

From: [Pat Finberg](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR Agenda Item C1: Testimony for "akikiki collection"
Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 5:55:27 AM

To BLNR: Please find the testimony below in support of Agenda item C1. Mahalo

Aloha Dr. Cali,

Thank you and your team for the efforts and important work you do to save and cultivate the native forest birds in Koke'e State Park. Ka Imi Na'auao O Hawaii Nei Institute has been privileged to support and work with FBRP through the years. The native birds are a rich part of our cultural and ecological history on Kauai, and their loss continues to be far reaching. Your efforts to keep them alive, safe and flourishing in more than important, it's paramount. I ask the BNLN to please support you in continuing this important work as time is short with the impact of humans, mosquitos, changing climate and more. The opportunity to make a difference by saving the native birds you're able to is now. Thank you and your team for your leadership, dedication and continued work. I trust your expertise and judgement and support the proposal to capture the remaining 5 'akikiki from Halepa'akai and take them to captive breeding facilities on Maui.

Mahalo,

Pat Finberg

Treasurer

Ka Imi Na'auao O Hawaii Nei Institute

From: [Sally Jo Manea](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Nov 12 BLNR meeting, agenda item C, 1
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:18:43 PM

Board of Land and Natural Resources

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Re: Agenda item C,1 for the November 12, 2021 BLNR meeting. Request from the Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project to collect critically endangered `akikiki from the Alaka`i Plateau, Kaua`i for the purpose of transferring the birds to the San Diego Zoo aviary facility on Maui, thus rescuing the birds from further risk of avian malaria and death.

Dear Chairperson Case and Board Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board.

The ornithologists who protect Kaua`i endangered forest birds have come to the conclusion that the remaining few `akikiki that have been observed in the Halepa`akai area of the Alaka`i Wilderness are at a high risk of being killed by avian malaria if not removed quickly from that area. There is a flock of captive Kaua`i `akikiki presently living at the San Diego Zoo's Maui aviary facility, so the Kaua`i birds can join this captive flock, without difficulty.

During the past decade, members of our Hawaiian cultural organization, Ka `Imi Na`auao o Hawai`i Nei Institute have worked alongside Dr. Lisa Crampton and the staff of Kaua`i Forest Bird Recovery Project (KFBRP) to protect Kauai's native birds. Our organization recognizes the scientific expertise and exceptional commitment of KFBRP staff toward preventing extinction of these unique birds. Therefore, we trust that their rescue plan is the best available option and fully support their efforts.

Sincerely,

Sally Jo Keahi Manea,

member, the Board of Directors,

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From: [Ryan Oyama](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for item C1
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I am writing to support Item C1: to bring in five 'Akikiki from the Halehaha site as allowed by the existing permit.

The State needs to act with urgency to protect these endemic birds. This step is part of a larger effort that includes controlling mosquitoes and other threats, with the end goal of returning them to their native habitat. But first, we have to prevent their extinction.

Sincerely,
Ryan Oyama
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