

May 27, 2016

TO: BLNR Chair Suzanne D. Case & Board Members

FR: Maile Taulii PhD, MPH and Danelle Cooper MPH

[addresses 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'ohē, 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:

As public health professionals we are concerned in protecting the health of Native Hawaiians by stopping the desecration of Mauna Kea. Building the TMT on Mauna Kea has a negative health impact on Native Hawaiian communities. The TMT has a harmful impact on the cultural practices associated with Mauna Kea. We have data presenting that doing traditional practices is a protective factor against high distress in Aboriginal/Indigenous People. This can be correlated with how the TMT will obstruct cultural practices for Native Hawaiians, which will lead to high distress in the communities. According to the World Health Organization:

Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic, or social condition. (World Health Organization, 1946)

It is our duty to ensure the highest level of health for Indigenous/Aboriginal

People and to ensure their human rights to health and culture.

Thank you,

Dr. Maile Taulii and Danelle Cooper