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**Testimony of
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Before the House Committee on

FINANCE

**Friday, February 21, 2020
12:00 pM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1880 HD1
RELATING TO KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

House Bill 1880, House Draft 1 appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operations of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission and for 2 full time equivalent positions on the Commission. The Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this measure.

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. The provided support has helped our efforts, but in order to effectively continue on-island operations, additional funds are necessary. 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 many volunteers 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 increase 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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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 21, 2020

TIME: 12:00 P.M.

PLACE: Conference Room 308

TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT OF HB1880HD1

Dear Rep. Luke, Chair; Rep. Cullen, Vice Chair and Members of FIN Committee:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC). The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. Most of these are family businesses which are locally owned and operated. Many of them have been in business for several decades and are an important and valued part of their respective communities. Most of these businesses operate from State Boating Facilities.

While this proposed legislation does not directly impact our industry we believe that the restoring, preserving and the determining appropriate uses of Kaho'olawe is important to everyone who calls Hawaii home.

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

Please pass HB 1880,HD1 for operations and support positons.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President



February 19, 2020

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House Finance Committee

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 1880 HD 1 RELATING TO
THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

Aloha, my name is Herb Lee, Jr., President & CEO of the Pacific American Foundation and I am writing in support House Bill 1880 HD 1.

In 2009, the Pacific American Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization partnered with the KIRC, the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana, the Maui Department of Education and the Polynesian Voyaging Society to develop rigorous new curricula that was culturally relevant and project-based for grades 7 to 12. It was the most profound experience that we have ever had to work with all of the partners to share mana'o and to develop an educational program that would help to heal the island for the next 100 years. The project was called "Malama Kaho'olawe," and it became a catalyst for teachers, students and community to learn, contribute and to "Malama" this very special part of Hawaiian history.

The work that KIRC has done with its many partners have been nothing short of phenomenal given the limited resources that they had to work with since the federal government stopped the clean-up effort over a decade ago. The healing and restoration process needs to continue and more importantly the educational opportunities that have been created are fundamental to understanding how we manage finite natural and environmental resources with global consequences.

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

As the only island listed on the National Register of Historic Places in its entirety, containing nearly 3,000 archaeological sites and features, it is imperative that the State preserves this important resource for current and future generations through this financial support system.

Without the KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho'olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian



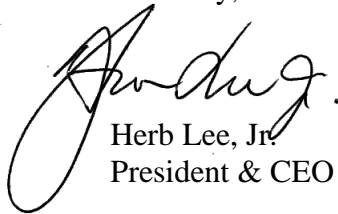
monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater will be put at risk. It is imperative that we support and stabilize this continued work.

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Kaho'olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and providing replenishment of fish and invertebrates to other islands' waters. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. I hope you give this bill your highest consideration for passage.

Please feel free to contact regarding any other questions you might have. I can be reached at herblee@thepaf.org or cell at 927-5646.

Sincerely,



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To: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Re: HB 1880, HD1

RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION.

Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operations of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission and for 2 full-time equivalent positions to support the Commission. Effective 7/1/2050.

For hearing on Friday, February 21, 2020

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

This bill proposes to transfer an unspecified number of taxpayer dollars to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide funding for unspecified purposes for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the operations of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission, and funding for 2 (additional) full-time-equivalent positions. This bill is essentially a blank

check for KIRC to do whatever it wants, with no accountability to DHHL or the Legislature.

But we can get an estimate of what is requested, because last year the comparable bill(s) proposed to transfer \$1,000,000 taxpayer dollars to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide funding for specified programs of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission for fiscal year 2019-2020, plus an additional \$72,000 for two FTE staff positions; and then the same amounts again for FY 2020-2021.

It's interesting that the previous year, 2018, the same legislation, SB3027 and HB2594, demanded only \$600,000 instead of \$1,000,000 to support the activities of KIRC. That was a 67% inflation rate in a single year from 2018 to 2019! And no telling how much the inflation rate will be this time around! Yes it's an island, but does that mean we must spend like drunken sailors?

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THIS BURDEN ON THE TAXPAYERS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.

LET OHA PAY ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REHABILITATION OF KAHO'OLAWA -- AN ISLAND WHICH THIS LEGISLATURE AND OHA BOTH BELIEVE WILL BE HANDED OVER IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO THE HAWAIIAN TRIBE WHICH OHA HAS BEEN WORKING SO HARD TO CREATE FOR AT LEAST 20 YEARS.

As the language of last year's bill points out, "Pursuant to section 6K-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the management and control of the Kaho'olawe island reserve will be transferred to a sovereign Native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition by the state and federal governments. This event is anticipated to occur within the timeframe of the 2026 strategic plan."

In Act 195 (2011) this legislature set in motion a process now underway to create a Hawaiian tribe. The U.S. Department of Interior recently proclaimed a regulation whereby that tribe can get federal recognition -- the final rule 43CFR50 proclaimed by the U.S.

Department of Interior by publication in the Federal Register on October 14, 2016. Both Act 195 and the Department of Interior regulation insist that the Hawaiian tribe must be exclusively for Native Hawaiians, and that anyone lacking a drop of the magic blood must be ruthlessly excluded.

According to OHA trustee Lei Ahu Isa, OHA has used approximately \$33 Million of state government money over the years to lobby for federal recognition of a Hawaiian tribe either through the Akaka bill or through advertising and racial registration programs both in Hawaii and on the mainland. OHA provided the entire funding for an election of delegates and a monthlong meeting in 2006 which produced a proposed constitution for the tribe. OHA has repeatedly pledged that when a Hawaiian tribe has achieved federal recognition, OHA will transfer all its assets to the tribe.

If the tribe is successful in creating itself and getting federal recognition, section 6K-9 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes guarantees that the island of Kaho'olawe will immediately be ripped away from the State of Hawaii and handed over to the Hawaiian tribe, to which people with no native blood are forbidden to belong.

This legislature simply must not confiscate tax dollars from 80% of Hawaii's people for a project which they will be racially excluded from.

It would be foolish and immoral for the State of Hawaii to spend taxpayer dollars collected from 100% of Hawaii's people of all races to pay for upgrades to an island which is expected to be removed from the State of Hawaii and handed over to a sovereign "nation" [tribe] restricted by law to one racial group whose people are perhaps 20% of Hawaii's people, most of whom will probably not even join the tribe. Once the tribe has been created there will be negotiations between the State of Hawaii vs. the tribe to decide how much additional land and money the State will give to the tribe. The State should not give away resources before the negotiations even begin.

OHA's most recent annual report (2017) shows that OHA has total assets of more than \$650 million. And it continues getting more payments of state government money (ceded land revenues plus legislative appropriations) every year, including a bill in last year's legislature demanding \$35 million per year from ceded land revenues.

Enough already! OHA can easily afford funding for Kaho'olawe. Let OHA pay whatever money it wishes to pay to KIRC to rehabilitate Kaho'olawe -- an island which this legislature and OHA both believe will be handed over in the near future to the Hawaiian tribe which OHA is working so hard to create.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2020 5:21:24 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Davianna McGregor	Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. Despite limited funding, the KIRC executive director and staff have persevered in the work to heal a severely damaged island. More staff and resources are essential to continuing their excellent work. Please pass HB 1880. mahalo!

HB-1880-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2020 1:56:24 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/19/2020 2:23:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure (HB1880) to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Cassie L. Smith

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Submitted on: 2/19/2020 2:41:32 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Fox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support HB 1880 for the ongoing restoration of Kahoolawe's ravaged ecosystem!

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Submitted on: 2/19/2020 3:08:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please continue to fund the work of the KIRC. It is critical that we not only maintain, but increase funding for all aspects of the KIRC. As climate change and sea level rise are already devastating the low-lying Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, Kaho'olawe is the best chance for landscape-scale restoration.

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Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Kajihiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Kaho'olawe is an important laboratory for environmental restoration in extremely degraded conditions. The investment in KIRC restoration staff persons will enable more volunteers to participate in restoration activities. This provides several benefits. 1. Kaho'olawe benefits from increased care. 2. The volunteer labor helps to multiply the impact of KIRC restoration programs. 3. Volunteers are positively affected by what they learn and experience on the island. 4. Volunteers carry those lessons and practices of aloha 'Ä• ina and mÄ• lama 'Ä• ina to other places in Hawai'i and beyond. 5. The community benefits by learning how to better adapt to extreme environmental conditions that may develop with climate change.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2020 4:05:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

Kylee P. Mar

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Submitted on: 2/19/2020 5:42:40 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

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Submitted on: 2/19/2020 6:03:59 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Lu'uwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It a shame that the KIRC have to ask for money from the state for such a place as Kaho'olawe. It should the other way around, the state should be asking how can i kokua this sacred island. How can we offer kokua. Please support this bill for the next generation of Hawaii residents and Kamaiana. It should your civic duty to educate your self about Kaho'olawe and to support any efforts to keep the island safe.

respectfully

Ka'uhane Lu'uwai (coach Hawaiian canoe club of Maui)

Aloha Chair and Committee Members of the Water and Land Committee,

I fully support this measure (HB1880 HD1) to provide the needed additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The restoration and preservation of Kaho`olawe's cultural, archaeological, and ecological environments is imperative in assuring its existence for future generations.

I would like to share a personal story coming from the perspective of an aerial photographer currently working on a large photographic body of work documenting the anthropogenic impact and climate change happening here in Hawai'i.

In August 2019 I received permission from the KIRIC commission to visit Kaho`olawe in order to historically document from the air the archaeological, cultural and environmental landscapes of the island. During our over flight, photographer Bruce Omori and I were accompanied by Eric Brudage ZAPATA's General Manager Manager, Pacific division. Mr. Brudage provided us with insight on the historical perspective and landmarks, as well as the current restoration efforts that were in the process. We were amazed to see how effective the planned plantings were in fighting the erosion and abuse that was inflicted on Kaho`olawe. In my research I knew what Kaho`olawe looked like in the 1990's just as the restoration was beginning. The abuse of the land was haunting, and the restoration was indeed a daunting one. As I looked at Kaho`olawe that August day, I was astonished and filled with hope at what I was documenting. I could see if given more time and resources how Kaho`olawe could once again be restored to its former beauty.

It is very clear that the KIRIC has been diligent in taking the lead in reversing the ecological damage/abuse that has been inflicted on its sacred landscapes. Kaho`olawe is a story of hope and what can be accomplished when we work together. It is my hope that you will vote to support the financial and staffing needs to continue the important work that KIRIC is doing on Kaho`olawe - for its future and for future generations.

For Kaho`olawe,

Leslie Gleim

Below are images photographed from that day.



Date: February 21, 2020

To: House Committee on Finance

From: Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

Re: HB 1880 HD1

Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen, and members of the House Committee on Finance,

As a native Hawaiian conservationist for the past 30 years, and former natural resource manager for the Kaho'olawe UXO Cleanup operations from 1997-1999, I **SUPPORT HB 1880 HD1**. This bill appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the operation of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission and for 2 fulltime staff to support operations.

On February 18, 2020, the Star Advertiser published an [editorial](#) supporting the funding of Kaho'olawe for the "public good" and a "state goal." The newspaper also published an [article](#) titled, "State money still needed for Kahoolawe restoration" ([Star Advertiser](#), 2/16/20) emphasizing the paucity of restoration trust funds left after the Navy cleanup of unexploded ordnance. The restoration of the island, both cultural and natural, continue but State funds are desperately needed. The island is a beacon of hope for Hawai'i's future and a source of healing in many respects. It's future lies with us.

I am reminded of the song "Kaho'olawe" which describes the pua hinahina ([Heliotropium anomalum](#)) that were once abundant on the windy island...

'Ahuwale nā pua hinahina (Abundant, the hinahina blossoms)

Lua'ole na hano a ka makani (Incomparable, the breeze that blows)

Source: Kaho'olawe by Emma Bishop

The efforts of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission is working to bring back the hinahina and the other native species for future generations to experience. Please PASS HB 1880 HD1.

'O au e ke hoa,



Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2020 7:47:45 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Molly Mamaril	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members,

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

A few years ago, I had the privilege of partaking in a huaka`i to help restore the island. It was one of the most impactful experiences I've had as an individual learning more about our 'Ä• ina and about Native Hawaiian cultural traditions. Our group consisted of people of all ages, life backgrounds, career paths and understanding of our shared history. Kaho`olawe was the most beautiful place, for many reasons, to create community while also doing good work. Restoration must continue - to perpetuate culture and bring abundance back to to a once-thriving place.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Molly Mamaril

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Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Terri Gavagan and I am writing in support of HB1880, Relating to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.

I ask you to support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawai'i's people for generations to come. My family has been greatly changed by Kaho'olawe. It has influenced my teenage daughter's decision to eventually become a marine biologist and eventually work to protect Kaho'olawe's precious marine resources. She is currently working toward her dream at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

This funding and the requested positions of KIR Specialists will help the KIRC maintain its current operations to protect and restore Kaho'olawe as well as to provide safe and meaningful access to the Reserve.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/20/2020 11:26:52 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/21/2020 12:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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

There is much work left to do on Kaho`olawe. I believe this group is committed and that their commitment is coming to fruition.

Mahalo nui,

Edith Kawai, 65-1234 Puu Opelu Road, Kamuela, HI 96743

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamara Moan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I had an opportunity to visit Kahoolawe last summer and participate in a service project. It was a meaningful experience on so many levels. To see both the devastation suffered by the island after its decades of ill treatment, as well as the incredible new life that is visible there now was amazing. The returning health of this island is important to all of the people of this state, but especially to Native Hawaiians, like myself, who have the longest history here. It's crucial that KIRK receive regular, dependable, increased funding to continue the crucial restoration work that's underway. With their waiting list of volunteers, it's clear there are human resources waiting to be used. Funding will help those volunteer and paid staff hours happen, helping to bring the island closer to full recovery. I strongly support HB1880.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michele McLean	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance,

Please support HB1880 HD1 to provide funding to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) for operations and personnel.

As a former KIRC chairperson, commissioner and staff member, I can attest that any funding for KIRC is money well spent. It is amazing how much the KIRC can do with so little money and so few staff. By relying on volunteers, meaningful restoration work continues on Kahoolawe each month, while hundreds of people from throughout Hawaii each year are able to experience the rewards of helping to transform a former bombing range to thriving native ecosystems. Even more important is the pure opportunity that Native Hawaiians have to connect with and practice their culture, many for the first time.

Thank you for your support of Kahoolawe, KIRC and HB1880 HD1.

Mahalo,

Michele McLean, AICP

Planning Director, Maui County

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hye Jung Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members, I support this measure to provide additional financial and staff support for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. They have taken the lead in demonstrating that it is possible to reverse ecological damage after years of neglect and abuse, to preserve our native cultural history for future generations and to connect our residents with the healing of Kaho`olawe through meaningful and safe work on the island. They also inspire our youth to aloha 'Ā• ina and grow their roots deeper in this special place we get to call home and always engage the community in all the happenings of the Island.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lopaka White	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

Comments:

Aloha Chairs and committee members,

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Thank you,

Phil Herres

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
garvin freitas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

Mahalo for your time and consideration

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Grant Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: