

From: [Alexander Gasperanes](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:38:20 AM

I, Alex Gasparenas, oppose D2.

From: [Brenden Barker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:40:30 AM

I, (Ana barker), oppose D2.

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From: [Brenden Barker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:40:47 AM

I, (Alan barker), oppose D2.

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From: [Aukai Townsend](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:48:16 AM

I, (aukai Townsend), oppose D2. This is our get away do it for the kid's future

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From: [Nathan Abril](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:31:28 AM

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Nathan Abril, Hawaii Kai

From: [Jamie Tom](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:39:16 AM

I, Jamie Alana, oppose D2.

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From: [Kamakani Albano](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D.2.
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:31:35 AM

Aloha ‘āina kākou,

My name is Donovan Kamakanimaikalani Albano. I am a Kanaka ‘Ōiwi from Kalihilihiolaumiha, O‘ahu. I am writing to submit testimony in strong opposition to and urge you to vote NO on agenda item D.2. and to oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands.

As Hawai‘i, I would like you to think deeply about what it means to view and treat our island earth mother as something that you can assign "market value" to. The impacts on the militarized lands including Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku, and Kawaihoa-Poamoho is—as been shown—detrimental to the treatment of our lands, waters, and skies. This raises serious concerns considering the record of the U.S. army in Hawai‘i's communities, and the lack of accountability and transparency for many years. It is, thus, a clear responsibility of the state to hold the U.S. army accountable for its actions.

In 2019, the Hawai‘i State Supreme Court ruled that the state of Hawai‘i has an obligation to monitor, inspect, and in their own words, to "mālama ‘āina" lands that they lease to the military. This articulates a stronger responsibility to uphold this principle that is in the Hawaiian language, mālama ‘āina, and to protect and properly engage in stewardship of militarized lands, urging that the state hold the U.S. army accountable for its actions. To give authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands would decentralize that level of accountability and responsibility that both the state and the U.S. military have. And that would also decentralize the voices of Hawai‘i's people, who have experienced and witnessed first-hand the level of damage done when the U.S. military is not held accountable—we see this clearly in the case of Red Hill and Kaho‘olawe. Our lands and waters should not be subjected to any further exploitation or violence, and we as the people of Hawai‘i are intimately connected to this.

I strongly urge you to oppose agenda item D.2. today as an act of working towards creating futures of stewardship and care for Hawai‘i's people, including our future keiki who have not yet been born. Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony and for your attention to this.

Me ke aloha,
Kamakanimaikalani Albano

From: [Aloha Sweet Hawaii](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:53:59 AM

I, Lani, oppose D2. Please don't take his way from locals. This park brings us joy! Keep family together and celebrate on the weekends with each other. Thank you!

From: [David Auman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:56:33 AM

I, David J. Auman, oppose D2.

(please pardon the brevity)
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From: [Ho, Brandon](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:01:18 AM

I, (BRANDON Ho), oppose D2.

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From: [Lauren Ballesteros](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:10:12 AM

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Sincerely,
Lauren Ballesteros-Watanabe,
Honolulu and on behalf of family in Ahualoa, Hawai‘i Island.

From: [Bethan Pualani Baptista](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:19:57 AM

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Bethan Pualani Baptista

From: [Travis Barden](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:33:46 AM

I, Travis Barden, oppose D2. The locals need a place to ride, and the military has already acquired enough land. I am NOT against the US military, but this would nearly be the death of dirtbikes on the island.

Travis Barden
Forester - IFG

From: [Brenden Barker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:40:07 AM

I, (Jake barker), oppose D2.

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From: [Kepa Barrett](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
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Kepa Barrett, Kaimukī

From: [Bobby B](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:31:14 AM

I, (Bobby Bartels), oppose D2.

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From: jeff.baucom
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:49:00 AM

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's actions at Red Hill put thousands at risk and jeopardized the future of water security in some of the most populated areas of Oahu. The military's conduct while holding other lands sacred to native Hawaiians, like Makua valley, Kaho'olawe, Pohakuloa, and Pu'uoloa has resulted in ecological destruction, habitat loss, and dangerous explosive ordinance being dispersed without a trustworthy plan for remediation. The military's actions throughout the islands has resulted in increased soil toxicity and water contamination.

A comprehensive plan to clean up any of these sites during or after military occupation, will require decades of coordinated effort, which the military has repeatedly demonstrated it is unprepared to carry out with any acceptable level of thoroughness. Why must the local people, including the indigenous people of Hawaii, be subjected to a toxic, increasingly degraded environment? The wars being fought with support from the United States Department of Defense are not for the sake of our safety in the islands, victory or defeat in any of these conflicts will not reverse the permanent environmental damage. Let the people of Hawaii decide how these lands should be used, they should not be given to a federal entity over which us local people have no control or voice.

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Best,
-Jeffrey Baucom

From: [Julia Beu](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding item D-2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:13:16 AM

To all concerned parties,

I am writing to you to confirm my opposition to item D-2. As a citizen of the United States I find it completely unnecessary to even entertain the possibility of selling Hawaiian lands to the US military. There is a large amount of evidence within our homeland and outside of it (see activity in Okinawa) that proves that the military does not put the best interests of the land first when building. We are all well aware by now of the fragile ecosystems which the Hawaiian Land and Hawaiian People have been keeping safe for centuries, and approving this item would directly put Hawaii's biodiversity in extreme danger. Not only that, but this is clearly a step in the opposite direction of righting a great wrong against the original people of this land. I implore you to not pass this item.

Thank you,
Julia

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Julia Beu
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From: [Ryan Boardman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:41:02 AM

I, Ryan Boardman, oppose D2.

There is a huge dirt bike community on Oahu and losing this place to ride would be devastating.

From: [Charles Browning II](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:32:04 AM

Aloha kākou,

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. Hawai'i's lands are not for sale and need to be returned to the people of Hawai'i. Given that the United States Congress issued a formal apology in 1993 (via a resolution that is now law—S.J.Res.19 of the 103rd Congress) that acknowledges the US' role in the "deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to self-determination" (see Section 1.3 of the resolution), it is the kūleana of any elected official (whether local or federal) to mitigate that deprivation. Apologies are only effective when there is an action to accompany them. I should now—as a priest, it is my work to make sure that we make amendment of life for our confessed sins. And so ensuring that the people of Hawai'i have a say in what happens to our lands is an essential action in the spirit of the work of reconciliation enshrined in that 1993 legislation.

I pray that you all will do the right thing for the 'aina, and for our 'ohana.

Mahalo,

—The Rev. Charles A. Browning II
Rector, Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, Mō'ili'ili
Honolulu, HI 96826

From: [Lela Buda](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:50:15 AM

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Thank you,
Lela Buda

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lelab@hawaii.edu

From: [bonniebrooke_lila](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D-2 In Opposition
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:50:07 AM

Aloha, I am writing in opposition to 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, poses an entirely unnecessary grave risk to Hawaiian lands, and all of the different lifeforms they sustain. I absolutely oppose giving authority to the chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of military lands. Please vote NO on agenda item D-2.

Bonniebrooke Bullock

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From: [Luke Butler](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:46:12 AM

I oppose D2

Thanks, Luke

From: [Caleb Caleb](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:01:17 AM

I, (Caleb Cantrell), oppose D2.

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From: [Mike Camp](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2 opposition
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:49:22 AM

I Michael Robert camp oppose D2. This land and park is a benchmark and service to the community.

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From: [Stacey Cannon](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Stacey Cannon, Salisbury, NC

From: [Nim Colyer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
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From: [christen conley](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:45:54 AM

I, (christen conley), oppose D2.

From: [Peter Cross](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do not Pass D-2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:45:28 AM

Aloha,

As a resident of Hawaii and growing up here I do not support any more militarization. There needs to be a return of lands instead of the military trying to take more that local residents are struggling to hold on to. I am in full opposition to D-2. I say return Makua valley, Barking sands, and all other military bases to the people. Mahalo

From: [Roslyn Cummings](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] April 12, 2024 Agenda: D-2 Land Division
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:05:08 AM

Notice and Warning to all agents and officers of any de facto government entity/agency

I oppose this agenda item

Affidavit/Declaration of Roslyn Cummings

(This is a verified plain statement of fact)

Truth is sovereign, and sovereign tells only the truth.

Without trust there is no honor, without honor there is no trust.

Land is common land; property, equity and rights. Air is trust law. Water is contract law.
LAW.

All men and women know that the foundation of law and commerce exists in the telling of the truth, whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Truth as a valid statement of reality is sovereign in commerce.

An un rebutted affidavit stands as truth in commerce.

An un rebutted affidavit is acted upon as the judgement in commerce.

Guaranteed— All men and women have a remedy by the due course of law. If a remedy does not exist, or if the existing remedy has been subverted, then one may create a remedy for themselves and endow it with credibility by expressing it in their affidavit. (Ignorance of the law might be an excuse, but it is not a valid reason for the commission of a crime when the law is easily and readily available to anyone making a reasonable effort to study the law).

All corporate government is based upon Commercial Affidavits, Commercial Contracts, Commercial Liens and Commercial Distresses, hence, governments cannot exercise the power to expunge commercial processes.

The Legitimate Political Power of a corporate entity is absolutely dependent upon its possession of Commercial Bonds against Public Hazard, because no Bond means no responsibility, means no power of Official signature, means no real corporate political power, means no privilege to operate statutes as the corporate vehicle.

The Corporate Legal Power is secondary to Commercial Guarantors. Case law is not a responsible substitute for a Bond.

Municipal corporations which include cities, counties, states and national governments have no commercial reality without bonding of the entity, its vehicle (statutes) and its effects (the execution of its rulings).

Except for a Jury, it is also a fatal offense for any person(s), even a Judge, to impair or to expunge, without a Counter-Affidavit, any Affidavit or any commercial process based upon an Affidavit.

Judicial non-jury commercial judgements and orders originate from a limited liability entity called a municipal corporation, hence must be reinforced by a Commercial Affidavit and a Commercial Liability Bond.

A foreclosure by a summary judgment (non-jury) without a commercial bond is a violation of commercial law.

Governments cannot make unbounded rulings or statutes which control commerce, free enterprise citizens, or sole proprietorships without suspending commerce by a general declaration of martial law.

It is tax fraud to use Courts to settle a dispute/controversy which could be settled peacefully outside of or without the Court.

An official (officer of the court, policemen, etc.) must demonstrate that he/she is individually bonded in order to use a summary process.

An official who impairs, debauches, voids or abridges an obligation of contract of the effect of a commercial lien without proper cause, becomes a lien debtor and his/her property becomes forfeited as the pledge to secure the lien. Pound breach (breach of impoundment) and rescue is a felony.

It is against the law for a Judge to summarily remove, dismiss, dissolve or diminish a Commercial Lien. Only the Lien Claimant or a Jury can dissolve a commercial lien.

[NOTICE TO AGENT IS NOTICE TO PRINCIPAL, NOTICE TO PRINCIPAL IS NOTICE TO AGENT]

PUBLIC HAZARD BONDING OF CORPORATE AGENTS All officials are required by federal, state, and municipal law to provide the name, address and telephone number of their public hazard and malpractice bonding company and the policy number of the bond and, if required, a copy of the policy describing the bonding coverage of their specific job performance. Failure to provide this information constitutes corporate and limited liability insurance fraud (15 USC) and is prim-a-facie evidence and grounds to impose a lien upon the official personally to secure their public oath and service of office.

Title 8 U.S. Code § 1481 Loss of nationality by native-born or naturalized citizen; voluntary action; burden of proof; presumptions. (a) A person who is a national of the United States whether by birth or naturalization, shall lose his nationality by voluntarily performing any of the following acts with the intention of relinquishing United States nationality— (2) taking an oath or making an affirmation or other formal declaration of allegiances to a foreign state or a political subdivision thereof, after having attained the age of eighteen years;

Title 28 U.S. Code § 91 Hawaii. Hawaii constitutes one judicial district which includes the Midway Islands, Wake Island, Johnston Island, Sand Island, Kingman Reef, Palmyra

Island, Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Canton Island, and Enderbury Island: Provided, That the inclusion of Canton and Enderbury Islands in such judicial district shall in no way be construed to be prejudicial to the claims of the United Kingdom to said Islands in accordance with the agreement of April 6, 1939, between the Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom to set up a regime for their use in common. Court shall be held at Honolulu.

Department, Session Laws of the Hawaiian Kingdom, enacted on November 25, 1892, effect on January 1. 1893.

Article 15. UN General Assembly, "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," 217 (III) A (Paris, 1948)

Civil Codes of the Hawaiian Islands (Kingdom) (1859)

Compiled Laws of the Hawaiian Islands (1884) 'AN ACT TO RELIEVE THE ROYAL DOMAIN FROM ENCUMBBANCES AND TO RENDER THE SAME INALIENABLE, Section 3. Pages 523-526

§601-1 Judiciary. HRS

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107 STAT. 1510 PUBLIC LAW 103-150—NOV. 23, 1993

HRS §1-1 Common law of the State; exceptions.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, BOTH OF THE PEOPLE AND CHIEFS.

Article 12. Hawaiian Kingdom Constitution (1852)

Section 430. ARTICLE VIII.-NATURALIZATION OF FOREIGNERS. Civil Codes of the Hawaiian Islands 1859.

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SECTION 1448. DESCENT OF PROPERTY. CHAPTER XXXII. OF THE DESCENT OF PROPERTY, BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL. Civil Codes of the Hawaiian Islands. 1859

Civil Codes of the Hawaiian Islands 1859

Section 221. He who violates his treaties, violates the of nations. CHAPTER XV: *Of the Faith of Treaties*. Laws of Nations. Book II. Of a Nation considered in its Relations to others

Article I, 'Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation',
executed between the Hawaiian Kingdom and United States',
signed at Washington December 20, 1849, Entered into force
August 24, 1850

Section 54. Right of the offending party against him
who has violated the treaty. CHAPTER IV: Of the
Observance and Breach of the Treaty of Peace.
Book III. Laws of Nations

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From: [Keoni DeFranco](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:40:38 AM

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From: [Monique DeSimone](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for item D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:27:46 AM

Aloha,

I'm writing testimony in opposition of item D2 and urge you to vote no on this agenda item. Granting the authority to the Chair to negotiate the appraisal of military lands is the first step towards selling such lands to an entity that has shown time and time again that they have no intention to malama the 'aina. In fact, they have historically abused and degraded this land, at the expense of the cultural sites of significance to Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo,
Monique

From: [pete doktor](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Military Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:08:32 AM

Aloha e Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

As an US Army veteran, I strongly oppose to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakula. The exchanging of state lands for training purposes poses significant risks to both the `āina, and public health safety. My personal experience of routine destruction of the environment that was only restrained by regulations informs my zero lack of confidence in any military management of land usage.

As a second-generation Okinawan, I am concerned much of the non-state land earmarked for the swap is filled with unexplored ordinances, hazardous to both military service members and civilians and its proximity to Saddle Road raises concerns about the safety of community. Active UXO are still being found in Okinawa almost 8 decades after a war that continues to haunt future generations.

As a co-plaintiff in the Wai Ola Alliance along with Aunty Max and Uncle Kū, I am upset that the military has failed to comply with the lease conditions and address the findings in the Mālama `Āina case. The proposed land swap would allow them to continue their actions without being held accountable and bypass standards of law, justice and accountability.

As a member of Veterans for Peace, I join with other military veterans that respectfully request that the Department of Land and Natural Resources reject the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa. Instead, The purpose of military service within a democratic republic is to serve and protect the public from military harm -- including our own. Moreover, the defense of borders includes protecting the integrity of our natural resources, as well as public health. It is imperative the military complies with all lease conditions and legal obligations.

Mahalo nui loa for your public service in representing our concerns, and the defense of our people and `āina, from which the welfare of the people depends.

Pete Doktor

Veterans for Peace, Hawai`i Ch. 113

Moanalua

From: [John Paul Duldulao](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:19:22 AM

I, John Paul Duldulao, oppose D2.

From: [alexandria nakao-eligado](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 11:03:10 AM

I, Alexandria Nakao Eligado, strongly oppose D2. These lands are not for sale and should not fall under military ownership who has continuously lacked accountability for their actions affecting our resources. They are unable to care for the lands they already occupy on these islands

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From: [EJ](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject Sale of Land
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:50:49 AM

Do not sell Pohakuloa, Makua, Kahuku, and Kawaihoa to the US military.
Allow the leases to expire and force the US military to clean up the
area. Pau.

Mahalo,

Elijah

From: [Justin Ermitanio](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:11:44 AM

I Justin Ermitanio oppose D2.

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From: [Alex Filardo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:02:05 AM

I, Alex Filardo, oppose D2. The US government owns enough of the Kingdom of Hawai'i. This over exploitation and over occupation must end. Military buy up all our land, drive up prices, and are not pono.

Please do not let the US military buy more land

Mahalo,
Alex Filardo

From: [Mary Miho Finley](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
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Mary Miho Finley
Volcano
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From: [lilly fisher](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Lilly Fisher, Honolulu

From: [Shannon Fritz](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
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Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Shannon Fritz, PhD, DABR

From: [Branson Funaz](#)
To: [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:38:22 AM

I, Branson Funakoshi, oppose D2.

From: [Cory gabriola](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:14:56 AM

I, Cory Gabriola, oppose D2.

From: [Tammy Ganancial](#)
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 9:47:53 AM

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.

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Mahalo,
Tammy Ganancial
Hawai'i Island Resident -Waikōloa Village

From: [Lando Garcia](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:27:15 AM

I OPPOSE D2

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From: [Janie Andrews](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:09:04 AM

I, Janie Gasparenas, oppose D2.

From: [Hannah Van Genderen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony-D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:56:20 AM

Good afternoon!

I am writing to let the revenant parties know that by allowing the U.S. military and the BLNR chair to initiate the appraisal process for land that is currently being illegally occupied by the military WITHOUT the consent and agreement of the native people of this land, they are participating in an unfair and unjust act of theft. I explore all parties to look at their actions as they will be remembered by their children and grandchildren.

Mālama ‘Āina

Hannah Van Genderen

From: [Kari Goodbar](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:53:53 AM

Aloha,

I am a resident of Mānoa Valley and a child of a military veteran. I have witnessed the destruction the military wreaks upon both the land it occupies and the people it supposedly cares for.

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. Please protect these sacred spaces and ecosystems from further harm.

Mahalo,
Kari Goodbar

From: [Halleh Hashtpari](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Halleh Hashtpari, Honolulu

From: [Micah Hicks](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strong opposition to D2 BLNR 12 Apr Meeting
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:51:49 AM

I wish to testify in strong opposition to the proposal to authorize assessment of fair market value of leased lands to US military with an eye to their sale or transfer.

Some things are not on the table, and while this may be framed as merely a proposal, only under consideration it should be no more considered than if the US military were to propose nuclear weapons testing in downtown Honolulu.

I will also testify in person tomorrow.

Mahalo,
Makana Hicks

From: [David Ho](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:31:38 AM

I, DAVID HO, oppose D2.

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From: [Steven Hobaica](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Steven Hobaica, Honolulu

From: [fred hofer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pohalulua and any other leases to the American military
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:31:51 AM

I oppose

These are conservation lands -
US military bases are worldwide the biggest polluters. By far.
They can not again be entrusted with lands.
Specially not conservation lands. Specially not Hawaiian lands
No clean up has been conducted as of yet.

No new lease no trade offs

Tell the US military to clean up the mess they created and leave. They never lived up to the conditions of the old lease. Clean up after each exercise, it said.

The "state of Hawaii" and all their agencies are a puppet government Installed by and for the benefit of the illegal military occupation.

It shows

Do the right thing now - deny the renewal of leases, no land swaps either. Demand cleanup
As provided for in the old lease.

Respectfully, Fred Hofer, Hilo

From: [j.smash](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:42:16 AM

I, Jackie Hokoana, oppose D2. Kahuku dirtbike track has been a staple to not only the north shore community, but also the entire island of Oahu and other parts of Hawaii. People come from all islands to ride Kahuku. For generations families and friends have gone there to enjoy themselves and each other. Taking it away would be another slap in the face to local people.

From: [Hong Gwi-Seok /Peggy](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:14:39 AM

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. In the midst of a dire affordable housing shortage, we must not support the military's sales, swaps, and continued appropriations of Hawaiian land!

Peggy Hong
Waimānalo

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“A revolution that is based on the people exercising their creativity in the midst of devastation is one of the great historical contributions of humankind.”
— Grace Lee Boggs

From: [Inevitable Hands](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Sincerely,

Tatiana Sanchez

From: [Jamaica Osorio](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:27:48 AM

Aloha ‘āina kākou,

My name is Jamaica Heolimeleikalani Osorio. I am a mother of two, a resident of Waihiwā, and an associate professor of Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Politics. It is from each of these positions that I write this testimony in strong opposition to DLNR agenda item D.2. I 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 Kawailoa-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.

This proposal also raises serious concerns in regards to the States limited authority to “sell” Native Hawaiian kingdom and government lands (Ceded lands). The US military’s proposal for either condemnation or a land swap functionally circumvents the rights and authorities of the Native Hawaiian community over these lands. This represents yet another way the US military has attempted to circumvent both federal and state law in Hawai’i and erodes the public trust in our state institutions and government to protect Hawai’i lands and resources.

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.

Please respond with confirmation that this testimony has been received and logged on record in opposition to item d.2.

Dr. Jamaica Heolimeleikalani Osorio
Associate Professor of Indigenous & Native Hawaiian Politics
Department of Political Science
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Author of [Remembering our Intimacies: Mo'olelo, Aloha 'Āina, and Ea](#)

From: jesse@hhsportsprotection.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:13:24 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

I oppose D2.

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From: [Josh Jerman R](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in OPPOSITION to the DAR plan
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:19:02 AM

I, Joshua Jerman, respectfully oppose the proposed aquarium collection plan by DAR for several reasons that deeply concern me. Firstly, the briefing fails to acknowledge the significant negative impacts of aquarium collection on our precious reefs. It conveniently overlooks the alarming decline in yellow tang populations attributed to this practice and fails to address the disproportionate exploitation of marine resources, surpassing the combined take of other fishers.

Furthermore, the plan disregards cultural values and the collective opposition from all 46 moku in Hawaii. It's disheartening to see our reefs suffer without any tangible benefits to our local community. Additionally, the looming threat of climate change exacerbates the urgency to protect our reefs, and DAR's weak herbivore rules raise doubts about effective management strategies. Legalizing any form of collection could inadvertently encourage poaching, further endangering our marine ecosystems. It's imperative that we prioritize the conservation of our reefs for future generations.

Sincerely,
Joshua Jerman
Haiku, Maui
ph. 808.283.2222

From: [Ashley Joaquin](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:04:20 AM

I, Ashley, oppose D2.

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From: jajohnson7789@gmail.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:27:03 AM
Importance: High

Aloha,

This email is to urge you to 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 State of Hawaii should be doing everything we can to demilitarize our Islands. We should be focusing on restoring the land and providing for our people. Land is one of the most valuable resources we have in Hawaii and using so much of it for military purposes is not helping our people. In fact, in my opinion we should not be providing the US military with any opportunity to operate on land without fully understanding the long term implications on the land that they utilize. We do not allow residents to poison the land and the water in Hawaii, so why would we allow the military to do so? Because they build a fence and have guns? The military has proven time and time again that they will continue to utilize Hawaii to meet their ends without giving a second thought to the long term implications on Hawaiians or residents generally.

Also, the State of Hawaii has ambitious climate goals to help prevent more climate change. Our politicians tell us regularly that this is an existential threat to the survival of humanity. It is also the case that the US Military is one of the largest polluting entities on the planet. If the State truly believes that climate change is an issue that must be met head on, then for consistency they would not allow the military to grow their permanent operations here.

If the military wants to utilize land in Hawaii, they should have to lease it, have it regularly inspected and monitored, and they should pay significant sums of money that would make it worthwhile to the people of Hawaii. There is absolutely no reason that they should be getting "deals" from the State of Hawaii at this point, and selling the land to them permanently should be completely off the table.

Mahalo,
Joel Johnson

From: [Curtis Joseph](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:21:17 AM

I, (curtis), oppose D2.

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From: [Elroy Juan](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:01:48 AM

Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

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Your Name, Town

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From: [Leilani Lindsey Kaapuni](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap and/or Lease Renewal for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:52:48 AM

To the Board of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed land swap for military training activities at Pōhakuloa, and my opposition to any further leases or renewal of existing leases of land to the US Military. This proposed land swap seeks to exchange State lands for military training purposes. Let it be clearly understood that all State lands included in the proposal are “Ceded Lands,” lands seized by the US at the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893, lands which the Hawaiian people have NEVER relinquished claim to.

Even under the State of Hawaii, Pōhakuloa is designated as a Conservation District, Resource Subzone – the highest protected land status. A Conservation District is designated to conserve, protect and preserve important cultural and natural resources.

Military maneuvers, ammunition, artillery and mortar systems, depleted uranium, explosives, firing points, hazardous material and waste are inconsistent with the Conservation District regulated by §13-5-7, HAR. Military activities continue to have adverse effects on historic, archaeological sites. The continued presence of training personnel continues to negatively impact historical properties, cultural and natural resources, including endangered native birds and their critical habitats. Our iwi kupuna, Hawaiian burials, disturbed and uncovered during fires caused by military exercises at PTA, remain unprotected. Over the past 60 years, the US Army has only surveyed half of the lands at Pōhakuloa for archaeological resources.

In addition, PTA is situated atop the largest high-perched fresh water aquifer in all of Hawai‘i. The risk of contamination to this pristine water source is great. In light of the US Navy’s contamination of a major aquifer on O‘ahu and the cracking of Kaho‘olawe island’s water table rendering that island uninhabitable, the risk of contamination to Hawai‘i island’s largest aquifer by the military must not be taken lightly. As Hawaiians, we have an ancestral claim to the Wai Ola a Kāne that flows from Waiiau at the piko of Maunakea to Ka Houpo a Kāne and Pōhakuloa, and a kuleana to protect our iwi kupuna, our sacred lands and waters for future generations.

The US Army has not complied with the terms of their lease of Pōhakuloa and should NOT receive a land swap or lease renewal of any kind. It is the State of Hawaii’s responsibility to hold the Army accountable to the terms of their lease. In 2019, the State Supreme Court affirmed in Clarence Ching and Mary Maxine Kahaulelio v. Suzanne Case, Chair of BLNR

and DLNR that the State, as trustee of ceded lands, breached its constitutional trust duties by failing to monitor or inspect trust land at Pōhakuloa.

The State must uphold its constitutional trust duties and protect the land of Pōhakuloa being held in trust for the Hawaiian people. We call for a NO ACTION alternative to a proposed land swap and/or lease renewal, a stop to all live fire training, a comprehensive clean up and independent assessment of all UXO and toxins present at PTA, and a return of ceded lands at Pōhakuloa to the Hawaiian people.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

Leilani Lindsey Ka'apuni
'Ohana Lindsey

From: willkafovalu@gmail.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Will K.

From: [Clifford Kahele](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2 Testimony to OPPOSE NEW LAND LEASE
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:24:04 AM

I, Clifford Kahele strongly oppose to the lease agreement of giving the US Army more land. Not because I don't think they need it, but because so does the community. I from the island of Oahu have spent many weekends at Kahuku Motocross track with my family as I see many other families and friends their. If the Army is granted the purchase of a new lease what would happens to the track and surrounding trail riding areas. Kahuku is the only place on Oahu where it is legal to ride a dirt bike on a trail or track.

If the track were to close down it'll be the same thing that happened with the drag strip that closed in the early 2000s. People will find other places, illegal places, for such activities. Now imagine this tourist coming to see our lovely Diamond Head or even Koko Head, but the can't enjoy it because your hear the noise of a dirt bike being chased by a cop because that would be illegal, but where else would a person be able to enjoy riding their bike for recreational purposes when the only land that could have been used was taken away. We seen it with the drag strip. That closed and racers took to the streets. To this day I know for a fact that there are illegal races that goes on.

That is why I strongly oppose to D2 the lease of lands.

Thank you.

From: [Kolomona](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] April 12; Agenda Items F.2 and F.3 Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:47:30 AM

Aloha Honorable Chair Chang and Board Members,

My name is Solomon “Kolomona” Kaho‘ohalahala, representing my individual views and concerns. I am submitting testimony in strong OPPOSITION to DARs plan to reopen our reefs to the destructive aquarium trade because I believe that this destructive trade is detrimental and should never be allowed back on our reefs and our marine ecosystems. It is especially noteworthy during a time when we need to be aware and cautioned with our fragility and vulnerability in climate change times, we cannot continue to support extraction of our ecosystems support services.

The Division of Aquatic Resources: West Hawai‘i Aquarium Plan (Item F-2) Briefing Notes

- - **Completely fails to even mention the negative impacts of the proposed aquarium collection and the trade’s flawed EIS**
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 - **It does not disclose that the proposed level of take exceeds that taken by subsistence, recreational, and commercial fishers, *combined***
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The Division of Aquatic Resources Request to Redraft the Rule (Item F.3)

- **Uphold the December 8 vote and begin the rule making process**
- **This activity is in strong conflicts with local culture and native Hawaiian values of pono and balance**
- **The entire state Aha Moku oppose AQ collecting**
- **There is ZERO benefits from the AQ trade, but suffer ALL the costs**
- **Scientists forecast that we will lose 70% of our reefs by 2030 due to climate change**
- **Scientists also agree that reefs need more herbivores if they are to have a fighting chance; and, that DARs herbivore rules for food fish are not strong enough**
- **Collection only provides more illegal poaching that continues even today!**

**Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Kaho'ohalahala**

From: [khgilman](#)
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 10:31:58 AM

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.

Mahalo,
Kaipo

From: [Ryder Kama](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:19:04 AM

I, (ryder kama), oppose D2.

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From: [Lauren Kapono](#)
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 9:42:13 AM

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Mahalo,
Lauren Kapono , resident of Kamuela Hawai'i

From: [Kaipulaumakaniolono Keala](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Regarding Pōhakuloa Item D-2 on the April 12, 2024 BLNR Agenda
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:34:21 AM

Aloha mai e ka luna ho‘omalu Chang a me nā lālā o ka BLNR,

I am writing today to testify regarding Item D-2 on the April 12, 2024 BLNR Agenda, the item concerns negotiations for the retention of Pōhakuloa as a training ground for the military as well as the possibility for the appraisal of lands currently under military lease.

I want to state explicitly in no uncertain terms that ***there can be no renewing of military leases nor appraisal of land until the military has been held accountable to the terms of the lease***, inclusive of, but not limited to, the cleaning up of ordinances and the restoration of the land to its former pristine condition.

The lease provides, in part that the USA “shall make every reasonable effort to . . . remove or deactivate all live or blank ammunition upon completion of a training exercise or prior to entry by the said public, whichever is sooner.” The USA also promised that it would “take reasonable action during its use of the premises herein demised to remove or bury all trash, garbage and other waste materials resulting from [USA] use of the said premises.” There can be no proper appraisal of the land while it is littered with military debris.

The military, time and time again, has shown no regard for the binding terms on leases, acting autocratically as it pollutes and destroys Hawai‘i's natural and cultural resources; poisoning even the drinking water of its own service members and their families in the latest Red Hill fiasco.

The Army has violated and continues to violate the terms of the lease to Pōhakuloa. The state lands leased to the military at Pōhakuloa are littered with unexploded ordnance and other military debris. A circuit court judge found that:

29. Cultural monitors, who spent extensive time on State lands at the PTA, observed military debris, including unexploded ordnance and spent shell casings, scattered across the Subject Lands.

32. . . . Some relevant findings or recommendations in the 2014 CMR includes the following. Remnants of live fire training are present within the BAX, including stationary targets, junk cars, an old tank, crudely built rock shelters, and miscellaneous military rubbish. Spent ammunition is scattered across the landscape.

35. . . . During a site inspection of the bazooka range area that was jointly conducted by DLNR and the Army in 2014, the area was found to be “heavily contaminated on the surface with material potentially presenting an explosive hazard (MPPEH) and munition debris (MD). . . . The Army noted that the sheer densities and quantities of ordinance that are present on the ground at the former bazooka range area “coupled with the accessibility to the public make for

the potential for significant danger to public health and welfare.”

The military has irreparably damaged land through out Hawai'i. As a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, I have walked lands that the military has failed to clean on that island. As a native of the Ko'olau, I have rode and hiked trails adjacent to the UXOs riddled still in Waikāne Valley. A federal court concluded that the Army "failed to use good faith efforts to develop a plan and secure funding for clearing UXO from the 'high priority sites that the Army was supposed to identify" in Mākua pursuant to a settlement agreement. *Malama Makua v. Gates*, No. 00-00813 SOM, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19201, at *3, 2008 WL 696093 (D. Haw. Mar. 11, 2008).

It is clear that the military cannot be trusted to hold itself accountable. It falls now on the state, the people who hold the title to the land, to demand respect for it. One way that the state can do this is to ***deny renewing of military leases and delaying the appraisal of land until the military has been held accountable to the terms of the lease.*** The military have been terrible tenants, landlords typically evict tenants that violate the terms of the lease. The least we can do is make them clean up after themselves.

Mahalo piha,

Kaipu

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kaipulaumakaniolono

From: [Jayme Kealoha-](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:57:44 AM

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.

Lands that should not have been occupied by such entities. The carelessness of the entities has caused great damage not only to the land but to the health of the people. Such as Red Hill. The situation of Red Hill and Kaho'olawe are just example of how the military and the State government are irresponsible. The need to be held accountable. The people should have the say.

Mahalo,

Jayme Kealoha-Dacuycuy

From: [justin kekawa](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:01:04 AM

I, Justin Kekawa, oppose D2.

From: [Joshua Kimura](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:43:09 AM

I, (Name), oppose D2.

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From: [Kinnaman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:50:38 AM

I, tyler Kinnaman oppose D2. I fly to oahu once a year for endurofest held on Oahu in kahuku and I look forward to it all year. It brings together hundreds of people and friends and it's a place of family

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From: [Kimie Korenaga](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for agenda item D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:37:14 AM

Aloha,

My family and I urge the board to reject the proposal to exchange ceded land.

Makua Valley should be restored as per the initial agreement and returned to the people and the culture it rightfully belongs to. It has served its purpose and it is time to allow it to thrive as it had before.

Mahalo,
Kimie Korenaga-Kepo'o
Waianae Resident

From: [Izzy Krompegel-Anliker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:55:57 AM

Hi,

I'm a constituent emailing to request that you please vote no on agenda item D2. I oppose giving the chair authority to negotiate a contract for military lands. Hawaiian people have a relationship and responsibility to the 'aina and decisions about it need to be public. The military has proven themselves time and again incapable stewards and repeat offenders on mismanaging the land – the land needs to be returned to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you.

Isabella

From: [cat kuwabara](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Catherine Kuwabara, Waianae, Hi

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To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Luke Larsen, Kaimuki

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Jennifer Lee, Kamuela

From: [Kai Leleo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:35:34 AM

I oppose D2

From: [Minnea Lepola](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
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Your Name, Town

From: [evan lewis](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I oppose D-2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:05:41 AM

I oppose D-2 regarding sale of land to the US military. The military does not need to own this land, and if anything should be giving all land back to the state of Hawaii. Some of these areas are recreational areas, and access will be affected. I strongly oppose item D-2

Thank you,
Evan Lewis

From: [Jessica Loiterton](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:07:44 AM

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Jess Loiterton, Waikiki

@adventures_ofjess

From: [Gretchen Losano](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:41:03 AM

Aloha Esteemed Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I'm writing to urge you to vote "NO" on agenda item D.2. Please do not give authority to the chair for the purpose of negotiating a contract for military land appraisal. The U.S. Military has not proven that they can affectively manage the lands they have leased and are currently leasing, and therefore have no business owning any of these lands in question. They never did a proper job of cleaning up Kaho'olawe after decimating the whole island and breaking the water table, and they have refused to take accountability for the disaster they have caused at Red Hill. They have proven time and time again to not be good land stewards and their time is up. Again, please vote NO.

Mahalo,
Gretchen

Gretchen Losano
Co-Founder
West Maui Green Cycle
(808)428-9931

"He ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwā ke kanaka // The land is chief, man is it's servant"
-'ōlelo no'eau #531

From: [Eric Luke](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony item D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:31:06 AM

I oppose for the chair to have authority negotiating a contract for an appraisal of so called “military lands”. The military has shown it is not a good steward of our lands and it is time for them to leave. It is really time for the transition to end American occupation of Hawai’i. Let the leases end and make them clean up and leave. The colonial narrative we were indoctrinated with for generations is ending and the push against the state and colonial interests will only increase with the higher education of coming generations. End the leases, we owe the military nothing. They owe us clean water and and the end of their blatant, arrogant destruction and exploitation here.

Eric Luke
Kula, Maui

From: [Lauren Luna](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:00:54 AM

I, (Axyl Olson), oppose D2.

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From: [Clive MacMurray](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:07:26 AM

I, Clive MacMurray, oppose D2.

From: [kealii.martin](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:49:15 AM

I, Kealii Martin, oppose D2.

From: [Kristy Maxwell](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:53:34 AM

I, Kristy Maxwell, oppose D2.

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From: [Rebecca Mayer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No on item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:39:32 AM

Please vote no on item D.2

From: [Alex Mecartney](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:14:26 AM

I oppose D2.

From: [Katie Mecklenburg](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:20:14 AM

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.

The military has shown time and time again it does not prioritize care of land. Oahu, and Hawaii broadly, has a strong military presence already, and giving them more access to land with less oversight is irresponsible considering how they have treated what has already been entrusted to them. This will create problems that we, and certainly future generations will have to clean up, or have to deal with if land is destroyed or water polluted past the point of saving.

Vote no.

Thank you,
Katie Mecklenburg

2336 Main Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

From: [Kaylene Meyer Moniz](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:33:59 AM

I, (Kaylene Meyer Moniz), oppose D2.

Kaylene Meyer-Moniz

From: [Micah](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:51:47 AM

I, Micah, oppose D2. Please keep this park open for Hawaii families. Everything is already getting taking away from us. This park is a lot of fun for me on the weekends. Military don't need it.

From: [Judy Mick](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
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Judith Mick, Kailua, Oahu

From: [Mike Mitchell](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:54:23 AM

I oppose D2 .

We need more areas to ride and mountain bike and hike not less!!

We already have need for more public outdoor activities and the military needs to stay where it is and let us have areas to enjoy.

Not only that the military causes so much damage, fire , and pollution everywhere they go it's ridiculous and we the people are getting fed up already.

Respectfully Mike Mitchell

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jayson Mizula](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:23:50 AM

I am writing to categorically 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, poses an entirely unnecessary grave risk to Hawaiian lands, and all of the different lifeforms they sustain.

As a United States Army combat veteran, and United States Coast Guard veteran, I am horrified that these government entities I not only served, but risked my life for, are about to be placed in a position to "buy" Hawaiian land that, based on the utter disregard for, and desecration of, they should not even be allowed to lease. Hawai'i is and has been a potential "target" for foreign nations entirely because of the United States military presence.

From unexploded ordnance, fuel oil, and raw sewage, to coups and sexual assault, the United States military and its members have, in their entire history here in Hawai'i, brought nothing but pain, desecration, suffering, misery, and death, to the people and to the 'āina.

Shame on you for even considering Item D-2.
Hawai'i should be forcing the United States military to pack their bags, not rolling out the red carpet for them.

Jayson Mizula
Kaunakakai, Hawaii

From: [kale'a morgan](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:28:37 AM

I, (kale'a), oppose D2.

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From: [Chloe Marie Mohika](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:53:58 AM

I, (Chloe Mohika), oppose D2.

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From: [Ellison Montgomery](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:55:56 AM

Aloha,

My name is Ellison Montgomery. Please vote no on item D2. I oppose giving the chair the authority to negotiate a contract for appraisal of military lands. The state needs to have the ability to hold the military accountable for the mistreatment of the land, which would be lost with a land transfer. Furthermore the leases should not be renewed, given the abuses to the environment and land that have occurred in the past and present, and failure of the military take accountability for the environmental crisis and degradation they've perpetuated.

Mahalo for taking the time to read this testimony,
Ellison

From: [J M](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2 !
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:40:19 AM

I, Morgan, oppose D2. Please let the locals continue to have their fun and family bonding here. Hawaii people already struggling please don't take this away from us. Gives us happiness and stress free days when at this park. Keeps kids out of trouble, family together having fun. If this park gets taking away I already don't know what I'm going to do. This is literally the last thing that's keeps my family together, nothing else to do here, everything is getting taking away from us. Beach are flooded with tourist. This park at the most local people together bonding. Please! Thank you.

From: [Susan Mosa](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:23:43 AM

I, (Name), oppose D2.

From: [Nani Hicks](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
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Nani, Honolulu

From: [‘Alohilani Nāho‘oikaika-Medeiros](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:47:55 AM

Please vote NO on item D.2. I oppose giving authority to the Chair to negotiate a contract for an appraisal of the lands that the U.S. military currently illegally occupies in Hawai‘i. Again, these lands are illegally occupied by the U.S. military and chronically mismanaged by the State of Hawai‘i. The Chair should not have this much power to make these kinds of decisions without the input and consent of the Native Hawaiian community. This is theft and irresponsible management of invaluable natural resources. Please, don’t do this. For the sake you all our children and the generations to come. Mahalo.

Na‘u me ke aloha, ‘Alohilani Nāho‘oikaika-Medeiros

Board of Land and Natural Resources
Department of Aquatic Resources
1151 Punchbowl St., Room 330
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Date: April 11, 2024

Re: Testimony in Opposition for Agenda item D-2: Informational briefing update on 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; And Authorize the chairperson to negotiate, approve and execute a contract for appraisal services to determine thhe 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 my name is Kaikea Nakachi from Moku 'o Keawe and I strongly **OPPOSE** the staff recommendation in agenda item D-2.

The fact that the army of an occupying nation has been allowed to "lease" a portion of land for decades for \$1 as they pollute, destroy, harm, and severely impact entire ecosystems and species is irreprehensible. It would be the recommendation of myself and many other kānaka maoli to not renew their lease at all in 2029. It is apalling to even entertain the idea of a land trade to have the army outright own land with culturally important sites and species, particularly with their lack of care in their current lease. As it stands, we will already be spending decades and unknown amounts of money and care to clean up the current mess resulting from the army and their pollution, unexploded ordinance, chemicals, pesticides, and the wide reaching impacts they have made on burned lands, contaminated aquifers, and the endangered species that depend on those systems.

Hana kāpulu ka lima, 'ai 'ino ka waha. Careless work with the hands puts dirty food in the mouth. ('Ōlelo no'eau #458). We cannot allow, let alone reward, the continuation of this tragic abuse of the land. Our 'āina, akua, 'aumākua, people, plants, animals, and future depend on us to make the right decision for them. I urge the board to not approve any actions that assume leases will be extended and to not approve any steps towards a land swap. I urge the board to uphold the land and natural resources charged to them and instead hold the army accountable to the violations in their current lease.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Kaikea Nakachi

From: [Cheryl Nakashima](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:47:22 AM

I, Cheryl Nakashima, oppose D2.

Kahuku is the only “legal” area we can ride our dirtbikes on the weekends. If this is taken away, more riders will find other illegal areas to ride.

Mahalo.

Cheryl Nakashima
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Maxwell Niemann](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:34:39 AM

I, Max Niemann, oppose D2.

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From: [Kaleopono](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Finally, Hawai'i ought to be a constant advocate for peace, restitution, ho'oponopono, and establishment of abiding goodwill among all persons and states on earth. The vision and moral clarity behind "turning swords into plowshares" with treaties of peace and mutual aloha among all nations, humanity committed to "going to war no more", is the high road most appropriate to conditions in the precarious nuclear armed social environment of today. Hawai'i ought not to encourage armed violence of any sort, and should adopt policies that lead to actual peace making. Therefore we must put the promulgators of militarism on notice that only shorter and shorter term leases will be allowed for military uses of our lands pending truly serious, urgent effort to realize permanent world peace; and no land in the State of Hawai'i will be sold for conversion to permanent military training or other military activity.

Thank you for considering my testimony on this important matter.

Kaleopono Norris
Hilo

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From: [Lauren Luna](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:00:39 AM

I, (Noah Olson), oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Malia Hulleman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] testimony for item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:24:42 AM

Aloha ‘āina kākou,

My name is Malia Osorio. I am a mother of two, a resident of Waihiwā, and a BFA student at the university of hawaii at manoa. It is from each of these positions that I write this testimony in strong opposition to DLNR agenda item D.2. I 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. 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.

This proposal also raises serious concerns in regards to the States limited authority to “sell” Native Hawaiian kingdom and government lands (Ceded lands). The US military’s proposal for either condemnation or a land swap functionally circumvents the rights and authorities of the Native Hawaiian community over these lands. This represents yet another way the US military has attempted to circumvent both federal and state law in Hawai’i and erodes the public trust in our state institutions and government to protect Hawai’i lands and resources.

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.

Please respond with confirmation that this testimony has been received and logged on record in opposition to item d.2.

me ke aloha,
malia osorio

From: [Kamaka Parker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Item D2: I DO NOT SUPPORT
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:42:02 AM

To whom it may concern/Dawn Chang,

To deny the historical, factual events that happened in Hawai'i over the past 131 years since the illegal overthrow of our Hawaiian Kingdom, would be ignorant in thinking that the entity that exemplifies this gross, misuse of power and rights (state of Hawaii) can continue the sale of these stolen lands to the entity that stole them in the first place (USA).

It's like me coming into your home, kicking you out while giving you pennies on the dollar for your property and then telling you, I have the legal authority to take your house from you and give you nothing in exchange. How would you feel?

On top of that, your home was destroyed (like the bombing of mākuā, pohakuloa...) and I'm still allowed to take it from you. How is this right? How is this the right thing to do?

You serve the people of Hawai'i. Not the military. You're the Department of Land and Natural Resources. And if you can't take care of the people and the land of this place, don't hand it over to the entity that destroyed in the first place. That would be blasphemy. Give it to DHHL, OHA, Kamehameha Schools. Or better yet, fox their mistakes and keep it in conservation.

Please don't do this! Please stop the bleeding of misappropriation of our lands and people.

I do not support!
Kamaka Parker
8083750205

From: [Aldriah Pascual](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:45:33 AM

I, Aldriah Mierra Pascual, oppose D2.

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From: [Keoni Payton](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSITION TO THE ILLEGAL SALE OF CROWN LANDS/CONSERVATION LANDS
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:20:08 AM

Dear Members of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Army's current request for appraisal services to be conducted in order to purchase state leased lands on Hawai'i Island and O'ahu. Furthermore, I adamantly oppose the purchase of these lands by the US Army altogether. It is widely acknowledged within our community that the management of Pōhakuloa has been severely mishandled.

The 23,000 acres of state leased land at Pōhakuloa encompass critically endangered plant habitats and Palila Critical Habitat. These landscapes require the highest level of care, yet the Army consistently puts our native habitats at risk. 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 just one example of the military's negligence that has endangered ecosystems in the Pōhakuloa region.

The damage caused by military activity on the state leased lands also poses negative impacts on our human communities. Fires jeopardize the safety of nearby communities in Waiki'i and Waikōloa Village. The loud noise from firing activity is disruptive to many. Additionally, the degradation of vegetation has led to a dustbowl scenario, where even moderate winds carry dust downslope to communities in South Kohala and North Kona. Concerns about soil and water contamination from metals and chemicals used in military operations have not been adequately addressed. These lands also hold cultural significance, and continued desecration of this land is deeply distressing to Kānaka 'Ōiwi and local residents who seek to see these environments treated with reverence.

In the case of *Ching v. Case* (2019), it was determined that the State had failed in its duty to inspect or monitor the state leased lands to ensure the Army's compliance with lease requirements related to debris cleanup. Pollution remains a persistent issue in this area, which includes munitions and unexploded ordnance. The State has yet to fulfill its obligation to verify that the Army is properly maintaining these lands as agreed upon. The consideration of selling these lands to the Army by the DLNR implies a lack of concern for our environment and the ongoing concerns raised by our community. By choosing to overlook the ruling in *Ching v. Case* and opting to sell leased lands, the State is setting a dangerous precedent and effectively condoning land mismanagement.

In conclusion, I urge the DLNR and all members to stand against the Army's request for land appraisal in order to purchase these lands from the State. The state leased lands must revert back to the State once the Army's lease expires in 2029.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Let this serve as notification you are breaking multiple laws on this proposed purchase so that you cannot say you were not aware of the specifics behind the purchase.

-Mahalo- KEONI PAYTON.

From: [Triston Pebria](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:11:52 AM

I, (Triston K Pebria), oppose D2. Kahuku is the only legal place to ride. The military has already occupied various pristine native Hawaiian lands across the island. From Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Schofield, Fort Shafter, Kaneohe Marine base, and many more to take away yet another piece of land of what little the local people have left would be selfish and devastating to the community. Please re consider.

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From: [and1e](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
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Andrew Perez, Honolulu

From: [Hayley Peter-Contesse](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:16:33 AM

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Hayley Peter-Contesse, PhD, Waianae

From: [Koakine88](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:21:45 AM

I, Tyler Duane Peterson, oppose D2.

Kahuku is the only legal place for Oahu residents and families to enjoy riding dirt bikes and electric off road bikes. The community is massive and without it, there is no outlet for the entire sport to exist legally. The sport of enduro riding has grown massively and is becoming a Hawaiian staple, with major events now coming to Hawaii on the US Hard Enduro series (Endurofest etc.).

Without an outlet for all these families and kids, you will just see more of an influx of riders riding on private property and in the streets. Please oppose D2.

From: [Michelle Pillen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:59:40 AM

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

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

I stand steadfastly opposed to the purchase of any land of the State of Hawai'i by the U.S. Army because the military has demonstrated time and time again that they do not care how their actions affect the land and the water. They do not care about the consequences of their desecration.

As a kama'aina growing up in Kailua and Honolulu, I am done staying silent about the ways the State of Hawai'i relates with the military, putting their needs over the needs and voices of the community. Giving the U.S. Army these lands through a land swap or condemnation removes accountability from both the State and the U.S. Army in their stewardship and obligations to these lands. Red Hill and Pōhakuloa are examples of the level of damage done when the military is accountable to no one.

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

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

Mahalo,

Michelle Pillen
Kailua, Hawai'i

From: [Nevaeh Pinero](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 11:00:43 AM

I, Nevaeh MadoloraPinero, oppose D2.

From: [Ocean Pleasant](#)
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 10:14:12 AM

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.

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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,
Presley Pleasant
Lawful Resident of Honolulu

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Ocean Pleasant

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From: [Brittany Pung](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:22:46 AM

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.

ANY other vote that's not a no vote is not acceptable. Never will be. It is playing with a fire that has the potential to irrevocably ruin the lands and no Hawaiian as well plenty non Hawaiians that understand the threat here will accept this.

VOTE NO

From: [Christian Ramil](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:57:47 AM

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, in line with advocacy by the Hawai‘i Alliance for Progressive Action. 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.

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Best,
Christian Ramil
Honolulu, Hawai‘i

From: [Nancy Redfeather](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Nancy Redfeather](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Regarding: Information Briefing on US Army Land Retention Efforts - Hearing 4/12/24
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:23:50 AM
Attachments: [Pohakuloa Testimony 4.24.pdf](#)

Aloha DLNR,

Enclosed document is my written Testimony for the Hearing on 4/12/24. **"Information Briefing on US Army Land Retention Efforts"**

Mahalo for your consideration,

Nancy Redfeather
Kawanui, Hawaii Island

From: [Elise Rivera](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:31:15 AM

I oppose Agenda Item D2. The military already abundantly owns land on Oahu.

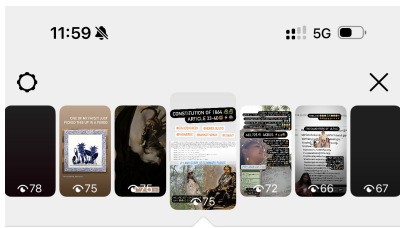
Sincerely,

Elise Rivera

From: [Kyle.Roberts](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:22:08 AM

I Kyle Roberts owner/resident of 94-254 Paeloahiki Pl. Mililani strongly oppose D2. My family has many lasting memories at Kahuku Motorcross area.

Sent from my iPhone



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- Kane Corpuz ...
 - Mine Koreti Lilomaiva ...
 - First Hawaiian Bank ...
 - Deanie Lehano ...
 - tupaitamanaokamohalii ...
 - Chris ...
 - Bhakta Jeremiah ...
 - Nani Kalauli-Foster ...
 - Nick Robertson ...
 - ...
 - Esha J ...

From: [Malia Rodrigues](#)
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 9:44:56 AM

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-Malia Rodrigues

From: [Sarena Celseti](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Acquisition of Land by US Military
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:14:35 AM

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Sarena, Kailua

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From: [Kenison Schuman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:47:47 AM

I, Kenison Schuman, oppose D2.

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From: [Brian Seaman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:54:04 AM

I, Brian Seaman, oppose D2.

From: [Maddie Ashton](#)
To: [DLNR.BLR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:43:27 AM

I, MaddalynnSesepasara, oppose D2.

From: [Quick Silva](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:07:23 AM

I, (Name), oppose D2. Fuck America

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From: [Liz Sklaver](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2 - I oppose D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:22:32 AM

My family and kids enjoy the park almost every weekend. This park is a legacy and creates amazing outdoor experiences for families and kids.

I OPPOSE D2

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Liz Sklaver
Haleiwa, HI 96712

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Liz Sklaver
(c) 215-859-7122

From: [Yvette Sonido](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:05:00 AM

I, Yvette Sonido, oppose D2. This area gives our children a safe place to learn and have fun while staying out of trouble.

Yvette Sonido

From: [Sven S.](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:48:00 AM

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Sven Sorge

From: [wg_speed](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:49:57 AM

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William G. Speed, Jr.,
Kailua, 96734-1851
wgspeed@gmail.com
11 Apr 2024

From: [Stanton Spencer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bill
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:39:17 AM

I oppose this bill!!! The land is for the people go make your war zone on a bigger landscape!!!!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Micah Spiegler](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please don't buy the track
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:06:08 AM

Please don't buy that land so much good comes from it for our community and if you buy it it will all be taken away I have made so many friends and memories there and it has become my main hobby and sport like that is my life style and if you take that away I won't have a life anymore please don't buy the track.

From: [Maile Stant](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:34:08 AM

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 has proven time and time again their inability to be responsible stewards of the spaces they occupy. As the Hawai'i State Supreme Court has ruled that the state of Hawai'i has an OBLIGATION to monitor, inspect and MĀLAMA 'ĀINA lands that they lease to the military. This monitoring will ensure that this creature of habit (military) will be held accountable for the mistreatment of the lands they operate on. Please do not allow an appraisal of military lands. Not now, now ever.

Nā Maile Stant and Keliko Mamala (5 year old)

From: [Susan Stayton](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:10:26 AM

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Thank you for consideration,

Susan Stayton
PO Box 1113
Lawai, Kauai, HI 96765
808-651-9070

From: [Kaleiheana-A-Pohaku Stormcrow](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, Item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:52:56 AM

Aloha mai kākou,

I am writing to strongly oppose item D.2 which would allow Chair Dawn Chang to negotiate, approve, and execute a contract for appraisal to determine fair market value for lands the US military is currently leasing at Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku and Kawailoa. The military has proven again and again that they are not worthy stewards of our lands, and this land grab eliminates the ability of the people and the state to hold the military accountable for mismanagement.

As a Native Hawaiian I am STRONGLY against this or any other sale of our lands to the US Military.

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

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

me ke aloha,

Kaleiheana-a-Pōhaku Stormcrow

Master of Science

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management

University of Hawai‘i Mānoa

pronouns: they/them

From: [Vhelensullivan](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:21:41 AM

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Veronica Sullivan, Kailua

From: [Liana Sun](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to US Military purchasing any land on Hawaii Island, in particular Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawaioloa and Mākua
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:42:30 AM

Aloha, to whom it may concern:

This is an email to provide testimony in opposition to US Military purchasing any land on Hawaii Island, in particular Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawaioloa and Mākua.

The effects, long term and short term, the military have had and will have on Hawaii island if permitted to own land will be detrimental to the local flora, fauna and community population.

Please do not allow the military the option to purchase land on Hawaii Island.

All my best,
Liana Sun
96740

From: [Liana Sun](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:58:43 AM

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

This is an email to provide testimony in opposition to US Military purchasing any land on Hawaii Island, in particular Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawaihoa and Mākuā.

The effects, long term and short term, the military have had and will have on Hawaii island if permitted to own land will be detrimental to the local flora, fauna and community population.

Please do not allow the military the option to purchase land on Hawaii Island.

All my best,
Liana Sun
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From: [Chase Swanson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:29:48 AM

I, Chase Swanson, oppose D2. I grew up riding here with friends and family and have met countless great people riding in Kahuku. If the land is seized then there will be nowhere for thousands of people to ride anymore. The state should know better than to take this away from so many families. This will no doubt lead to many protected and private land areas being used by people riding since they won't have a choice. D2 is not Pono. Mahalo.

From: [Brenden Barker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:40:17 AM

I, (Tiffany barker), oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [melanie tang](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:56:45 AM

I, (Melanie), oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joanna Tjorvatjoglou](#)
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 9:40:53 AM

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.

Mahalo,

Hoolaikahiluonalani Tjorvatjoglou
Honolulu, HI

From: [Aukai Townsend](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:56:24 AM

I, (AUKAI), oppose D2. Do it for the future

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From: [alana.marquez](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:37:08 AM

I, Alana Tranilla, oppose D2.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ellie Tsuchiya](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:01:10 AM

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 military's actions at Red Hill put thousands at risk and jeopardized the future of water security in some of the most populated areas of Oahu. The military's conduct while holding other lands sacred to native Hawaiians, like Makua valley, Kaho'olawe, Pohakuloa, and Pu'uloa has resulted in ecological destruction, habitat loss, and dangerous explosive ordinance being dispersed without a trustworthy plan for remediation. The military's actions throughout the islands has resulted in increased soil toxicity and water contamination.

A comprehensive plan to clean up any of these sites during or after military occupation, will require decades of coordinated effort, which the military has repeatedly demonstrated it is unprepared to carry out with any acceptable level of thoroughness. Why must the local people, including the indigenous people of Hawaii, be subjected to a toxic, increasingly degraded environment? The wars being fought with support from the United States Department of Defense are not for the sake of our safety in the islands, victory or defeat in any of these conflicts will not reverse the permanent environmental damage. Let the people of Hawaii decide how these lands should be used, they should not be given to a federal entity over which us local people have no control or voice.

Best,
Ellie Tsuchiya, Ewa Beach
[ellieayne.com](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

From: [Marlo Lum-Tucker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:18:02 AM

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.

Please consider the people of Hawai’i. We have already lost so much and will lose so much more with the abuse and neglect of the lands used by the military. it’s already poisoning land and the people. This will add to the genocide of our people if we allow the government to do as they please with our precious land and resources. The US military is the richest in the world and can support other countries in millions of dollars and man power. Yet when it comes to Hawai’i they refuse to give back to the people to which the land actually belongs to.

Mahalo,
Marlo Ku’ulei’awapuhi Tucker

From: [Lei'ohu Turley](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:23:26 AM

Aloha,

My name is Lei'ohu Turley and I am a senior in high school. I am submitting testimony in request 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 Pōhakuloa, Mākua, Kahuku, Kawaiola-Poamoho.

I have grown up visiting the island of Kaho'olawe and seen the damage that the US military causes to our land. Please vote no and stick to the Hawai'i Supreme Court promise made in 2019 to "malama 'āina." Protect these lands so that another 'āina doesn't suffer the way Kaho'olawe did.

Mahalo nui,

Lei'ohu Turley

From: [Tyler W](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Military Land sale, Please NO
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:32:15 AM

Aloha Board members,

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS LAND SALE.

This land belongs to the Hawaiian people. There has been so much destruction at Pohakaloa Training area on Big Island. They need to clean up what they have done. And as a resident and contributing member of the community here in Hilo, I strongly apposed the Land Sale to the military. So much has already been done that needs to be fixed. The land belongs to the Hawaiian people when many are still out there on list, waiting for homes and land.

So again I ask, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not sell off leased land that belongs to the people and that holds such cultural importance.

Mahalo for your time,
Tyler

From: [Livia Walker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony, item D.2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:56:19 AM

Aloha kākou,

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 has not done its part in caring for the ‘āina. It has in fact done the very opposite, from the Pōhakuloa training grounds, to red hill, they have showcased disregard for the well-being of the land, its resources, and the native people of Hawai’i.

By allowing them this authority, you will effectively be removing indigenous peoples rights to dictate how their land is used, and more importantly how it is maintained and cared for.

The military has not given back to this community, it has not shown its respect to kānaka, or the ‘āina.

This would be detrimental for native people of Hawai’i that have already lost so much to colonization, annexation, and the continued gentrification of Hawaiian culture. Do not allow the U.S. military to continue this trend. End this cycle and keep hawaiian lands in hawaiian hands.

Mahalo for your time and consideration

Mālama Pono

From: [Donovan Warren](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:46:02 AM

I, Donovan Warren I, oppose D2

From: [Kylene Wenner](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony For Agenda Item D-2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:11:50 AM

Good morning,

I am emailing regarding the Makua valley army training area. I am in great opposition to the appraisal and land exchange of Makua valley. The valley continues to be damaged by the Army use and we need to protect it from being completely decimated. Once the Army is done with it, it will not be of any value.

It is the department of land and natural resources to protect our natural resources! The appraisal and exchange of Makua valley is not protecting our natural resources.

Thank you,

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From: [Jaime Wong](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Land Swap for Military Training Activities at Pōhakuloa
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 10:04:15 AM

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: [Wesley Bega](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] D2
Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024 9:26:56 AM

I, Wesley Bega, oppose D2.