



Ka Moku'aina 'O Hawai'i Aha Moku O Pae'Aina

State of Hawai'i Aha Moku

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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku

Board of Land and Natural Resources

Friday, October 25, 2024

9:00 a.m.

DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg.

SUPPORT – Agenda Item C-4

Agenda Item C-4: Authorize the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) to conduct a public hearing to set aside state parcels as an extension of the 'Ahihi-Kina'u Natural Area Reserve, Tax Map Keys (2) 2-1:006:076 and (2) 2-1:004:111, Maui.

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR),

On behalf of the generational and lineal descendants of the Honuaula Moku of Moku O Pi'ilani and the generational families that are connected to this Moku, we offer our testimony.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports agenda item C-4 as it pertains to holding a public hearing to set aside state parcels as an extension of 'Ahihi-Kina'u Natural Area Reserve.

We believe that it is important that the 'Ohana of the Lu'uwai and Kuloloio have the opportunity to participate in a public hearing that deals with Ahihi-Kina'u, a coastal area in the Moku of Honuaula that has been sustained and protected traditionally for generations by cultural *lawaiia*. Knowledge and traditional cultural practices have been handed down by Kupuna to each generation to protect, perpetuate these practices and sustain this unique ecosystem for decades.

We support the recommendation of DOFAW to conduct a public hearing to discuss the extension of 'Ahihi-Kina'u Natural Area Reserve; to authorize the Chairperson to set the date, location and time of the public hearing; and, to appoint a hearing master for the public hearing.

Respectfully yours,

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