to Kaho'olawe during this coming spring break with a group of 8 students - Dean Tokishi recently visited MHS (as a guest of the club), to help us prepare. These ongoing experiences are not grant funded. We will be working as a club to earn the funds required to make the trip. But that trip depends on KIRC staff being ready to receive us.

These experiences have been life changing - we have students looking to careers in conservation and biology as a result. KIRC staff have offered ongoing support and mentorship of students in search of their own pathways into the field. But that support and mentorship is a part of their jobs - all the individuals who I've met through KIRC take pride in what they can share with students. I know that KIRC would like to expand their capacity to not only further the goals of the restoration on Kaho'olawe but to share that work with the people of the islands - especially, our young people. They can't do these things without adequate funding and human resources.

Please support the further funding and staffing of the KIRC, for the restoration of Kaho'olawe and the people who live nearby, and especially those who hope to make a career here in Hawai'i. Please vote yes on SB3013.

Mahalo for your kokua,

Greg Jones

SB-3013

Submitted on: 2/10/2022 9:08:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tambara Garrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Senate Committees on Water & Land and Hawaiian Affairs,

I urge you to pass SB3013. 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 SB3013.

Mahalo,

Tambara Garrick

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Submitted on: 2/11/2022 7:37:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ann Fahl	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To the Members of the House Water & Land Committee,

Concerning [SB3013](#) for additional support for Kaho‘olawe continuing restoration.

Please support this request for additional funding for field and staff. I am a retired Master Gardener, artist, and was born in the Kapiolani Maternity Hospital many years ago. This large project for a little island can have a big impact on Hawaii its culture and the world. KIRC is trying to restore it to its natural state to encourage native plant growth and provide habitat for creatures on land, air, and water. Many volunteers and donors are working hard to clear debris and plant large areas on the island to restore and improve it. The more people that can work on the island, the better. Many ideas and ways to make this happen could affect and inspire other projects around the world. The Hawaiian people, students and visitors will learn about Hawaiian culture while seeing Kaho‘olawe develop. This is important to me, and I live in Wisconsin! It is important for Hawaiians forever.

Thank you.

Ann Fahl

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Submitted on: 2/11/2022 8:30:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Robert Cole	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

ear Members of the Senate Committees on Water & Land and Hawaiian Affairs,

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Thank you,

Robert Cole

Pukalani, HI

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Submitted on: 2/12/2022 4:34:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
kalani fukumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3013 for the funding of additional KIRC staff. To care for Kahoolawe is very important to me.

Thank you very much,

Kalani Fukumoto

SB-3013

Submitted on: 2/14/2022 12:04:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nicolas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Members of the Senate Committees of Water & Land and Hawaiian Affairs,

I urge you to pass SB3013, I am would be more than happy to support the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) both financially and with staff support. With the long-term restoration of Kaho'olawe, I believe that it will benefit Hawai'i for generations. This sort of funding will be necessary for KIRC to effectively meet the specific challenges of restoring, preserving, and managing safe uses of the reserve for the people of Hawai'i. The funding would be able to resume the continuation of innovation and land and ocean restorations for the island of Kaho'olawe and at the same time entrust a unique and very important opportunity to introduce, encourage, and develop the next generation of the land, ocean, and cultural resources through a special mauka to makai volunteering program. Through this truly special hands-on experience within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system, these opportunities will contain both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods. Please pass SB3013

Mahalo,

Nicolas Bews

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Submitted on: 2/14/2022 12:51:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sophia Kato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

As a high school student and an active member of Hui O Naulu, or the Cloud Bridge Club, I am in full support of passing SB3013. With additional government funding, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) will not only be able to better restore and protect the island, but also promote the importance of environmental science and conservation for generations to come. A stronger financial and staffing foundation is essential for effective changes to be made. Kahoolawe, although the smallest of the Hawaiian islands, is home to a variety of different plant and animal species on land and around the reefs. Financial support as a result of SB3013 will allow KIRC to open opportunities for students or local members of the community to explore this natural beauty as well as the rich cultural history behind Kahoolawe. Integrated mauka to makai volunteer programs has developed into a system of incorporating both traditional, ancient Hawaiian practices and modern scientific methods in an immersive learning experience, while also benefiting life on the island. Access to more advanced technology combined with the initiative of the people will allow larger-scaled and more effective research. Environmental issues are a growing issue around the world that will affect the future of humanity; a global crisis that will not be solved overnight. Therefore, I respectfully ask to start with Hawaii and in turn, SB3013.

Thank you,

Sophia Kato

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Submitted on: 2/15/2022 8:14:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kenani Gramberg	Testifying for Waimanalo Neighborhood Board Member	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As we all can see, the military lease large amounts of Hawaiian Lands for so cheap and they don't show Aloha for our 'āina. The mess on Kaho'olawe should not be at the cost of the State and or it's people, but ultimately it should be at the cost of the Military. The military should have to hire a culturalist and pay for the clean up; as well as the other lands that they own which deserve attention. I don't understand how they're allowed to ruin our Hawaii and not be held accountable.

Mahalo,

Kenani Gramberg

Waimānalo Neighborhood Board Member

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/15/2022 9:02:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/15/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

I urge you to pass SB3013. 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** SB3013.

Thank you for your time,

Cassie Smith