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TO: BLNR Chair Suzanne D. Case & Board Members

FR: Brannon Kamahana Kealoha  
[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'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 accorded with my document family burials by my cousins Jimmy and Clarenc Medeiros with the burial councils on Mauna Kea I assert my rights, and make known my unique stake, as afforded by more progressive legalization of the Hawaiian customary right to be buried traditionally, in foresight of more legislation that will designate the actual practice of being buried in known burial grounds such as Mauna Kea. It being known that legislation has progressed to include customary preparation, and it being known that:

**ACT 171, SB1166 SD2 HD2, 06/30/2015 [RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE](#).** Clarifies that preparation, burial, or cremation of a corpse in a manner consistent with traditional Hawaiian cultural customs and practices shall not constitute the offense of abuse of a corpse.

And it being known that others like myself plan to introduce future legislation that designates traditional burial grounds, such as my cousins Clarence and Jimmy Medeiros's continue to practice in the repatriation of ohana and other iwi documented with the burial council. And it being known and acknowledged through Magoon vs. Mama Kahunaaina et. al that through my mother Donna Iona I am a recognized lineal descendant within the land court and kin to Clarence and Jimmy Medeiros recognized by the burial council of having burial grounds on the summit of Mauna Kea. Let it then be entered that I submit my request to sit at the table here as a party, recognizing Mauna Kea not only as a historical family burial site but one that awaits future deliniation for present day burials as is being legislated progressively as time goes on by proof of Act 171. My name is Brannon Kamahana Kealoha and I look forward to your response. I have legal documents and genealogies (birth certificate and court record) available upon your request and submit this in a timely manner on 5/31/16.

Sincerely: Brannon Kamahana Kealoha