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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
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**Testimony In Support of Issuance of a Revocable Permit  
to The Friends of Hokulea and Hawai'iloa, Inc.**

Aloha Chairperson Case and Members of the Board,

We would take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Mr. Underwood and his staff, for the positive recommendation relative to the issuance of a Revocable Permit to the Friends of Hōkūleʻa and Hawaiʻiʻiloa (FHH), for the property in question.

Founded by the late Kalai Waʻa Wright Bowman Jr., the FHH is a non-profit Native Hawaiian organization dedicated to the perpetuation of Hawaiian canoe building traditions, values, and skills through the preservation and development of canoe building resources.

We are constantly searching for innovative ways to take Hawaiʻi's canoe traditions to our community. Often, this requires great personal dedication and energy to provide hands-on demonstrations, interactive displays, and learning experiences.

We also seek to provide personal contact with our canoe building culture that will serve to meaningfully enhance understanding of Hawaiian traditions. As such, we teach all who endeavor to learn, and in the recent past have worked with students from Hālau Ku Mana PCS, Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy, and adjudicated male youth in a safe-house residency program funded through the State Office of Youth Services.

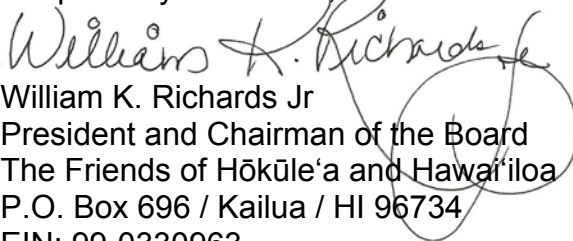
The centerpiece of our organization is the voyaging canoe "Hawaiʻiloa", a 58-foot traditional sailing vessel built in the early 90's of natural materials, with funding administered by the Bishop Museum (the owner) through the Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Program. Upon completion, Hawaiʻiloa accompanied by Hōkūleʻa successfully completed its maiden round-trip voyage to Tahiti, the Marquesas, and back home in 1995.

The close proximity of the proposed property to the Ke'ehi Marine Center is an excellent choice, as it simplifies the moving of Hawai'iloa to the site for dry-dock and maintenance services.

Another canoe, also owned by the Bishop Museum but cared for by our organization is the 'Ā, a 41-foot outrigger that once belonged to Prince Jonah Kalaniana'ole Kuhio. Said canoe was donated to the Bishop Museum by the Dowsett 'Ohana, and is maintained by FHH Board Member Jay Dowsett and his brother Alan.

In closing, we are most grateful for the consideration of the Chair and Members of the Board, and hope you look favorably on our request.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Attachments: Photos of Hawai'iloa and 'Ā



Hawai'iloa



‘Ā