

May 12, 2016

TO: BLNR Chair Suzanne D. Case & Board Members

FR: Hālonai kaiopuna Mikala-Jiro Fukutomi
[address redacted]

RE: Request to be admitted as a party in the contested case hearing for CDUP HA-3568 for the Thirty Meter Telescope in the Mauna Kea Lands, Ka'ōhe, Hamakua District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK (3) 4-4-015:009

I'm requesting to be admitted as a party to the above contested case hearing pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules §13-1-31. This request should be granted because: (1) Requestor has a property interest in the lands of Mauna Kea through the exercise of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices; (2) Requestor will be affected by the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope project and has an interest in the proceedings that are clearly distinguishable from the general public; (3) Requestor has a substantial interest in the proceedings; (4) Requestor's participation will substantially assist the board in its decision making; (5) Requestor's position is not substantially the same as any existing parties to the proceedings; and (6) Requestor's participation will add substantially new relevant information and will not make the proceedings inefficient and unmanageable.

Requestor's specific, substantial interests in the contested case proceedings also consists as follows: Requestor is descended from Chief Alapa'i-nui-a-Kauaua and so has genealogical birthright to protect all lands and waters of Hawai'i Island. Requestor also has family on Waimea, Kawaihae, Panaewa, Kalapana, Maku'u, and Hawaiian Beaches and is concerned for the overall health of the eco-systems they live around and practice traditions on. Mauna Kea is a richly cultural site where cultural practices such as hula, ho'okupu offerings, religious practices to preserve the culture from being erased for future generations. Mauna a Wakea is considered as sacred to the kanaka maoli and so the Ku Kia'i/protectors gather there to protect the fragile eco system which the communities depend on for survival. Development can cause irreparable damage under and on land surfaces, and also can spill chemicals which would spoil the ground water for all living things. All land is sacred for human existence and should be taken care of for future generations. I am a Native Hawaiian, descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 and have lived in Hawai'i for 14 years. And I conduct traditional and customary practices consisting in subsistence farming of kalo, growing plants which are used to make ceremonial attire, subsistence fishing, hawaiian mele for survival and the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,
Hālonai kaiopuna Mikala-Jiro Fukutomi