

**From:** [Aloha Eckart](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:10:30 PM

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Dear Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Item D2, specifically the proposed purchase of the Kahuku Training Area by the United States Army. As a member of the community deeply invested in the preservation of our natural spaces and the well-being of our families, I urge you to consider the profound impact this decision would have on the local motocross community and beyond.

The Kahuku Training Area is not just a piece of land; it is home to the Hawaii Motocross Association and the beloved Kahuku Motocross Track. Established in 1971, this track holds immense significance as the only legal motocross venue on the entire island of Oahu. For decades, it has served as a vital hub for motocross enthusiasts of all ages, providing a safe and welcoming environment for practice, competition, and community-building.

As a proud "Motocross Mom" with five children, ranging from 13 to 30 years old, I have personally witnessed the positive impact of the Kahuku Motocross Track on countless families like mine. Motocross is more than just a sport; it fosters camaraderie, discipline, and a sense of belonging among participants. For many young riders, myself included, the track has been a lifeline, offering an alternative to negative influences and keeping them focused on healthy pursuits.

The motocross community at Kahuku is a tight-knit family, bonded by our shared love for the sport and the land it occupies. If the United States Army were to acquire this area, it would not only displace our community but also rob future generations of the opportunity to experience the joys of motocross in a safe and supportive environment.

For my family and countless others, the Kahuku Motocross Track is not just a venue; it is a sanctuary where lifelong memories are made, and important values are instilled in our children. The loss of this track would be akin to closing every football field on the island, depriving our community of a vital outlet for recreation and connection.

I implore you to consider the voices of the motocross community and the significant role that the Kahuku Training Area plays in our lives. Please reject the proposed purchase by the United States Army and preserve this invaluable resource for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Aloha Ipo Spencer

**From:** [Alyssa-Ann Abelaye](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:02:31 PM

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I, Alyssa Abelaye, oppose D2!

**From:** [Sarah Afong](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:01:49 PM

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Aloha,

I oppose D2. It is foul to even think to sell our sacred lands!!! The people say NO!!! The military should NOT even have the opportunity to purchase lands in Pohakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku, and Kawaihoa!

Mahalo,  
Sarah Afong

**From:** [Christine Ahia](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pōhaku, Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Mākua lands  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:31:41 PM

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I am concerned that the 28,000 acres plus those of the above O'ahu lands are even being considered to sell to the Army. What gives the DLNR the legitimate and total power to make arrangements to pass on these huge amounts of land? This could be the worst land grab of this century here in Hawai'i. This serious issue should not even be raised or discussed without public input including being placed on a ballot for the people to decide.

These state lands are sovereign lands belonging to the people. The Army has degraded the lands over the years they've been leased from the state ignoring the ongoing desecration, pollution, unexploded ordinance hazards, erosion, fire hazards and more continuously done to our 'āina. Now they want to purchase the land so that they can continue to destroy more of our native environment forever. They probably realize that some day they will be held accountable and ordered to clean up and restore the lands, but that it would be cheaper to buy them instead.

The chairperson Dawn Chang should not be authorized to be the broker for such a huge and illegal sale of so much land. Who said our 'āina was for sale anyway? And to such a poor "steward" of the land? Over the years we've had to deal with the consequences of their leases with the fires, pollution, erosion, and other environmental damage. We do not want the Army to own our lands, we want them to restore them fully and to pull out.

The military has huge control of so much land statewide but it's time to consider closing bases and returning the land to the people for better uses. Our health and welfare is at stake and should never be placed in the hands of a military who repeatedly gambles with our health and safety. Red Hill is a perfect example of lies and ineptitude put out by them. The military damages made on Kaho'olawe affect generations.

And, the dangerous radioactive unexploded ordinance here on Hawai'i Island and the constant lying of their existence and usage is another example, let alone the numerous fires that spring up around troop activities. We cannot trust them to be honest or responsible to us.

I recommend that consideration of this important huge land sale be well publicized and removed from the DLNR's jurisdiction. It is way too big of an issue to be decided at a board meeting quietly. This is unfair to our citizens who need to be able to voice their concerns and have their say about this. It should be on our next ballot this year.

Sincerely,  
Christine Ahia

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Pua'ena Ahn](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Late Testimony: OPPOSE Item D-2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:48:47 PM

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Aloha to the Board,

I am writing in my personal/private capacity in opposition to authorization of the Chair to enter into negotiations, approval and execution of "a contract for to the Army for the PTA and Oahu Training Areas including Tax Map Keys (1) 8-002:002, 5-9-006:026; 7-2-001:006; 8-1-001:007 (por.), 008 and 012 (por.), 8-2001:001, 022, 024, & 025; and (3) 4-4-015:008, 4-4-016:005. 7-1-004:007."

It is my honest and sincere stance as a member of the community that to do so would be an abrogation of the kuleana entrusted to the Board, Chair and Department to faithfully steward some of the most precious, sacred and outright abused lands under its charge. I am certain that the Board is fully aware of legal precedent set by the 2019 Ching decision regarding Pōhakuloa, and would strongly advise against any action that would deviate from the Court's findings, and that it resist any pressure put upon it by the US military, in the best interest of the 'Āina.

I would go so far as to further advise the Board that any such action runs the risk of needlessly wasting its credibility with the community and Lāhui, and would amount to a betrayal of its mission. I understand that considerable pressure must be upon you from the US military to give it what it wants, but please, if there ever was a time to do what is pono, it is now.

Mahalo,  
Pua'ena Ahn

**From:** [Jamie Ahuna](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony item D2- vote no  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:32:59 PM

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Aloha,  
Please vote “no” on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.  
Mahalo,  
Jamie Perry

**From:** [Hoku Akana](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:58:07 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item D.2  
I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a  
Contract for an appraisal of Military lands.

Thank you  
Michele Akana, Resident  
41-1406 Kumuula St  
Waimanalo 96795

**From:** [Advance Graphics](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:39:31 PM

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I, (Eric Alferes), oppose D2.



**From:** [Paul Ali](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:11:22 PM

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I, Paul Ali , oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [imani.altemus-williams](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:12:07 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare.

A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama ‘āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

**From:** [Chad Amantiad](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:37:27 PM

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I, Chad Amantiad , oppose D2.

**From:** [Christina Andres](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:07:33 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for appraisal of military lands.

**From:** [Andreas Rossing Angeltveit](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:14:16 PM

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Andreas Rossing Angeltveit, Norway

**From:** [Common Sense](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:09:26 PM

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I, (Alika Anixt), oppose D2. No more military garbage please.

**From:** [Ash r](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:43:23 PM

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To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing in strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely. It is well known throughout our community that the landscape of Pōhakuloa has been egregiously mismanaged.

The 23,000 acres of state leased land at Pōhakuloa include critically endangered plant habitat and Palila Critical Habitat. These landscapes require utmost care, yet the Army consistently puts our native habitats in danger. In 2018, a fire caused by military personnel resulted in the destruction of over 1,000 acres of primarily state leased land, including protected areas of endangered plant species. This is only one example of military negligence that has threatened ecosystems within the Pōhakuloa region.

The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands has negative impacts on our human communities, as well. Fires threaten the safety of nearby communities in Waiki'i and Waikōloa Village. Loud noise caused by firing activity is disturbing for many. The degradation of vegetation has resulted in a dustbowl situation, wherein even moderate winds carry dust downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns over soil and water contamination due to metals and chemicals involved in military activity have never been fully addressed. Importantly, these lands are culturally significant. Ongoing desecration to this 'āina is painful to Kānaka 'Ōiwi and local people who wish to see these environments treated with respect.

In *Ching v. Case* (2019), it was determined that the State breached its trust duties by failing to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure that the Army is complying with lease requirements to clean up debris. Pollution is an ongoing problem in this landscape, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to properly execute their duty to verify that the Army is caring for these lands as promised. That the DLNR is considering selling these lands to the Army outright suggests that the State does not care about our environment, nor about concerns continuously voiced by our community. Choosing to sidestep the ruling determined in *Ching v. Case* in favor of selling leased lands sets a dangerous precedent and effectively sanctions land mismanagement.

In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.





**From:** [madison ashak](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:06:47 PM

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To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Madison Ashak and I am from Kapolei, Hawai'i. I am writing in strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely. It is well known throughout our community that the landscape of Pōhakuloa has been egregiously mismanaged.

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In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**From:** [kellieAnn Avilla](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:24:39 PM

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I, (KellieAnn Avilla-Dabin ), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Angelique Kalani Axelrode](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] STOP THE US MILITARY FROM PURCHASING PUHAKULOLOA, KAHUKU, MAWAILOA, MĀKUA  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:22:21 PM

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Aloha kākou,

I write this message with extreme opposition to selling land to the United States Army. Please LISTEN to the community and DO NOT move forward with this act. The APOLOGY ACT acknowledged Hawaiian sovereignty and right to land. Please act accordingly.

MAHALO,  
Angelique Kalani Axelrode

**From:** [bryson kealoha](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Bryson kealoha, oppose D2. It was a generational thing and still is the government has no right to take it away

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**From:** [Joshua Badis](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, (Joshua Badis), oppose D2. Kuhuku motorcross track is our only legal riding area on the island, without kuhuku there will be no more endurofest races, mx races or any kind of races, it is our only place to race at or somewhere to go to ride with the family, please do it for the community and let us have our land

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**From:** [Spencer Badua](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:03:21 PM

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I, Spencer badua ,oppose D2.

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**From:** [jensen Bala](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Jensen Bala, oppose D2. I am 14 yrs old, and have been riding and racing at kahuku motocross track since i was 3. I've went up almost every single weekend for the past 10+ years and hope I can still do that. Kahuku Motocross track is where me and my siblings grew up, it is part of the person I am. So please do not close it down.

**From:** [Kallie Barnes](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] April 12 Agenda Item D-2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:49:02 PM

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Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands  
(April 12 Agenda Item D-2)

To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

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The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands has negative impacts on our human communities, as well. Fires threaten the safety of nearby communities in Waiki'i and Waikōloa Village. Loud noise caused by firing activity is disturbing for many. The degradation of vegetation has resulted in a dustbowl situation, wherein even moderate winds carry dust downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns over soil and water contamination due to metals and chemicals involved in military activity have never been fully addressed. Importantly, these lands are culturally significant. Ongoing desecration to this 'āina is painful to Kānaka 'Ōiwi and local people who wish to see these environments treated with respect.

In *Ching v. Case* (2019), it was determined that the State breached its trust duties by failing to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure that the Army is complying with lease requirements to clean up debris. Pollution is an ongoing problem in this landscape, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to properly execute their duty to verify that the Army is caring for these lands as promised. That the DLNR is considering selling these lands to the Army outright suggests that the State does not care about our environment, nor about concerns continuously voiced by our community. Choosing to sidestep the ruling determined in *Ching v. Case* in favor of selling leased lands sets a dangerous precedent and effectively sanctions land mismanagement.

In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

Mahalo,

**Kallie Barnes**



**From:** [Makenna Beck](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:36:12 PM

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I, Makenna Beck, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Nigel Beckers](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:51:43 PM

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I, (Nigel Beckers), oppose D2. We need to preserve our areas to ride.

Nigel Beckers

780 952-3226

**From:** [Allison Benz](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item D-2 (Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku, Kawaioloa)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:42:06 PM

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To whom this concerns,

My name is Allison Makana Benz. I am writing to make it clear that I do not support item D-2. These lands should not be put up for sale. They are sacred to our (Hawaiian) people and the US military has ravaged far too much of this 'āina for far too long. Please do not allow further damage to be done to the lands we love and yearn to protect. This is not in the best interest of the Hawaiian people or Hawaiian land. Listen to the people who you are supposed to be serving and keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands.

Allison Makana Benz

**From:** [Luke Berenato](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:18:43 PM

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Please Vote NO on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.  
If no conservation then no conversation.

**From:** [Hollie Bettis](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:35:53 PM

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I oppose D2.

**From:** [therealjustusbiegel@gmail.com](mailto:therealjustusbiegel@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:13:16 PM

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I, (Justus biegel), oppose D2.

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**From:** [sam\\_bird](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:25:01 PM

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I, Sam Bird, oppose D2.

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed land swap and lease extension for U.S. Army training areas at Pōhakuloa on Hawaii Island and Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Makua on Oahu.

The very idea of allowing the Army to purchase or exchange these lands after their abysmal track record as stewards of Hawaii's precious natural and cultural resources is outrageous. For decades, the military has treated these sacred lands with utter disregard - littering them with unexploded ordnance, polluting the environment with toxins, destroying native ecosystems, and damaging cultural sites. Pōhakuloa in particular is so contaminated with UXO that it may never be safe for humans to fully access again if the Army is allowed to continue their destructive training.

The Ching/Kahaulelio lawsuit clearly showed that the Army has repeatedly violated the terms of their lease at Pōhakuloa by failing to clean up UXO and debris. And now, they have the audacity to try to trade that contaminated land for new acreage to destroy? This is a slap in the face to the Hawaiian people and to the 'aina itself. The Army must be held accountable for the damage they have wrought, not rewarded with even more land to abuse.

The proposed land swap would also create unacceptable risks to public safety. Repositioning live-fire ranges and artillery firing points closer to roads like the Saddle Road on Hawaii Island is a disaster waiting to happen. How can this even be considered when we've already seen the tragic consequences of the Army's negligence with the 2005 Waikele bunker explosion on Oahu that killed 5 people? The Army's activities are fundamentally incompatible with public safety and environmental protection.

Beyond the safety risks, the very notion of putting a dollar value on these lands to facilitate their sale is deeply offensive. These are not commodities to be bought and sold for the military's exclusive use. The 'aina is a sacred trust, one which the Army has proven time and again they are not worthy of holding.

I beseech the BLNR to outright reject this proposal and any attempts to extend the Army's devastating occupation of Hawaiian lands. When the leases expire, the only acceptable path forward is for the Army to clean up their mess to the most stringent standards and return these precious lands to the stewardship of the Hawaiian people. Anything less is a profound dereliction of your duty as trustees of Hawaii's public lands.

The 'aina and the people have suffered enough. We look to you to do what is pono and truly malama 'aina. Prioritize the restoration of these lands for future generations, not the military's destructive agenda. Reject this proposal and any further attempts to sacrifice Hawaiian lands for the Army's misuse.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
A Deeply Concerned Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Daniel Bishop](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Sale of Land to US Military  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:31:25 PM

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My name is Daniel Bishop. I live on Oahu and I am in STRONG OPPOSITION to the sale of any lands in Hawaii to the US Military.

Daniel Bishop



**From:** [Patricia Blair](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I oppose further military training at Pohakuloa.  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:13:56 PM

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I'm expressing opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pohakuloa. All military training should cease. The pollution, toxic products to Hawaii's environment are just too great. Instead BLNR should request that military cleanup the area now. Teaching of Hoponopono to settle differences between nations is preferable, human and environmental friendly. Thank you.  
Patricia Blair, 25 Aulike Street, Kailua, 96734 8088886393

**From:** [Melissa Borstad](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:19:31 PM

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I, Melissa Borstad, oppose D2.

**From:** [Tracy Bossola](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:44:23 PM

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I, Tracy Bossola oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nick Buoy](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item F2 and F3  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:41:30 PM

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I oppose banning the aquarium fishery, and I support managing resources by science as provided by DAR.

Nick Buoy  
Reef SEIS64 Saltwater Aquarium Maintenance  
(323) 880-7664

**From:** [Cat Bradley](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:01:38 PM

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I, Catherine Magoon, oppose D2. I grew up riding those trails. Now, as a professional trail runner, I use them to train for competitions around the world. Without these trails, I would be unable to train effectively for competition and it would be harder for me to live at home with my family and parents.

**From:** [Stephanie Branco](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
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Stephanie, Laie Oahu.

**From:** [brantenrk@yahoo.com](mailto:brantenrk@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:45:58 PM

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I, Branten R , oppose D2.

**From:** [Emily Brown](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:49:52 PM

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I, Emily, oppose D2.



**From:** [Daniel Burgess](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:19:28 PM

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I, (Daniel Burgess), oppose D2. I understand the role that the military plays in Hawaii. They also occupy a lot of prime spots on our island Bellows, Pearl Harbor, Kaneohe Bay to name a few. Please do not let them take over Kahuku (another gem of the island). The Military already destroyed Kaho'olawe, don't let them destroy Kahuku. The military can go practice and destroy other places in the nation.

Aloha,  
Daniel Burgess

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**From:** [Cat Bradley](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:08:24 PM

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I, Catherine Bradley, oppose D2. This would be a tragic loss to the community

**From:** [Max Mckinley](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, case walker. oppose D2.

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**From:** [Dylan Cadiz](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, (Dylan James Cadiz), oppose D2. I've been going here my whole life. You're taking away memories and future memories. A place me and family bonded. Taking away more than a motocross track but a place for family's to ride dirtbikes safely.

**From:** [Anthony Calimlim](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:53:20 PM

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I, Anthony Calimlim ,oppose D2

**From:** [Ava Caliri](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:03:53 PM

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I, Ava , oppose D2.

**From:** [heather thompson carvalho](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony item d.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:46:32 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item d.2. I oppose giving the authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. Doing so provides both the military and Hawaii state government a backdoor deal to escape their obligations to be accountable to prior contracts to take care of the land and to stay accountable to the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo,  
Heather Carvalho  
808-364-7542

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse any typos

**From:** [Kenji Cataldo](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Item D(2) on the Agenda for April 12, 2024  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:38:50 PM

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Aloha e Chair Dawn Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Kenji Cataldo. I am a resident of Honolulu and a graduate student in Pacific Islands Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa who has been doing archival and interview research about Mākua Valley for three years. I am writing to share my testimony about item D(2) on the agenda regarding the authorization of the chairperson to contract appraisal services for land leased by the Army. I strongly believe it is a mistake to move forward with an appraisal of the land prior to substantive clean up and restoration of the land by the Army.

For about sixty years, the Army used Mākua Valley for heavy live-fire training. At the time the community in Mākua was evicted during WWII for the Army could train, residents were promised the return of their land in its original condition six months after WWII. That timeline has long passed. When the Army took on a 65-year lease for Mākua and other lands in 1964, they also took on a moral responsibility to those lands and to those communities. And that responsibility is to clean up the mess they made through training--the countless tons of unexploded ordnance still contaminating Mākua today--when they no longer needed the valley. That time is now. In December 2023, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Army submitted in writing in federal court that they do not need Mākua Valley for live-fire training now or in the future. With the lease expiring in 2029, it is high time for the Army to begin cleaning up the valley.

The reason the appraisal is a mistake is that it provides the groundwork for the Army to be held responsible only for the current "value" of the land in its bombed out, UXO-contaminated state, rather than the value of what that land could back in the hands of the community and the value of that land as rich agricultural land when the Army took it over. How can the Army take the land, bomb it so that it can't be used for agriculture or habitation (in the near-term future until it's cleaned up), and then say "it's not worth much anymore so it's not worth cleaning" or "here's a check for its current (low) value"? Those possible outcomes are exactly what an appraisal of the "fair market value" of the currently leased lands could lead to, not only for Mākua but for all the leased lands. This does not benefit the community. This does not benefit the State. This can only benefit the Army.

The Army needs to be held accountable for the damage it has caused through training in Mākua, Pōhakuloa, and other lands. The Army needs to clean up the mess they made so that the lands can be restored to culturally appropriate use that is beneficial to their communities. Members of the BLNR, please do not pave the way for the Army to swap lands or buy their way out of full, appropriate restoration of the lands they have leased.

I appreciate your consideration.

Kenji Cataldo



**From:** [Jordan Cerra](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:32:29 PM

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I, Jordan Cerra, oppose D2. Mahalo for your eyes and ears.

**From:** [jaycee chandler](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:23:24 PM

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I OPPOSE D2

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**From:** [Noah](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:27:47 PM

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I, Noah Ching, oppose D2.

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Noah Ching  
Sales Manager

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**From:** [AJ](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:58:02 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakula. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare.

A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama 'āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

AJ Cho

**From:** [sam\\_bird](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:26:00 PM

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I, Cindy Clarkoppose D2.

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed land swap and lease extension for U.S. Army training areas at Pōhakuloa on Hawaii Island and Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Makua on Oahu.

The very idea of allowing the Army to purchase or exchange these lands after their abysmal track record as stewards of Hawaii's precious natural and cultural resources is outrageous. For decades, the military has treated these sacred lands with utter disregard - littering them with unexploded ordnance, polluting the environment with toxins, destroying native ecosystems, and damaging cultural sites. Pōhakuloa in particular is so contaminated with UXO that it may never be safe for humans to fully access again if the Army is allowed to continue their destructive training.

The Ching/Kahaulelio lawsuit clearly showed that the Army has repeatedly violated the terms of their lease at Pōhakuloa by failing to clean up UXO and debris. And now, they have the audacity to try to trade that contaminated land for new acreage to destroy? This is a slap in the face to the Hawaiian people and to the 'aina itself. The Army must be held accountable for the damage they have wrought, not rewarded with even more land to abuse.

The proposed land swap would also create unacceptable risks to public safety. Repositioning live-fire ranges and artillery firing points closer to roads like the Saddle Road on Hawaii Island is a disaster waiting to happen. How can this even be considered when we've already seen the tragic consequences of the Army's negligence with the 2005 Waikele bunker explosion on Oahu that killed 5 people? The Army's activities are fundamentally incompatible with public safety and environmental protection.

Beyond the safety risks, the very notion of putting a dollar value on these lands to facilitate their sale is deeply offensive. These are not commodities to be bought and sold for the military's exclusive use. The 'aina is a sacred trust, one which the Army has proven time and again they are not worthy of holding.

I beseech the BLNR to outright reject this proposal and any attempts to extend the Army's devastating occupation of Hawaiian lands. When the leases expire, the only acceptable path forward is for the Army to clean up their mess to the most stringent standards and return these precious lands to the stewardship of the Hawaiian people. Anything less is a profound dereliction of your duty as trustees of Hawaii's public lands.

The 'aina and the people have suffered enough. We look to you to do what is pono and truly malama 'aina. Prioritize the restoration of these lands for future generations, not the military's destructive agenda. Reject this proposal and any further attempts to sacrifice Hawaiian lands for the Army's misuse.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
A Deeply Concerned Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Tom Coffman](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item 2, negotiation of valuation of military-occupied lands  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:37:34 PM

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As I understand it, the military is saying, “We will occupy your lands for 65 years, bomb and bombard them, poison them, then buy what’s left of them on the cheap.” Is there something I do not understand? DLNR and the State of Hawaii entering into such a “negotiation” is a fig leaf. Your engagement in this process is the first step into saying, “Okay, Uncle, sounds like a deal.” Please place my note in the opposed column. Tom Coffman

**From:** [Christian Compian](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:36:46 PM

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I oppose D2.

**From:** [Jodie Cordero](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:54:44 PM

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Regarding DLNR meeting April 12, 2024 agenda item D2- I oppose D2.

Please keep state lands for the enjoyment of Hawaii residents and do not sell these lands. I frequently use the Kahuku Motocross park with my family, it is the only legal place to ride dirt bikes on Oahu. I would like my family and future generations to be able to enjoy this park as well as the other lands that are up for appraisal.

Thank you,  
Jodie Cordero  
Mililani, Oahu resident



**From:** [Aaron Correa](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:12:18 PM

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I Aaron Correa oppose D2

I oppose this from happening, I hope we don't lose kahuku motocross park, I've spent almost my whole 30 years growing up there, my kids are now growing up there as I did when I was there age. We already lost our drag strip/Motorsports park in Cambells and we still don't have anything almost 20 years later, I hope this doesn't have the same result. Let's please keep our kahuku motocross park for the next generations to come. Thank you and Aloha

-Aaron Correa

**From:** [Luna Courtois](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2 OPPOSE  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:13:14 PM

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I, (Luna Courtois), oppose D2. The military already has enough land behind Paumalu mauka into Kahuku, The community is already putting up with enough from the military with the wargames that they play throughout the night of most of the year. Go to Koho'olawe, you guys already ruined that place too much for people to enjoy it .

Luna Courtois

**From:** [Micha Croft](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote no on agenda item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:05:54 PM

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Aloha e Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to urge you to vote no on agenda item D.2. I strongly oppose giving the Chairperson the authority to negotiate a contract to appraise Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku, and Kawaihoa-Poamoho. The state of Hawai'i has the responsibility to inspect and monitor lands they lease to the military. Appraisal of these lands would be the first step in undermining that responsibility. The state of Hawai'i must hold the military accountable for the precious lands they lease.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer M. Croft

**From:** [R.C](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:54:01 PM

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I, Ralph Cruz oppose D2.

**From:** [kiana.cummings](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:46:25 PM

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To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to voice my concern about land swapping and selling Hawai'i land on both Hawai'i island and O'ahu to the US Army. Our land is precious and needs to be taken cared of properly. Just like the idea of constructing the TMT on Mauna Kea, we need to consider how much destruction we are doing to the land and it's native plant and animal species when put in other's hands for military drills, practice, development etc.

Your Mission Statement clearly says you are here to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawai'i unique and limited natural cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of people of Hawai'i...". Knowing our lands are limited and unique especially to our people who have been relocating out of state for decades due to the economic hardships in Hawai'i, why would it ever be an option to sell our public lands to people outside of Hawai'i. And because these lands have been used by military for decades, what cultural practices are Hawaiians ever able to perform there? How much destruction has already taken place? How are you protecting our lands by selling to the military?

Please stay in integrity with your word and do the right thing. Do not sell Hawai'i lands to the military, keep our lands in Hawaiian hands.

Kiana Cummings

**From:** [Daniel Bishop](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
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Daniel Bishop

Kaneohe Oahu

Your Name, Town

**From:** [Dansette Grigsby](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:21:50 PM

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I, Dansette Grigsby, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Daniel Henderson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:58:09 PM

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To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing in strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely. It is well known throughout our community that the landscape of PÅ hakuloa has been egregiously mismanaged.

The 23,000 acres of state leased land at PÅ hakuloa include critically endangered plant habitat and Palila Critical Habitat. These landscapes require utmost care, yet the Army consistently puts our native habitats in danger. In 2018, a fire caused by military personnel resulted in the destruction of over 1,000 acres of primarily state leased land, including protected areas of endangered plant species. This is only one example of military negligence that has threatened ecosystems within the PÅ hakuloa region.

The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands has negative impacts on our human communities, as well. Fires threaten the safety of nearby communities in Waiki'i and WaikÅ loa Village. Loud noise caused by firing activity is disturbing for many. The degradation of vegetation has resulted in a dustbowl situation, wherein even moderate winds carry dust

downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns over soil and water contamination due to metals and chemicals involved in military activity have never been fully addressed. Importantly, these lands are culturally significant. Ongoing desecration to this ʻĀina is painful to Kānaka ʻŌiwi and local people who wish to see these environments treated with respect.

In *Ching v. Case* (2019), it was determined that the State breached its trust duties by failing to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure that the Army is complying with lease requirements to clean up debris. Pollution is an ongoing problem in this landscape, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to properly execute their duty to verify that the Army is caring for these lands as promised. That the DLNR is considering selling these lands to the Army outright suggests that the State does not care about our environment, nor about concerns continuously voiced by our community. Choosing to sidestep the ruling determined in *Ching v. Case* in favor of selling leased lands sets a dangerous precedent and effectively sanctions land mismanagement.

In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

**daniel c henderson** (he/him)  
*resident of makiki*

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**From:** [Darrel Smith](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DAR agenda item F2 and F3  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:09:21 PM

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Aloha BLNR,

My name is Darrel Smith. For the last 18 years I have maintained custom built marine aquariums on the island of Maui. I worked for Rick Umphress who started Reef Encounters, Hawai'i in the late 70's. Reef Encounters was an Oahu based business but serviced aquariums, Hawai'i wide. I took over Maui accounts in 2006.

Some of my previous commercial clients include:

Ruth's Chris  
The Westin  
The Hyatt  
Marriot Corporation  
Maui Jims  
Roy's Restaurants  
Tri Star Restaurant Corp (Nick's Fishmarket)  
Wyland Galleries

With the unavailability of locally caught Marine Fish, most of my commercial clients have eliminated their aquariums. I still maintain a few private accounts. Some of the marine fish I get the privilege of supporting in their captive environments are 10+ years old. The majority of stock are omnivorous or carnivorous. I support leaving most herbivores on the reef except in FRA's that are well managed and have abundant stock.

**I strongly oppose banning the aquarium fishery, and I support managing resources by science as provided by DAR**

A 2011 US Fish and Wildlife Service estimated 100,000+ shoreline recreational fisherman in the state

A 2021 NOAA Report on Commerical Fishing Licenses for small vessles counted 876 in the state.

As far as I can recall, there are <50 aquarium fisherman, statewide.

This poses the real problem of representation. There just aren't that many constituents that are engaged in this precise activity, however, that doesn't make it right for monied interests to cast dispersions on the fishery by calling it unsustainable.

If a fishery is sustainable it should be open and managed. End of story.

Unfortunately we live in the "litigious society of legal misdirection."  
Groups like Earth Justice do many good things, but they also participate in lawsuits like this which are clearly unfair if the goal is to support a Sustainable Fishery.

That isn't the goal at all, they, and the groups they support, want it eliminated, because, despite being sustainable, That is what they want personally.

Please support the resource management by the DAR and reopen the fishery.

Mahalo for your time and for serving the greater good,

Darrel Smith  
Kihei, HI

**From:** [Elijah Daquioag](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SAVE KAHUKU  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:58:49 PM

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I, Elijah Daquioag, oppose D2.  
Kahuku MotorCross Track gives us a legal and safe environment to ride at

**From:** [Alan Deliz](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:07:16 PM

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I, (Alan deliz ), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Jacob Dickinson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:07:10 PM

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I, Jacob Dickinson , oppose D2.

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**From:** [Peter Dilwith](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:26:17 PM

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Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I believe that the US Army should not gain full and exclusive access or acquisition to any of the lands pertaining to and listed in item D2.

My name is Peter Dilwith and not only am I a part of an amazing community which has use of the land mentioned, but I also have my masters in government and nonprofit management.

In terms of negotiations I believe this should be a round table and not a sole persons responsibility, even if that person is “the chair”. There is, and if you think otherwise or become offended you are a part of the problem, a fair bit of hand in pocket corruption which leaves the people with the short end of the deal. Your cousins brother in-laws niece works for DoD and you promised you could get this done. TYPICAL! Let’s not pull all the stereotypes.

Group think is just as much a problem as status quo, but think of the people that your decision has the impact on. A round table would allow different points of view and not one guy in a room. Refer to aforementioned example of sleaze. Group think is detrimental when all voices are lost but one. Let’s be freethinkers. Individuals. You should all bring something to the table as a board and meet with the Army representatives. They have more than one. Why put yourself at a disadvantage?

Hawaii is now holding a major race at the Kahuku track called endurocross, the greatest of the greats have been attending. Some of the young kids here are beating the pros not only with home field advantage but when they travel away and compete in those events as well. Teens, beating grown men; men who get paid and sponsored to do this. Men who got free flights and bikes shipped down worth more than a brand new Tacoma. Those men were beat by 15 year olds who their dad and uncle helped them prep the bike, not a team of engineers. Where are they learning and gaining these skills?

The board governmental or nonprofit should have no stake in the issues which they are addressing. In this case for item D2, I take this to mean that they should neither use the lands recreationally nor have any benefit or profit from disallowing recreational use. Can we say we are all that unbiased?

Are we unbiased if we are cursing under our breaths while the dirt bikes on the streets outside our homes are so annoying and loud? It’s a great time to point out just how many more will be present when the one and only sanctioned public area for these machines will be taken away. Not even taking into account all the accidents for children on the roads which they do not know the rules for since they aren’t old enough for a permit or license. The damage to public local parks.

Don’t allow the greed of the US government to lead to the typical Hawaiian crabs in a bucket. We cannot keep pulling people down. Especially when the people who have a say and the largest impact are not involved in the sport or the community.

I encourage you to get more money to upkeep and upgrade the motocross park and urge you to get access more than just weekends. Think summer, holidays, less blackout weekends for the current training. If all else fails, status quo.

History is the best teacher we can have, when was the last time the government did anything good with the land they were “given”? Red hill? Bad example! Kahoolawe. Ahh, Another bad example. That one valley in Waianae no one knows the name or can go to cause the navy target practiced with live missiles and bombs that they haven't removed. Ohh, I know! Mosquitoes! Pearl Harbor?

I guess we have the highways created for the military transport, but we have free and public access unlike what will happen with everything else they touch.

You really just don't want your office to be the reason for another rail type situation.

Do with this information what you will,  
Peter Dilwith

**From:** [Devin Dixon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:26:01 PM

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Hello,

My name is Devin Dixon. I am writing in strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely.

I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

Thank you

**From:** [Ann Dorsey](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:45:45 PM

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Thank you,

Ann Dorsey

**From:** [Malialani Dullanty](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:44:16 PM

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Aloha mai kākou,

I am asking that you please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

The military should not be using land with fragile Hawaiian ecosystems for their bases, military games, or testing purposes. Leases were theft of Native Hawaiian to begin with and have been misused and damaging to their communities, not to mention tax payer dollars. To give the military rights to that land is wrong. The land must revert back to the people. Regardless of the damage the military has done, mālama and aloha 'āina are not just slogans, they are our kuleana. And the only way to accomplish them is to return our land that has been so badly treated by the military.

Mahalo,  
Malialani Dullanty

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Mālama,  
Malialani Dullanty

**From:** [Kylana Dung](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:43:59 PM

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I, (kylana dung), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Lisa Duong](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:51:57 PM

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I, Lisa Taniguchi, oppose D2.

**From:** [05eras.hums@icloud.com](mailto:05eras.hums@icloud.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:52:44 PM

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I, (emmett garcia), oppose D2.



**From:** [Liko](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:13:09 PM

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I, Eugene Edayan Jr., oppose D2.

**From:** [Mina Ellison](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:19:08 PM

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Mina Ellison, Ke'ei, Hawai'i

**From:** [Jenny Engle](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose item D-2: Protect Hawai'i's Land and Communities  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:28:44 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to vehemently oppose the item D-2 on the agenda for the upcoming BLNR meeting. This item, which pertains to the appraisal of lands leased by United States Army, threatens the integrity of our precious Hawaiian lands and the well-being of our communities. It is time for the United States army to honor its original agreement made at the end of World War II. They have had the use of these lands for over 80 years under the promise of returning them in their original condition. It is long overdue for them to fulfill this commitment and repair the damage they have caused. I urge the BLNR to reject item D-2 and instead priorities the protection of our lands and communities. We must not succumb to pressures to expand the military footprint in our islands and instead we should all fight to reduce their footprint. It is time to uphold the values of stewardship and sustainability for the benefit of present and future generations.

Mahalo nui,

Jenny Engle  
Resident of Mānoa

**From:** [princess\\_nalani\\_t](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:25:51 PM

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I, (Nalani Enos), oppose D2.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

**From:** [Roger Epstein](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Roger Epstein](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:01:39 PM

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Roger H. Epstein

**From:** [becky farinas](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:29:16 PM

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I, Becky Farinas, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Kailah Faye](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:09:53 PM

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I, (Kross Herron), oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone



The Senate  
Ka 'Aha Kenekoa

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 11, 2024

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Dawn Chang, Chairperson

and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources

Kalanimoku Building

1151 Punchbowl Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chairperson Chang and Members:

Subject: April 12, 2024 Board Meeting

Informational Briefing Update on the US Army Training

Land Retention Efforts for Pohakuloa Training Area

For the record, I am submitting this testimony to state my continued and consistent opposition to the Army's proposal to retain up to 23,000 acres of State-owned land at the Pohakuloa Training Area for continued military training.

The U.S. military began using these lands in the early 1940s during World War II as an artillery live-fire training area. This was followed by the Governor of the Territory of Hawai'i issuing an Executive Order in 1956 for use of 758 acres. And finally, the present lease of 23,000 acres between the State of Hawai'i and the U.S. Government began in 1964 and is set to expire on August 16, 2029. This means lands at Pohakuloa first under the Territory of Hawai'i and now the State of Hawai'i have been used by the military for nearly eight decades. U.S. military control cannot continue indefinitely, and the time has come to return these public lands trust at Pohakuloa to the State of Hawai'i.



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It is my firm belief the military must now redirect its efforts to cultivate these lands back to its original natural state. It is in the best interest of the Kānaka Maoli, the community and the State of Hawai'i that these lands are given back to the people to steward. It would be detrimental for Native Hawaiians, like myself, to stand idly by and relinquish claims to public lands.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated response. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Senator Kurt Fevella  
State of Hawai'i, District 20

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**From:** [Shane Figueiroa](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:49:43 PM

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I, Shane Figueiroa oppose D2.

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**From:** [Dara Fitzgerald](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:00:23 PM

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From Dara Fitzgerald, Honolulu and Hawi

**From:** [hi'ilei f](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:03:48 PM

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I, Hi'ilei, oppose D2. Do not sell, give our land or negotiate with them. It affects way more locals than you think. Military can get land that's not occupied. Somewhere that doesn't affect us.

**From:** [Leinaala Foster](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:36:56 PM

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I, (Lei), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Kaimana Frank](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:50:26 PM

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I, kaimana Frank , oppose D2.

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Cindy Freitas  
P.O. 4650  
Kailua Kona HI 96745  
[makainanqi@gmail.com](mailto:makainanqi@gmail.com)

DLNR  
April 12, 2024  
@ 9:00a.m.  
[blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov](mailto:blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov)

RE: Testimony for item D-2

He Mele komo a he mele aloha no na kupuna o ke au i hala Aloha mai kakou.

Aloha,

My name is Cindy Freitas and I'm a Native Hawaiian descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 and born and raised in Hawai'i. I am also a practitioner who still practice the cultural traditional customary practices that was instill in me by my grandparents at a young age from mauka (MOUNTAIN TO SEA) to makai in many areas.

I'm in OPPOSITION for item D-2 for the following reasons;

At its meeting on October 27, 2023 under agenda item D-11, the Board was provided a briefing by the United States Army (Army) regarding the status of their land retention efforts for training areas leased from the State on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii, specifically the Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA);

(3) 4-4-015:008, 4-4016:005, and 7-1-004:007, 22,570 acres, more or less

This is unacceptable;

1. Supreme Court issued a unanimous opinion in *Hawaii v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs*, reversing the Hawaii Supreme Court's holding that the federally enacted Apology Resolution bars the State of Hawaii from selling to third parties any land held in public trust until the claims of native Hawaiians to the lands have been resolved.
2. The Apology Resolution and related state legislation, give rise to the State's fiduciary duty to preserve the corpus of the public lands trust, specifically, the ceded lands, until such time as the unrelinquished claims of the native Hawaiians have been resolved.
3. One major concern of Native Hawaiians and other Hawai'i residents has been the U.S. military's use of large areas of trust land and its misuse of the land(a). In August 2019, the Hawai'i Supreme Court published *Ching v. Case*, ruling that the state has an affirmative duty to preserve and protect ceded lands. The case involved the state's lease of approximately 22,900 acres (9,300 ha) to the U.S. military at Pōhakuloa on Hawai'i Island. The court concluded that an essential part of the state's duty is an obligation to reasonably monitor a third party's use of the property.

See (a)...MacKenzie, Melody Kapilialoha (2015). "Public Land Trust". *Native Hawaiian Law: A Treatise*. Honolulu, Hawaii: Kamehameha Publishing. pp.79–146. ISBN 9780873363426.

(b)...Ching v. Case, 449 P.3d 1146 (2019), <https://www.courts.state.hi.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/SCAP-18-0000432.pdf>

(c)...Burnett, John (2019-08-23). "High court rules state breached trust duties at Pohakuloa Training Area". *Big Island Video News*. Retrieved 2019-11-11.

Therefore, the above reasons why the land cannot be sold or transfer to any party of interest.

Mahalo,

          /s/            
Cindy Freitas



**From:** [Sherrill Futrell](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Amy Decker](#); [Rick Decker](#); [Elizabeth Berger](#); [Tim Berger](#); [Alexa Beckman](#); [buzzmdr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:buzzmdr@sbcglobal.net)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] NO ON Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa!!!!!!  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:42:24 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I've been going to Mexico, Belize, and the Philippines to swim distance in their oceans rather than Kailua-Kona because of your endless attacks on Hawaii's environment. You've allowed the US military to destroy so much pristine land and water that my family and I have gotten sick of Hawaii's pollution and danger. We don't vacation there anymore OR SPEND MONEY there because you have been such lousy stewards of God's beauty - especially on Maui (where I saw almost no fish for over ten years) and now on the Big Island since the late 1990s. I strongly oppose the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakula. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are NO LONGER vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Lost ordinance has been a serious hazard to military personnel and civilians, and the HAPUNA AREA IS ALREADY TOO DANGEROUS TO HIKE IN. Now the army wants to damage how much more land? I don't feel like watching my kids get blown up because you prioritize the military - once again - over public safety. Red Hill shows your true colors, to say nothing of the Navy's. They don't care because they don't have to care. Because you don't even hold them accountable. No mahalo for helping the US ruin one of the most intact ecosystems on earth. And I'm white.

Sherrill Futrell  
Davis, CA

**From:** [Mr2plz](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:50:18 PM

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I, (Willie Galam JR), oppose D2.

**From:** [dale garaza](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:27:59 PM

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I, Dale G.,oppose D2

**From:** [Emmett Garcia](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:52:11 PM

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I, (emmett garcia), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Kenneth Garduque](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I Kenneth Garduque oppose D2.

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**From:** [ezra gasper](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Ezra Gasper, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Chris Gilding](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Christopher Gilding a born and raised resident of Oahu oppose D2. Mahalo

**From:** [Megan Gold](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:31:12 PM

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I OPPOSE D2.

The US military already has possession of too much precious real estate in the Hawaiian islands.

NO MORE EXPANSION OR DEVELOPMENT.

The US Government, Big Corporations, and foreign investors are continually taking more and more land from native Hawaiians.

KEEP HAWAIIAN LANDS IN HAWAIIAN HANDS.

Thank you for your time,  
Megan Gold



**From:** [Emily Grace Steppes](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bill  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:44:11 PM

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Please vote no item  
Agenda D.2. I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. That is illegal!!!!

Mahalo,

Emily Grace

[www.rockflowerbeauty.com](http://www.rockflowerbeauty.com)

**From:** [Tina Grandinetti](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:31:12 PM

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Aloha,

Please vote no on agenda item D.2.

I strongly oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

Mahalo,

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Tina Grandinetti

**From:** [Arthur Grau](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please vote no on agenda item D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:08:16 PM

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Greetings folks,  
I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.  
These lands belong to the people.

Please vote no on agenda item D2.  
Thank you  
Arthur Grau  
Honolulu, 96815

**From:** [Jamie Gregor](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:11:18 PM

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Please vote NO on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. By allowing this first step in the process for the military to potentially own sacred Hawaiian lands, you will be helping to make it easier for the military to have no accountability for any wrong doing or mismanagement of the 'Aina. Red Hill and Kaho'olawe are perfect examples of the distraction that has been allowed to happen with no ramifications to the parties responsible for the care of those lands. Checks and balances are crucial for the wellbeing and futures of these beautiful lands for the generations to come.

Much Mahalo,

Jamie Gregor  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Marisa](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:53:39 PM

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Marisa Griffin

**From:** [Kayla Grigsby](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:29:17 PM

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I, Kayla Grigsby, oppose D2. The land has been designated for the use of legal recreational use, such as dirt biking for many years. By allowing military purchase of the land it would eliminate a popular and accessible pastime for dirt bike enthusiasts. Not to mention the Kahuku park helps to bring up the next generation of riders coming up, who are able to showcase what Hawaii riders have to offer. Hawaii is a force to be reckon with in the hard enduro industry. It's important to consider the needs of the community when making decisions about land use. We already have to wait months during certain times while the military closes the park for training. This limits the access many have to riding dirt bikes on Oahu.

**From:** [Todd Griswold](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:03:51 PM

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I, Todd Griswold, oppose D2.

**From:** [Tyler Guard](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:33:39 PM

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I, Tyler Guard, oppose D2. I have fond memories of the park as a young kid 20+ years ago. Spending weekends with family and friends enjoying dirt bikes and the outdoors. Riding has taught me to have perseverance, motivation, and that failing is progress in the right direction. These lessons that have shaped me into the person I am today. As the only riding area left on the island, the closing of the park would take away much more from the community of Oahu, than the military could achieve through owning it. Please find a way to keep riding areas open on Oahu so that we can share our passion for the mountains and dirt bikes with our children.



**From:** [Kyle Gucker](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:49:14 PM

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I, Kyle Gucker, oppose D2.

Kyle Gucker

**From:** [Nainoa Guitguiten](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:53:31 PM

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I, Nainoa, oppose D2. Your taking away a place where families go to ride dirt bikes, where they can be safe doing so. Giving to the military so they can trash it and use it for drills. Hewa!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [jasonhabu@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonhabu@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:59:07 PM

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I, Jason Habu, oppose D2. The military should not be able to acquire this land. There are no other legal riding spots on Oahu. The military has done enough to destroy our mountains and oceans. This has to stop.

I, along with countless others enjoy going to Kahuku. If this is allowed to pass, the repercussions will be bad. It's time for the lawmakers to listen to their constituents.

Thank you.

**From:** [Madi Hall](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:02:51 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakula. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare.

A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama 'āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Sincerely,  
Madison Hall

**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:33:34 PM

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I, Jameson Hamada, oppose D2.

-Staysha

**From:** [john uyehara](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:21:41 PM

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I, ( josh handson ), oppose D2.

**From:** [Kaori-lei hanohano](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony Item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:20:08 PM

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Aloha kakou,

Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military land for and behalf of myself, kupuna, 'ohana and community. As a Kanaka 'oiwi that lives in Kaaawa, Koolauloa, Oahu whose family comes from Punaluu and has stewardship over Papa'akoko, an ahupuaa. The military is responsible and accountable to clean any and all impacted areas they use. To expand, increase there activities on other lands in Hawaii will continue the erasure, decrease of Kanaka 'oiwi. I strongly oppose this action.

Na'u no,

Kaori-Lei Ka'imipono Hanohano

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Phyllis Hanson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] commercial aquarium fishing  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:14:38 PM

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The mere word, commercial, is enough to make me shudder.

I remember writing a Letter to the Editor not long after we moved here, and that was over 20 years ago and the problem persists. Commercial... the problem. Because, this means destruction. So many of the fish caught die. Old-timers speak of how the waters used to teem with various fish, but no longer do. Difficulty in monitoring the take. Not enough oversight.

Not to mention that the local community sees only problems, never any benefits (probably because there aren't any.) Why should aquarium collectors have more say about this trade than the citizens...and local inhabitants.

Please. Disregard the plan to re-open this disaster.

Thank you, Phyllis Hanson, Keauhou (Hawaii Island) 808-217-2622



**From:** [Isaac Paka Harp](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Isaac Paka Harp](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] April 12, 2024 BLNR Meeting Agenda Item D. 2.  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:23:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [ML101100310.pdf](#)  
[ML111990193.pdf](#)

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Aloha Madam Chair and Honorable members of the BLNR,

My sincerest apologies for this late submission.

I wish to share with you some information regarding depleted uranium contamination at Pohakuloa on Hawaii island and at Schofield on Oahu. I hope you have the time to review and consider what I share with you here.

1. A link to an article published by Civil Beat in August 2019: <https://www.civilbeat.org/2019/08/hawaii-has-failed-to-take-care-of-pohakuloa/>

The article mentions a Hawaii County Council resolution adopted in 2008 requesting a halt to live-fire training at Pohakuloa in order to take further action on the presence of depleted uranium in PTA. The council resolution has been ignored by the army since its 2008 adoption.

2. Below is a link to a video of Dr. Lorrin Pang, Maui County Health Director speaking on depleted uranium health threats. I escorted and recorded Dr. Pang at the OHA offices on Oahu in January 2011. <https://vimeo.com/19153948>

3. I've included two attachments from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) website (ADAMS) regarding a request that I made to charge the army with unlawful possession of depleted uranium at Pohakuloa and Schofield, and if found guilty, to assess civil penalties against the army to be applied towards environmental remediation of known depleted uranium contaminated areas. Although the army was found guilty, the NRC waived all penalties allowing the contamination to remain on Hawaii's aina.

The NRC decision resulted in establishing depleted uranium dump sites at Schofield and Pohakuloa, with the possibility of more dump sites at any of the several other military training areas in Hawaii. The army was caught in a lie previously claiming to have never used depleted uranium in Hawaii....

Now that you know, what will you do? A cleanup of depleted uranium contamination and independent monitoring and oversight is a good start.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Isaac "Paka" Harp  
PO Box 437347  
Kamuela, HI 96743

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 40-9083

LICENSE NO. SUB-459

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
AGAINST U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION COMMAND (SCHOFIELD BARRACKS  
AND POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, HAWAII)

[NRC-2009-0352]

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated March 4, 2010, Isaac D. Harp (petitioner) has requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take enforcement action against the U.S. Army for the unlicensed possession and use of depleted uranium.

As the basis for this request, the petitioner states that the Army's license, SUB-459, expired on October 31, 1964, and if any depleted uranium was possessed or released to the environment after the expiration date, that was an unlawful act and subject to NRC enforcement policies.

The request is being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The request has been referred to the Director of the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME). As provided by Section 2.206, the petitioner met with the FSME petition review board on April 14, 2010, to discuss the petition. The results of that discussion were considered in the board's determination regarding the petitioner's request and in establishing the schedule for the review of the petition.

A copy of the request is available in ADAMS (ML100640665) for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC's Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Keith I. McConnell, Deputy Director  
Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery  
Licensing Directorate  
Division of Waste Management  
and Environmental Protection Program  
Office of Federal and State Materials  
and Environmental Management Programs

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PROGRAMS

Cynthia A. Carpenter, Acting Director

In the Matter of: ) Docket No.: 040-09083  
)  
U.S. ARMY - INSTALLATION )  
MANAGEMENT COMMAND )

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PROPOSED DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

I. INTRODUCTION

By email dated March 4, 2010, Isaac D. Harp (the Petitioner) filed a petition (the Petition) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML100640665) pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 2.206, "Requests for action under this subpart," with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission).

Copies of the Petition and other publicly available records are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR) at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and from the NRC's ADAMS Electronic Reading Room on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the reference staff in the NRC Public Document Room by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov).

### Action Requested

The Petitioner requested that the NRC investigate whether, counter to applicable law and regulations, the United States Army (the Army) possessed or released into the environment depleted uranium (DU) from spent spotting rounds after the expiration of NRC License SUB-459 and, were the NRC to determine that such a violation had occurred, to assess against the Army the maximum penalty permitted by law. The Petitioner requested that any assessed monetary penalties be applied to the environmental remediation of DU contamination at the Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Area installations in Hawaii.

### Petitioner's Basis for the Requested Action

The basis for the Petitioner's requests was that the U.S. Army's NRC License SUB-459 expired on October 31, 1964 and, consequently, if any DU was possessed or released into the environment by the Army after the license expiration date, such action was unlawful and subject to enforcement action by the NRC.

### Determination for NRC Review under 10 CFR 2.206

The Petition was assigned to the NRC's Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) for review. FSME's Petition Review Board (PRB) met with the Petitioner by teleconference on April 14, 2010, and the Petitioner provided additional information in support of the Petition. The transcript of this meeting was treated as a supplement to the petition and is available in ADAMS at ML111240096. On April 14, 2010, the PRB made an initial recommendation that the Petition met the acceptance criteria for review. On April 22, 2010, the Petition Manager informed the Petitioner that the PRB had recommended that the Petition be accepted for review and the Petition Manager offered the Petitioner a second opportunity to address the PRB. This opportunity was declined. By letter dated April 26, 2010 (ML101100139), the NRC formally communicated to the Petitioner the PRB's recommendation to accept the petition for review under 10 CFR 2.206. On April 26, 2010, the

NRC provided notice that NRC would treat the petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 (ML101100139).

After full consideration of the Petition, including the additional information supplied by the Petitioner at the April 14, 2010 teleconference, FSME grants, in part, and denials, in part, the Petition, as explained below.

## II. BACKGROUND

Between 1962 and 1968, the Army received and used DU (which the NRC licenses as source material) at test firing ranges located at two installations in Hawaii: Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Area. DU was incorporated into the body of spotting rounds used in connection with the Davy Crockett weapons system. As a result of the testing of the Davy Crockett weapon system, DU was likely scattered throughout the firing ranges at the Hawaiian installations. The Army has indicated to the NRC staff that it believes that it discontinued testing of the Davy Crockett weapon system in Hawaii in 1968. NRC license SUB-459 authorized the Army to manufacture the spotting rounds containing DU and to transfer those rounds to field units for military use from 1961 through 1973. At the request of the Army, NRC License SUB-459 was allowed by the NRC to expire in April 1978 (ML111080529 and ML111080531).

In November 2006, the Army notified the NRC of the discovery of DU at the Army's Schofield Barracks installation on the island of Oahu, Hawaii (ML070650224). Specifically, an Army contractor visually discovered spotting round fragments while performing "range clearing" exercises for unexploded ordnance. From November 2006 through February 2007, the NRC and Army staffs discussed the presence of the DU at Schofield Barracks (ML070650224). In February 2007, the Army sent a letter to the NRC outlining its investigation of the DU found at Schofield Barracks and indicated that it might need a license to possess the quantity of DU it believed to be present (ML070650679). The Army also suggested in the letter that before submitting such a license application, it would determine the total number of installations that

might contain DU from spent spotting rounds used in connection with the Davy Crockett weapon system. In March 2007, the NRC staff sent a letter to the Army stating that the approach suggested by the Army was reasonable (ML070710239). In August 2007, the Army verbally notified the NRC that it had discovered DU contamination at the Pohakuloa Training Area installation. On November 6, 2008, the Army submitted a license application to the NRC for a license to possess the quantities of DU believed by the Army to be present at various Army installations, including, in addition to the two Hawaiian installations, Forts Benning (Georgia), Campbell (Kentucky), Carson (Colorado), Hood (Texas), Knox (Kentucky), Lewis (Washington), and Riley (Kansas) (ML090070095). On November 16, 2010, the NRC held a license application meeting with the Army at NRC headquarters. At that meeting, the Army informed the NRC staff of the current status of its investigation of the extent of DU contamination at Army installations and indicated that DU contamination may be present at 17 installations (ML103360437).

In addition, on October 29, 2010, technical and project management staff from the Army met with NRC staff at NRC headquarters to discuss planned construction activities in areas known to contain DU at the Schofield Barracks installation. At the meeting, the Army reported that it had removed DU (utilizing the services of Cabrera Services, Inc., an NRC-licensed remediation contractor) from a portion of the Schofield Barracks installation as part of a project to construct a Battle Area Complex (BAX) at Schofield Barracks (ML103130409). On November 24, 2010, the NRC staff issued a letter to the Army outlining what decommissioning activities could and could not be undertaken by Cabrera Services in support of the Army's plan to construct a BAX at the Schofield Barracks installation (ML103160174). In that letter, the NRC staff communicated to the Army that any maintenance activities that might occur within areas believed to be contaminated with DU at the identified installations would need to be conducted in accordance with a radiation safety program approved by the NRC via an NRC-issued license.

Accordingly, such maintenance activities would need to be suspended until a radiation safety program was approved via an NRC-issued license.

On April 5, 2011, the NRC requested a predecisional enforcement conference (PEC) with the Army to discuss an apparent violation of the NRC's regulations at 10 CFR 40.3, in that the Army apparently possessed DU at multiple installations without an NRC license and, consequent to that, may have performed decommissioning at the Schofield Barracks installation without proper NRC authorization (ML110660245). The purpose of the PEC was to obtain information to assist the NRC in making an informed enforcement decision. In addition, the PEC provided the Army with the opportunity to present its perspective on the apparent violation and any other information that the Army believed the NRC should take into consideration in making an enforcement decision. The PEC was held on May 10, 2011. A summary of the results of the PEC is available in ADAMS at ML111590184.

### III. DISCUSSION

The Petition requested that the NRC investigate whether, contrary to applicable law and regulations, the Army possessed or released into the environment DU from spent spotting rounds after the expiration of NRC License SUB-459. As noted, NRC License SUB-459 permitted the Army to distribute spotting rounds containing DU from 1961 through 1973. NRC License SUB-459 was allowed to expire, at the Army's request, in 1978. In light of this, the Petition raises a valid concern about the continued possession of licensable quantities of DU at various installations by the Army without an NRC license to do so. Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 40.3 states, in part, that persons may not receive title to, own, receive, possess, use, transfer, or dispose of source material unless authorized in a specific or general license issued by the Commission. Contrary to 10 CFR 40.3, the U.S. Army is in possession of DU, a source material, in the form of spent spotting rounds (expended prior to 1968) at firing ranges located at Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Area, in excess of



the exempt and general use limits, without authorization in a specific or general license issued by the NRC. In addition to the two installations in Hawaii, the Army has identified the presence of DU spotting rounds in licensable quantities of source material at Forts Benning and Gordon (Georgia), Campbell (Kentucky), Carson (Colorado), Hood (Texas), Knox (Kentucky), Lewis and Yakima Training Center (Washington), Bragg (North Carolina), Polk (Louisiana) Sill (Oklahoma), Jackson (South Carolina), Hunter-Liggett (California), Greeley (Alaska), Dix (New Jersey) and Riley (Kansas) without authorization via a specific license issued by the Commission.

Based upon this information, and in accordance with the NRC's Enforcement Policy, the NRC has issued a Severity Level III Notice of Violation to the Army (ML111680087). Therefore, insofar as the NRC has undertaken certain activities requested by the Petition, that being the initiation of an investigation to determine whether the Army possesses DU in licensable quantities without authorization from the NRC to do so and the issuance of an enforcement action based on that investigation, the NRC grants that portion of the Petition concerned with such activities.

In addition, the Petition requests that, if the NRC determines that a violation has occurred, to assess against the Army the maximum penalty permitted by law, and asks that any assessed monetary fines be applied to the environmental remediation of DU contamination at the Schofield Barracks and Pohakuloa Training Area installations in Hawaii, if the law provides for such action. Consistent with the NRC Enforcement Policy ([www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enfore-pol.html](http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enfore-pol.html)), the NRC chose not to impose any civil penalty against the Army for the noticed violation because: (1) the Army installations in Hawaii have not been previously the subject of escalated enforcement action; (2) the Army identified and notified the NRC of the presence of radioactive material and, finally; (3) the Army implemented corrective actions in response to the discovery of the presence of the DU. Further, even if the NRC were to have chosen to impose a civil penalty, it is the position of the NRC that the law

does not provide for the application of that assessed civil penalty to the environmental remediation of DU contamination as requested by the Petitioner because fines assessed for violations of NRC requirements are sent to the U.S. Treasury. Therefore, this portion of the Petition has been denied.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the information summarized above, the NRC staff concludes that the activities requested by the Petitioner have been granted in part and denied in part, in that the NRC staff initiated an investigation into the apparent violation of the NRC's regulations at 10 CFR 40.3 and took enforcement action against the Army. The portion of the Petition relating to the assessment of the maximum penalty permitted by law and the use of assessed monetary penalties for environmental remediation, for the reasons discussed, is denied.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.206(c), a copy of this Director's Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission to review. As provided for by this regulation, the Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of the Decision unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Decision within that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this        day of August, 2011

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Cynthia A. Carpenter, Acting Director  
Office of Federal and State Materials  
and Environmental Management Programs

**From:** [Kaitlyn Harrison](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:01:22 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakula. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

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Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama 'āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [christian.hastings](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item D-2 testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:49:07 PM

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Dear Chairperson Chang,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to item D-2. In a time when we're still dealing with the Red Hill issue as well as other water contamination problems from the military, dry weather/drought conditions throughout the state, the need to locate a new landfill on Oahu, etc- I'm pleading for you to not sell any more land to the US military. If it hasn't been demonstrated already, they don't hold the land, water, or local people in any regard. Our natural resources are vital to this small and remote place. The military already uses up an astounding amount of space in the islands. Their personnel contribute to the housing problem by providing allowances to live off-base.

Even if this won't increase their footprint, the people of Hawaii would love to see as limited a military presence as necessary, not a continual increase. We should be working with them on giving back as much land as possible, not offering them more leeway and freedom for their destructive practices.

Kahuku area is already largely owned by the Mormon church, please don't sell any more land to private entities or the military. The people of Hawaii deserve to have representatives and governmental agencies put their health and well being first and work to improve the lives of the people here. It's time to put the people first. Please do not sell more precious land and resources to the military. Profit-driven, short-sighted decision making is driving our state into the ground, the people are being crushed. Please show us who you stand behind.

Thank you for your time,

Christian Hastings  
Nu'uanu resident  
808-388-9997

**From:** [Kenneth hatch](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:32:59 PM

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I, Kenneth Hatch, oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Donovan Hauser](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Kahuku  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:55:55 PM

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My name is Donovan Hauser and I would like to protest the sale of Kahuku motocross track. My email is donohau@aol.com. Thank You  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Diana Heard](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:08:10 PM

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Please vote NO on agenda D.2.

I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

This is not needed and this land should not be considered for sale, land swap or condemnation! The military has done enough damage to the 'aina.

Let's start taking care of this land and get those in office who "truly care" for Hawai'i and its people!

Kind regards,  
Diana Heard

**From:** [Paul](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:35:49 PM

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I, Paul Helm, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Jalen Henderson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:02:25 PM

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I OPPOSE D2

**From:** [Haunani](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: AGENDA ITEM D2 - ARMY PTA OAHU TRAINING AREAS  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:38:13 PM

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Aloha,

I am opposed to any consideration by the BLNR to a land swap of the Army PTA Oahu Training Areas in lieu of a lease, this includes this first step down the slippery slope of authorizing BLNR to conduct a valuation of the fair market value of these lands. The military have proven to be a poor steward of our 'āina here in the islands and have also shown to be untrustworthy. It would be a huge disservice to the people of these islands to even consider giving up ownership and control of one of our most precious resources. The Army has not even completed remediation and clean-up work that has been years in the making of 'āina that they have leased in the past. One can only imagine what they will do with the land once they own/control it. They lack credibility and integrity in all of their dealings with the people of Hawai'i. This is a big N-O. Please do not even consider a land swap arrangement with the U.S. Army. History has shown that we the people of these lands always end up on the "short end of the stick." We live on an island with limited space and resources. Now is not the time to be giving up ownership and control of any of our lands.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Haunani Ho

[haunaniho@gmail.com](mailto:haunaniho@gmail.com)

**From:** [Richard Hoapili](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:57:55 PM

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I, (Richard Hoapili ), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Noa Howatt](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:08:31 PM

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I oppose D2 that area is the last place we can ride dirtbike on Kauai

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Henry](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:01:20 PM

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I, Henry Yee Hoy , oppose D2. Ride HMA is a place where families and friends come together to create memories doing what they love to do. Riding Dirt Bikes/ Electric Bikes on the trails and Motocross track!! It's a great way to get outside in nature and get some exercise!!

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**From:** [Brent Humble](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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My name is Brent Humble, and as an avid motorcycle rider for decades, I oppose this bill and the potential for taking away any of our valuable space to safely ride with our friends and our families. Please do not support this bill and further, please ensure the keeping of our riding areas open to the public in perpetuity.

Thank you,  
Brent Humble



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**RE: OPPOSITION TO 4/12/24 AGENDA ITEM D2** Authoriz[ing] the Chairperson to Negotiate, Approve and Execute a Contract for Appraisal Services to Determine the Fair Market Value Currently Leased by the United States Army, Tax Map Keys (1) 5-8-002:002, 5-9-006:026; 7-2-001:006; 8-1-001:007 (por.), 008 and 012 (por.), 8-2-001:001, 022, 024, & 025; and (3) 4-4-015:008, 4-4-016:005. 7-1-004:007.

Aloha Chair Chang and honorable members of the Board,

Thank you for providing this opportunity for the public to weigh in on the discussion of whether or not to allow the U.S. Army to purchase these public trust lands that they have been using for decades for military training exercises. The continued occupation and degradation of our precious land and water resources have been weighing heavily on all of us in the wake of the Red Hill water crisis. What you're essentially deciding today is how you want these once-pristine lands to look to our grandchildren, and their grandchildren after them.

Article XI of the Hawaii State Constitution states:

*"For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State. All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people."*

The Tax Map Keys listed in this agenda item are all public trust land resources that we have a fiduciary duty to conserve and protect for the benefit of future generations. Conducting military

training exercises with hazardous and toxic materials is not aligned with a manner consistent with conservation and protection of natural resources.

In the DLNR's own written comments dated July 7, 2022 on the Army's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for continued use of Pōhakuloa Training Area, *"It appears that military training is in direct conflict of the Conservation District designation,"* and *"the continuation of military training exercises could continue to impact the Hawaiian hoary bat and its habitat."*

From the landmines littered on Kaho'olawe in the 1940's to contaminating an entire aquifer at Red Hill in the 2020's, the military has unfortunately proven year after year that they are incapable of providing adequate stewardship of our public resources. The Army officials have not sworn an oath to preserve and protect our public trust resources, but you and I have. Please don't let this be another occasion where our State has to suffer the consequences of the military's damage.

Mahalo for your dedication to your fiduciary duty to uphold the public trust,



Natalia Hussey-Burdick  
Hawai'i State Representative  
House District 50  
Kailua – Kāne'ōhe Bay



**From:** [Kanoë Igarashi](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Kanoë Igarashi, oppose D2.

**From:** [Rex Iglesia](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Rex F.I., oppose D2.

**From:** [Jodie & Ronald Cordero](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Jodie Cordero, oppose D2.

**From:** [SURRONIMO](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Jesse Kauhane), oppose D2.

This place has been a staple in my family since I was 9 years old, my father right me how to ride there and now I have 3 children do the same with. Please don't take away our ONLY safe place to teach the children. We won't have any options left. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [JUSTIN LAU](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Justin Lau, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Jon Mack , oppose D2.

-Staysha

**From:** [Jase Nakayama](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Jase, oppose D2.

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**From:** [RideOn.Hi](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
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I Jackson P Cordero oppose D2



**From:** [Jade Lyn](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Jade S., oppose D2!

**From:** [Debi Javar](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Military and Our Lands  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:54:25 PM

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I OPPOSE the military from buying our lands. Hawai'i has extremely limited land space. It must be used for the Hawaiian people, not for the military as they will only destroy further our precious land. Let them destroy the continent where there is vast abundance of vacant land.  
Thank you

**From:** [Denice Javinia](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:03:32 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Please vote “No” on agenda item D.2 . I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

Keep Native lands in Native hands and Mālama ‘Āina.

Mahalo,  
Denice J.

**From:** [Paul Joaquin](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:47:28 PM

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I, (Paul Joaquin ), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Brett Jones](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:15:27 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare.

A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama ‘āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Brett Jones, Kahalu‘u

**From:** [David Jong](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:51:21 PM

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I, David, oppose D2.

Best regards,  
Dave

**From:** [Zack Jordan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I oppose D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:58:52 PM

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Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I, Zachariah Jordan, strongly oppose D2.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land exchange between the State of Hawaii and the United States Army involving the Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Makua Military Reservation on the island of Oahu.

As a resident who frequently recreates on these lands, I am deeply concerned about the potential loss of access and the uncertain future of the recreational areas within these training lands. These areas have been cherished by the local community for decades, providing a space for various outdoor activities and fostering a connection with nature.

The proposed land exchange threatens to disrupt the delicate balance between military training and public recreation. By granting the Army fee title to the State-owned parcels, there is a risk that public access will be restricted or even eliminated. This would be a significant loss for the residents of Oahu who have long enjoyed these lands for hiking, camping, hunting, and other outdoor pursuits.

Furthermore, the lack of transparency regarding the potential impacts of the land exchange on public access and recreational activities is alarming. The local community deserves to know how their interests will be affected and to have a say in the decision-making process.

The State of Hawaii should prioritize the preservation of public access and recreational opportunities on these lands. The proposed land exchange appears to be inconsistent with these priorities and may set a dangerous precedent for the future of public lands in Hawaii.

I urge the Board of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land exchange and to work towards finding alternative solutions that balance military training needs with the preservation of public access and recreational opportunities. The residents of Oahu have a right to continue enjoying these lands, and it is crucial that their voices be heard in this matter.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,  
Zack Jordan  
A concerned resident and recreational user of the affected land

**From:** [kapulei flores](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:24:59 PM

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Aloha,

I am writing in opposition to agenda item D.2 regarding negotiating, appraising, and approving the fair market value on land leased by the united states army. This threatens the integrity of our precious Hawaiian lands and the well-being of our communities. It is time for the united states army to honor its original agreement made at the end of world war II where they would return the land leased in original condition. It is long overdue for them to fulfill this commitment and repair the damage they have caused, many of which are already irreparable at this point. Don't let them destroy all the land we have left. Please vote no to agenda item D.2.

Mahalo



**From:** [Kevin Kauai](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:28:39 PM

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I Kevin Kauai oppose d2 for the sake of our Keiki. Kahuku is the only Mx track we have and we've been going there for years. This is away our families get together and re-connect. Pls allow this to be a legitimate riding place for our generations to come.

Kevin Kauai  
808-226-8864

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**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:32:50 PM

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I, kalena mack, oppose D2.

-Staysha

**From:** [kevin san miguel](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:35:32 PM

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To whom it may concern,  
I oppose D2.  
Mahalo,  
Kevin San Miguel

**From:** [Kahanu Walker](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY, ITEM D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:05:45 PM

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‘Ano‘ai me ke aloha,

My name is Kahanu Walker and I'd like to address the newest issue that I have been aware of regarding the lands of Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku and Kawailoa-Poamoho. It has come to my attention that the U.S. Army is asking the state to determine the market value of militarized lands in these ‘āina listed above. I STRONGLY OPPOSE giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands as they absolutely DO NOT understand the meaning of ALOHA ‘ĀINA nor MĀLAMA ‘ĀINA! This statement I say is true as currently seen in many on-going situations such as Kaho‘olawe and Red Hill. A huge issue such as Red Hill has not been handled properly and has put the lives of all human kind at risk and danger by poisoning our precious wai. This example I share is the reason as to why I am testifying against this issue. I highly suggest to leave our ‘āina alone and at peace. The ‘āina is our ancestor and should be treated with love and respect at all cost. I highly recommend to please learn your mo‘okū‘auhau and see that the land is kupuna to us all and it should always be honored. With that being said, I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Ke aloha,  
Kahanu Walker

**From:** [Skyler Kaai](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:22:42 PM

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Aloha ,

I am humbly opposing the purchase of our beautiful lands for military purposes. They should not be allowed to have more than they already do and that is not the native way. I am also a motocross rider and have a following of many more that are opposed to this. We appreciate our land as well as trying to also make a career out of riding. We clean the trails and parks of those lands as there are many evidences of the military leave opala and all kine stuff in our forest and the grounds. We fear it my become worst that it already is and I here to oppose those purchases of land. Aloha

**From:** [Shayna Kahakai](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:06:19 PM

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I, Charles Vincent and Chase Vincent, oppose D2.

**From:** [Tiare Kahalewai](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2 Testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:00:31 PM

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I, Tiare Kahalewai, oppose D2.

Mahalo

**Tiare Kahalewai**

(She, Her, Hers)

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**From:** [nawahine kahoopii](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony item D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:27:55 PM

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April 11th

Halau Nawahine Noho Puukapu is vehemently opposed to any land swap and opposes granting the Chair the authority to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military land. A'ole to any land swap or condemnation. We further insist that meetings regarding Pohakuloa be conducted on our moku and meeting times be set to allow maximum community participation. Critical decisions regarding our moku should not be made at a meeting in Honolulu. Our ohana needs to be included in all discussions relating to the protection and disposition of our aina.

Ola Na Moku





## *Kahuku Community Association*

April 11, 2024

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### **RE: Opposition to Item D-2: Protecting Our Land and Ohana**

Members of Board of Land and Natural Resources

Kahuku Community Association is submitting testimony to express our strong opposition to Item D-2 on the agenda for the 9 am April 12th meeting. This item, which concerns the appraisal of lands leased by the United States Army, poses a significant threat to the well-being of our community and the preservation of our precious Hawaiian lands.

Before any appraisal proceeds, it is imperative that a thorough evaluation of the current condition of each property is conducted. The United States Army must fulfill its obligation to remove all unexploded ordinance and undertake necessary rehabilitation efforts for any areas damaged by its activities. Additionally, it is essential that the voices of our community members are included in the decision-making process regarding the future use of these lands through a fair and transparent process.

We strongly oppose the notion of setting a lease price amount via authorization of an appraisal without taking into account the broader environmental and community

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## *Kahuku Community Association*

impacts. These lands hold immense cultural significance for our community and must not be reduced to mere financial transactions.

We urge the BLNR to reject Item D-2 and instead prioritize the protection of our lands and the well-being of our community. We oppose the expansion of the military footprint in our region at the expense of our cultural heritage and environmental sustainability.

Respectfully,

*Sunny Unga (e-sign)*

Kahuku Community Association  
Sunny Unga - President  
Valeriano Garrido- Vice President  
Tatiana Santiago- Secretary  
Budde Cabael -Treasurer  
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**From:** [Kainani Kahunanui](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:36:08 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

Mahalo,  
Kainani M Kahunanui

**From:** [Shaylynn Kailikea](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:18:22 PM

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I, Shaylynn Kailikea, oppose D2.

**From:** [Chanel Kaleikini](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Makua Testimony-Chanel Kaleikini  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:06:54 PM

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Honorable Board Members, on behalf of the Hawaiian people and our deep-rooted connection to Mākua Valley. For generations, Mākua has been more than just land; it is the heart of our culture, the repository of our history, and the essence of our identity.

The military's occupation of Mākua Valley has inflicted irreparable harm upon this sacred land. We have witnessed the desecration of our sacred sites, the pollution of our natural resources, and the disruption of our traditional practices. These abuses not only degrade the physical landscape but also erode the spiritual and cultural foundation upon which our community thrives.

The military's assertion of control over Mākua Valley in exchange for land value is an affront to our heritage and a denial of our rights as indigenous people. We refuse to accept the proposed land swap for the desecration of our ancestral lands. Allow the Hawaiian people to heal ourselves by healing our Mākua.

We demand the immediate return of Mākua Valley to its rightful owners, the Hawaiian people. We call upon the members to recognize our sovereignty and respect our inherent right to stewardship over our lands.

The time has come for justice to prevail, for reconciliation to begin, and for Mākua Valley to be restored to its sacred status. We will not rest until our voices are heard, our rights are respected, and our lands are returned.

If the Hawaiians do not have Mākua it will be robbing them an opportunity to breathe and live Aloha.

Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

Chanel Leilani Kaleikini

He ali'i ka 'aina; he kauwa ke kanaka!

80 years too long...

**From:** [railah kalilikane](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:41:24 PM

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I, (Railah Kalilikane-Palencia), oppose D2.

**From:** [Keahonui Kam](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:00:25 PM

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I, Kea Kam, oppose D2. I love coming to Kahuku every weekend to go dirtbike riding. It would be heartbreaking to have a place that is special to me taken away.

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**From:** [Noa and Tamara Kaopuiki](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Nixon Kaopuiki, oppose D2

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**From:** [Jordan Kapeliela](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Written testimony for 4/12/2024  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:40:09 PM

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Aloha,

I am writing in OPPOSITION of

Authorization of the Chairperson to Negotiate, Approve and Execute a Contract for Appraisal Services to Determine the Fair Market Value Currently Leased by the United States Army, Tax Map Keys (1) 5-8-002:002, 5-9-006:026; 7-2-001:006; 8-1- 001:007 (por.), 008 and 012 (por.), 8-2-001:001, 022, 024, & 025; and (3) 4-4- 015:008, 4-4-016:005. 7-1-004:007.

We should not negotiate with the military as they have yet to fix the current problems that they have caused for Hawai'i as a whole. There has been no positive impact ever since the U.S. military arrived here in Hawai'i. They even poisoned their own families with red hill. Why should they be allowed to get what they want? People should not be rewarded for their wrong doing. Doing this will be the beginning to the military moving forward to having control of more parts in Hawai'i. Make the right choice and save our future generations from the burden dealing with their unfair and unjustified treatment.

Mahalo.

**From:** [Whitney Kapololu](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Item D-2: Protect Hawaii's Land and Communities  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:12:06 PM

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I am writing to vehemently oppose item D-2 on the agenda for the upcoming BLNR meeting.

This item which pertains to the appraisal of lands leased by the United States Army, threatens the integrity of our precious Hawaiian lands and the well-being of our communities.

It is time for the United States Army to honor its original agreement made at the end of World War II. They have had the use of the lands for over 80 years under the promise of returning them in their original condition. It is long overdue for them to fulfill this commitment and repair the damage they have caused.

I urge the BLNR to reject item D-2 and instead prioritize the protection of our lands and communities. We must not succumb to pressures to expand the military footprint in our islands and instead we should all fight to reduce their footprint. It is time to uphold the values of stewardship and sustainability for the benefit of present and future generations.

Mahalo,  
Whitney Kapololu  
Resident of Waimea, HI

**From:** [Toni Kauhane](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:31:40 PM

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I, Toni Kauhane, oppose D2.

- Toni Kauhane

**From:** [Sari Kauai](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2 opposition  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:22:48 PM

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I, Sari Kauai, oppose D2. This is a very important issue. It should not be sold. Families come together at the track. Please don't allow this to be taken from families. There is no where else to ride on this island.

Sari Kauai  
808-797-9084

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse any typos

**From:** [leilani kealoha](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:30:13 PM

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I oppose D2!

**From:** [Cody Kekuna](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:19:56 PM

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I, Cody Kekuna, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Anuheia Keliikuli-Teixeira](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:18:01 PM

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I, Anuheia Keliikuli-Teixeira, OPPOSE D2.

**From:** [Bliss Kinlaw](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Testimony, item D.2  
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**To:** binr.testimony@hawaii.gov  
**Subject:** Testimony, item D.2

To whom it may concern,

The military does not need more land in Hawai'i. It has taken enough from the people who live here and has caused mass displacement of Kanaka. The military personnel has done irreparable damage to these lands by poisoning the waters, buying up homes at such a rate that kanaka cannot afford and disrespecting the local culture. If anything there needs to be less military presence in Hawai'i. Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

Sharee Kinlaw



**From:** [Supriya Kumar](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:51:53 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

The aina belongs to the people, and does not deserve further damage from the military.

Supriya Kumar

**From:** [Kristy Lam](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public testimony on Army Training Land Retention Efforts  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:02:41 PM

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Aloha BLNR,

My name is Kristy Lam and I am testifying in regards to the United States Army Training Land Retention Efforts for the Pōhakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawai'i and for Kahuku, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Training Lands on the Island of O'ahu. There need to be more information briefings with the appropriate community members and organizations from these respective areas. I also suggest that that Army involve community members and organizations in the decision making process to ensure that there is a plan in place for when these lands are released.

Mahalo for your time,  
Kristy Lam

**From:** [Richard Landford](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:36:30 PM

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I, (Rock Landford), oppose D2.

**From:** [Teresa Landreau](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:51:30 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakula. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety. The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare. A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs. Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama ‘āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability. In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter. Your Name, Town

**From:** [Emerson Lau](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:52:54 PM

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Do not let the government take our land! We will not stand for this! Do not sell us out! Dont be like scott saiki and linda !

**From:** [Tiare lawrence](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:35:40 PM

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Aloha

My name is Tiare Lawrence and I strongly OPPOSE any land swap or sale of state lands to the US military. This department is tasked with protecting ceded lands not desecrating and destroying lands. Do not allow this to happen. All leases should be set to expire with NO renewals.

Mahalo

**From:** [Cassandra Leach](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:52:24 PM

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I, Cassandra Leach, strongly oppose D2. Selling off these land parcels will negatively affect the many native Hawaiians and long time local residents who use the Kahuku Motocross Track. The track is one of the only places left to us to enjoy outdoor motocross sports. Without access to the Motocross Track the public will find other places to ride, which could possibly include private land, unsafe areas, and possibly even other military training areas. To reiterate, we strongly oppose D2 and the selling off of these land parcels and hope you all will take our concerns seriously.

**From:** [Mahina Lenta](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony- item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:59:52 PM

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Aloha my name is Rosalie Mahina Pearl Lenta

I am a local resident born and raised in the district of south Kona.

I strongly urge the Board to vote no on agenda item D.2

I am in strong opposition of the proposal by the Army to request appraisal services in order to purchase current state leased lands at Pohakuloa. The occupation by the Army of the state lands at Pohakuloa have shown to be detrimental and destructive to the native habitat. The military practices there have been very damaging and shows the negligence of their duty to malama aina. Pollution and fires pose serious risks and are cause for concern.

Again, I strongly encourage all members to oppose April 12 Agenda Item D-2 in the best interest of the community of Hawaii island. We would like to see the state leased lands at Pohakuloa return to the hands of state of Hawaii management at the expiration of the Army's lease in 2029.

Mahalo sincerely

Rosalie Lenta



**From:** [Sabrina Leong](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:57:48 PM

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I, Sabrina Leong, oppose D2. These lands have been leased for so little money for so long and all the military has done is use it for target practice. Our water table is cracked and land has been abused. Specifically for Kahuku, this is the only legal place to ride motocross in the island! Motocross is a huge part of this community and I personally have been riding my whole life and have always dreamed of taking my children up to kahuku to experience it's beauty. Please don't let them buy this land, we currently are allowed access on some weekends when the military is not training but who's to say that they will honor this once they have ownership of the land? Also who's to control what goes on in these areas once they have ownership? What are the environmental impacts this may have on the land and our water table. Please do what is pono (righteous) and do not renew their lease or sell them this land. It has been out of Hawaiian hands for far too long. With aloha,

**From:** [Michael Lerner](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:54:40 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawai'i and for Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Makua Training Lands on the Island of O'ahu.

This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Michael Lerner  
Haleiwa, Hawai'i

**From:** [Seth Lewis](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:11:44 PM

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I, Seth Lewis, oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [thestickez](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:53:22 PM

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I, Carmelita Walker-Li, oppose D2.

**From:** [Lin Cherng-En](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:46:30 PM

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I, Cherngen Lin, oppose D2.

One of my close friends visits the track regularly. He explained to me how riding a dirt bike releases his stress and keeps him calm.

Additionally, I've noticed some instances of illegal dirt bike riding on the streets. If the track is closed, there could possibly be even more illegal riding, which will raise concerns about our already bad traffic.

**From:** [Lincoln S](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:01:33 PM

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The Hi my name is Lincoln I've been going up to the track since I was 4 years old and I really love it up there and grew up up there on the weekends and had so much fun with my friends and family pls don't take it down

**From:** [Kili Ling](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose Item D-2: Protect Hawai'i's Land and Communities  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:03:12 PM

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aloha,

I AM WRITING, TO VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE ITEM D-2 ON THE AGENDA FOR THE UPCOMING BLNR MEETING. THIS ITEM, WHICH PERTAINS TO THE APPRAISAL OF LANDS LEASED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY, THREATENS THE INTEGRITY OF OUR PRECIOUS HAWAIIAN LANDS AND THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

IT IS TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO HONOR ITS ORIGINAL AGREEMENT MADE AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II. THEY HAVE HAD THE USE OF THESE LANDS FOR OVER 80 YEARS UNDER THE PROMISE OF RETURNING THEM IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONDITION. IT IS LONG OVERDUE FOR THEM TO FULFILL THIS COMMITMENT AND REPAIR THE DAMAGE THEY HAVE CAUSED.

I URGE THE BLNR TO REJECT ITEM D-2 AND INSTEAD PRIORITIZE THE PROTECTION OF OUR LANDS AND COMMUNITIES. WE MUST NOT SUCCUMB TO PRESSURES TO EXPAND THE MILITARY FOOTPRINT IN OUR ISLANDS AND INSTEAD WE SHOULD ALL FIGHT TO REDUCE THEIR FOOTPRINT. IT IS TIME TO UPHOLD THE VALUES OF STEWARDSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

mahalo,

kilinahemalie  
resident of paumalū

**From:** [LL](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:21:58 PM

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I, Leila Lleva, oppose D2. Kahuku Motocross Track is our home on the weekends. It is our weekend getaway. It is not just a place for the adults to enjoy but also for our keiki. Please don't take the only legal place to ride away from us and so many more families.

Sent with Aloha from Gmail Mobile



**From:** [Katie Lobb](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:15:49 PM

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I OPPOSE D2.

Hawaiian islands are small enough. So much of the land is already being used for military and has been over built, making it difficult or not even possible for local residents to sustain living in Hawaii.

**From:** [Jasmine Lua](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:26:37 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

The ongoing belligerent occupation of the Hawaiian Kingdom by the United States as confirmed by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in 2001 is a continued source of destruction and devastation to the Hawaiian culture, peoples, and land.

As a Kānaka Maoli, the militarization of Hawai'i contributed significantly to the displacement of my family as well as the reduced quality of life for many Hawaiians through land occupation, bombing, and water poisoning.

This situation is untenable. The destruction of life and environment is approaching an irreversible point where there will be no Hawai'i left for the military to occupy. It's not even in the military's best interest to continue the pollution, the bombing, and the violence.

Mahalo nui loa,

Jasmine Lua

**From:** [Christine Luan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:21:10 PM

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I, Christine Luan, oppose D2.

**From:** [Mark Dullanty](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:29:04 PM

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Hello,

I am coming here to ask that you please vote no on agenda item D.2. I dont want to give authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

The military should not be using land with fragile Hawaiian ecosystems for their bases, military games, or testing purposes. Leases were theft from Native Hawaiians to begin with and have been misused and damaging to their communities, not to mention tax payer dollars. To give the military rights to that land is wrong. The land must revert back to the people. Regardless of the damage the military has done, mālama and aloha 'āina are not just slogans, they are our responsibility and charge as caretakers of these lands. And the only way to accomplish that is to return the land that has been so badly treated by the military back to its rightful owners, thr poeple of hawaii.

Thank you,  
Mark dullanty

**From:** [Mateo Henderson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:46:47 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. As a US Army Veteran, I have experienced the lack of respect and responsibility the military has towards the 'Āina. From the Red Hill Spillage to littering of brass rounds and trash that soldiers are too lazy to pick up themselves to racial hate that some soldiers would have to the Kanaka Maoli. No soldier I knew could provide a reason why the military should continue occupying such sacred lands nor could they identify the problems that the military affect onto the 'Āina and the Kanaka Maoli. Please vote no, I am out of the service and I choose to stand with the people, not the military. - Honághánií

**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:35:13 PM

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I, michelle martin, oppose D2.

-Staysha

**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:33:12 PM

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I, Murillo martins, oppose D2.

-Staysha

**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:36:06 PM

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I, Makana Mileskwon , oppose D2.

-Staysha



**From:** [Morgan Webb](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:20:50 PM

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I, Morgan Webb, oppose D2. I urge you to reconsider this proposal. Do not take this away from the community.

**From:** [Brenden Barker](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:10:00 PM

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I, Jessica Macdonald , oppose D2.

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**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:32:41 PM

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I, staysha mack, oppose D2.

-Staysha

**From:** [Alex kealoha Magoon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:10:20 PM

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I, (Alex Magoon), strongly oppose D2.

Please listen to the community.

Mahalo,

Alex

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Xander M](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Oppose Item D-2: Protect Hawai`i's Land and Communities  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:00:22 PM

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Aloha,

I am writing to vehemently oppose item D-2 on the agenda for the upcoming BLNR meeting. This item, which pertains to the appraisal of lands leased by the United States Army, threatens the integrity of our precious Hawaiian lands and the well-being of our communities.

It is time for the United States Army to honor its original agreement made at the end of World War II. They have had the use of these lands for over 80 years under the promise of returning them in their original condition. It is long overdue for them to fulfill this commitment and repair the damage they have caused.

I urge the BLNR to reject item D-2 and instead prioritize the protection of our lands and communities. We must not succumb to pressures to expand the military footprint in our islands and instead we should all fight to reduce their footprint. It is time to uphold the values of stewardship and sustainability for the benefit of present and future generations.

Mahalo,

Xander Malasa

**From:** [anthony marker](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:02:17 PM

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I, (anthony James marker), oppose D2. Hawaii is too small and we are already limited to what we can do recreational.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Liko Martin](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:31:23 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakula. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare.

A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama 'āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all current lease conditions and legal obligations, in lieu of the circumstances that those prior leases are subject to termination and being designated as being "null and void" at anytime.

As a final but most important matter is with regards to the "United States, State of Hawaii and it People", under the Compact Agreement of 1959 , Hawaii Statehood Admissions Act to remain in keeping with those "trust obligations", and to realize and reaffirm that by doing so, you will be assisting the United States in "attaining its international obligations" in particular under the Constitution of the United States, Article 6, Section 2. "... treaties...Supreme Law of the Land, any law to the contrary notwithstanding"; in particular with respect for the U.S. treaty "signatory" to Geneva V - Rights and Duties of Neutral Powers, to which, the Kingdom of Hawaii, became a signatory in 1854, acceding to the principles of neutrality, whereupon its sovereign territory became an "inviolable" neutral territory, and has remained so, i.e. the U.S. having never concluded a formal treaty of annexation, or formally abrogating its 1850 Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation...and the, as yet unfulfilled "commitment" to comply with the "Acknowledgment and Apology"SECTION 1. - (U S Public Law 103-150, (Hawaii) Apology Resolution (Law), Nov. 2:, 1993, Pres. W. J. Clinton), The Congress - (1) acknowledges the historical significance of...the

suppression of the inherent sovereignty of the Native Hawaiian people; (3)...the agents and citizens of the United States and the deprivation of the rights of ...self determination; 4) expresses its commitment “to acknowledge the ramifications of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, in order to provide a proper foundation for reconciliation between the United States and the Native Hawaiian people; within the non contiguous Pacific area of the Hawaiian Islands, in which the United States remains a “belligerent “ occupant since January 17, 1893, “ by an act of war”. (Pres. Grover Cleveland. Dec. 18, 1894, speech to Congress.

Lastly, in light of the aforementioned facts, an additional legal consequence and liability arises under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), as a result of the Hawaiian Islands, being only under the “administering authority” of the United States, which makes individuals personally liable, as a “perpetrator “, under ARTICLE 8 (2) (b) (iv) War Crime of excess incidental death, injury or damage, (3)...widespread long-term and severe damage to the natural environment [As opposed to the general rule set forth in paragraph 4 of the General Introduction, this knowledge element requires that the perpetrator make the value judgement as described therein. An evaluation of that value judgement must be based on the requisite information available to the perpetrator at the time.]

; (4)...associated with armed conflict....(5)...perpetrator was aware....: ARTICLE 8 (2) (b) (xvi). War crime of pillaging - (1)...perpetrator appropriated certain property; (3)...appropriation was without consent of the owner; (4)...associated with an armed conflict.; ARTICLE 8 (2) (b) (xvii). War crime of employing poison or poisoned weapons (1)...employed a substance...that releases a substance.(2)...substance causes death...serious damage to health in the ordinary course of events, through its toxic properties. (3)...associated with an international armed conflict. ARTICLE 8 (2) (e) (DOI) War crime of destroying or seizing the enemy’s property (3) property was protected from that destruction or seizure under the international law of armed conflict. (4)...aware of ...the status of the property. (5)...destruction or seizure was not required by military necessity. ARTICLE 8 bis 74 Crime of Aggression (4) The term “manifest” is an objective qualification. (5)... violation of the Charter of the United Nations....Elements (2) perpetrator was a person in a position effectively to exercise control over or to direct the political or military action of the State which committed the act of aggression. (3) The act of aggression - the use of armed force by a State against the sovereignty, territorial integrity or political independence of another State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Charter of the United Nations-was committed.(5). The act of aggression, by its character, gravity and scale, constituted a manifest violation of the Charter of the United Nations.(6) The perpetrator was aware of the factual circumstances that established such a manifest violation of the Charter of the United Nations.[with respect to an act of aggression, more than one person may be in a position that meets these criteria.

Liko-o-kalani Martin

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**From:** [Maxx R.](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No to Military Land appraisal  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:35:26 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to agenda item D.2 and urge you to vote **against** granting authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. Granting such authority would only serve to further erode accountability and transparency in the management of lands crucial to our communities and natural resources.

The proposal to determine the “market value” of militarized lands in Pohakuloa, Makua, Kahuku, and Kawaihoa-Poamoho raises serious concerns, particularly given the track record of the US Army in our communities. We are still addressing the ongoing and long-term effects of the Red Hill fuel tank leaks on our water. We cannot subject Hawaii's land, its water, and its environment to further abuses by the military's actions.

It is the obligation of the state to ensure the protection and stewardship of the lands entrusted to its care, including those leased to the military. Many civilians share this land with the military and are forced to bear the consequences of the military's irresponsible stewardship for generations. The state should be actively working to hold the US Army accountable for its actions and ensure the well-being of our communities and environment.

Granting authority to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of these lands would only serve to further remove accountability from both the state and the US Army, leaving our communities vulnerable to continued exploitation and harm.

I urge you to stand with our communities and oppose agenda item D.2. Let us work together to uphold the sacred duty of stewardship and ensure a sustainable future for our lands and people.

Thank you.

**From:** [Larry McElheny](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No Appraisal  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:01:02 PM

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Aloha

I am opposed to any appraisal, transfer, condemnation or land swap under the current proposal.

Mahalo

Larry McElheny

(808) 237-9354

**From:** [Ian McKay](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:56:16 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

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-Ian McKay

**From:** [Alexander McNicoll](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:30:00 PM

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I, Alexander McNicoll, am in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to D2. This cannot be allowed to happen.

Sincerely,  
Alexander McNicoll

**From:** [SCB 203](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:29:22 PM

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I, Meladie, oppose D2.

**From:** [Michael Menchetti](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:34:55 PM

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**From:** [Holly San Miguel](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:32:25 PM

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To whom it may concern,  
I oppose D2.  
Mahalo,  
Holly San Miguel

**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:35:42 PM

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I, Christopher Miles , oppose D2.

-Staysha



**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:35:54 PM

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I, Athena Mileskwon , oppose D2.

-Staysha

**From:** [Maraya Miller](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:58:07 PM

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Hello, please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

Maraya Miller

**From:** [Alan Miranda](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:14:13 PM

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I, (Alan miranda), oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Cread Mitsui Jr](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:01:01 PM

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I, Cread Mitsui Jr, oppose D2. This is the only place where families, kids and everyone to enjoy riding a dirt bike.

**From:** [Mayan Montanari-Perez](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:08:21 PM

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Please vote NO on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. By allowing this first step in the process for the military to potentially own sacred Hawaiian lands, you will be helping to make it easier for the military to have no accountability for any wrong doing or mismanagement of the 'Aina. Red Hill and Kaho'olawe are perfect examples of the distraction that has been allowed to happen with no ramifications to the parties responsible for the care of those lands. Checks and balances are crucial for the wellbeing and futures of these beautiful lands for the generations to come.

Much Mahalo,  
Mayan Montanari-Perez

**From:** [Austin Montgomery](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Austin Montgomery, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Kyle Morgan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:54:58 PM

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I, Kyle Morgan, oppose D2. Kahuku motocross park is the only legal motorcycle riding area on the island. Without this area, there will be widespread illegal riding and increased non-regulated damage to the environment. Keeping Kahuku Motocross Park open will prevent this widespread damage.

Kyle Morgan  
(808) 554-6501

**From:** [Kehau Murao](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:03:58 PM

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I, (Kehau Murao), oppose D2.



**From:** [Cinahi Muro](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:26:36 PM

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I, Cinahi Muro, oppose D2.

**From:** [Chloe Murphy](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony,item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:51:55 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. This 'āina should be kept open to it's people and not utilized for military use. The people of Hawai'i deserve to have full access and protection of these lands.

Mahalo and mālama pono,  
Chloe Murphy

**From:** [Noa and Tamara Kaopuiki](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Noa Kaopuiki, oppose D2

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**From:** [Isaac Nāhuewai](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] STOP US MILITARY FROM PURCHASING OR LEASING 'ĀINA HAWAI'I  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:48:50 PM

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Aloha,

I am in strong opposition of Approving this purchase or lease of lands to the United States Army Training Land Retention Efforts for the Pōhakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii and for Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Training Lands on the

Do not Authorize the Chairperson to Negotiate, Approve and Execute a Contract for Appraisal Services to Determine the Fair Market Value Currently Leased by the United States Army, Tax Map Keys (1) 5-8-002:002, 5-9-

006:026; 7-2-001:006; 8-1-001:007 (por.), 008 and 012 (por.), 8-2-001:001, 022, 024, & 025; and (3) 4-4-015:008, 4-4-016:005. 7-1-004:007.

Not only have these wahi pana, sacred sites, of our ancestors have been desecrated by the US Military and Army, but they have withheld people of lineal descent to access these lands for generations and have narrowed or restricted cultural gathering and cultural worship. You must not let this go through again.

You have doctoral degrees in your University system that acknowledge the Hawaiian kingdom as nation recognized and having treaties with the world. For you to continue this land leasing without approval of a governing body of Hawaiian Nationalists, is extremely against United Nations laws. The University of Hawai'i system has the option for Hawaiian kingdom as a country of residence and this is proof that it still exists and further disproves land leasing without consultation.

**STOP THIS ACTION**

na ke kauā ha'aha'a o ke aupuni Hawai'i,  
na 'Ika'aka i ka malu o ka pali

**From:** [Jessica Nakamura](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:43:38 PM

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Aloha,

I strongly oppose agenda item D.2. Please vote "no" on this item. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

For too long, militarization, colonization, and gentrification have desecrated the 'aina of Hawai'i and Kanaka have been disenfranchised in their ancestral lands. It's time for this to change and to restore balance and justice for both the land and people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

Jessica Nakamura

**From:** [Chad Nakashima](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:41:24 PM

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I, Chad Nakashima , oppose D2.

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Aloha mai kākou,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to agenda item D.2 for the upcoming BLNR meeting and urge you to vote against granting authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. Granting such authority would only serve to further erode accountability and transparency in the management of lands crucial to our communities and natural resources.

The proposal to determine the "market value" of militarized lands in Pohakuloa, Makua, Kahuku, and Kawaiiloa-Poamoho raises serious concerns, particularly given the track record of the US Army in our communities. Time and time again, we have witnessed the detrimental impacts of military activities on our health, lands, water, and cultural sites, with little to no accountability or redress.

It is the obligation of the state to uphold the principle of "mālama 'āina" and ensure the protection and stewardship of the lands entrusted to its care, including those leased to the military. Instead of further relinquishing control and oversight, the state should be actively working to hold the US Army accountable for its actions and ensure the well-being of our communities and environment.

Granting authority to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of these lands would only serve to further remove accountability from both the state and the US Army, leaving our communities vulnerable to continued exploitation and harm.

It is time for the United States Army to honor the original agreement made at the end of World War II. They have had the use of these lands for over 80 years under the promise of returning them in their original condition. It is long overdue for the United States Army to fulfill this commitment and repair the damage they have caused.

I urge you to stand with our communities and oppose agenda item D.2. Instead prioritize the protection of our land and communities. We must not succumb to pressures to expand the military footprint in our islands and instead we should be standing united to reduce their footprint. Let us work together to uphold the sacred duty of stewardship and ensure a sustainable future for our lands and people.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kanoelehua Nakata

Apr 11, 2024

**From:** [Derek Nakayama](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:29:49 PM

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I, (Derek Nakayama), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Tasha Napaepae](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:25:21 PM

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NO on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. My father is buried in Makua, my family is from there. I refuse this.

Mahalo,  
Napaepae Ohana

**From:** [Robert Naparan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:48:22 PM

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I,Robert Naparan oppose D2!

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**From:** [Natashalynn Ah Nee](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:30:22 PM

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I, Natashalynn oppose D2. Please keep kahuku motocross park open. It is the only one the island and it holds a lot of memories growing up there riding my atv. And now I can bring my children there and show them what I used to do growing up.

The U.S. Army has taken enough from us! Stop selling us out to the federal government. Enough is enough.

Keep our lands in our hands!

Mahalo Nui loa!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dr. Ye Nguyen](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:02:06 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Please vote NO on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

This lease to the military should not be renewed. There is a false belief that the presence of the military being here in Hawaii is protecting the people here and yet I believe that it is doing the opposite. The people of Hawaii are more of a target because of the military's presence. Hawaii has been desecrated by the bombs and countless rounds of ammunition that have polluted the land. There is a strain by the military's presence here because of the limited resources that are available.

There are clear examples how the military does NOT look out for the best interest for the people of Hawaii, including what happened at Red Hill. The water has been polluted by the military and they continued to cover that fact up once confronted. People's health and lives were compromised.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ye Nguyen

**From:** [Honu'aina Nichols](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:01:50 PM

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Aloha 'āina kākou,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to agenda item D.2 and urge you to vote against granting authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. Granting such authority would only serve to further erode accountability and transparency in the management of lands crucial to our communities and natural resources.

The proposal to determine the "market value" of militarized lands in Pohakuloa, Makua, Kahuku, and Kawaiiloa-Poamoho raises serious concerns, particularly given the track record of negligence and mismanagement by the US Army and Navy in our communities. Time and time again, we have witnessed the detrimental impacts of military activities on our health, lands, water, and cultural sites, with little to no accountability or redress.

It is the obligation of the state to uphold the principle of "mālama 'āina" and ensure the protection and stewardship of the lands entrusted to its care, including those leased to the military. Instead of further relinquishing control and oversight, the state should be actively working to hold the US Army accountable for its actions and ensure the well-being of our communities and environment.

Granting authority to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of these lands would only serve to further remove accountability from both the state and the US Army, leaving our communities vulnerable to continued exploitation and harm.

I urge you to stand with our communities and oppose agenda item D.2. Let us work together to uphold the sacred duty of stewardship and ensure a sustainable future for our lands and people.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono.

Honu'aina Nichols

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*Honu 'āina Nichols*

(they/them/'oia)

Mālama Loko Ea Foundation

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**From:** [BRAAAP HAWAII](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:53:01 PM

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I, Keiko Nitta, oppose D2. Please stop selling Hawaiian land to the military, especially given their past history of trauma to the land.

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**From:** [Blake Thompson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda Item D-2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:52:44 PM

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I urge the board to reject the proposal to appraise and exchange ceded land of equal value.

The army promised the valley would be cleaned and returned six months after the end of World War II. The army still occupies Mākua. When the Hawaiian territorial government asked for the return of Mākua for agricultural purposes, the U.S. Defense Department forced Hawai'i into a 65-year lease in 1964 for only \$1 at the threat of the U.S. government simply condemning the valley and using it anyway.

My stance is to have Makua Valley restored to its original state as per the initial agreement reached over 80 years ago.

Mahalo,  
Blake Nowack

**From:** [Luke O'Connor](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:58:21 PM

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I, Luke O'Connor, oppose D2.



**From:** [Russell Odegaard](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Kahuku motor cycle/OHV park  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:29:39 PM

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I strongly oppose any land sale to the military or anybody else that has to do with the motorcycle OHV park known as Kahuku motocross track on the island of Oahu. I have been going up there with my family for over 40 years. There are so many families in generations from the island of Oahu that spend their weekends up there good quality fund for the whole family. The Motorsports community on the island of Oahu cannot afford to lose the only legal riding area. I ask that you go up there on a race weekend and see the hundreds of families that look so forward to being up there for the weekend please do not do. To the community an injustice and take away our only riding area I beg of you not to do this. Thank you so much for listening to my testimony. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I am going to try and be there tomorrow in person, signed Russell Odegaard  
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**From:** [S252-Ember-Lynn Ogata-Tambua](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:58:24 PM

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I, (ember), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Brooks](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:30:11 PM

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I, Brooks Onishi, oppose D2. I don't think the gravity of what taking away this public recreation area would do to the large community of multigenerational riders here on Oahu! Not to mention when the military does exercises there on weekends there's already so much opala left behind. I can't imagine if they controlled it full time.

Mahalo,  
Brooks Onishi  
808-372-7092

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**From:** [derryn.oshiro](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:49:43 PM

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I, (Derryn Oshiro), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Jonathan K Osorio](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:09:16 PM

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Welina mai

My name is Jonathan Kay Kamakawiwo‘ole Osorio. I am a Professor of Hawaiian Studies and dean of the Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge at UH Mānoa. I wish to add my name to the people who furiously oppose the proposal to appraise the value of lands currently controlled by the US military including Pōhakuloa, Makua, Kahuku and Kawaihoa, as a prelude to "swapping lands" under their control.

In 1994 I and four other plaintiffs joined in a lawsuit to enjoin the State of Hawai‘i from selling and exchanging Kingdom Crown and Government Lands (also known as Ceded Lands) under the State's control. The favorable verdict by the State Supreme Court in 2011 was appealed by the State’s attorney general to the US Supreme Court which did not overturn that verdict but did remand the case back to Hawai‘i. At the time the other plaintiffs including the Office of Hawaiian Affairs were willing to withdraw from the litigation in exchange for legislation that would prohibit the sale of these lands without a 2/3 majority vote in both legislative houses. I did not withdraw and despite the AGs attempts to have me dismissed from the lawsuit for standing, the HSC chose to dismiss the case, without prejudice, as the issue, in their estimation was not ripe.

The lawsuit we brought was aimed at the State of Hawai‘i's control of the Kingdom lands. But the simple truth is that there is no difference between the lands controlled by the US government including Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Shafter, Schofield, Wheeler and Kane‘ohe and the 1.4 million acres of land under DLNR's administration just because they were set aside for military use by US executive orders. All of those bases and parks and post offices were appropriated from Crown and Government lands to which neither the US nor the State of Hawai‘i has title. Please understand that for the military to be offering to swap any of these lands for the state controlled Kingdom lands is a sleight of hand and merely points out to the Hawaiian people that we must sue again and this time include the lands under federal control. In other words, this transaction you are contemplating would, I believe, ripen the issue.

I urge the Board to refuse this "offer" and consider further the importance of ending military operations on these sensitive and valuable ‘āina. I would be happy to provide documentation for this testimony and answer any questions about the lawsuit and the history of the illegal US occupation and appropriation of the Kingdom’s property.

Mahalo for hearing my testimony

Jonathan K Osorio  
Wahiawā, HI

**From:** [Paulina Oldmen Kam](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:59:38 PM

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to whomi it may concern:

I OPPOSE D2 on account that this is very bad for hawai'i's future.

paulina oldmen kam

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**From:** [Peter Wong](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:03:49 PM

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I, (Peter Wong), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Makana Pang](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:56:36 PM

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I, Taylan Pang, oppose D2.



**From:** [Alycia Pasco-Pahinag](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:00:06 PM

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I, Alycia, oppose D2.

**From:** [Kuuiipo Pau](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:30:43 PM

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I, (Kuuiipo), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Brittany Penaroza](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:52:00 PM

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I, (Brittany Penaroza), oppose D2.

Please do not do this! I'm losing faith in our government

**From:** [Jamie P](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony oppose agenda item d2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:34:36 PM

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Aloha,  
Please vote “no” on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.  
Mahalo,  
Kaleo Perry

**From:** [Llandrin](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:57:43 PM

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I, (Llandrin Persson), oppose D2.

Aloha, Llandrin Persson

**From:** [Shann Peterson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] THE U.S. ARMY IS ASKING THE STATE TO DETERMINE THE "MARKET VALUE" OF MILITARIZED LANDS IN POHAKULOA MAKUA KAHUKU KAWAILOA-POAMOHO  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:15:48 PM

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I am opposed if this means more Hawaii land will be now or eventually controlled and used by the federal government or its agencies.

Please explain any benefits a yes decision does to help Hawaii and its people?

**From:** [corwinpetry13@gmail.com](mailto:corwinpetry13@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:40:47 PM

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I, corwin petry oppose D2.

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**From:** [Peter Piho](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:06:14 PM

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I, Peter Piho, oppose D2. Think about what you guys are taking away the children. Unbelievable, yet you guys grumble about people riding dirt bikes on the road. Only making things worse. Leave the land to the Hawaiians, you guys took enough already.

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**From:** [Dylan Pilger](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Vote "NO" on Item D.2.  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:23:59 PM

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Aloha kākou,

I am writing to strongly urge you to vote "no" on agenda item D.2. and express my opposition to giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. Granting such authority would only serve to further erode accountability and transparency in the management of lands crucial to our communities and natural resources.

The proposal to determine the "market value" of militarized lands in Pohakuloa, Makua, Kahuku, and Kawaihoa-Poamoho raises serious concerns, particularly given the track record of the US Army in our communities. History has demonstrated that the US military is not a reliable steward of our lands and given the opportunity will destroy the health of our environment and in turn threaten the health of our communities.

It is the obligation of the state to uphold the principle of "mālama ʻāina" and ensure the protection and stewardship of the lands entrusted to its care, including those leased to the military. Instead of further relinquishing control and oversight, the state should be actively working to hold the US Army accountable for its actions and ensure the well-being of our communities and environment.

Granting authority to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of these lands would only serve to further remove accountability from both the state and the US Army, leaving our communities vulnerable to continued exploitation and harm.

I urge you to stand with our communities and oppose agenda item D.2. Let us work together to uphold the sacred duty of stewardship and ensure a sustainable future for our lands and people.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Dylan Pilger

**From:** [Ethan Porter](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:30:36 PM

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Aloha,

Please vote "No" on agenda item 2. I oppose giving the authority to the chair to negotiate a contract to appraise military land unless there is a clearly written mandate that the appraisal shall only be used in negotiation to return military land bank to the State.

I am opposed to the continued overuse of our State land by the military. From Kahoolawe to Makua to Pohakuloa to Kapukaki, they have proven to be bad tenets unworthy of their underpriced leases.

Me ke aloha no,

Ethan Porter

Heeia

**From:** [Kyrie Puaoi](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:33:35 PM

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Aloha,

I strongly ask that you please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate contract for the appraisal of military lands.

I appreciate your taking into this into consideration.

Mahalo,  
Kyrie Puaoi

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**From:** [JarraeTehani Puni](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:20:27 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare.

A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands potentially endangering civilians passing along the major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all cost.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama 'āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with ALL lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

JarraeTehani Manasas  
Kailua-Kona Hawai'i

**From:** [India Pyzel](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:01:36 PM

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I, India Pyzel, oppose D2.

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**From:** [justin.quitevis@gmail.com](mailto:justin.quitevis@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:36:04 PM

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I, (Justin Quitevis), oppose D2. It's not right to sell off this land. Locals have been there for generations , it's part of our culture. Military has abused our island enough. Enough is enough.... Aloha

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**From:** [Ramsey Calimlim](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:33:54 PM

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I, Ramsey Calimlim, oppose D2.

Any closure of Kahuku Motox track due to this closure will result in closure of a safe place for moto'X riders. My keiki will not have a place to learn or enjoy a safe place to ride their motorcycles. There is no other place that legally allows motox to ride their bikes.

I, am also a Kahuku community member who attends our community meetings, either in person or via Zoom, there was NO mentioning of this upcoming appraisal. Which is very frustrating....they should plan to include the community in this type of issues.

Again, I reject item D2, and urge BLNR to do the same.

Thank you,

Ramsey Calimlim

**From:** [Ronald Cordero](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:35:29 PM

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I, Ronald Cordero, oppose D2.

Mahalo and Aloha!



**From:** [Ruby Grace](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2: Authorization to Contract Appraisal Services to Determine Fair Market Value  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:20:16 PM

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I am writing a this testimony in OPPOSITION of item D2 granting authority for DLNR to contract appraisal services to determine fair market value of state lands for a proposed land exchange with the US military.

As a Big Island resident, native Hawaiian, educator, and family member of law enforcement I experienced the fall out of the TMT and the significant impact it had on our community and our families. The lack of transparency and communication in this proposed “land exchange” would likely lead to similar opposition and community disruption.

**From:** [Rebecca Helm](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:06:18 PM

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I, Rebecca Helm, oppose D2.

**From:** [Ross Montgomery](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:41:27 PM

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I oppose D2

Aloha DLNR Land Board,

My name is Ross Montgomery, Vice President of Montgomery Motors, Ltd a 78 year old locally owned family motorcycle dealership. We have supported Motorsports in Hawaii since the dirt track races at Honolulu stadium back in the early 50's. We have seen generations of riders street and dirt come through our doors to experience the thrill and exhilaration of riding on two, three or four wheels. I am here today to OPPOSE D2 on today's agenda, specifically the sale of Kahuku Training Area because of these reasons:

1. There are no other legal dirtbike riding area on the island. By allowing the sale and I presume the closure of Kahuku motocross track there will be no place for people who currently own dirtbikes to ride possibly forcing some people to ride in places that motorcycles are not allowed and causing damage , endangering native plant and wildlife and making more problems for your DLNR enforcement officers to deal with. Even worse the Honolulu Police department will face more unregistered, uninsured, unlicensed dirtbikes riding on the roads wreaking havoc because people will have no where to ride their \$8,000 - \$13,000 dirtbikes.
2. A way of life. Just like people who live, breath, and sleep football, soccer, fishing, free diving, and street racing the Motocross community is a way of life for some people and their families. By selling this land and closing down the Kahuku Motocross park there will be a loss of community for all those who go there to ride, have fun, socialize and race. I do not see any other place that would support the activities that are available at Kahuku. The motocross park is not just a place to ride and have fun for over 50 years, but it is also a venue to International motocross events, local MX races and trail bike competitions. Hundred of people flock there religiously every weekend to participate in this sport and enjoy the great outdoors.
3. Economic impact: There are a number of businesses who cater to the dirtbike community and by selling the land and closing the park businesses will suffer and some may close down costing jobs and losing tax revenue for the state. For my business this segment represents at least \$1 - \$1.5 million dollars in sales a year and loss like that will make it harder to do business in Hawaii, which is tough enough already.

This decision will kill an entire sport on this island, it would be like telling all the soccer kids that they can't play in public parks anymore or telling boaters they can't use the boat ramps anymore. The impacts of this possible land sale would be large and wide spread who's scope will negatively impact the community, business, and law enforcement officers. For all these reasons I am opposed to D2 on today's agenda.

Respectfully,

**Ross Montgomery**  
**Vice President**

**Montgomery Motors, Ltd.**  
**550 N. Nimitz Hwy., Unit 2 Honolulu, HI 96817**  
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**From:** [Robert Soares](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Item D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:34:49 PM

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No to selling any Hawaii lands to the military. If anything we should be taking bases back, like Kaneohe MCBH. I can't even step foot on the beaches there! As a state a large percent of our lands are in military control. Do other states have the same burden?

Mahalo,  
Robert Soares

**From:** [Rocky Torres](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:48:04 PM

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I, (Name), oppose D2.Davelyn Zane Torres

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**From:** [Justin Raymond](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:12:43 PM

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I, Justin Raymond , oppose D2.

Amazing camping spots that only Locals know about. You cannot strip them of their privileges. Once US has the land, it will be unreachable to the local people. That's not right. Aina belong to Hawaii. Not US military.

**From:** [Red Dirt Riding](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:56:32 PM

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I OPPOSE D2



**From:** [Kylie Redican](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:56:39 PM

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I, Kylie R., oppose D2.

**From:** [Dre Reed](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:02:17 PM

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I, Andre Reed, oppose D2. My family and I oppose this D2 plan and taking away our kahuku dirt bike park. There has been generations of families and riders that bond and connect to the aina (land) which bridges that gap with the past and the present . My family and I , as well as thousands of other families developed a culture around this park and being able to journey, explore and have a place to ride is just priceless..It's a culture that teaches perseverance, honor, courage and loyalty. I pray and I hope that the appropriate parties reconsider taking away our little piece of heaven and allow us to continue to look forward to the weekend and journeys ahead along with generations to come.. mahalo

**From:** [Nicholas Reeves](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:06:33 PM

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I, (NicholasReeves ), oppose to having the MX park taken away. There is no reason why the military needs to take it. The park is only on weekends so they have all week to use it for training. The military has enough land to use why do they need to take the public's freedom away by taking the only place in Hawaii for the public to ride Dirt Bikes and Quads legally. By taking the park away will lead to more Dirt Bikes and Quads in our communities and on our roads.

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**From:** [Jamie Reis](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:25:23 PM

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I, Jamie Reis, oppose D2.

**From:** [Nadia Richards](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition for army purchasing land  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:04:55 PM

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To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing in strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawaii Island and O'ahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely. It is well known throughout our community that the landscape of Pohakuloa has been egregiously mismanaged.

Nadia Richards  
Kailua, HI

**From:** [Jennifer Riordan](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:31:18 PM

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Jennifer Riordan

**From:** [Ashley Robley](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:30:44 PM

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**From:** [pumas-kiwi.0m@icloud.com](mailto:pumas-kiwi.0m@icloud.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:47:06 PM

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I, Robert Rogers, oppose D2.

**From:** [Ryan Rothwell](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:21:21 PM

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I, Ryan Rothwell , oppose D2.

Please do not take away the only legal and safe place to ride!

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**From:** [Aaron Russo](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:09:50 PM

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I, (aaron russo), oppose D2.

**From:** [Stephen Cadiz](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:53:59 PM

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I, Stephen Cadiz oppose D2. Kahuku is the last legal place for dirtbike riding on the island. Taking that away by selling this land to the army will affect a large percent of the community. Where will we ride?

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**From:** [Staysha Kwon](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:33:43 PM

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I, Storm Mack, oppose D2.

-Staysha

**From:** [Cherry Kaauamo](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:58:40 PM

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I, Cherisse Salmo, oppose D2.

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**From:** Sean Samson <jabb\_her\_uki@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:04 PM  
**To:** DLNR.BLNR.Testimony  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2

I, Sean Samson, oppose D2.

Samson

**From:** [Josh Schaecher](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:52:50 PM

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I, Josh Schaecher oppose D2. I have have learned so much riding at Kahuku! Not only on the bike but also off. I learned about the plant and trees, what's invasive and what's not. I learned about all the awesome fruit that grows there. I learned about Hawaiian culture! I made new friends to talk story with! The community around that place is top notch!

Josh Schaecher  
831-207-0072  
[joshschaecher@gmail.com](mailto:joshschaecher@gmail.com)



**From:** [Joel Schwartz](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:23:21 PM

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Please vote no on agenda item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. The military should never outright “own” these lands. Mālama ‘āina. Keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands!

Sincerely,  
Joel Schwartz

**From:** [Selena Vanapruks](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony for April 12 meeting opposing item D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:26:34 PM

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Aloha BLNR,

I am writing in opposition to agenda item D2 for the meeting on April 12, "Authorize the Chairperson to Negotiate, Approve and Execute a Contract for Appraisal Services to Determine the Fair Market Value Currently Leased by the United States Army, Tax Map Keys (1) 5-8-002:002, 5-9-006:026; 7-2-001:006; 8-1001:007 (por.), 008 and 012 (por.), 8-2-001:001, 022, 024, & 025; and (3) 4-4015:008, 4-4-016:005. 7-1-004:007."

The US Army has turned the sacred, precious Makua Valley into dangerous, impassable terrain. They vowed to return the land in its original state within 6 months of the end of World War II. The US military has continued leasing this land, along with its many other acres, for just \$1 a year since then--80 years for \$80. Now, the Army is searching for an opportunity to trade this land for new land, but the 'āina was never theirs to trade. We must hold the US Army to their word, as is only fair & righteous. Please do not allow the US Army to ascertain the "value" of Makua Valley and the other lands they hold. The Army has enough land, and it is time to return Makua Valley and the rest of the 'āina to Kānaka Maoli. I strongly oppose this measure and I hope that BLNR will do right by the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa,  
selena

**From:** [Jennifer Shiiba](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony item D-2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:38:51 PM

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Aloha mai ka kou,

Please vote "no" on agenda item D-2. I oppose giving authority to the BLNR Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

Mahalo nui,  
Jennifer

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**Jennifer Shiiba**, LICSW ([she/her/hers](#))

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"When I dare to be powerful,  
to use my strength in the service of my vision,  
then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."  
-- Maya Angelou

"If Black women were free, it would mean that everyone else would have to be free since our freedom would necessitate the destruction of all systems of oppression."  
-- Combahee River Collective Statement

**From:** [Jun Shin](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Item D-2 (Strong Opposition)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:18:51 PM

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Aloha,

My name is Jun Shin. I was born and raised on O‘ahu. I am a union food service worker, testifying as an individual in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to **Item D-2** on the Board of Land & Natural Resources agenda. No to any further leases, land swaps, or renewal of existing leases, of public land to the United States military. The State of Hawai‘i has an obligation under the Public Trust Doctrine as well as *Ching vs Case* (2019) to hold the United States military accountable for the damage they've done to our public lands, including Pōhakuloa, which remains littered with unexploded ordinances. The United States military must be pressured to actually and fully clean up after themselves for once. Do not bend to the pressures to expand the military's footprint and to weaken public input in the upcoming negotiations around the leases.

Mahalo for your consideration,

**Jun Shin,**  
**Ala Moana/Keeamoku**  
**Cell: (808)-255-6663**

**From:** [Shawn Shteinbah](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item F2 and F3  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:06:21 PM

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I oppose banning the aquarium fishery,  
and I support managing resources by science as provided by DAR.

Signed: Shawn Shtein

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**From:** [Jaysha Silva](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:58:25 PM

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I, Jayshalyn Silva, oppose D2.

**From:** [Jennifer Simonson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:18:28 PM

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Aloha,

I oppose D2. Stop land grabs, now.

Mahalo,  
Jen

**From:** [Joseph Simpliciano](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Oppose agenda item D-2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:22:34 PM

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Aloha BLNR members,

My name is Joseph K. Simpliciano Jr and I strongly oppose agenda item D-2 for many reasons. I strongly oppose this idea because it does not provide any closure to many, Generationally and for far too long the environmental damage, destruction of native habitat, the killing of native species, displacement of indigenous kanakas from Mākua valley and litter left behind in the form of unexploded ordinances (UXO) is a toxic trait. To leave it and then move onto another parcel of ceded land is almost unheard of, the Military should clean and restore Makua valley, the beach front and ocean back to its original state prior to any military contact, this includes the restoration of stream water that is diverted away from the Waianae coast. If we are to say that we are apart of the United States how can the United States do this to their own environment? Their own people? All lands belong to Kamehameha and was leased out to Kanakas and until this day the land ultimately still belongs to Kamehameha and given we are all stewards of his greatest gift, the Kupunas who have fought their whole life, our ancestors who have stood for justice of their ancestral ways of life and land and from the forward moving we are asking for your help in opposing this item as well! Thank you for your time,

Very Respectfully,  
Joseph K. Simpliciano Jr

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**From:** [Alec Singer](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:56:40 PM  
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with aloha,

Alec



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**From:** [Phil Smage](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:08:33 PM

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I oppose D2

**From:** [808King Ayden](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:59:22 PM

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I, Ayden Paras Smith, oppose D2.

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**From:** [nevaeh soares](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, Nevaeh Soares, oppose D2.

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**From:** [noelani soberano](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I, (Noelani Soberano), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Tyler Souza](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
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I oppose D2  
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**From:** [Coleton Spalding](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:57:37 PM

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I, coleton spalding, oppose D2.



**From:** [Steph Spear](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:15:20 PM

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Aloha mai kākou,

I am writing to add my voice to the chorus of community members **humbly requesting that you vote 'NO' on Agenda Item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.**

As articulated by the Hawai'i Supreme Court in *Ching v. Case*, 449 P.3d 1146 (Haw. 2019), the State has a constitutional trust responsibility to aloha 'āina. Allowing for further military acquisition of lands is counter to this responsibility. It is high time that we begin to heal Hawai'i by deoccupying and demilitarizing the pae 'āina.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of the testimony before you. Once again, I urge you to vote 'NO' on Agenda Item D.2.

Me ka ha'aha'a,  
Stephanie Spear

Stephanie Spear  
(she/her/hers)  
Berkeley Law '24  
Yale University '19  
[LinkedIn](#)

**From:** [Sheridan Spelbring](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:02:23 PM

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I, Sheridan, oppose D2.

**From:** [Jared S](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:52:41 PM

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I, Jared Spencer, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Makalani Stone](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pohakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:53:32 PM

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In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease

A.M. Stone 4/11/2024

**From:** [Michael Sy](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:52:20 PM

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I, Michael Sy, oppose D2. Hawaiian lands should stay in Hawaiian hands.

Respectfully,  
Michael Sy

**From:** [Therace Walker](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:16:16 PM

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I, Tracy Walker, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Lauren Taijeron](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:25:37 PM

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Aloha ‘āina kākou,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to agenda item D.2 and urge you to vote against granting authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. Granting such authority would only serve to further erode accountability and transparency in the management of lands crucial to our communities and natural resources.

The proposal to determine the "market value" of militarized lands in Pohakuloa, Makua, Kahuku, and Kawaiiloa-Poamoho raises serious concerns, particularly given the track record of the US Army in our communities. Time and time again, we have witnessed the detrimental impacts of military activities on our health, lands, water, and cultural sites, with little to no accountability or redress.

It is the obligation of the state to uphold the principle of "mālama ‘āina" and ensure the protection and stewardship of the lands entrusted to its care, including those leased to the military. Instead of further relinquishing control and oversight, the state should be actively working to hold the US Army accountable for its actions and ensure the well-being of our communities and environment.

Granting authority to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of these lands would only serve to further remove accountability from both the state and the US Army, leaving our communities vulnerable to continued exploitation and harm.

I urge you to stand with our communities and oppose agenda item D.2. Let us work together to uphold the sacred duty of stewardship and ensure a sustainable future for our lands and people.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Lauren Taijeron

**From:** [troy.takamoto@yahoo.com](mailto:troy.takamoto@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:29:03 PM

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I, Troy Takamoto, oppose D2.



**From:** [Chason Taniguchi](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:55:31 PM

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I, Chason Taniguchi, oppose D2. The future of this land and properties not only matters for us adults and keiki but all the future generations ahead of us as well! It gives us a place to live and enjoy what we worked so hard to keep! Please don't let our hard work and effort go in vain. Think about the future of the land and the happiness it'll bring us people, and not just for yourselves but for all in Hawaii nei! We must malama our community and help each other, for if there's no aloha there is no Hawaii!

**From:** [Brandon Tauvao-Ilalio](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:15:22 PM

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I, Brandon Tauvao-Ilalio, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Deja Tavale](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:10:35 PM

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I, Deja Tavale, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Dane Teves](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:57:05 PM

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I, Dane Teves, oppose bill D2!

Mahalo,  
Dane Teves  
AIA

**From:** [Quinn Thierbach](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:04:10 PM

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I, Quinn Thierbach, oppose D2. We are on a small island and continuously wondering what is going on with our youth these days and how they end up in the “wrong” places, but we continue to take things like sports away or places to practice their sport, which keeps their minds active and physically active. On top of that this place brings families and friends together, but if the state sells the land to military all this goes away and the people who support this are to blame for the future of those Keikis because you are removing the only designated motocross grounds on the island.

**From:** [Antonio Thompson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:20:52 PM

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I, (Antonio Thompson), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Steve Tiet](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:00:29 PM

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I, Steve Tiet, oppose D2.

**From:** [Firly Tinungki](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:51:18 PM

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I, Firly Tinungki, oppose D2.



**From:** [Rocky Torres](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:11:12 PM

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I, (NameRocky Torres ), The kahuku park has been a very popular place for families and friends to enjoy for so many years, good people contribute their time and energy to care for the park and make it a safe place for everyone to enjoy, I oppose D2.

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**From:** [Jon Tubal](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:29:15 PM

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I, Jon Tubal, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Addison Tyler](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:33:50 PM

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To the members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing in strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted to purchase current state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. I am furthermore opposed to the purchase of these lands by the US Army entirely. It is well known throughout our community that the landscape of Pōhakuloa has been egregiously mismanaged.

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The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands has negative impacts on our human communities, as well. Fires threaten the safety of nearby communities in Waiki'i and Waikōloa Village. Loud noise caused by firing activity is disturbing for many. The degradation of vegetation has resulted in a dustbowl situation, wherein even moderate winds carry dust downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns over soil and water contamination due to metals and chemicals involved in military activity have never been fully addressed. Importantly, these lands are culturally significant. Ongoing desecration to this 'āina is painful to Kānaka 'Ōiwi and local people who wish to see these environments treated with respect.

In *Ching v. Case* (2019), it was determined that the State breached its trust duties by failing to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure that the Army is complying with lease requirements to clean up debris. Pollution is an ongoing problem in this landscape, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to properly execute their duty to verify that the Army is caring for these lands as promised. That the DLNR is considering selling these lands to the Army outright suggests that the State does not care about our environment, nor about concerns continuously voiced by our community. Choosing to sidestep the ruling determined in *Ching v. Case* in favor of selling leased lands sets a dangerous precedent and effectively sanctions land mismanagement.

In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

Resident of Big Island.

Aloha,  
Addison Tyler

**From:** [Takayuki Ueno](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2 Kahuku Motocross  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:28:34 PM

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Aloha Kakou

This letter is in concerns to the land sale in where Kahuku motocross sits on (Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawailoa, and Makua).

My family and I want express the opposition for the State to sale or exchange the land mentioned to the US Army. I have been taking my two boys to this special place since the age of four and five respectively. We have created the fondest memories and to me the best days of my life. It would be so devastating to see this place disappear.

My kids instilled the love of the outdoors, the nature, tranquility and beauty the place holds. It has made my children appreciate the simple things in life, the country living, the North Shore lifestyle and not being caught up with social media, gaming and keeping away from trouble.

Through this sport I have met the most incredible people here on the island and become extremely close as a family. I myself never grew up riding dirt bikes, but we all have the same thing in common. That is, we all treat each other as family and look out for one another. I never thought this sport to have such courtesy to take care of each other and respect everyone. This is how I was gravitated to have my children become enthusiasts to this sport.

We always welcome new riders and families so we can share the experiences and create new memories for them, as how we have had here.

It is our tradition to come here every weekend and be here all day. My kids get to see the familiar faces and be along side their best friends, the older kids that have been over the top role models that they look up to and just having the best days here. We really appreciate having this opportunity to come here and have a motocross track here on the islands.

Please deeply consider our voices and many more friends and families that oppose to the sale. Dirt biking is a culture here in Hawaii, it may not be as popular than surfing, but it exists. Taking away Kahuku motocross, is taking away part of our culture in which what we are defined by. If there are no places for us to ride, then where? Where can we go, imagine the repercussions of having people riding elsewhere.

Aloha and thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns. We pray the board will make the right decisions so we can continue and pass on the generation of what this land provided for us.

Mahalo  
Ueno Ohana  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michael Utleg](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:10:52 PM

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I, (Michael Utleg), oppose D2. I've seen generations of riders enjoying this park and I plan on bringing my kids when they are ready to. It's better to have a place for people to ride with confidence of knowing it's safe then going to places where no one will know if something happens to them.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Uyehara](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:21:09 PM

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I, (John Uyehara ), oppose D2.

**From:** [Malia](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:08:47 PM

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Hello,

Please **vote no** on agenda item D.2.

I wholeheartedly oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

This is an action that is not needed and provides no advantage or benefit to the people of Hawaii. By no means should the State of Hawaii and the U.S. Army be released from their obligations and accountability of protecting and preserving the land. The U.S. Army should not be given the avenue to either negotiate a land swap or condemn the lands by asking for an appraisal of the militarized lands. Do not bypass the lease renewal process in the efforts to gain profit. The State of Hawaii should place the needs of the people and the land above monetary value and goading from the U.S. Army.

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**From:** [Evan V](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:42:39 PM

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I, Evan Lokahi Vaughs, oppose D2.

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**From:** [paige villanueva](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:06:24 PM

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I, Paige Villanueva , oppose D2.

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**From:** [kuhina@gmail.com](mailto:kuhina@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:05:02 PM

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I, Michael Walker, oppose D2. The military has not been the steward of the land that should be, and have left Hawaii's aina littered with bombs and its waters poisoned with chemicals. They have a proven track record of mismanagement and should not be able to buy the land that belongs to the people of Hawaii.

**From:** [Jedidiah Wataru](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:57:58 PM

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I, Jedidiah Wataru, oppose D2.

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**From:** [Harold Watson](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:54:00 PM

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety.

The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare.

A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs.

Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama ‘āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Your Name, Town

**From:** [Cody Webb](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I Oppose D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:19:22 PM

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I, Cody Webb, am writing to express my strong opposition of D2. As a professional racer deeply invested in the motocross and enduro community, I believe it is important to preserve Kahuku for the benefit of both the local community and the future of motocross racing. Having spent considerable time riding and racing at Kahuku Motocross Park, it would be incredibly detrimental to take this away. Kahuku not only offers a venue for racing but also a sense of community and camaraderie that is unparalleled. The track's challenging terrain and scenic surroundings make it a one-of-a-kind destination for riders of all skill levels. This year's race in March brought riders from all over the mainland to race bringing tourism dollars to Oahu.

Furthermore, Kahuku Motocross Park plays a vital role in supporting the growth and development of dirt bike racing, providing aspiring riders with a safe and accessible environment to ride. By allowing Kahuku to remain as is, we are not only preserving a cherished recreational space but also safeguarding the future of our sport. If you were to take this away, where will people ride? You are taking away those opportunities for our next generation.

Please reconsider this proposal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cody Webb

**From:** [Jonny](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:30:15 PM

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I, Jonny Weir, oppose D2.

**From:** [Micah White](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:40:31 PM

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I, (Micah White), oppose D2.

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**From:** [Mariko Whitenack](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:50:48 PM

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Mariko Whitenack, Kaimukī

**From:** [Natalie Wilbur](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MĀKUA IS NOT FOR SALE !  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:51:44 PM

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In regards to this proposition (agenda item D.2) I oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract appraisal of military lands.

Mākua has been beaten and tarnished by the military and their occupation throughout the valley in the 1900's . Recently I've come across a resurfaced video of military submarines firing missiles towards Mākua bay in the early 1900's . There is no regard for the land , how will our ecosystems & natural flora and fauna ever recover?

Schofield training already echoes and reverberates ,their reek of terror over the land, throughout our Lualualei and Waianae valleys . Who knows what irreversible damage has been ensued on the Waianae mountain range.

To the BLNR, to even consider this proposition is disrespectful and inconsiderate of the Hawaiian and local community .

Say NO!

Mahalo , Nakoa Wilbur . A 23 year old cultural practitioner and kanaka maoli based in Waianae

**From:** [Dave W](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony in opposition of Army's request to appraise and purchase state leased lands (April 12 Agenda Item D-2)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:03:31 PM

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In closing, I implore the DLNR and other members to oppose the Army's desire to appraise these lands for the purpose of purchasing them from the State. The state leased lands must return to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

P. David Wilton  
P.O. Box 542  
Volcano, Hawai'i 96785

**From:** [Rob Winn](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:33:41 PM

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I, Rob Winn, oppose D2.

**From:** [Ashley Wong](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:16:24 PM

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I, Ashley Wong, oppose D2. My children learned how to ride their dirt bikes at Kahuku Motocross. It is the safest place for our keiki to ride and would be devastating if they could no longer ride there. Kahuku Motocross Track is the only legal place for any motorbike enthusiasts to ride. Not only is it a place for us to ride, it's a place we spend time together as a family. Please don't take this family hobby away.

Mahalo,  
Ashley Wong

**From:** [Gregory M. Wood](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:45:47 PM

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I oppose D2!

There is no place like Kahuku Motocross Park. Friends are like family and strangers like friends. It has meant so much to my family myself raising two kids in the dirt, and trying my level best to keep them off "screens" outside enjoying sunshine and motorbikes. You learn so much through the years; life skills, mechanical skills, team-work...so few places left that cater to all demographics, multiple generations, and true sense of comradery among the riders and guests.

It would be a huge mistake to have this come to an end. Please don't. Mahalo! Greg

**Gregory M. Wood (S)**

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**From:** [Kay Yogi](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] D2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:36:19 PM

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I, Keaolani, oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jenna-Lee Yoneshige](#)  
**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony Item D.2  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:18:24 PM

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Asking you to vote no on agenda item D.2. If the military acquires more Hawai'i land, there is nobody to hold them accountable for actions they may take on that land. We don't need more destruction and unaccountability to what is being done on that land, to the land. I live in Waialua and often hear training practices from early night to early in the morning, even being woken up as late as 1:30am in the past to what sounds like gun rounds going off. When trainings are happen I've been kept up late at night due to the noise, often frustrated as my sleep is disrupted anticipating work the next day. The trainings go on for weeks at a time, disrupting my daily sleep and sleep schedule. I can't even imagine how loud it is for residents living closer towards Wahiawa side. And who know's if they ever clean up after themselves. Are all the rounds just scattered all over the land with no repercussion of littering? More military ownership of Hawai'i land will lead to more disruption, whether it be noise, physical liter, destruction of land and so much more. The amount of land planning to be negotiated is immense, please consider all the people you're are going to be affecting. These aren't small land plot only effecting one community but spread out throughout. I oppose to authorize the Chairperson to Negotiate, Approve and Execute a Contract for Appraisal Services to Determine the Fair Market Value Currently Leased by the United States Army, Tax Map Keys (1) 5-8-002:002, 5-9-006:026; 7-2-001 :006; 8-1-001 :007 (por.), 008 and 012 (por.), 8-2-001 :001, 022, 024, & 025; and (3) 4-4-015:008, 4-4-016:005. 7-1-004:007.

Jenna-Lee Yoneshige



**From:** [Zach Souza](#)  
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I, zach souza , oppose D2. They took enough away from us it's the last place for us to ride and share with our families. This can not keep going on!

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Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. This proposal, which seeks to exchange state lands crucial for training purposes, poses significant risks to both the environment and public safety. The state lands in question are vital for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. However, it is important to note that much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, presenting a serious hazard to both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, the proximity of these lands to the saddle road raises concerns about the safety of civilians accessing this major thoroughfare. A closer examination reveals that the majority of firing points utilized by the military are situated on state leased lands. Should these lands be lost due to the proposed swap, the military would be forced to reposition firing points onto US lands, potentially endangering civilians passing along a major highway. This poses an unacceptable risk to public safety and must be avoided at all costs. Furthermore, I am deeply troubled by the implications of the mālama ‘āina findings legal case involving Aunty Max and Uncle Kū. It is evident that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings of this case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable for their misconduct, effectively bypassing the law and undermining the principles of justice and accountability. In conclusion, I urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, I implore you to prioritize the safety of civilians and the protection of our natural environment by ensuring that the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

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