



[EXTERNAL] Agenda I-1 —in SUPPORT

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Date Thu 4/23/2026 7:50 PM

To DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha,

Iwi Kūpuna and the people of today deserve respect, protection and connection from past to present.

I am writing in full support of Agenda item I-1 to approve the petition for rulemaking filed March 25th; submitted by Malama Kakanilua, Ho'oponopono o Makena, and Pele Defense Fund.

I am writing in support of more adequate and respectful handling and oversight of iwi Kūpuna and sacred sites.

**Mahalo for your time,
Lana Albright**

Sent from my iPhone

To: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov

Subject: Testimony in Support of Agenda Item I-1 – Protection of Iwi Kūpuna

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

O Lala Johnson Kou inoa of Waiehu. I am writing in strong support of Agenda Item I-1 to approve the petition for rulemaking submitted on March 25 by Mālama Kakanilua, Ho'oponopono o Mākena, and Pele Defense Fund.

Our iwi kūpuna are not artifacts. They are our ancestors—our family—and a living connection to our identity, 'ike, and kuleana as Ko po'e Hawai'i. The current gaps in SHPD rules and enforcement have allowed for repeated harm, mishandling, and disrespect of burial sites across our islands. This is unacceptable.

We are calling on BLNR to take meaningful action to strengthen protections by advancing clear and enforceable rules that:

- Center cultural protocol and Native Hawaiian leadership in decision-making
- Ensure immediate protection and proper treatment when iwi are discovered
- Hold developers and agencies accountable for compliance
- Prevent further desecration of sacred sites

For too long, our communities have had to fight to protect what should already be safeguarded. This petition represents an important step toward restoring dignity, respect, and proper stewardship for our kūpuna.

I respectfully urge the Board to vote in favor of this petition and take decisive action to protect iwi kūpuna now and for future generations.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

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[EXTERNAL] BLNR Meeting, Friday April 24, 2026. Agenda Item I-1: Historic Preservation Division

From Ekini Lindsey <ekinilindsey@gmail.com>

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Aloha Committee in progress, my name is

Ekini Lindsey in support of Agenda Item, I-1

Approval of Mālama Kanakilua, Ho'oponopono o Mākena, and Pele Defense Fund's Petition !

Mahalo nui loa