

[EXTERNAL] Testimony for Meeting 04.24.2026, Support for Item F-2

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Aloha mai kākou,

Mahalo for the opportunity to serve our community through testimony.

Kimeona Kane of Waimānalo in strong support of Agenda Item F-2,

Request for Authorization and Approval to Issue a Papahānaumokuākea Native Hawaiian Practices Permit to Pelika Andrade, Nā Maka Onaona and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, for Access to State Waters to use Traditional Ecological Knowledge to Conduct Intertidal Surveys and Monitoring.

Pelika is a trusted member of community, demonstrates keen and intimate understandings of things Hawai'i and does incredibly important work across many landscapes and lives. Her teachings usher in a significant push forward for the conservation and preservation of many aspects of Hawaiian Culture and Ecosystems. Pathways like this, must continue to open up as necessary to tangibly impact positive change in the communities of Hawai'i with the people who should be stewarding them. This is an excellent opportunity that must be studied, to ensure that cultural knowledge bearers are truly given the access necessary to conduct their work in the most meaningful ways.

IMUA PELIKA and MAHALO NUI for your leadership.

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‘O wau nō me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Kimeona Kane
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