

From: [Tammy Abreu](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:08:09 AM

Aloha, respected members of the committee,

I would like to voice my deep concerns about the proposed statements of military in Hawaii. While I recognize the important role the military plays in national security, I urge you to carefully consider the long-term impacts of continued military presence in our islands. The military have left our land and water damaged and unsafe. Due to their activities, our environment suffers tremendously. Sacred lands, ecosystem, habitats, and our water are put at risk, all in the name of the military.

The contamination of the Red Hill has evidently shown us the dire consequences of military activities on our environment. Our water supply, which many people depend on, has been tainted and has caused tremendous damage to our people.

Our culture and community is deeply rooted in the land, water, and traditional practices that are intertwined with our aina. The military's extensive use of our land and resources has often led to the disruption of these practices. Hawaiian communities have been displaced, sacred sites desecrated, and local traditions ignored in favor of military expansion and even causes many Hawaiians to leave home.

Our community have long felt that our voices are ignored when it comes to decisions about military presence on our own land. However, this isn't just simply an issue of military presence, it's an issue of sovereignty, respect, and the right to determine our own future. We deserve to be heard and have a voice in our own land.

Hawaii deserves a future that focuses on local and native wellbeing, sustainability, and respect. The continued military presence in Hawaii has come at a significant cost to our environment, culture, and communities. While we acknowledge the importance of national security, we must also prioritize the health, safety, and respect of the people who call this aina our home. I respectfully urge you to reconsider military statements and presence in Hawaii. Please put our people first so that it may help our communities build upon a more sustainable, peaceful, and respectful future.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.
- Tammy Abreu

From: acson99@gmail.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:21:22 PM

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

I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,
Veneeta Acson

From: [Jim Albertini](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to REJECT the final military EIS on public lands in Mākua Valley, Poamoho, and Kahuku on O‘ahu.
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:57:24 PM

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

My name is Jim Albertini. I am president of Malu 'Aina Center for Non-violent Education & Action in Ola'a (Kurtistown) on Moku O Keawe. Our organization strongly urges you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the military retention of three land areas on O‘ahu --Mākua Valley, Poamoho, and Kahuku

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, necessary land remediation plans, unexploded ordnance and military toxins on the aina

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our ‘āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jim Albertini, President of Malu 'Aina

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From: [Rosemary Bearden](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the U.S. Army Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:40:40 PM

Aloha Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to urge you to reject the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) submitted by the U.S. Army. This is my request, as a lifelong resident of Hawai'i Island and a conservation scientist. This FEIS lacks the data needed to be able to properly assess the extent of the impacts of the U.S. Army's activities on our natural, historical, and cultural resources. We cannot afford to further imperil our 'āina, wai, and native species.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Bearden
Ninole, Hawai'i 96773
rosemarybearden42@gmail.com

From: [Kahea Bencke](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 4:14:36 PM

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

My name is Kahea Bencke, and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

When are we going to take into account that everything is connected, and that we cannot continue to pollute Mother Earth and believe there will not be dire consequences for our actions? Chemicals and debris in one area of our land, water, and air affects all of the land, water, and air. We cannot continue to damage instead of support the earth, our future generations depend on how we are acting NOW. Please make the right decision for the whole, not so that a few people's pockets can save a few pennies. Technology is at a level where things can be simulated, it doesn't make sense to continue polluting things in order to learn what to do in case something becomes polluted, utilizing vast amounts of land that could be feeding people with a connection to something greater. I hope this plea encourages you to vote for the highest good of everyone involved, in particular the families and people who are giving back to the land and helping it to retain its life, energy, and beauty, so that our islands can continue to be a healing sanctuary for ALL.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kahea Bencke

From: [Heather Bessey](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the Army's FEIS on Kahuku, & Kawaiiloa-Poamoho Training Areas, & the Mākua Military Reservation
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:22:12 PM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaiiloa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are **wahi pana**, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli. They are sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats, and the birth stands of generational families. Decades of misuse to 'āina occupied by the Army has proven that they are not capable of being the stewards of these significant wahi pana.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- None of the 3 training areas provide housing to their service folks; thus decreasing the availability of affordable housing to local residents, and displacing Kānaka Maoli
- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites
- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaiiloa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,

Heather Bessey

Edmonton, AB

From: [Boisvert-Jorgensen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:02:38 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

The Army's audaciously fact-deficient and highly inaccurate FEIS is a **brazen insult** to the DLNR staff, the 'Aha Moku, and the families whose drinking water was poisoned by the Red Hill fuel tank leaks. The FEIS is stunningly disrespectful to all residents and stakeholders of O'ahu.

Please REJECT the Army's insolent demand; accepting it will set a horrendous precedent for future environmental reviews and land use laws. We, and all future generations, are counting on you to make the right decision.

Mahalo for your kind consideration.

Denise Boisvert
Honolulu

From: [Betsy Bowen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:59:35 PM

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

My name is Betsy Bowen and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

This FEIS fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans. It also fails to include cultural and biological surveys, adequate cultural consultation, and fails to address land use compliance issues

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
Betsy Bowen*

From: dbram71@aol.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EIS for Kahuku Training Area (KTA), the Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and the Makua Military Reservation (MMR).
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:26:00 AM

June 25, 2025

Chairperson Dawn Chang and Members of the Board
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 132
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of the EIS for Kahuku Training Area (KTA), the Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and the Makua Military Reservation (MMR).(BLNR Meeting 6/27/2025)

Dear Chairperson Chang and Members of the Board:

I am writing to support BLNR acceptance of the EIS for Kahuku Training Area (KTA), the Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and the Makua Military Reservation (MMR). I note the Army has reduced its training footprint significantly and has rigorously analyzed the impacts on this reduced area to minimize the effects of planned training.

The Army requires training areas on Oahu to insure our troops are properly prepared to defend the country and to give them the best chance to perform their mission successfully and to return safely to their families.

This EIS is a statement that balances care for the land with the need for training. As such, I respectfully implore the Board to accept this EIS.

Mahalo for your time and work.

-- David A. Bramlett
General, US Army (Ret)

Hawaii Resident

From: [Bo Breda](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:46:17 PM

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

My name is Bo Breda and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
Bo Breda*

From: [PAMELA BURRELL](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please respect the wahi mana lands of the Kānaka Maoli
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 8:06:31 AM

Aloha Land Board Members,

The Army has failed to respect and steward the leased lands at Kahuku, Kawaihoa-Poamoho and Mākua. Please reject the Army's EIS. The military training on these lands are not compatible with the intention of conservation and upholding cultural integrity.

By approving the EIS , you the BLNR, go against your own constitution to mālama āina! It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Please reject the Army's FEIS. It is time.

Sincerely,

Pamela Burrell
Kalihiwai, Kaua'i

From: [Rebecca Canright](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect wildlife
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:58:52 AM

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

As a young person who cares deeply about safeguarding our precious environment and wildlife, I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and

necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

*Mahalo nui for your consideration.
Have a great day, Becca*

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Frigate birds fly for months over the ocean and can engage in both regular sleep and use half their brain at a time to sleep during soaring or gliding flight.



Compassion for all creatures great and small.

From: [Patti Choy](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony On Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:12:40 PM

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

I trust you will reject the Army's deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement being used to justify retaining Hawaii lands it currently leases from the state at Makua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area and Poamoho.

The Army must be held accountable to our laws and give back Hawaiian lands to its rightful owners, Kanaka Maoli.

Thank you.

Patti Choy

The Army

Patrice
Shut Down Red Hill
Not Pau Yet!

From: [Connie Chun](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:36:50 PM

Aloha Members of the BLNR:

I've been reading about how the US Army wants to continue using State lands so they have prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement. I respectfully request that you reject this FEIS as these lands include sacred sites, have deep cultural value, are home to some endangered wildlife, and are sources of water. I feel that the military has done more than enough damage to Hawaii's land, water and environment. If it is within your authority to control or end further desecration, would you please act in favor of Hawaii? Now is your chance to say to the military **ENOUGH ALREADY, ENOUGH**. Thank you for considering this; I wish you strength and compassion as you move forward with this issue.

Aloha, Connie Chun

From: [Sydney Chung](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 5:02:58 PM

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

My name is Sydney Chung, and I strongly urge you to REJECT this legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Army's retention of lands on O'ahu.

Throughout the environmental review process, the Army has inexplicably ignored repeated comments and concerns raised by the Hawai'i community, including your own DLNR staff. As a result, this document fails to provide the information needed to determine potential impacts to streams, aquifers, native and endangered species, cultural sites, Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, and other critical public trust resources and constitutional rights. Thankfully, your staff has made the appropriate recommendation to reject the FEIS as insufficient under the law.

Please uphold the integrity of our environmental review and land use laws - *do not accept* this faulty and legally flawed document.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.

Sydney Chung

From: [Angelica De Jesus](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Commentary - Reject US Army's FEIS for Pōhakuloa Training Area
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:35:44 AM

Dear members of Hawai'i's Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am writing to urge you to reject the US Army's FEIS for Pōhakuloa Training Area. As someone born to a Boricua (Puerto Rican) parent on a military base in Hawai'i, I am intimately aware of the historical, contemporary, and intergenerational impacts of US military occupation on our different but interconnected islands and the people who have been caring for the land/sea since time immemorial. As an environmental researcher who deeply understands the ecological and political implications of the US Army's FEIS for the Pōhakuloa Training Area, I stand firmly in solidarity with Native Hawaiians and their allies in opposing this Training Area.

Here are some additional details related to my testimony. The US Army wishes to retain a lease for 6,322 acres of Native Hawaiian land. Before they are granted a new lease, they need the HI BLNR to accept their Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Their current lease began in 1964 and expires in 2029.

I and many others urge you to reject this Army's FEIS because the lands listed in the lease include sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats and critical water sources. You can't drink munitions. And you can't drink water poisoned by military live fire exercises (For more details, see: fuel reserves leaking into water systems at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in 2021).

Further, evidence shows that the Army has failed to conduct (1) Full archeological and cultural surveys of the lands included in their desired lease and have (2) ignored key alternatives to their proposed lease including shorter leases or leases that do not include military use.

Lastly, the Army's existing use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands, lands which should be restored and returned to the care of Native Hawaiians.

As members of the HI BLNR, it is clear you care about the future of the place you live and work. In light of your care, I urge you to make a decision that weighs the risks posed by additional military activity on these lands, to consider future generations of people who will live and work in Hawai'i, and to respect Native Hawaiian sovereignty.

With respect,
Angélica De Jesús

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Angélica De Jesús
[she/her/hers]

From: [Miya DeVoogd](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject The Army's FEIS For Kahuku, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, And Mākua
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 8:08:55 AM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are **wahi pana**, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli. They are sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats, and the birth stands of generational families. Decades of misuse to 'āina occupied by the Army has proven that they are not capable of being the stewards of these significant wahi pana.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis

- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands

- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites

- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Mahalo,

Miya DeVoogd

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From: [Keighli Donald](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 8:09:14 AM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Keighli Donald, and I am a resident of Seattle, WA. I am submitting this testimony as a non-resident of Hawai'i who cares deeply about Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and environmental protection. I am writing to respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the renewal of the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation.

The Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement makes clear that the military's continued presence restricts cultural access and harms the ability of Native Hawaiians to connect with and care for these sacred lands. The access that is offered is burdened by strict conditions: permits, escorts, and limited dates that make it impossible for these communities to fulfill their cultural responsibilities. As someone who believes in justice, I stand in solidarity with the Native Hawaiian community's call for land return, cleanup, and restoration.

Please do what is right: reject this lease renewal and support the return of these lands to Native Hawaiian stewardship. The future of Hawai'i's lands and people depends on decisions like this.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Keighli Donald
Seattle, WA

From: [evan.eisentrager](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Army's final environmental impact statement
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:20:11 AM

To the Board of Land and natural Resources,
The U.S. Army wishes to retain: Kahuku Training Area (1,170 acres), Kawaihoa-Poamoho (4,370 acres), and Mākua Military Reservation (782 acres). Before they are granted a new lease, they need Hawai'i's Board of Land & Natural Resources (BLNR) to accept their Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Their current lease began in 1964 and expires in 2029. Urge the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS because:

1. The lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, endangered species habitats and critical water sources.
2. The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands.
3. The FEIS ignores key alternatives (like shorter lease terms or no military use).
4. The Army's use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands.
5. These lands should be restored and returned to Native Hawaiian peoples.

Evan Eisentrager

From: tillie81@hbcj.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:31:57 AM

I think the 65 year lease the U.S. Army currently has should be allowed to expire. This area is home to sacred sites, burial sites, critical water sources, and endangered species. I feel it is high time to return this land back to the native Hawaiians.

Thank you.
Liza Eng

From: [world wide](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose KTA leased Army area.
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:03:47 PM

My name is David Escalera and I have been a member of the dirtbike community for 40+ years.

As you are aware, the Kahuku Dirtbike Park, situated within the KTA training area, is the only legal public place for people to ride on Oahu, with limited hours of operation on weekends and national holidays.

However, the park is closed during Army training missions, resulting in several months of closures per year and leaving over 5,000 riders without a legal place to ride.

I am concerned that if KTA becomes the primary training area, it will lead to more closures or potentially permanent closure of the park.

In this scenario, our riders will be forced to use trails not designated for dirtbikes.

On behalf of our dirtbike community, I urge the board to consider this issue and establish safeguards to ensure the Kahuku Dirtbike Park remains open and accessible, with limited Army closures.

Thank you & Mahalo

David Escalera

From: [Tim Evans](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR should Reject U.S. Army's FEIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 8:15:19 AM

Although I don't live in O'ahu, I visit at least once a year to enjoy its majesty and all of its incredible natural and cultural offerings. It's got a special place in my heart and I would be remiss if I didn't speak up and implore the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS. Keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands!!

Kind regards,
Tim Evans

From: [Talia Fermantez](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Opposing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for U.S. Military Use of Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation, Island of O‘ahu - Board of Land and Natural Resources Meeting Ag...
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:18:39 AM

To:
Chair Dawn Chang
Department of Land Natural Resources & Honorable Committee Members

Aloha e Chair Chang and Esteemed Committee Members,

I am writing today to enact my kūleana as a Kanaka Maoli to protect this ‘āina from any form of threat or violence done to it. I am urging the Board of Land and Natural Resources to firmly reject the U.S. Army Final Environmental Impact Statement proposing continued U.S. Military use of Kahuku Training Area (KTA), Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation (MMR).

These places aren't meant to be abused in perpetuity for the sake of "U.S. presence and safety in the Pacific." These places aren't meant to be trampled upon by boots or constantly bombarded by heavy munitions that literally shake the land. These places are not to be fee-simple, leased or brokered like some kind of pawn between the State of Hawaii and the U.S. Military to maintain relations.

These places are wahi pana - sacred places. They hold our peoples' history, strength, connection and deep knowledge to everything within lāhui, ‘āina and wai. There are sacred burial sites, artifacts, and iwi kūpuna in these places that have been destroyed or utterly damaged. Pieces of our history - literal links to our kūpuna - that we cannot get back because we have allowed this desecration to continue.

The military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and aloha ‘āina. And to allow as such is in direct violation of the Public Trust Doctrine. As Trustees of the land under Article XI, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution, DLNR is legally bound to conserve and protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources for present and future generations.

Additionally, the following reasons are why the FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds, up to and including:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by rejecting the Army's FEIS for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,
Talia Kau'ionāmeleonālani Fermantez
Moku o O‘ahu resident

From: [Jon Flores](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please help us
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:12:26 PM

Aloha, My name is Jon Flores and I have been a member of the dirtbike community for 40 years.

As you are aware, the Kahuku Dirtbike Park, situated within the KTA training area, is the only legal public place for people to ride on Oahu, with limited hours of operation on weekends and national holidays. However, the park is closed during Army training missions, resulting in several months of closures per year and leaving over 5,000 riders without a legal place to ride. I am concerned that if KTA becomes the primary training area, it will lead to more closures or potentially permanent closure of the park. In this scenario, our riders will be forced to use trails not designated for dirtbikes. On behalf of our dirtbike community, I urge the board to consider this issue and establish safeguards to ensure the Kahuku Dirtbike Park remains open and accessible, with limited Army closures.

Thanks

From: [Breanne Fong](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 8:30:29 AM

Aloha Land Board Members:

My name is Breanne (Bree) Fong and I am from Niu, Kona, O'ahu and also grew up in Kaimuki. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are **wahi pana**, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli. They are sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats, and the birth stands of generational families. Decades of misuse to 'āina occupied by the Army has proven that they are not capable of being the stewards of these significant wahi pana.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough. I urge you to please stop this desecration of 'āina.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis, including lack of community and cultural consultation
- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites
- Failure to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans
- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future, as well as respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

'ĀINA BACK, ARMY OUT!

Sincerely,

Breanne Fong

From: hwlyfstr@aol.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE US Army's retention of land
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:39:43 AM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

Army does not need to train on this land!!

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Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- None of the 3 training areas provide housing to their service folks; thus decreasing the availability of affordable housing to local residents, and displacing Kānaka Maoli
- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites
- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,

Beverly Foster
Wayne, PA

Mahalo for taking action!

From: [Keala Fung](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:03:59 AM

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

My name is Keala Fung and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Keala Fung
Honolulu, HI

From: [chelleigh Hoots](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] reject the Army's FEIS for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:41:34 PM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

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Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
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- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites
- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,
Emily Gambino

From: [Carol Gaylord](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the Army's FEIS
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:08:41 PM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are **wahi pana**, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli, my ancestors and my descendants. Research shows that indigeneity are by far the most effective protectors of land and biodiversity.

Military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites
- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** and to allow the healing to begin.

Mahalo Nui,
Carol Gaylord
Kailua, Oahu

From: [Vanessa Glass](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:31:19 AM

Hello,

I am writing to urge the Hawaiian Board of Land and Natural Resources to reject the U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement and return the lands of Kahuku Training Area, Kawialoa-Poamoho, and Makua Military Reservation to Native Hawaiians. These lands are of deep ecological, cultural, and historical significance. The U.S. Army's failure to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands, as well as their unwillingness to explore key alternatives, demonstrates their lack of care and respect towards the Hawaiian landscape and its native inhabitants.

Thank you,
Vanessa

From: pattilane@me.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Army's FEIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:40:30 AM

Please reject the Army's FEIS because:

1. The lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, endangered species habitats and critical water sources.
2. The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands.
3. The FEIS ignores key alternatives (like shorter lease terms or no military use).
4. The Army's use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands.
5. These lands should be restored and returned to Native Hawaiian peoples.

Thank you.
Patti Gmeiner
Niagara, WI

From: [Robert Gregory](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:45:46 PM

Aloha

Chair Chang and the Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I, Robert Gregory, ask that you REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Most of the issues the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are retained again in this supposedly new document. This FEIS also and sadly, fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, pollution in the atmosphere, and needed land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS signals that environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded without consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui and a big thank you for your consideration of my message. Having visited and having spent some great time on Hawai'ian soil, I feel strongly that this matter is important and urgent.

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"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Robert F. Kennedy
Capetown, June 6th 1966

Pacific still means peace,

bob gregory

From: [d.g](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protect Wahi Pana
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:21:53 AM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are **wahi pana**, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli. They are sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats, and the birth stands of generational families. Decades of misuse to 'āina occupied by the Army has proven that they are not capable of being the stewards of these significant wahi pana.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
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- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,

Danielle A. Guion,

Makakilo, O'ahu, Hawai'i

From: [Kristin Hamada](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject Army's Final EIS for O'ahu
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:14:47 PM

aloha blnr,

i'm writing again to encourage the board to reject the united states army's final environmental impact statement. the state blnr already rejected the feis for pohakuloa because it knows the military is not a good steward of the land. the board should reject renewal of any lease to the military given it's poor treatment of the land and our community's commitment to reclaiming stewardship of these places. the community will care for ex-training grounds better than any military would.

the feis discussion on hazardous substances alone significantly brings into question the army's ability, commitment, and desire to keep the land and water safe for all living things. the army's own report says, " implementation of the Proposed Action, through implementation of one of the action alternatives, would result in significant, adverse impacts on land use (land tenure), cultural practices (at MMR), and environmental justice..." why should the army continue to use this land when they are clearly stating there will be adverse impacts to the land and community? adverse impacts from the noise from aircrafts and munitions practice is concerning for communities and wildlife. hoping that people and animals just adjust to the excess noise is kind of ridiculous. let's just not have the excess noise, contamination of land/water, and have the land back for communities.

allowing access to land for cultural practices is nowhere near enough to make up for the destruction the military caused and continues to cause, and the time that hawaiians have not had access to wahi pana across the pae aina. every place in hawaii should be a place to practice hawaiian culture. providing limited access is tossing a crumb to the people of hawaii.

there are so many reasons to reject the feis. the military knows it's done an awful job caring for its training grounds, we should not allow them to continue. with the dismantling of the epa there will be no enforcement of any environmental regulations. with the united states actively involved in funding and perpetrating a genocide of palestinian people, and knowingly participating in the killing of civilians across the middle east. with families struggling to pay for food, healthcare and housing. we can say no to imperialism in hawaii for the betterment of all people near and far.

free palestine. free hawaii.

reject the feis.

From: [Annie Hart](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the Army's EIS
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:49:56 PM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

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Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

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- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,

Annalise Hart

Princeville, Kaua'i

From: [Hulu Mamo HCC](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Item D.1. - BLNR Meeting - June 27, 2025
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:08:37 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and members of the Board,

Hulu Mamo Hawaiian Civic Club is testifying to **OPPOSE - Acceptance** of the Final EIS for the Army Training Land Retention for the island of Oahu.

This EIS is incomplete as key components were omitted, not included, not assessed or evaluated, or not considered, as well as specific alternatives should have fully analyzed in order for this submission to be complete. Because of this, we urge non-acceptance of this Final EIS.

We also would like to express our appreciation to all applicable divisions of the Department (CWRM, DAR, DOFAW, LD, OCCOL, and SHPD) for the analysis and comments provided in response to the Final EIS. We are in full support of the comments that identify where the FEIS is incomplete, and worse, where blatant disregard for previously identified incompleteness of this EIS occurred.

At a very basic level, much of its incompleteness is due to the lack of baseline data to understand the current state of the resources (biological, cultural, historical, environmental, air quality, and more). The applicant's lack of effort to remedy these shortcomings is appalling and the only suitable action is to not accept this FEIS.

Due to a lack of current-state data of the resources that could be potentially impacted, it is impossible to understand the potential impact of proposed actions and activities, as well as the cost of remediating these resources. This is an issue for understanding how the land would be remedied/restored under both a future lease agreement or the current agreement.

As the mission of BLNR is to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors," it would be inappropriate for BLNR to approve a lease for the applicant, given the inability and lack of data to prove that Hawaii's unique and limited resources could be protected for future generations.

We would also like to call attention to another aspect that is overlooked in this FEIS, which is the "significant impact on cultural access" will have/has had on the Native Hawaiian population. The Army providing access to NHOs and consulting parties is insufficient, in a lack of clarity of the process and its impacts on the Native Hawaiian population. If similar to PTA's EIS, where cultural access depicted in this EIS restricts access by placing limitations on

when someone may enter the area, where they may go, and having an escort required, then the impact of those limitations on the cultural practices and the Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners should be further evaluated and described. The limitations on access (time, place, how someone can go) will have an impact on cultural practices and that should be included in this EIS.

In a time where mental health is of the utmost importance, limiting a Native Hawaiian's ability to practice their culture fully within the proposed lease area, must be analyzed and included within this EIS. Without this, BLNR is not provided a fully understanding of the cultural impact the lease renewal is requesting, and BLNR is not able to make a fully informed decision.

It is for these reasons that we ask the BLNR to **reject this EIS**, as it is incomplete and is missing key analysis to make an informed decision on the lease renewal.

Lastly, we would like to add that, while supporters of this lease renewal and acceptance of this EIS may state that renewing the lease is of great benefit to the US Military and is needed, the benefit to the applicant is irrelevant to BLNR's mission, and thus should not hold any value in the decision to renew the lease nor accept the FEIS. The decisions to accept the Final EIS should be based on the completeness of the FEIS and the benefit and alignment to BLNR's mission, which the proposed actions of the applicant, as well as the history of the applicant's current use of the land, does not.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration,
Hulu Mamo Hawaiian Civic Club
Keoni Shizuma, Pelekikena

From: [George Hutchinson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the Army's FEIS
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:04:40 PM

My family and I lived on Oahu for many years during the 70's and 80's. My father is buried in the military cemetery in the Punchbowl. We love, respect and honor the magnificent Hawaiian Islands. I understand that the U.S. Army wishes to retain: Kahuku Training Area (1,170 acres), Kawaiioa-Poamoho (4,370 acres), and Mākua Military Reservation (782 acres). Before they are granted a new lease, they need Hawai'i's Board of Land & Natural Resources (BLNR) to accept their Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Their current lease began in 1964 and expires in 2029. I urge the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS because:

1. The lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, endangered species habitats and critical water sources.
2. The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands.
3. The FEIS ignores key alternatives (like shorter lease terms or no military use).
4. The Army's use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands.
5. These lands should be restored and returned to Native Hawaiian peoples.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George B. Hutchinson
305 SE Park Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97333

From: [Waikiki - Hawaii Condo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1 Testimony
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:20:27 PM

Aloha,

Please **REJECT** the Army's FEIS.

What do they think? That you, the decision makers, and all the people of O'ahu, are so provincial, uneducated and unintelligent that we will easily believe what they wrote in it? That their "big words", regardless of veracity and facts, will impress and convince you to accept and pass it?

Please read between the lines, and know that a wolf in sheep's clothing wrote it.

Mahalo,
Kim Jorgensen
Waikiki

From: [maheshi.k](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 5:34:30 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, My name is Mari Kae and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Mari Kae

Sent from my iPad

From: [Anita Harburg](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to renewal of UA Army's lease of State-owned Lands
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:41:15 PM

Aloha Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Anita Anderson and I am a resident of Kapa'a, Kauai. I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to renewing the US Army's lease for State owned lands at Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Makua Military Reservation. I respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the lease renewal and support the return of these lands to the indigenous people of Hawai'i, na Kanaka Oihi.

I call on DNLR to prioritize restoration to protect critical water sources, to restore endangered species habitats and to return the use of the land to Native Hawaiians for preservation and perpetuation of their cultural practices (including protection of sacred burial sites & other cultural sites.)

Respectfully,

Anita Anderson

Kapa'a, Kauai

From: [Makoa](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:41:06 PM

To: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov
Subject: Testimony on Agenda Item D-1

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

My name is Makoa Kupahu and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

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Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

***Sincerely,
Makoa Kupahu***

From: [Kupuna Moopuna](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Kupuna Moopuna](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR Mtg. June 27, 2025, Testimony on Agenda Item D-1: REJECT FEIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 4:48:30 AM

Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna

committed to the well-being of Hawai'i for the next generations to come

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Meeting of the Board of Land and Natural Resources

DATE: June 27, 2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg

“Testimony for Agenda Item D-1”

REJECT the Insufficient FEIS for the Army's Retention of Lands on O'ahu

Aloha,

We, Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna, a hui of Hawaiian Homes Commission Act kūpuna beneficiary farmers from Pana'ewa, Hawai'i, urge the Board of Land and Natural Resources to **REJECT THE CLEARLY INSUFFICIENT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT for the Army's Retention of Lands on O'ahu.**

Born and raised on the Island of Hawai'i, we kūpuna have first-hand experience with the deep psychological, spiritual, and physical harm inflicted upon the community, especially the Native Hawaiian community. We have suffered, and will continue to suffer, should our demands for justice, healing, and reconnection with ancestral and illegally stolen 'āina at Pōhakuloa be ignored for another 65 years or longer. Hewa!

- This FEIS inappropriately relies on decades old biological studies and lacks a clear and current baseline of data on native and endangered species.
- The Army failed to consult with the 'Aha Moku, its executive director, and

several key kūpuna from the relevant moku—after being explicitly told to do so by the DLNR staff.

- As highlighted by the disastrous Red Hill Fuel Tank leaks, and the continual discovery of PFAS in groundwater under former and current military sites, there have been many recent and historical instances of military neglect impacting our precious wai.
- By accepting such a shoddy FEIS, the BLNR will make it impossible to carry out its overall mission.
- The Army has repeatedly failed to properly consult kūpuna and conduct surveys of historic and cultural resources.
- The public trust doctrine requires the BLNR to exercise due diligence and prudence in managing our natural and cultural resources, and in looking out for the interests of the present and future generations of beneficiaries of the trust.

Please uphold the integrity of our environmental review and land use laws, do not accept this faulty and legally flawed document. Mālama iā Hawai‘i. **REJECT the FEIS.**

Mahalo,
~Kūpuna for the Mo‘opuna
Pana‘ewa, Hawai‘i

From: [Kawena Lauriano](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose FEIS for Kahuku, Kawaihoa-Poamoho and Mākua
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 5:33:50 PM

Aloha kākou,

I am writing today to express strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposal to retain leased lands in Kahuku, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua. The FEIS is insufficient and restricts cultural and genealogical access by Kānaka to a number of historical and sacred sites currently occupied by the U.S. Army. Recently, there have been brushfires near the U.S. Army sites, one of which burned over 600 acres of forest land, which were likely caused by military training. Being so close in proximity to Ka‘ala, there were probably more than a few native and endangered species that perished in that fire. Most importantly, the continued use of ‘āina in Hawai‘i for military training purposes directly conflicts with the BLNR mission to mālama ‘āina.

The U.S. military has continued to show that they do not truly care about the land in Hawai‘i or its people, please reject the FEIS. Mahalo.

Me ke aloha ‘āina,
Kawena

From: [Lisa Lombardo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment: BLNR Please Reject the U.S. Army's FEIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 8:29:11 AM

Hi,

I am writing to urge the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS for the following reasons:

1. The lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, endangered species habitats and critical water sources.
2. The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands.
3. The FEIS ignores key alternatives (like shorter lease terms or no military use).
4. The Army's use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands.
5. These lands should be restored and returned to Native Hawaiian peoples.

Thank you,

Lisa Lombardo

From: [KEILI MCEVILLY](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony OPPOSING the US Army Kahuku Training Area, Kawaiiloa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 5:38:02 PM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaiiloa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are **wahi pana**, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli. They are sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats, and the birth stands of generational families. Decades of misuse to 'āina occupied by the Army has proven that they are not capable of being the stewards of these significant wahi pana.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- None of the 3 training areas provide housing to their service folks; thus decreasing the availability of affordable housing to local residents, and displacing Kānaka Maoli
- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites
- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaiiloa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,
Ke'ili McEvelly

Waimānalo, 'Oahu

From: [Jojo Miller](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 4:32:14 PM

My name is Jojo Miller, and I am a resident of Portland, OR. I am submitting this testimony as a previous resident of Hawai'i who cares deeply about Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and environmental protection. I am writing to respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the renewal of the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation.

The Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement makes clear that the military's continued presence restricts cultural access and harms the ability of Native Hawaiians to connect with and care for these sacred lands. The access that is offered is burdened by strict conditions: permits, escorts, and limited dates that make it impossible for these communities to fulfill their cultural responsibilities. As someone who believes in justice, I stand in solidarity with the Native Hawaiian community's call for land return, cleanup, and restoration.

Please do what is right: reject this lease renewal and support the return of these lands to Native Hawaiian stewardship. The future of Hawai'i's lands and people depends on decisions like this.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jojo Miller
Portland, OR

From: [Valor Grimm](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:49:37 PM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Anne Nunnari, and I am a resident of Kalihi, O'ahu. I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to renewing the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation. I respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the lease renewal and support the return of these lands to the people of Hawai'i, nā Kānaka 'Ōiwi.

The Army's own Final Environmental Impact Statement confirms what our communities have long known: military control has severely limited cultural access and harmed our ability as Kānaka 'Ōiwi and Hawai'i residents to care for and connect with these places. Despite policies for cultural access, the reality is that access is highly restricted — requiring advance requests, military escorts, and limiting who, when, and where we can go. This prevents us from practicing our traditions, stewarding the land, and teaching future generations. The continued lease would only extend these harms.

I call on the BLNR to prioritize restoration and cleanup of these lands, not further occupation. Please return them to community stewardship so Native Hawaiians and local residents can care for them as our kūpuna intended. The 'āina deserve healing, and our people deserve meaningful access without military barriers.

Mahalo for considering my testimony,

Anne Nunnari
Kalihi, O'ahu

From: [Erin Orozco](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the US Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 4:44:18 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Army wishes to retain: Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation. The current lease began in 1964 for just \$1, and it expires in 2029. I urge Hawai'i's Board of Land & Natural Resources (BLNR) to reject the Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) because:

1. The lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, endangered species habitats, and critical water sources.
2. The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands.
3. The FEIS ignores key alternatives (like shorter lease terms or no military use).
4. The Army's use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands.
5. These lands should be restored and returned to Native Hawaiian peoples.

Thank you for considering my thoughts and concerns.

Best regards,

Erin Orozco

From: [Garred Patricio](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Save Kahuku Moto Park
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 4:11:54 PM

Email to <mailto:blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

CALL TO ACTION- This email is in regards to the upcoming BLNR meeting on Friday June 27th regarding the KTA leased Army area. Below is a sample testimony letter. We need people to send in before Thursday the 26th

Aloha, My name is Garred Patricio and I have been a member of the dirtbike community for a little over a year.

As you are aware, the Kahuku Dirtbike Park, situated within the KTA training area, is the only legal public place for people to ride on Oahu, with limited hours of operation on weekends and national holidays. However, the park is closed during Army training missions, resulting in several months of closures per year and leaving over 5,000 riders without a legal place to ride. I am concerned that if KTA becomes the primary training area, it will lead to more closures or potentially permanent closure of the park. In this scenario, our riders will be forced to use trails not designated for dirtbikes. On behalf of our dirtbike community, I urge the board to consider this issue and establish safeguards to ensure the Kahuku Dirtbike Park remains open and accessible, with limited Army closures.

From: [Jose Perez](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject US Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:41:40 AM

Hello from your neighbors here in California,

I wish to register my testimony/public comment on the US Army's FEIS in which they wish to remain on 6,322 acres of sacred Hawaiian land occupied by the US military. I must implore you to reject their analysis, and begin the inevitable process of returning all "public" and US government occupied land, surrounding waters, and all resources to the Hawaiian people who make up less than 7% of the total population of the occupied territories.

Perhaps instead we might begin a new study as to how our government might begin the process of reparations to the people whose land we claimed in direct violation of the treaties signed by the US government. The US government, in breaking those treaties, has forfeit their legal rights to remain on all occupied lands in the so called United States of America.

In restoring the material resources back to the Hawaiian people we can put a stop to the further degradation of the environment, and desecration of stolen holy lands. We can allow the Hawaiian people the opportunity to reclaim their land, labor, and resources and the as yet undiscovered history contained on land trampled by the US military industrial complex.

Thank you,
Jose Luis Perez

From: [Luanna Peterson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 5:39:10 PM

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

My name is Luanna Peterson, and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) regarding the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns that the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS reappear in this document. These include the lack of cultural and biological surveys, insufficient cultural consultation, and unresolved land use compliance issues. Additionally, this FEIS fails to address the impacts on streams, the potential for groundwater contamination, and the necessary plans for land remediation.

Accepting this FEIS would send a message that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be ignored without consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

Luanna Peterson

From: [ALICE POLESKY](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:49:05 PM

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

My name is Alice Polesky and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
Alice Polesky*

From: [Dylan Ramos](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony re: Kahuku, Kawaiola-Poamoho, and Makua FEIS
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:48:17 PM

Aloha,

As a lifelong resident of O‘ahu, I urge you to reject the US Army’s Final EIS for O‘ahu leased lands. Their long desecration of this ‘āina extends far beyond the so-called Kahuku Training Area, Kawaiola-Poamoho Training Area, and Makua Military Reservation. But putting our foot down here, now — via our best, most publicly accessible (and publicly scrutinized) opportunity in decades — will be a truly awesome step in the right direction. It is your duty as caretakers of the public trust to reject the FEIS, and by both international law and moral standards, to reject occupation by an undeniably destructive and extractive imperial force. If that sounds hyperbolic, it isn’t, that’s just how empire works.

Mahalo,
Dylan Ramos
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From: [Sylvie Rokab](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject FEIS + Protect Sacred Lands!!
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:59:54 AM

Dear representatives,

I respectfully urge you to reject the U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and protect sacred lands from further military destruction.

Sincerely,
Sylvie Rokab, M.A. -She/her

From: donelle@donelle.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:51:34 AM

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

My name is Donelle Sawyer, and I live part time on O'ahu. I am 3rd generation Portuguese settler from the initial cane field worker migration in the 1800s. All my life I have advocated for natural resources and our environment, and I'm not stopping now. Hawai'i needs to continue fighting greed and abuse of it's natural resources, and in this current Agenda Item D-1, it is apparent that the Army has exhibited a blatant disregard of feedback from DLNR staff and the community, as well as Hawai'i's environmental and land use laws.

I write today to vehemently urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Some of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS are found again in this current one: the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Donelle Sawyer

June 24, 2025

Testimony

To: BLNR

Re: Military Leases

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

Excerpts from my letter to Gov. Green:

GOALS

For years I labored with the idea of reforming the existing institutions of society, a little change there, a little change there. Now I feel quite differently. I think you've got to have a reconstruction of the entire society, a revolution of values – Martin Luther King Jr., Harper's Magazine, August 1967

The history of Hawaii post-contact has been one of flagrant abuse, theft, and exploitation. The situation has only gotten worse in the 21st century. Our ultimate goal is to reverse that trend. To do that, we must achieve:

- Food self-sustainability
- Energy self-sustainability
- Clean air and water, environmental protection and reclamation
- A home and a good job for every Hawaii resident
- Respect for Hawaiian social and cultural traditions, not American capitalism, as the template for future growth and development

I know these goals cannot be achieved instantly. But they CAN be realized over time if drastic action is taken in these areas via legislation, regulation, and taxation:

1. TOURISM. ...

2. MILITARY. De-militarize Hawaii. Do not renew leases and close at least half of the military installations in Hawaii, starting with the ticking time bomb at Red Hill. I concede that our strategic location warrants a Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard presence, maybe Barking Sands missile tracking station, but what do we need an Army base for? It might have made sense in the WWII era, but not now. It was a huge insult to Hawaii for the U.S. military to give back Kaho'olawe (without cleaning up the island and restoring its forest ecosystem) but then take an area of equal size at Pohakuloa. Auwe!

Kalakaua gave the Navy access to Pearl Harbor (under duress) thinking that the U.S. military would protect Hawaii. The opposite has happened. The military is the most

destructive force now active in Hawaii. Virtually every problem we face -- homelessness, pollution, environmental degradation, public health and safety, preservation of natural resources -- could be solved or mitigated by reducing the military presence. For those military bases that remain, the land lease cost should be huge. No dollar-a-year leases; the federal government should be paying the State billions for the privilege of trashing our precious and fragile place. (Same goes for Mauna Kea and other public lands put to private use.) Work with the Congressional delegation to divert military pork barrel into arts and education pork barrel. (I have made this point with Senator Schatz, whose father was a doctor, teacher, and patron of the arts; it wouldn't hurt to remind Brian of that.)

Abandoned military barracks could become homeless shelters. Already industrialized and polluted military bases could be converted to recycling centers, H-power plants, sewage treatment, or other unpleasant but necessary industries. No NIMBY problem here. Current civilian employees of the military could find more altruistic and ethical jobs in these industries.

3. REAL ESTATE ...

4. DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURE. ...

5. KICK THE CARPETBAGGERS OUT. Corporate greed has rotted Hawaii from the inside since before the Great Mahele. Hawaii is a State in name only; it is really a colony of the United States. As a colony, Hawaii has no economy of its own; Hawaii's economy is merely a reflection of the economic activity of offshore capitalists and the federal government (mostly the military). For Hawaii to build its own economy, we must first get rid of the colonists, exploiters, and abusers, or regulate them into submission to the greater good. *This includes the military.*

6. END GOVERNMENT NEGLIGENCE AND CORRUPTION. *This includes the military.*

Responsible governments and businesses should adopt the Hippocratic Oath – do no harm. We are so accustomed to centuries of harm being done that we just accept it; sometimes we don't even recognize it anymore. Let's change that.

Change must come gradually, incrementally, but must eventually result in the "revolution of values" that Martin Luther King envisioned. The strategy and methodology for achieving this vision needs to be developed, and it's already happening; in a recently released paper entitled "Hawaii – Losing the Future?", economists Patrick Sullivan and Paul Brewbaker begin to do just that. Aggressively protecting our land and natural resources is the next step.

Marsha Schweitzer
marsha.schweitzer@hawaiiantel.net

From: [Elizabeth](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 4:01:18 AM

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

My name is Elizabeth Seltzer and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
Elizabeth Seltzer*

From: [Marc Silverman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 5:33:36 PM

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

My name is Marc Silverman and I urge you to once again REJECT the Army's legally flawed & deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and outdated biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found yet AGAIN in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans. This proposal should be thrown out!

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
Marc Silverman*

From: [MARYANN H. SMITH](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please stop the Army destruction
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:49:16 AM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

When the land and natural resources are polluted and destroyed, and artifacts are smashed, they're gone, often forever. Thank you for helping to preserve them.

Good for you, for standing up for Hawaii's sacred, irreplaceable land and natural resources.

Tell the Army they can go destroy a desert in Utah instead.

Sincerely,

MaryAnn Smith
High School math teacher
Idaho Falls, ID

From: monkeycat3@aol.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:31:31 PM

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

My name is Marti Smith and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

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Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Marti Smith

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

From: [Mary Christa Smith](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the Army's EIS statement
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:35:37 AM

Aloha,

I write to you as a resident of Hawai'i I call upon you to REJECT THE ARMY'S EIS STATEMENT.

The Army has not been a good steward of the land. They have broken the trust of the community.

The Army has shown and continues to show disregard and disrespect to the land and the culture of Hawai'i. The lands they have leased are poisoned and uninhabitable. They have neglected their duties and not cleaned up their mess. They have literally poisoned the people through the fuel leak storage at Red Hill. The EIS statement is inaccurate and incomplete.

Your mission statement is "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors."

In adherence with your mission and duty, you must reject the EIS statement. The public trust is in your hands. The army has irrevocably harmed the natural, cultural and historic resources that are held in public trust for future generations. Please honor your kuleana and kulana and reject the EIS.

Kindly,
Mary Christa

Mary Christa Smith

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From: [Sven S.](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rejection of the Army's FEIS for Kahuku, Kawaioloa-Poamoho, and Mākua
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 11:52:59 PM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaioloa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are **wahi pana**, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli. They are sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats, and the birth stands of generational families. Decades of misuse to 'āina occupied by the Army has proven that they are not capable of being the stewards of these significant wahi pana.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
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- None of the 3 training areas provide housing to their service folks; thus decreasing the availability of affordable housing to local residents, and displacing Kānaka Maoli
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I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaioloa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,

Sven Sorge

From: [casey_spencer](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kahuku motocross track
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 5:14:00 PM

Aloha, My name is Casey Spencer and I have been a member of the dirtbike community for 40 years.

As you are aware, the Kahuku Dirtbike Park, situated within the KTA training area, is the only legal public place for people to ride on Oahu, with limited hours of operation on weekends and national holidays. However, the park is closed during Army training missions, resulting in several months of closures per year and leaving over 5,000 riders without a legal place to ride. I am concerned that if KTA becomes the primary training area, it will lead to more closures or potentially permanent closure of the park. In this scenario, our riders will be forced to use trails not designated for dirtbikes. On behalf of our dirtbike community, I urge the board to consider this issue and establish safeguards to ensure the Kahuku Dirtbike Park remains open and accessible, with limited Army closures.

From: [Sandy Lee](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:11:28 PM

My name is Sandra Stokes_____ and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sandra Stokes
Sent from my iPad

From: [Kaia Svien](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] protect your sacred lands
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 4:21:11 AM

Pls reject the army's final FEIS plan.
We need to think about future generations too.

Kaia Svien, MS (she, hers)
ksvien@iphouse.com
Holding the Light for a Harmonious Future for all Beings!!

From: [Naomi Tachera](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:19:21 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
My name is Dr. Naomi Tachera, and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu. Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans. Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence. Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS. Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Naomi Tachera

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Naomi Ka'ae Tachera, EdD, BCBA, LBA

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From: [Kekuawela Tauala](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: tm.hawaiipeaceandjustice@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Direct Opposition to Acceptance of the Army's O'ahu Leased Lands FEIS
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:23:48 PM

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

I am writing in direct opposition to the Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for continued use of state lands at Kahuku Training Area (KTA), Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation (MMR).

Your own Land Division staff and the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) found that this FEIS fails to meet legal standards under HAR § 11-200.1-28(b)(2) and must be rejected. This is more than a technical issue — it reflects an ongoing pattern of harm and disregard for 'āina, culture, and the State's fiduciary responsibilities.

Why the FEIS Must Be Rejected:

1. No Baseline Data:

DLNR staff confirmed that key environmental and cultural data is missing. Without it, neither the Board nor the public can understand the full impacts — putting ecosystems, species, sacred sites, and watersheds at risk.

2. Incomplete Cultural Review:

The Army's Cultural Impact Assessment ignored significant mo'olelo like Kelea, Lā'ikanaka, and Pa'ahana. These stories are connected to the affected lands and deserve inclusion. The exclusion reflects a failure to engage Native Hawaiian knowledge and protocols with integrity.

3. Major Areas Unsurveyed:

Large areas of KTA, MMR, and Poamoho remain unsurveyed — possibly containing iwi kūpuna, wahi pana, and unrecorded cultural sites. Failing to survey these areas puts them in danger.

4. Ignores Future Harm:

Though framed as "administrative," the FEIS lays the groundwork for continued warfighting activities. It fails to assess cumulative and long-term impacts, dismissing potential harm rather than addressing it.

Legal Grounds for Rejection:

- **Lacks Required Information:** Baseline data is missing, making the FEIS legally and ethically insufficient.
- **Fails Chapter 343 Standards:** It does not fully assess impacts, consider real alternatives, or adequately respond to public and agency input.

- **Ignores SHPD Concerns:** Key feedback from SHPD — to include more stories, survey more land, and protect sacred sites — was disregarded.
- **Doesn't Consider Alternatives:** The Army only evaluated options that keep them on the land, ignoring community-led or conservation-based stewardship models.

Trust and Kuleana:

The State has a duty to protect Native Hawaiian cultural and natural resources. Accepting this FEIS would continue a legacy of military harm, ignore expert recommendations, and betray public trust. In alignment with your own staff's recommendation, I urge you to **reject the Army's FEIS.**

As you are aware, your fiduciary duty is to the people's of Hawai'i and you are required by law to make decisions that are in the best interest of us, our lands, waters, and natural resources— not to the United States Military and their missions of “national security” or “war readiness.” Stand for the ‘āina, for iwi kūpuna, and for the future of Hawai'i.

In Truth and Kuleana,
Kekuawela Burgess Tauala
Wai‘anae, O‘ahu
Hui Aloha ‘Āina o Honolulu
Hawai'i Peace and Justice

From: [Jane Taylor](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:24:24 PM

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

My name is Jane Taylor. An artist and retired teacher, I have lived in the Islands since 1954. I have seen a lot of changes and watched a lot of misuse of a unique and fragile land.

I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence and would imply that we are pleased with their past stewardship.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jane Taylor
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Aloha e Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Malia Taylor-Wolfe, and I am a recent graduate from the University of Hawai‘i William S. Richardson School of Law. I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to the U.S. Army’s proposed retention of leased lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation, and to urge the land board to **reject the Army’s EIS**.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are wahi pana, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli. They are sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats, and the birth stands of generational families. Decades of misuse to ‘āina occupied by the Army has proven that they are not capable of being the stewards of these significant wahi pana.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and aloha ‘āina. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- None of the 3 training areas provide housing to their service folks; thus decreasing the availability of affordable housing to local residents, and displacing Kānaka Maoli
- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites
- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR’s constitutional duty to mālama ‘āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai‘i by rejecting the Army’s FEIS for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,
Malia Taylor-Wolfe
Honolulu, Hawai‘i

From: [Peggy Tileston](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] U.S. Army FEIS for Pōhakuloa Training Area
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:10:45 AM

Dear Members of the BLNR,

Thank you for failing to pass the Army's Final EIS at Pōhakuloa Training Area last month, and thank you for being on the board.

It seems to me that allowing the U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Pōhakuloa Training Area to pass is like believing the fox's report that assures you his presence in the hen house will not damage any chickens.

The U.S. Army's prime directive is the protection of U.S. citizens and U.S interests through any means necessary. It is not oriented towards, nor has history shown that it considers how its actions negatively impact non-military concerns such as:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->The welfare of the land and of documented endangered species and their habitat. (This area has more endangered species than any other US Army installation.)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->The documented presence of sacred burial and cultural sites that are vital to the wellbeing of the Native Hawaiian peoples and also of concern to non-Native residents and tourists.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->The existence of documented critical water sources.

We also know that:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological, environmental, and cultural surveys of the lands.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Their FEIS ignores key alternatives (like shorter lease terms or no military use).

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->The Army's use has *already* caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands.

I don't envy your position – caught between the needs and demands of the U.S. Army vs the needs and pleas of the humans, more-than-humans, and the land. And yet, it seems to me that your mission statement would make the decision clear for you. Please do not pass the Army's FEIS and hold fast to your commitment to, "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors".

And in the end, in the long run, in the context of reparations, my plea and my prayer is that those ravaged lands be one day restored and returned to the stewardship of the Native Hawaiian peoples. Any way you can pave the way for that to happen would be truly adhering to the spirit of your mission.

Very sincerely yours,

Peggy Tileston

From: [Jasmine Torres](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:40:44 AM

To: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov
Subject: Testimony on Agenda Item D-1

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

My name is Jasmine Torres and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
Jasmine Torres*

From: [Jan Drovic Tumang](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] US Army FEIS
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:37:42 PM

Aloha,

My name is JD Tumang. I am speaking on behalf of all Native peoples, not just Native Hawaiians. All that came before, all that are here now, and all that are to come.

To have the United States Army illegally occupy land, and then rent land out for measly dollars per year, is not only against integrity but against humanity. Morals. Lessons taught to us for generations, gathered by ancestors who have toiled just to find the most efficient, effective, and SUSTAINABLE ways to live in harmony with the land. Once you're out of harmony, the fresh waters stop flowing, the trees stop fruiting, the soul becomes rotten.

The Army's effect on Hawai'i has gone on for too long, and they have only brought destruction. So many streams have dried up. So many native flora and fauna gone within years, while it took millennia for them to evolve. So many cultural historical places and practices lost. They claim to have the "military defenses to protect us", but we would not need protecting if it was not for their ILLEGAL OCCUPATION in the first place.

They do not deserve a place here. They do not deserve to bomb innocent land, animals, plants, or anyone for that matter. They do not deserve to continue their mindless and greedy warfare practices on sacred islands. They do not deserve to have access to our wahi pana, our sacred places. Once you destroy the land, you destroy the people.

Kūla'ila'i, the reef at Mākua beach, is where La'ila'i rose after she descended from the heavens. She is the first woman, the mother of every Hawaiian, hence the name Mākua (Parent). Once a beautiful, bountiful valley filled with songs of gratitude and grace, is now lonely and destitute with only foreign militants as its population. The US military had their war ships out in the water on Mākua bay, shooting 250lbs, 500lbs, and 1,000lbs bombs over the beachgoers and indigenous families who lived there still (nearer the shore). They say you could feel the shockwaves all the way in Lualualei Valley. I work in Lualualei Valley, on MA'O Organic Farms. I hear the bombs from Schofield- just over the mountain of Pūhāwai. I feel the quakes and the cries of the land. I feel the intent of the US Army, and we should have to debate over the fact that they are not welcome here.

Mahalo for listening,
JD Tumang

From: [janis.turner](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mākua Military Reservation
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:54:27 AM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are **wahi pana**, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli. They are sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats, and the birth stands of generational families. Decades of misuse to 'āina occupied by the Army has proven that they are not capable of being the stewards of these significant wahi pana.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- None of the 3 training areas provide housing to their service folks; thus decreasing the availability of affordable housing to local residents, and displacing Kānaka Maoli
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- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,

Janis Turner

Diamond Head

From: [Krista Vessell](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:12:56 PM

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

My name is Krista Vessell, and as a resident of Oahu, I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Krista Vessell

From: eeekadog@yahoo.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:50:33 AM

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

My name is Clifford Wassman and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo,

Clifford Wassman

From: [Haylee Watson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do Not Accept the FEIS for the Army Training Land Retention
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 11:18:02 PM

Aloha Kākou,

My name is Haylee Watson and I strongly urge the Board of Land and Natural Resources to not accept the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Army Training Land Retention at the Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area and Mākua Military Reservation.

The U.S. Military presence has caused many years of negative impact on our land and water resources which then in turn negatively impacts communities in Hawai‘i . The U.S. Military lacks accountability for past environmental and cultural damage, and doesn't have any adequate plans for future remediation efforts.

Here in Hawai‘i, our land and our water is more than a piece of property or resource, it is our kūpuna and we all must treat it with the upmost respect. Please do not accept the FEIS, please do not let the U.S. Military continuously disrespect our kūpuna and our home.

Mahalo,
Haylee Watson
Kaka‘ako O‘ahu, HI

From: [Austen Wianecki](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the Renewal of the Army's Lease of Pōhakuloa Training Area
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:15:45 AM

Dear Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Please, please, please do not renew the Army's lease of Pōhakuloa Training Area. I'm sure you've heard the sound and logical reasoning to reject the EIS submitted to you for review. And—I have no doubt—you have found that the EIS both lacks rigor while also obfuscating the impact on vital habitats and precious cultural sites.

During this moment in history when climate change is threatening life itself and when war is more important than feeding children, I urge you to **REJECT FURTHER U.S. MILITARIZATION** of Hawai'i. This is a moral imperative.

Return this land to the Native Hawaiian people **and let the damage already done by the U.S. Army** begin to be repaired.

Please consider future generations when you make this very important decision.

Sincerely,
Austen Wianecki-Wang

From: lehua27@gmail.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony In Opposition
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:41:52 PM

Aloha Land Board Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

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Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

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- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,
Doneileen Willets

From: [Donna Williams](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D. EIS for Army Training
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:39:28 AM

To the Department of Land and Natural Resources

RE: Agenda Item D.

Decision Making Regarding the Acceptance or Non-Acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Army Training Land Retention of State Lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation, Island of O‘ahu

Greetings Esteemed Members of the Board,

Thank you for rejecting the Army's Final EIS on Pōhakuloa. Please keep up the good work.

I do not live in Hawaii, and I have no plans to visit. Nevertheless, the fate of Hawai'i intimately connects to my heart, and here's why:

I am old enough to remember when the Cuyahoga River burned, when DDT was sold everywhere, when hairspray and refrigerants punched a huge hole in the ozone.

WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD to put environmental regulations in place. It pains me to see these rules treated like an annoying bit of red tape to be got through as expediently as possible, as mere paperwork to fill out, using any excuse to check the boxes without much real thought given to the actual environment. This is what the EIS of various government agencies have looked like to me, at Lake Oahe, at Malmstrom AFB, over the Oglala aquifer, through the Rice Lakes, in the Atchafalaya Basin, in the Alaskan wilderness—and now in Hawai'i.

This is my home planet. Every corner of it connects to every other. Whatever goes into the air in Hawai'i, I breathe tomorrow in Montana. There is no zone that can be sacrificed. Whatever happens to my fellow Americans, happens also to me.

Furthermore, I am old enough to have living memories of the stand-offs at Alcatraz and Wounded Knee.

WE HAVE WORKED SO HARD trying to build right relations with the peoples who were here first. We have so much more work to do. It pains me to watch sovereign nation-to-nation negotiations treated as a low-level task for the PR department to handle with a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation followed by a "Q&A" time wherein no questions need to be seriously taken into consideration and no answers need to be anything more than a bunch of empty words. I have attended such presentations conducted by our armed forces personnel.

The army says, "This We'll Defend." What is "This" exactly?

If they do not defend the environment of our home planet, they are not defending us. They are not defending Hawaiians. They are not defending themselves. Who will defend us from the thousand pieces of paper a day taking away our water, our air, our land, our climate, our home, our freedom, our children's future, our sovereign right to live?

We have the largest and most expensive military system in the world with vast resources capable of wielding unimaginable power. We can accomplish anything. Anything. Protection of the environment and proper respect for the first peoples' sovereignty is not too much to ask.

We must Just Say NO to plans that will harm our planet and desecrate sacred lands. I am grateful the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was rejected for Pōhakuloa. This was a huge step in the right direction. Now

the next right step is to act in harmony for the other three areas.

Reject this Final EIS, too.

Allow the leases to expire. Insist that the US army use its vast powers to restore sacred lands into the care of the Hawaiian people.

Thank you,

Donna Williams
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From: [James J. Williams](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kahuku Training Area
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:44:55 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a former US Marine, serving from 1960 to 1966. Having gone to Standing Rock, I am an ally of Indigenous Peoples.

I offer my thoughts on the proposal:

- The lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, endangered species habitats and critical water sources;
- The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands;
- The FEIS ignores key alternatives (like shorter lease terms or no military use;)
- The Army's use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of lands that are sacred;
- These lands should be restored and returned to Native Hawaiian peoples.

James Williams

From: [Rebecca Winsor](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Hawaiian sacred sites- a concerned citizen's message
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:17:05 AM

To whom it may concern at BLNR,

I am a concerned US citizen writing because I understand that there is a matter of land in Hawaii which I am concerned about.

I understand that the U.S. Army wishes to retain: Kahuku Training Area (1,170 acres), Kawaihoa-Poamoho (4,370 acres), and Mākuā Military Reservation (782 acres). Before they are granted a new lease, they need Hawai'i's Board of Land & Natural Resources (BLNR) to accept their Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Their current lease began in 1964 and expires in 2029. I Urge the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS because:

The lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, endangered species habitats and critical water sources.

The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands.

The FEIS ignores key alternatives (like shorter lease terms or no military use).

The Army's use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands.

These lands should be restored and returned to Native Hawaiian peoples.

1. Thank you for your attention!

Sincerely

Rebecca Winsor
San Francisco, CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robyn Wishna](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] reject Army's FEIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:20:47 AM

To Whom It May Concern
Please reject the Army's FEIS.

The lands in question include sacred burial sites, cultural sites,
endangered species habitat, and critical water sources.

Sincerely

Robyn Wishna

From: [ann Wright](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1--Reject FEIS
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:33:27 PM

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

I am retired US Army Colonel Ann Wright. I spent 29 years in the US Army/Army Reserves.

I strongly urge you to REJECT the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Army's retention of lands on O'ahu. As DLNR has noted, the FEIS is legally deficient by not addressing all the aspects of land retention that was required by the DLNR staff, as well as the huge number of concerns raised by the community. The FEIS does not address the information needed to determine potential impacts to streams, aquifers, native and endangered species, cultural sites, Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, and other critical public trust resources and constitutional rights.

I appreciate very much that the DLNR staff recommended that the FEIS be rejected as insufficient under the law.

Please uphold the integrity of our environmental review and land use laws - *do not accept* this faulty and legally flawed document.

Ann Wright, Colonel, retired, US Army
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Honolulu, HI 96826

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From: [Naomi Zurcher](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the army's Final EIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:49:10 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Army wishes to retain: Kahuku Training Area (1,170 acres), Kawaihoa-Poamoho (4,370 acres), and Mākua Military Reservation (782 acres). Before they are granted a new lease, they need Hawai'i's Board of Land & Natural Resources (BLNR) to accept their Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Their current lease began in 1964 and expires in 2029. These years have been fraught with environmental damage and objections from the local and Indigenous communities.

Our current state of environmental affairs demands that we address the Army's exacerbation of the issues, both environmentally as well as culturally. I am writing to urge the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS because:

1. The lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, endangered species habitats and critical water sources.
2. The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands.
3. The FEIS ignores key alternatives (like shorter lease terms or no military use).
4. The Army's use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Sincerely,
Naomi Zurcher

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