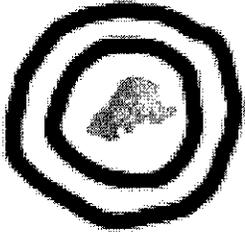


SB 609



PROTECT KAHO'OLAWE 'OHANA
P.O. Box 39
Kaunakakai, Hawai'i 96748

Senate Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, Housing Committees
February 12, 2011 at 10:00A
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 225

Testimony in OPPOSITION to S.B. 609, Relating to Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, Members of the Committee:

Mahalo and thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana opposes SB 609 as introduced. We do not support any changes to HRS 6K-5. However, if the Senate Joint Committees decide to reduce the size of the KIRC from 7 to 5 members, we insist that one member be a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana.

Aloha `Aina,
Kylee Pomaika`i Mar
Member, Access Coordinator
Protect Kaho'olawe `Ohana



SB 609
RELATING TO THE KAHOOLOLWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing

February 10, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following comments on SB 609, which would reduce the number of members of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission from seven to five and require certain members to be selected in consultation with Native Hawaiian organizations.

The Beneficiary, Advocacy and Empowerment Committee of the OHA Board of Trustees voted to **OPPOSE** this bill because it would remove the seat on KIRC reserved for the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO). Members of PKO risked – and some even lost – their lives in the movement they initiated to stop the U.S. Navy’s use of Kaho‘olawe as a military training site. Their efforts not only stopped the 50-year bombing of Kaho‘olawe, but also helped usher in an era of cultural revival and political activism among Native Hawaiians.

Today, the ‘Ohana continues to serve a major role in ensuring that Native Hawaiians and the broader public have access to the island for environmental restoration projects, as well as for Native Hawaiian cultural ceremonies, such as the opening and closing of Makahiki, and other traditional practices. PKO’s continued representation on KIRC will ensure that the organization most responsible for stopping the bombing of Kaho‘olawe can continue to play a major role in helping the island to heal both spiritually and physically.

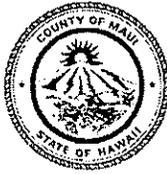
We also note that the bill appears to prevent KIRC members from serving two consecutive terms, which would be a deviation from the normal standard for terms of members of other state boards and commissions. Section 26-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, only prohibits individuals from serving more than two terms consecutively. Under SB609, KIRC members would have to wait four years after their first term expires before they can be reappointed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor

WILLIAM R. SPENCE
Director

MICHELE CHOUTEAU McLEAN
Deputy Director



COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair
Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
Conference Room 225

Statement of Michele McLean
Maui County Deputy Planning Director and
Mayor's Nominee to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission

Please accept this testimony in support of SB 609. The proposed bill would change the composition of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) and reduce its size from seven to five members.

As Mayor Arakawa's nominee to be the County of Maui's representative on the KIRC, and as the former KIRC Deputy Director, I believe this bill would make positive changes. The current composition of the KIRC has three government-oriented seats (one County representative, one Office of Hawaiian Affairs representative, and the chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources), one Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO) seat, and three seats for the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana (PKO), the grassroots organization that fought to have the bombing of Kaho`olawe stopped and who have been stewards of Kaho`olawe ever since.

The bill would retain the three government-oriented seats and one NHO seat; and instead of three PKO seats, it would add a second NHO seat. Either or both of the NHO seats could theoretically be filled by PKO members or representatives. This would give the KIRC a stronger government orientation, rather than the nonprofit orientation that it has had since its inception, which is advisable given the tremendous responsibilities and authority of the KIRC: management, access control, natural and cultural resources monitoring and protection, and environmental restoration of a 29,000-acre former military bombing range that is still littered with unexploded ordnance. These are serious duties that demand the oversight of a qualified commission. Short of specifying required skills, as is the case with some boards and commissions, this can be accomplished by having a majority of the KIRC seats be government officials who are answerable to the public. Lastly, from a practical standpoint, having a five-member KIRC would also facilitate the scheduling and decrease the cost of meetings.

As an aside, I think it would be reasonable to retain one PKO seat rather than eliminating the three seats altogether. With the PKO's longstanding commitment to Kaho`olawe, one seat could be retained so that the PKO can still have a formal voice on the KIRC. It appears that it has sometimes been difficult for the PKO to find three members willing to serve, so this may also be acceptable to the PKO as well.

Please vote YES on SB 609. Thank you for your consideration.

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: Amanda Sawa [amrang@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 7:43 AM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Testimony of Amanda Sawa - SB 609

Testimony of:
Amanda Sawa
Ho'ae'ae, Waikele/Waipahu, O`ahu

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana on the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The intent of the original legislation that established the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission in 1993 was to ensure that the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the island, had a voice in the future of Kaho`olawe island. The Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana MUST continue to have a voice on the Commission!

I had the humble privilege of visiting Kaho`olawe with the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana (PKO) in 2004 and 2005. The PKO did a tremendous job of nurturing an experience for me and all other access participants that was culturally, spiritually, and environmentally meaningful. As a current public servant for the State of Hawai`i, I often draw from the examples of stewardship, service and care that the PKO demonstrated during our time on Kaho`olawe. Additionally, I am grateful for the legacy of the PKO that benefits the state, our local communities, the Hawaiian people, my son, my son's children, and all generations hereafter.

The Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana has been at the forefront of Kaho`olawe's revival from the very beginning of the island's healing, when it was transitioned away from military bombing and training. After decades, the PKO continues to play an essential role through their contribution of diligent and culturally appropriate work to complete the leviathan task of restoring the island's health and stability. It is imperative that the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana maintain their position as an integral part of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of
Bennett Z. Valencia
Kaneohe, HI

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

***if you feel inclined to, you can elaborate more in your testimony by answering the following questions:

My experience with the PKO has been nothing but rewarding. The members of the organization have taught me that the true Hawaii people take care of the land and NOT destroy it. They are so committed to that ideal that they sacrifice time and money to help contribute to the resurrection of a once beautiful island that was destroyed. This land is not just an object but a living being that needs the help and support of people who care about Hawaii. This organization is in the best interest of the island regardless of profit or personal gain. They are the best representation to have on the commission and to remove them would be a disservice not only to the island but to Hawaii as a whole. Do the right thing and leave them on the commission.

Testimony of Blake J La Benz in opposition to SB609

February 11, 2011

COMMITTEE: Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs &
Water, Land, and Housing

HEARING DATE/TIME: February 12, 2011 10:00 AM

FROM: Blake J La Benz

1472 Frank Street, Honolulu Hawaii 96816

RE: Testimony in Absolute Opposition to Senate Bill 609

Relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

I OPPOSE SB609 with all my might. My name is Blake J La Benz. I am a city planner with the Department of Planning and Permitting. The PKO is has been there from the start; and you would not have a poorly designed bill to vote on if it were not for the many years and sacrifices that members of the PKO have GIVEN...no one from the PKO gets paid to malama and love Kahoolawe the way they do! They do it because it is PONO. And I ask you to NEVER FORGET, that two very good men gave their lives for their belief in something better for Kahoolawe and Hawaii's people! To this day, members of the PKO sacrifice time, money, and moments with family for their love and dedication to Kahoolawe and the deserving people who access her shores. Kill that bill. The PKO MUST have a voice on the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.

From: Brandon Wong [kaimi20@rocketmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:49 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Cc: kaimi20@rocketmail.com
Subject: Please preserve the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana

Testimony of
Brandon Ka'imi Wong
Of Ha'ikū, Kāne'ōhe, O'ahu

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

It hurts me deep down in my na'au to hear of this bill. SB609. It is my hope that I am able to one day bring my children to Kaho'olawe via PKO so they can share the experiences that I have had on the island.

In May of 2006 I had the opportunity to fulfill my community service work with the University of Hawai'i of Mānoa's Kua'ana Program. At that time, I was working full-time, attending school full-time, and my spare time was spent raising my one year-old daughter and helping my wife who was then in the last few weeks of her pregnancy with my second daughter. Finding time to fulfill my community service work was extremely difficult during this semester and this was a godsend of an opportunity that I may not have gotten if the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana had not been around.

While on Kaho'olawe we engaged in some heavy work, helped rebuild the Hale Hālāwai that had been destroyed in bad weather a few months earlier. Being able to assist, learn and work to rebuild this hale was an experience that will never leave me, an aspect of Hawaiian tradition that not many will have the chance to experience.

PKO members that I have had the chance to work beside were excellent, knowledgeable, and very well-trained. I have the utmost respect for them. They are able to educate about Kaho'olawe as well as manage and maintain a safe environment during their trips.

The trip I was on was extremely well planned and all actions and activities were well coordinated and

discussed thoroughly amongst the PKO members as a hui. I recall on my trip that I had received a phone call from my wife that she was going into labor. I asked if I was able to return to Maui to catch an emergency flight back to Honolulu. The PKO members got together and carefully discussed my options for leaving early and after much deliberation over the weather and ocean conditions, they deemed it was unsafe for anyone to make a return trip to Maui on the zodiac [boat] at that time. I stayed out the remainder of the trip while my daughter was born on O'ahu in my absence. As unfortunate as it was that I missed her birth, I was well comforted by the PKO members and it pleased me to know that I was able to trust them with keeping our well-being in mind at all times. It was unforgettable, a blessing in disguise, and I am extremely grateful to the PKO members for making the trip memorable. As a result of this trip, there are members that I am still great friends with to this day.

As a result of this trip my interest in the island was piqued as I was exposed to Kaho'olawe's history and the current efforts of PKO to restore the island's natural resources and place in Hawaiian culture. To lose PKO would mean the loss of a great asset to the community at large and to the Hawaiian community's efforts to holomua.

Sincerely,

Brandon Ka'imi Wong

Never miss an email again!

Yahoo! Toolbar alerts you the instant new Mail arrives. Check it out.

Testimony of
Brett D. Hartle, AIA, LEED-AP
Honolulu, HI

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

I had the fortunate experience of visiting Kaho'olawe in 2007 as an architectural client of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). During that time I witnessed the important role that the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) has in continuing the natural and cultural stewardship of the island. Experiencing Kaho'olawe firsthand has affected my life, as I'm sure it has for those who experienced Kaho'olawe before and after my time. During my stay there, I developed a strong appreciation for the effort the PKO, along with KIRC, has undertaken in repairing decades of abuse to the natural and cultural significance of Kaho'olawe.

Many of the elder members of the PKO were witnesses to that abuse and were instrumental in bringing an end to damage and a beginning to the repair. In turn, the task of cleanup has allowed an opportunity to renew cultural bonds with the land and connect the younger generations involved with the PKO to their native culture and practices of sustainability. These virtues are simply put by PKO's mantra *aloha 'aina*.

It is my belief that there is much work left to do on the revitalization and protection of Kaho'olawe and that the PKO is a vital asset to that recovery. Furthermore, the representation by the PKO under the KIRC is essential for the consensus of a clear vision and voice of Kaho'olawe.

Letter of Opposition to SB609

Submitted by Carol Lee-Arnold

To: Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

When: Saturday, February 12, 2011 , 10:00 am. , Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

Dear Committee Chairs Galuteria and DelaCruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees,

This letter is in strong opposition of SB609. My family and I have been participating in volunteer restoration projects with the PKO and the KIRK for the past 8 years. Our experiences on the island of Kahoolawe has been life changing for all members of our Ohana in a very good way. We are a non Hawaiian family and have gained immeasurable knowledge, appreciation and understanding of the Hawaiian culture that has had a very positive impact on us. This island is a powerful and healing place. It is a cultural treasure and priceless resource for the people of Hawaii. It must be preserved at all cost.

The PKO has worked extremely hard to stop the bombing and restore the island. It is critical that the PKO and the KIRK continue to work side by side to carry on this important vision and mission. The ohana provides valuable knowledge and cultural expertise to the KIRK commission. The original intent of the legislation must be maintained as it was established in order to continue to preserve the island of Kahoolawe. It is vital that the commission remains as it is.

For these reasons, I am in strong opposition of SB609! Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony and your vote against this bill.

Aloha,

Carol Lee-Arnold

2468 Lamaku Place Honolulu, HI 96816

Testimony of
Chance Lee
Austin, TX USA

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony in Opposition to SB 609

From: Christopher (Toby) McLeod, documentary filmmaker and Project Director Sacred Land Film Project of Earth Island Institute, Berkeley, California 94704 tel 510-859-9190 - email tm@sacredland.org

For the past five years I have been researching and producing a public television documentary about the history of Kaho`olawe Island. My research, guidance and protection have come from the dedicated and very professional members of the Protect Kaho`olawe Ohana, working closely with the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. The members and staff of these two organizations make an excellent team handling a complex process. Our film documentary features eight indigenous communities around the world fighting to protect and restore sacred places. The important, complex tasks being managed by PKO members, almost exclusively as volunteers, speaks to the dedication and love the ohana has for the island, the respect they hold for Native Hawaiian history and culture, the care they take in restoring the island, the depth of commitment they have made to public education and the seriousness with which they pursue public safety. In our two filming trips to the island, with funding from Pacific Islanders in Communication, we have watched the flawless integration of roles and responsibilities, excellent coordination of assignments and tasks, good spirits in sharing their work, as both the PKO and the KIRK work together in support of our film project's needs.

From my vantage point as manager of a multi-million dollar endeavor, the separation and delegation of tasks and responsibilities between the PKO and the KIRC is well suited to getting the various jobs done well, creatively, and consistent with the personalities and history that are always sure to exist in so complex a community. From my experience, the people doing the work are first rate, dedicated, community servants.

I would like to express my opposition to SB 609.

PKO representation on the KIRC has been a very positive and constructive factor and is consistent with the enabling legislation establishing the KIRC in 1993 (Chapter 6-K Hawaii Revised Statutes). PKO members I know personally have served with distinction on the KIRC, including Craig Nef, David Viana, Mcgregor, Namak, Whittehead, Emmett Aluilii, and Pauli Kapaun. Since 1998, the PKO has provided safe and

My appreciation goes to the Council of the Islands for the support and assistance provided to the island of Hawaii, including my wife and two children, who visited the island in the summer of 2009. The PKO has been a great help to the island and the people of Hawaii. The KIRC is a great organization, and the staff is excellent. The Natives of Hawaii are very friendly.

PKO should continue in this important advisory and partnering role.

Thank you.

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: hawnforce@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 10:16 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: kill bill hb 609 hwn.wt 02/12/11 ttm

kill hb 609 from craig and luana neff . hilo, hawaii PKO

From: darienned@gmail.com on behalf of Darienne Dey [darienne@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:31 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Opposition to Senate Bill 609

Testimony of

Darienne Dey

Mōkiliili, Honolulu, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and

WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011

10:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of

SENATE BILL 609

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Darienne Dey

Testimony of
Donna Nakamura
98-2039 B Kaahumanu Street

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

My son Brandon had the rare opportunity to visit Kahoolawe last year in the 7th grade with a few of his fellow students and teachers. He came home with such an appreciation for the Aina and was truly moved by his experience there. He even said that he wanted to join the PKO when he grew older! He learned many Hawaiian chants and was able to give back to the land by replanting sweet potato plants and at the end of the year, completed his culminating school project on his experience and history of Kahoolawe. This kind of educational experiences are priceless and are only able to be continued because of selfless organizations like the PKO. Please, please consider keeping the PKO and continue the funding for it!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: Ed Elms [ed@dakinescuba.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:48 AM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: SB 609

Testimony of
Ed Elms
1221 Maunawili Rd,
Kailua, HI 96734

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

I strongly believe that the historical & cultural importance of the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana's (PKO) continued representation on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) is extremely important. The KIRC would not have existed without the tireless & relentless dedication and sacrifice of the PKO in halting the bombing of Kaho'olawe.

Having had the honor of access to Kaho'olawe last August with my wife through the PKO and being witness to the close working relationship between the PKO & KIRC firsthand, I strongly oppose any measure that would prevent representation of the PKO on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Having said thusly, if SB 609 is allowed to pass, I will bring to task those that supported this bill and show my extreme displeasure at the polls when ask to elect/reelect our public servants.

Very Respectfully,

Ed Elms
Registered Voter

Testimony of
eLena Miwako Javinar GILLESPIE
2570 Titcomb Street
Kilauea Kauai Hawaii 96754

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE
COMMISSION

OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: Gabby Holt [ahulii.holt@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:54 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Opposition to SB 609

Testimony of
Gabrielle Ahuli'i Holt
Honolulu, HI

The Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana has changed my life. I have been blessed enough to visit the island twice with the Ohana, and I cannot overstate enough how great an impact they have had on my life. Being a part Hawaiian has always been an interesting experience for me. I didn't go to immersion school, nor did I attend Kamehameha Schools, and it wasn't until I got to high school that I started my education Hawaiian Language and Hawaiian culture. In my senior year of high school, our class went to Kahoolawe with the PKO for the first time and I will never forget that experience. Every night we would have a ho'oponopono-like conversation, and it was during these talks that I truly began to think of myself as Hawaiian. I felt a kinship with the people of PKO and the other visitors to the island as I had never felt before, and I attribute that to the PKO and the island of Kaho'olawe. After that visit, I had a new interest in learning anything I could about my culture and my people, and I feel that I have made great progress in that area.

The island means so much to so many, and it has earned a place in my heart as well. If the PKO changes anyone else's life like they changed mine (which I am sure they have), then I believe with all my heart that they should be allowed to continue their representation on the KIRC board. They are an organization with everyone's best interests at heart.

Thank you for your time.

Testimony of
Hilary C. Arakaki
Waialae, O'ahu

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

It has been nearly 8 years since I first treaded the island of Kahoolawe and like many before me, the time spent on Island with Proctect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana changed my life. Never had I imagined an opportunity to connect with an island, and a group of people that would alter my connection to home and these islands. For the nearly five years I spent on the mainland before moving back home to O'ahu the shared aloha, kokua, laughter and tears of my time on Kaho'olawe stayed with me through blustery gray falls, cold mainland winters, and ever changing seasons of emotion.

Kaho'olawe drew me in from the beginning and continues to draw me back. Were it not for the sacrifices of Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana members passed and present- myself and many others would not have been afforded the blessing to spend time on a sacred and healing place that is Kaho'olawe. The partnership of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana and Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in providing stewardship to the island and it's cultural and natural resources can continue to afford generations to come an opportunity to live 'Aloha Aina. The Protect Koho'olawe 'Ohana has both the cultural and historical experience to help KIRC in managing what is a most sacred and special place. Kohemalamalam 'o Kanaloa.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: J. Keala Amona [keala21@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 8:35 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: TESTIMONY OPPOSING-----SENATE BILL 609

Jasmine Amona
157 Alala Road
Kailua, HI 96734

ATTN: the Senate Committees on HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and WATER, LAND and HOUSING Saturday, February 12, 2011 10:00 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of SENATE BILL 609 RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: Arruda, Jennifer [Jennifer_Arruda@redlands.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:00 PM
To: HWN Testimony

Testimony of
Jennifer Arruda
from Lihue, Kauai.

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

Testimony in Opposition of SB 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Testimony by:
Dr. Jennifer Noelani Goodyear-Kaopua
Professor of Political Science, UH Manoa
Resident of Wa'ahila/St Louis Heights
2924 Alphonse Pl
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Aloha honorable legislators,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 609, which would remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

I first touched the island of Kaho'olawe, also known as Kohemalamalamaokanaloa, in 1993 at a student in Davianna McGregor's Ethnic Studies class. The experience was life-changing, not only because I was on an island that most of us who live in Hawai'i never get to experience first-hand, but because it was the first time I ever experienced the kind of cooperation, inclusion, stewardship of 'aina, and deep commitment that the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana practices. Since that first visit, I have been to the island several times, under the great care and diligent organization of PKO members. There is simply no other group that knows more or has deeper roots to this island than the PKO. It is absolutely unthinkable that the PKO would not be structurally included in the governance of Kaho'olawe, if this bill passed. This organization has the kuleana, the knowledge, the genealogy, and the experience that is essential to the good governance and management of Kaho'olawe.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 through 1990. Members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana have diligently served on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission since KIRC's establishment in 1993. The intent of the original legislation (Chapter 6-K Hawai'i Revised Statutes) that established the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in 1993 was to ensure the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the island, had a voice in the future of Kaho'olawe. In fact, in Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana representation. In the past 20 years, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has worked with federal, state, and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve. Since 1980, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has provided safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations, Hawaiian organizations, and families. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has the necessary cultural and historical experience to help the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to manage this unique, sacred, and precious island as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve.

Last November, my family and I attended the opening of Makahiki on Kaho'olawe. PKO members showed so much care and concern for my two children and the handful of other youngsters who were on the island. They were attentive to every need and safety precaution.

‘Ohana members personally watched over and accompanied the various kids on the island, encouraging them that they would become the next generation to malama and re-green the island.

The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana simply must maintain its current representation on the KIRC, so that present and future generations can continue to care for and connect with this place in the most pono manner.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

J. Noelani Goodyear-Ka‘opua

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: jihan Ahmed [jihana7@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:47 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Testimony in consideration of Senate Bill 609 relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Testimony of
Jihan Ahmed, from Honolulu, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has invaluable cultural and historical experience to help the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to manage the unique, sacred, and precious island of Kaho'olawe as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve and as someone who has taken part in a visit to the island with PKO I strongly support the continued representation of the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of
John K. Morioka
Honolulu, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

John K. Morioka

Testimony of
Justine Fonte
'Aiea, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

***if you feel inclined to, you can elaborate more in your testimony by answering the following questions:

As an `Aiea Intermediate teacher, I was given the privilege to take a group of 18 students and teachers two consecutive years to Kaho`olawe with PKO who provided them with an immense amount of empowerment, knowledge, and kuleana to educate their community and start a legacy with our school. Without PKO and KIRC, our students would not have the opportunity to access the gifts that Kaho`olawe generously gives to the people she impacts. Taking their leadership away would be criminal to the `aina and the keiki who have become strong citizens of the community. The kua are role models for the Hawaiian community and their dedication and progress with the island is a testament to that.

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: Luuwai, Robert at HCS [rluuwai@hcsugar.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:02 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: SB 609

Testimony of Kalei Lu'uwai

Before a joint hearing of the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing
Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 10 am

In consideration of Senate Bill 609

My name is Kalei Lu'uwai

I am a life long resident of Makena part of the Honoula district of Maui which includes Kaho'olawe.

Why I oppose SB 609:

- SB 609 will permanently remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.
- The intent of the original legislation (Chapter 6-K Hawai'i Revised Statutes) that established the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in 1993 was to ensure the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the island, had a voice in the future of Kaho'olawe. In fact, in Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana representation.
- Members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana have diligently served on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission since KIRC's establishment in 1993. Current Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana Commissioners are: Craig Neff, Davianna McGregor, and Amber Nāmaka Whitehead. Past Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana Commissioners include: Noa Emmett Aluli, Robert Lu'uwai, Burt Sakata, and Palikapu Dedman.
- The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 through 1990. In the past 20 years, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has worked with federal, state, and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve.
- Since 1980, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has provided safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations, Hawaiian organizations, and families.
- The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana works in partnership with the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to provide stewardship of the island's natural and cultural resources. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has the necessary cultural and historical experience to help the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to manage this unique, sacred, and precious island as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve.

Kalei Lu'uwai

This message, including any attachments, is intended for the use of the party to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential and exempt from disclosure. If you are not the intended recipient, any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please contact the sender immediately by reply e-mail, and delete the original and any copies of this message. It is the sole responsibility of the recipient to ensure that this message and any attachments are virus free.

Testimony of

Kalua McKeague
370 F Elelupe road
Honolulu, HI 96821

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of
Kanoa O'Connor
Kalihi, O'ahu

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Stripping PKO's presence in KIRC is not only wrong, it's stupid. PKO is the reason why Kaho'olawe is no longer military target practice. It is their vision that started and continues to pioneer ways to re-vegetate the once desolate island. PKO's only dedications are to Kaho'olawe, the perpetuation of native culture, and people who want to mālama the 'āina. Without PKO representation in KIRC, the state is explicitly displaying their disregard for the future of Kaho'olawe, their disregard for native Hawaiians, and their disregard for our precious land. Please, please PLEASE reconsider. Mahalo for your time.

From: Keri Stuart [keri_stuart@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 6:55 AM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Testimony in opposition of SB 609

Testimony of
Keri Stuart
Kapolei, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST**

have a voice on the Commission!

The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho‘olawe from 1976 through 1990. In the past 20 years, the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana has worked with federal, state, and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve.

Since 1980, the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana has provided safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations, Hawaiian organizations, and families.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: Kim Hall [khal11@stanford.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 7:34 AM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Testimony for SENATE BILL 609

Testimony of
Kimberly Hall
from Kaneohe, HI

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: Kinohi Pizarro [hikino17@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:29 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Why I oppose SB 609

Testimony of
Kinohi Pizarro
Waimanalo, Oahu, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE
COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana on the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

I personally was fortunate enough to have gone and helped to restore parts of the island while I was attending The University of Manoa back in 2003. The Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana had made it possible for

us to access the island. I feel that my experience there has shaped and formed me into who I am today. So I am very thankful for the PKO and appreciate all of the efforts that they have put forth over the years to stop the endless pilikia that Kahoolawe has been subjected to.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: Kristina Hong [khong@punahou.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:48 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Opposition to SB 609

Testimony of
Kristina Lei Hong
Honolulu, HI

In consideration of SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana on the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of
Kuiokalani L. Gapero
Wailuku, Maui

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

I have been to Kaho'olawe many times but each time I treat it like a first due to the nature of the island and just knowing that many people have not had the opportunity to visit. Each time has been spiritual and had opened my eyes on how much the land **NEEDS** people to be on it, not only on one side of the island but everywhere! The more 'ohana we have on the island the better we can all work together to revive our land. I am sorrowful that out of the many times I have been on the island it is separated by many months of inactivity.

Due to the hard work we put in on one weekend, it will be for nothing if there isn't a constant presence on the island to maintain. The PKO must have a voice and be able to make decisions like this. The KIRC is on a beautiful side of the island and has many "toys" to help them with their mission, but there are only so much people working with them and the mission will take too many lifetimes to get done. Why not work together with the PKO to make important decisions to benefit the entire mission. Instead of treating them like a distant relative, why not become a functioning community on one island to help achieve one goal. To revive the spirit of the Hawaiian people, through the revival of our land, Kaho'olawe.

Testimony of
Lee Ohlson
Honolulu, HI

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Kaho'olawe has been a spiritual place that has been supported by the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. Without their support I would not have experienced the natural beauty and cultural resources. This is a unique and special history that the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana shares with the island of Kaho'olawe.

Testimony of
Mahealani Nakoa
Honolulu, HI

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: MariAnela Dearmore [punadearmore@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 11:57 PM
To: HWN Testimony

Testimony of
MariAnela Dearmore
Honolulu, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of
Mary Tam
Honolulu, HI

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of
Micah Pavich
Kaimuki (Oahu)

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

***if you feel inclined to, you can elaborate more in your testimony by answering the following questions:

-- I feel that the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana is a group that reflects the very finest of what Hawaii's people have to offer. It's a group of volunteers who have tremendous pride in the Hawaiian culture and land. The Ohana also welcomes people who are not from Hawaii, which I think is great because there are a lot of people who are not from here who show much more respect and aloha for the aina than some people who have lived here all their lives.

Bottom line – I think that the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana should continue to have a voice in the restoration and preservation of Kaho'olawe.

Testimony of
Nathan J. Nishimura
91-1024 Okupe street
Ewa, Hawaii 96706

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I oppose Senate Bill 609 as written, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

I worked on Kaho'olawe as a contract botanist during the clean up of the island during 1995-1998. Although well-trained in the recognition and status of the island's rare and endangered flora, I could not fully appreciate the cultural and political importance of Kaho'olawe until I began attending accesses at Hakioawa with members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. These were truly life-changing experiences for me.

Members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana taught me that perpetuation of Hawaiian culture was not reading about it in a book, but rather in developing and maintaining strong personal relationships with nature and our families. I was inspired by their activism and heroism, and became determined to make a difference in my own community back on O'ahu. I continue to volunteer for environmental service projects around O'ahu, a direct testament to the influence of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on my life.

I am currently a teacher at Kamehameha Schools. I have been blessed with numerous opportunities to take students to Kaho'olawe under the care of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, and have witnessed the life changing effects of these trips on other young Hawaiians. The dedication and aloha of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana members, and their intimate knowledge of Kaho'olawe make them the perfect ambassadors for the island. I applaud the efforts of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana to restore native Hawaiian ecosystems and cultural activities on Kaho'olawe, and would like their representation on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to remain unchanged.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony,

Nathan Nishimura

Testimony of
Patrick C. Springer
Volcano, HI

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I oppose Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Kaho'olawe is a truly sacred and special place for me as a Native Hawaiian. The actions of the founding members of PKO made the ultimate sacrifice to halt grave injustice and transgression by the United States government. I ask you this question, how can you justify removing representation of PKO when they are the very people who put a stop to the bombing and triggered a modern re-birth of the Hawaiian culture? This bill exemplifies continued oppression and disregard for the rights of Native Hawaiians. Kaho'olawe can only be preserved and restored by acknowledging the significance of it's rebirth in history by continued representation from PKO.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony,

Patrick C. Springer

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: Sarah Hammond [shammond09@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:04 AM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana

Testimony of
Sarah Hammond
Honolulu, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

--
Aloha,
Sarah Hammond

Testimony of Syd Kawahakui Jr in opposition to Senate bill 609

Committee Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and water, land, and housing

Hearing Date/ Time February 12, 2011 10:00am

From Syd Kawahakui Jr

66-942 Kolu Pl, Waialua Hi. 96791

Re Testimony in Strong opposition to Senate Bill 609 relating to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission

To whom this may concern, my name is Syd Kawahakui Jr. I have been an active and participating member of the Protect Kahoolawe 'Ohana since 2000. As a member of this non-profit organization, my kuleana (responsibility) is to provide a meaningful and safe access for volunteers to and from Kahoolawe. During our access time on island, volunteers gain cultural history of the island, educational background on what the island is being used for now, and how they can physically give back to the 'aina, by participating in work projects.

During the 10 years that I have been visiting Kahoolawe I have seen many things and learned many lessons. I can honestly say that during my time as an active member of the Protect Kahoolawe 'Ohana, I have seen myself grow and mature into the man I am today. This island deserves great reverence and respect, in which we share with each volunteer that step on its shores. As the years have gone by, our 'ohana has gained much knowledge and experience about Kahoolawe and feel like one of the main stewards of the island. Much like our ancestors, we have become skilled in taking care of our resources. In the time of our kupuna, the fisherman knew how to manage and take care of the fishpond, to provide consistent supply of fish for his village. The farmer understood how to manage his land to grow his kalo and food to sustain his people throughout the changing seasons. The Protect Kahoolawe 'Ohana have been able to cultivate minds and experiences of our volunteers in order to sustain a healthy future for this precious island. We give our many volunteers hope and value on what it is to fight for something they believe in, to make the ultimate sacrifice in order to achieve a goal, and to nourish and protect the natural resources of our islands to sustain our Hawaiian cultural.

In addition to this statement, why then, would you not let the fisherman or the farmer not make decisions which govern his field of expertise? This does not make any sense at all. By passing this bill, we are taking the voice away from the people who are actually doing the ground work to malama this island resource.

In conclusion, we must always look at what is pono for this special place. Are the intentions of this bill pono for the future of this island? Are the reasons behind this bill pono? What needs to be done to keep what has been pono for all these years.....PONO!!!

Mahalo for allowing me to voice my mana'o about the opposition of Senate Bill 609,

Syd Kawahakui Jr

Testimony of
Thomas S. K. Chun
Presently teaching Physics and Astronomy at the Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i
State D.O.E for 23 years
The Kamehameha Schools for 20 years

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

As an educator and one who has touched and been touched by the island of Kaho'olawe, I oppose Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

I first had the opportunity to gain legal access to Kahoolawe in 1993 when a group of students from the Kamehameha Schools at Kapalama was accompanied by Daviana McGregor to go to Kahoolawe and help plant native scrubs – in the hopes of slowing down the erosion caused by the effects of the years of bombing and wind erosion. It was my first trip, but perhaps the most meaningful one because, I as a physics teacher, could see the apparent futility of our efforts to correct the years of neglect. Today, like the first time I went there, Kahoolawe represents what used to be in time past. The wind blows, the land is parched, but you learn that life can exist there and that life in its simplicity is what we, as Hawaiians, needed to be able to reconnect to.

Learning to share, to care, and to value each other as we shared a common bond of purpose and eating from the same bowl. The name Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana describes the intent and purpose of those who care for it – whether in a position of leadership or as a steward. The students that I have taken to Kahoolawe in the past, may never return to the island again, but when they were there – they all saw the land, sea, and sky through a new “lens” and appreciation for our kupuna who lived there. Although my first thoughts were of futility in the restoration efforts, my subsequent visits have allowed me to see the changes and the hope that we just might be able to do something.

As a 1963 graduate of the Kamehameha School for Boys, some of my classmates were prime movers in the struggle for Kahoolawe in the mid and late '60s. Walter Ritte, Richard Sawyer, Billy Mitchell and others protested the bombing of Kahoolawe. For brief periods of time to landed on Kaho'olawe –

causing the Navy all kinds of trouble. Like many other Hawaiians at that time, I was rather peeved by their behavior which made Hawaiians “look bad.” It was only after growing older that I realized how Gandhi and Martin Luther King were, indeed the models for this Kaho`olawe movement and for others to follow, such as Caesar Chaves, and the move to point out the plight of Mexican laborers. I come to realize the importance of recovering and rehabilitating Kahoolawe. Once I was there, saw the damage, saw how much work was needed and the change it made to my way of thinking and that of my students. I was delighted by the efforts of Mike Nahoopii, former Navy officer in charge of cleanup, and the many others who have been there as volunteers – to help reconnect more Hawaiians to what little we have of our culture on Kaho`olawe.

Studying about Hawaiians and culture in our modern world may increase the knowledge of many who will look back at the Hawaiian culture as artifacts in a museum – but it is not a visceral knowledge. Kaho`olawe is a place where this visceral knowledge can be gained and nurtured.

Rehabilitating the island will take many, many generations – not to put it back to what it was before the bombings. In an attempt to facsimilate a nuclear explosion on Kahoolawe using conventional explosives, the military created such a huge explosion that it broke windows on Maui and cracked Kahoolawe’s natural aquifer. Like all of our Hawaiian islands, there is a “lens” of fresh water than “floats” over the underlying salt water under our islands. It is this lens that supplies us with the artesian wells that makes Hawaii’s water so good. Although Kahoolawe is a low island -- not able to harvest the moisture out of the rainclouds as easily as Maui, Oahu, Hawai`i and other taller islands – in the past, Kahoolawe was forested in its upper elevation and supported pastures for ranches that raised livestock. In a few seconds, the huge conventional explosive (equivalent to a small fission bomb) cracked the aquifer and the freshwater lens – started to release its precious freshwater. We cannot undo what was done to the geology of Kahoolawe, but when the island was given back to the people of Hawaii and the PKO given an active part in the rehabilitation, reclamation, and restoration of the Island it was the pono or correct thing to do. We are not pau or finished yet. The PKO still needs to be a part of the Commission.

If we remove the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana from its present kuleana as stewards of Kahoolawe, we remove a vital link to those who have a visceral connection to the island and its recent history. This appointment of two members of native Hawaiian organizations by the Governor seems pono, but how are these individuals connected to Kaho`olawe? Do they understand what Kaho`olawe means to the revitalization of our culture? The chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources is also an appointee of the Governor. In the case of the official from Maui, he/she again will be appointed by the Governor. Hence, the only person not appointed by the Governor would be the person from OHA.

Let us not again dump on Kahoolawe and the people who have since the time of Kahoolawe’s return – to rehabilitate some of the damage that was done to it in the past. If the state chooses because of economic, political, or philosophical reasons to remove PKO, the state will be likened to the military in the past. While not destroyers of the land, perhaps, destroyers of the relationships to people who have worked for and sacrificed on behalf of Kaho`olawe and the revitalization of the Hawaiian culture.

Whoever is on the commission needs to have some link and history. Cutting the relationship with Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana will once again break the aquifer – not of the the wai or water, but of the renewed spirit that Kaho`olawe has developed in us.

I was there when Lacy Veach , (fellows with Ellison Onizuka, both Hawaiian astronauts – one from Kealakekua Bay, one from Punahou), accompanied the crew from the Hokule`a to the koi or stone adze quarry on Kaho`olawe. In one of his missions on the space shuttle Lacy took a koi and videoed it as it hung suspended in the “weightlessness” of the cabin as the Hawaiian Island could be seen passing in the background through a small observation window. I don’t remember his exact words, but he loved being a keiki `o ka `aina, and said something like “from the earth to the sky” —focusing on the koi and the Hawaiian islands.

We who may have very little mana or power in the political arena – still have dreams. Don’t kill the dreams for those who have been part of the PKO and for those who are yet to come. In the name of training and preparing our military, we cracked Kaho`olawe’s aquifer – in what name do we start to dismantle those who are are trying to fulfill a dream on behalf of our native Hawaiian people. Please do not allow SENATE BILL 609 to move forward.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas S.K. Chun

galuteria1 - Ikaika

From: Tina Shibata [tina.shibata@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 8:59 PM
To: HWN Testimony
Subject: SB 609

Testimony of
Kristina Shibata
Honolulu, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

**Testimony of
CARMELA NONEZA**

**Before the House Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS;**

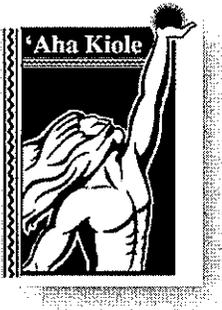
**Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE**

I support Senate Bill 609, reducing the number of members of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission from seven to five.

I have been affiliated with Kaho'olawe with the Parsons UXB Joint Venture Project and with the KIRC. I am an individual who has a special place in my heart for Kaho'olawe.

Kaho'olawe has been devastated by goats and bombs. But yet it struggles to survive with the help of many people who have volunteered with the KIRC and PKO over the many years. I respectfully acknowledge the PKO for the efforts put forth in stopping the bombing and for their years as stewards of Kaho'olawe. It is my belief that appointing members in consultation with Native Hawaiian organizations expands the resource pool by tapping into these organizations' knowledge and skills and bringing in new ideas. Involvement of other Native Hawaiian organizations can further expand outreach and education of Kaho'olawe in different venues. Even though member will be reduced from seven to five, it is still a diverse board. I believe diversity is the key to success.



Aha Kiole Advisory Committee

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 609,
Relating to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve

Submitted to: Hearing of the Joint Committees on Water, Land and Housing and Hawaiian Affairs: Chairs Senator Donovan Dela Cruz (WLH) and Senator Brickwood Galuteria (HWN)

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Leslie Kuloloio, Kiole for Kahoolawe, and Vice-Chair of the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee.

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Galuteria and Members of the Water, Land, and Housing and Hawaiian Affairs Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 609 that changes the number of members of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission from seven to five and requires certain members to be selected in consultation with native Hawaiian organizations. The AKAC supports this bill with the following amendments:

SECTION 1. Section 6K-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

§6K-5 Commission. (a) There is established the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to be placed within the department of land and natural resources for administrative purposes as provided in section 26-35. The commission shall consist of [~~seven~~][~~five~~] **seven** members to be appointed in the manner and to serve for the terms provided in section 26-34; provided that:

- (1) [~~one member shall be a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana~~]**one member shall be a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana;**
- (2) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor [~~from a list provided by the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana~~]**in consultation with native Hawaiian organizations;**
- (3) **One member shall be a moku representative of the Moku of Honuaula;**
- [3][2] (4) One member shall be a trustee [~~or representative~~]**of the office of Hawaiian affairs;**

~~{3}~~ **(4)** One member shall be a county official appointed by the governor from a list provided by the mayor of the county of Maui; and,

~~[4]~~ **(5)** One member shall be the chairperson of the board of land and natural resources.

(b) The governor shall appoint the chairperson from among the members of the commission.

(c) The members of the commission shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their duties.

(d) Any action taken by the commission shall be approved by a simple majority of its members. ~~[Four]~~ ~~[Three]~~ **Four** members shall constitute a quorum to do business.

(e) No member shall be reappointed to the commission within four years from the last day of the member's service immediately preceding the reappointment to the commission.

(f) The commission, without regard to the requirements of chapter 76, may hire employees necessary to perform its duties.

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

The Aha Kiole Advisory Committee, created through Act 212 works to initiate the Aha Moku System, a system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku (regional) boundaries, which acknowledges the natural contours of land and ocean, the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community.

It is important to keep the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the commission because of the historical contribution of this group to the protection and return of Kahoolawe to the Hawaiian people. But more importantly, the PKO includes the representation of Maui Nui, the long-established and customary grouping of kupuna from Lana'i, Maui, and Moloka'i who have ancestral and geographical connections to Kanaloa and to the *Wahi* Pana, or sacred sites of Maui, the demigod.

Now, for the past five years, through the restoration of the Aha Moku System in Pae' Aina, the State of Hawai'i, generational knowledge that once was either unknown or unavailable to KIRC is now surfacing through the Honuaula moku – a moku that has been traditionally connected to Kahoolawe for centuries. They must be represented on the commission as no one knows the lands, waters, and ocean surrounding Kahoolawe better than those families who have taken care of those resources for generations.

As Kiolo of Kahoolawe, I am a lineal descendant of the generational practitioners, lawai'a and mahiai, of Kahoolawe that come from Honuauia Moku on Maui. This moku has long been known to be strongly affiliated with Kahoolawe in marine and ocean practices. It was my ancestor, Awaloa, known as the Kahoolawe Man by J.P. Judd who passed down the generational knowledge of the waters, currents and marine resource species and habitats to my 'ohana. Another tutu of mine, John Kauwekane, ensured that the traditional place names of Kahoolawe were kept in place all through these years.

On behalf of the traditional practitioners of Honuauia who carry the Kuleana and generational knowledge of Kahoolawe, and of the thousands of Native Hawaiians who have accessed Kahoolawe for education and cultural purposes since the return of the island to the Hawaiians, we beseech you to change the make-up of the commission to reflect the needs of the Hawaiian people to *ho'omalu* (to protect our natural and cultural resources and assets), to *Ho'omau e Kanaloa* (to perpetuate the traditional practices specific to Kanaloa), to *Ho'opi'i O Kanaloa* (to promote the values and generational practices of Kanaloa), and to *Malama* (To preserve the 'ike, knowledge, of our kupuna based in the spirit of Lokahi or unity).

We urge you to support the passage of SB 609 and the proposed amendments to the reorganization of the commission.

Mahalo nui loa,

Leslie Kuloloio, Kiolo, Kahoolawe

Vice-Chair, Aha Kiolo Advisory Committee

469 Maalo Street, Kahului, HI 96732

Phone: 808-281-7652, Email: pokaiuli@yahoo.com

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kamuela_vance@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:47:22 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

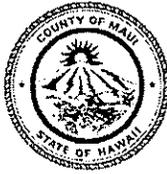
Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: kamuela vance
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kamuela_vance@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor

WILLIAM R. SPENCE
Director

MICHELE CHOUTEAU McLEAN
Deputy Director



COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair
Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
Conference Room 225

Statement of Michele McLean
Maui County Deputy Planning Director and
Mayor's Nominee to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission

Please accept this testimony in support of SB 609. The proposed bill would change the composition of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) and reduce its size from seven to five members.

As Mayor Arakawa's nominee to be the County of Maui's representative on the KIRC, and as the former KIRC Deputy Director, I believe this bill would make positive changes. The current composition of the KIRC has three government-oriented seats (one County representative, one Office of Hawaiian Affairs representative, and the chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources), one Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO) seat, and three seats for the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana (PKO), the grassroots organization that fought to have the bombing of Kaho`olawe stopped and who have been stewards of Kaho`olawe ever since.

The bill would retain the three government-oriented seats and one NHO seat; and instead of three PKO seats, it would add a second NHO seat. Either or both of the NHO seats could theoretically be filled by PKO members or representatives. This would give the KIRC a stronger government orientation, rather than the nonprofit orientation that it has had since its inception, which is advisable given the tremendous responsibilities and authority of the KIRC: management, access control, natural and cultural resources monitoring and protection, and environmental restoration of a 29,000-acre former military bombing range that is still littered with unexploded ordnance. These are serious duties that demand the oversight of a qualified commission. Short of specifying required skills, as is the case with some boards and commissions, this can be accomplished by having a majority of the KIRC seats be government officials who are answerable to the public. Lastly, from a practical standpoint, having a five-member KIRC would also facilitate the scheduling and decrease the cost of meetings.

As an aside, I think it would be reasonable to retain one PKO seat rather than eliminating the three seats altogether. With the PKO's longstanding commitment to Kaho`olawe, one seat could be retained so that the PKO can still have a formal voice on the KIRC. It appears that it has sometimes been difficult for the PKO to find three members willing to serve, so this may also be acceptable to the PKO as well.

Please vote YES on SB 609. Thank you for your consideration.



KŪKULU KE EA A KANALOĀ

KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

811 Kolu Street, Suite 201, Wailuku, HI 96793
Telephone (808) 243-5020 Fax (808) 243-5885
Website: <http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov>

COMMISSION MEMBERS

CRAIG NEFF
Chairperson
AMBER NĀMAKA WHITEHEAD
Vice-Chair
WILLIAM J. AILA, Jr.
COLETTE Y. MACHADO
DAVIANNA P. MC GREGOR, Ph.D
KA'IULANI MURPHY

Michael K. Nāho'op'i
Executive Director

**Testimony of
MICHAEL K. NAHO'OPI'I
Executive Director**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING and
and
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

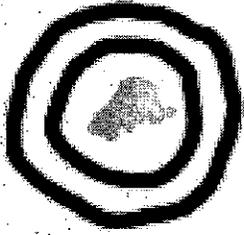
**Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE**

Senate Bill 609 reduces the number of members of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) from seven to five and requires that two members be selected in consultation with native Hawaiian organizations. Additionally, Senate Bill 609 requires a 4-year wait before reappointment to the commission. The KIRC has concerns regarding this measure and is not able to support it in its current form.

The KIRC is agreeable to reducing the number of commission members from seven to five. We do ask however that one member be a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO), as the current statute reads. The PKO is a grassroots organization dedicated to restoring the island of Kaho'olawe based on the principles of Aloha 'Aina. The PKO has fought the long hard battle to stop the bombing on Kaho'olawe and its return to the State of Hawaii. Through the years, the PKO is the one organization that has maintained a strong and binding connection to the island, continues as stewards of its lands and waters, and perseveres to protect the island from further abuse. As constituent base for Kaho'olawe, it is in the best interest of the State to allow the voice of the island to be heard through the native Hawaiian cultural practitioners who listen and care for the land and who will bring that perspective to the formulation of policy regarding the management of the island.

The KIRC also has a concern regarding the implementation of this measure should it move forward. KIRC and would like to request that a transition plan be developed to assure that there is continuity in the management responsibilities of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve. It is also recommended that the provision requiring a 4-year wait before reappointment be consistent with the policies and practices of the Office of the Governor's Boards and Commissions. Lastly, in an effort to improve attendance, should this measure reduce the number of members on the KIRC, we ask that the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) be allowed to designate a representative of the DLNR if so desired.



PROTECT KAHO'OLAWE 'OHANA
P.O. Box 39
Kaunakakai, Hawai'i 96748

Senate Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, Housing Committees
February 12, 2011 at 10:00A
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 225

Testimony in OPPOSITION to S.B. 609, Relating to Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, Members of the Committee:

Mahalo and thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana opposes SB 609 as introduced. We do not support any changes to HRS 6K-5. However, if the Senate Joint Committees decide to reduce the size of the KIRC from 7 to 5 members, we insist that one member be a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana.

Aloha `Aina,
Kylee Pomaika`i Mar
Member, Access Coordinator
Protect Kaho'olawe `Ohana

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: japonoboy@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:23:12 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeffrey Aholo Apaka
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: japonoboy@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:
I oppose SB 609

Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, Housing
February 12, 2011 at 10:00A
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 225

Testimony in OPPOSITION to S.B. 609, Relating to Kaho`olawe Island Reserve
Commission

I strongly oppose SB 609 as introduced. I do not support any changes to HRS 6K-5.

Mahalo,
Alaina Maile Neff

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: m9norman@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:11:58 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Michelle Norman
Organization: Protect Kahoolawe Ohana
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: m9norman@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

Testimony of
Nicole Cody
Pahoa, HI

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I support the continued efforts of the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana and believe they should have a voice in the stewardship policies, regulations, and practices of both natural and cultural resources that is on Kahoolawe. Protect Kahoolawe Ohana has a rich history with this healing island and with selfless dedication, and countless sacrifices, continues to live the Aloha Aina way through it all.

I oppose Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kahoolawe 'Ohana on the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of Laulani Teale, MPH
**OPPOSING SB 609 RELATING THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
AND ENCOURAGING PEACEMAKING**

2/11/11

Aloha Kākou,

I am a Peacemaker from Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu. I am writing today to ask that SB 609 be dropped altogether and that a genuine Peacemaking process begin.

First, I would like to express appreciation for the concern and love for Kaho'olawe that I am sure was at the root of this legislative effort in the first place. I would also like to express appreciation for the efforts to accommodate the community's concerns, and to amend the measure accordingly.

However, through communication with many members of the Hawaiian community, it is clear to me that there are still very serious concerns with the measure, and a belief that it could be harmful to both cultural practice rights and to the well being of Kaho'olawe itself, along with many of those who love it.

I do not want to see a public fight over this issue, and I am concerned that if the measure passes this committee, the pilikia could be drawn out throughout the legislative session.

It appears to me that there are valid concerns and points on all sides. I believe that the proper way to address all of this is through a culturally appropriate peace process, and to hold off on legislation until there is true agreement.

Ho'oponopono, mediation, 'Aelike, Kūkulu Pono, or any other legitimate peace process will be fine, as long as all with kuleana and concern participate. It does not matter to me who facilitates peacemaking, as long as everyone's concerns can be truly addressed and resolved. I am personally willing to help with this effort in any way needed, and would also completely support any other method or practitioner that is agreeable on all sides.

By opposing this measure at this time, I am in no way criticizing those who introduced it or those who support it. I believe that everyone must do his or her kuleana according to his or her own sense of pono. However, the only way for the community to really build pono together is to share and build upon mana'o through free will and aloha, not through force or pressure. For this reason, I respectfully ask that this measure not continue at this time, so that a genuine effort toward cooperative solution-building can be engaged.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laulani". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

William Kahakuleilehua Haunu'u Sonny Ching
Kumu Hula – Hālau Nā Mamo o Pu'uānāhulu
3603 McCarriston St. Honolulu, Hawai'i 96815
Telephone (808) 734-3311 / Email aihaa@aol.com

2/9/2011

Aloha mai kākou e nā committee members,

My name is William Kahakuleilehua Haunu'u Sonny Ching and I am the Kumu Hula of Hālau Nā Mamo o Pu'uānāhulu. It is with great sadness and dismay as a past PKO member and current supporter of the 'ohana, that I have been made aware of your efforts to eliminate the two seats of PKO members from the KIRC board. This will essentially nullify the PKO's past and current efforts along with its spiritual and cultural stewardship of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe, which I vehemently OPPOSE!

The PKO's partnership with the KIRC is to ensure that the island and its surrounding waters are managed as a cultural reserve where all of Hawai'i's people can learn about and experience Native Hawaiian culture. They have and continue to do so from its inception to present day. Since 1980 the 'Ohana has led safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations and families – as volunteers. There are countless stories about how these huaka'i have had profound positive impact on the lives of those who have experienced the Island and participated in her healing. I personally, along with hundreds of my students have benefitted from their cultural *and* spiritual expertise over the years as we have journeyed with them since the mid-nineties to the sacred shores of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe. For myself and many of my students our experiences has served and continues to serve as a cultural and spiritual reawakening and strengthening of our beliefs and love for our unique Hawaiian heritage. As someone who has made the journey several times I have experienced, seen and know first hand the benefits of this to not only the natives of this land, but for all who reside here.

It was the PKO who worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 through 1990. In the past 20 years, the 'Ohana worked with federal, state and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve. It is my belief that if it were not for the PKO, Kaho'olawe would not be where it is today and the KIRC would not be in existence as there would have been no need for its creation and the island would probably have continued to be used as a target by the United States and International militaries

In 1993 legislation establishing the KIRC (Chapter 6-K Hawaii Revised Statutes) was intended to ensure that that the PKO had a voice in the future of Kaho'olawe. This was due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to Kaho'olawe. In sections 6K-5 the composition of the Commission clearly mandates the need for PKO representation. It is my thought that the reduction of PKO members from two to zero on the Commission, would greatly alter the intent of HRS 6-K and deprive our community of someone on the KIRC involved in the cultural and spiritual elements of the island's restoration, as mandated in HRS 6-K. With the elimination of the 'Ohana from the KIRC you would essentially sever the commission from its grassroots origins, its connection with the primary constituents of the island, its spiritual purpose, as well as the institutional memory relative to its rules and regulations and operations.

Kaho'olawe is a sacred place that the 'Ohana honors in its stewardship activities and cultural ceremonies, which I have been and continue to be a part of. We the people of Hawai'i hold the kuleana of cultural *and* spiritual stewards of this sacred place with great reverence.

In closing, I would like to say that the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has always worked in close partnership with the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to provide stewardship of the island's cultural and natural resources, and that the reserve is a *cultural* reserve. The PKO has the necessary cultural and historical experience to help KIRC manage this unique, sacred and precious island as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve. So there is no need for any consultation with an unnamed "Native Hawaiian Organizations" as stated in SB609 - as the only NHO that is qualified and has been there from the start - has the 'ike, mana'o and expertise, is the PKO and its members.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and allowing me to voice my strong opposition to the contents of SB609.

'O wau no,
William Kahakuleilehua Haunu'u Sonny Ching
Kumu Hula – Hālau Nā Mamo o Pu'uanahulu

Letter of Opposition to SB609

Submitted by Carol Lee-Arnold

To: Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

When: Saturday, February 12, 2011 , 10:00 am. , Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

Dear Committee Chairs Galuteria and DelaCruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees,

This letter is in strong opposition of SB609. My family and I have been participating in volunteer restoration projects with the PKO and the KIRK for the past 8 years. Our experiences on the island of Kahoolawe has been life changing for all members of our Ohana in a very good way. We are a non Hawaiian family and have gained immeasurable knowledge, appreciation and understanding of the Hawaiian culture that has had a very positive impact on us. This island is a powerful and healing place. It is a cultural treasure and priceless resource for the people of Hawaii. It must be preserved at all cost.

The PKO has worked extremely hard to stop the bombing and restore the island. It is critical that the PKO and the KIRK continue to work side by side to carry on this important vision and mission. The ohana provides valuable knowledge and cultural expertise to the KIRK commission. The original intent of the legislation must be maintained as it was established in order to continue to preserve the island of Kahoolawe. It is vital that the commission remains as it is.

For these reasons, I am in strong opposition of SB609! Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony and your vote against this bill.

Aloha,

Carol Lee-Arnold

2468 Lamaku Place Honolulu, HI 96816

**Testimony of
KA'IULANI MURPHY
Education Specialist, Polynesian Voyaging Society
Native Hawaiian Organization Representative
Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission**

**Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING**

**Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

I oppose Senate Bill 609, which seeks to remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). This measure reduces the number of members of the KIRC from seven to five, which would be acceptable provided that one of the five members is a representative of the 'Ohana.

The people of Hawai'i should never forget the tireless efforts of the 'Ohana, the grass roots organization formed in the 1970's to stop the bombing of the island Kanaloa Kaho'olawe. Since 1980 the 'Ohana has provided safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of families, school and community groups, and Maoli organizations. By 1990 the 'Ohana was able to finally stop the bombing of the island, which led to the formation of KIRC in 1993.

The intent of the original legislation (Chapter 6-K Hawai'i Revised Statutes) that established the KIRC in 1993 was to ensure the 'Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the island, had a voice in the future of Kaho'olawe. In Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana representation. The 'Ohana continues to serve as the kahu 'aina, stewards of the island, and they should continue representation on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to SB 609.

Written Testimony of
Amber Nāmaka Whitehead,
Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana
Pāpā, South Kona, Hawaiʻi Island

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHOʻOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 609, which will remove representation of the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana from the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission. I further oppose any other legislation that seeks to change HRS 6K-5 and the makeup of the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission or the hiring of the executive director.

The Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana is a statewide grassroots organization dedicated to the island of Kahoʻolawe and the principles of Aloha ʻĀina.

The genealogy of the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission is rooted in the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana. The Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kahoʻolawe from 1976 to 1990. The Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana has also worked tirelessly to restore the natural and cultural resources of the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve, and to provide safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, families, and community organizations.

The intent of the original legislation HRS 6-K that established the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission was to ensure the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the island, had a strong voice in the future of Kahoʻolawe. Since 1993, members of the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana have served as Commissioners of the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve with integrity and commitment. I, personally, have served as a Commissioner of the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve, nominated by the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana, since July 1, 2008. In that time, I have applied my scientific and cultural expertise, my resource conservation and stewardship experience, and my intimate knowledge of the island of Kahoʻolawe to inform policy and controls regarding the restoration, management, and meaningful use of the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve. I have served the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission and the island of Kahoʻolawe with passion, honesty, transparency, and humility.

Perhaps I have been naïve, but until today, I had truly believed in the transparency of the legislative process. What is the motivation for SB 609? Why minimize the voices and experience of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission? How this will benefit the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve?

Over the past 20 years, there has been a global movement towards indigenous and community-based resources management. In Hawai'i, the island of Kaho'olawe stands at the forefront of this movement to return to a more traditional style of management, due largely to the partnership between the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission and the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. Please continue to support this relationship and the progress we have made towards the restoration and healing of Kaho'olawe as a cultural reserve!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. Let us move forward together to continue the restoration and healing of Kanaloa-Kaho'olawe! Kūkulu Ke Ea A Kanaloa!

Aloha 'Āina,

Amber Nāmaka Whitehead
Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana
Pāpā, South Kona, Hawai'i Island

Letter of Opposition to SB609

Submitted by Lucas Arnold

To: Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

When: Saturday, February 12, 2011 , 10:00 am. , Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

Dear Committee Chairs Galuteria and Delacruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon,
members of the committees,

This letter is in strong opposition of SB609. For my 16th birthday in 2003, my parents took me to Kahoolawe for the first time. It changed my life in a very good way. It has given me great appreciation for the aina, Hawaiian culture and traditions. I have gone to the island with both the PKO and the KIRK about 6 times since that first visit. My time working on restoration projects on Kahoolawe always impacts me in a very positive way and I treasure the opportunity deeply. I feel that it is very important that the PKO and KIRK continue to work together and that the PKO remains an active member on the commission. I hope you will vote against SB609. I love Kahoolawe and hope to be able to return over and over again to help preserve this priceless cultural resource.

Mahalo,

Lucas Arnold

2468 Lamaku Pl. Honolulu, HI 96816

My name is Z. 'Aki, I am writing on behalf of the Hawai'i'imiloa Movement in opposition of SB609 for the reason of excluding and making legislation available for the potential exclusion of the protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO).

As a person who had the opportunity to visit the island of Kaho'olawe, I can attest to PKO's contribution in the protection and sustained care for the island which also contributes greatly to the preservation laws of the State of Hawai'i as expressed within the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i and the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.ā

Testimony of Matthew Kainoa Wong

Member, Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana

before a joint hearing of the
Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing

Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 10 am

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of Senate Bill 609

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and Delacruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon and members of the committees. Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to testify in strong opposition to SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) from being represented on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

I have been a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana since 1995 and have been a part of restoring Kaho'olawe since then. I am currently a Lecturer of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and the PKO has been a key role in helping me to become successful in pursuing my career and becoming who I am today. The PKO has instilled in me many useful values such as unselfishness, dedication, pride and cooperation.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana is an asset in restoring Kaho'olawe both physically and culturally. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 through 1990. In the past 20 years, the 'Ohana has worked with federal, state and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve. They have also given teachers, students and the community an opportunity to learn about Aloha 'Āina and about traditional morals and values. If it were not for the 'Ohana, Kaho'olawe would not be where it is today.

The objective of the original legislation (Chapter 6-K Hawaii Revised Statutes) that established the KIRC in 1993 was to ensure the 'Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the Island, had a voice in the future of Kaho'olawe. In fact, in Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for 'Ohana representation.

Since 1980 the 'Ohana has led safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations and families – as volunteers. There are countless stories about how these accesses have had positive impact on the lives of those who have experienced the Island and participated in her healing.

The 'Ohana works in close partnership with the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to provide stewardship of the island's cultural and natural resources. We as kānaka have a saying that has been passed down through generations of our ancestors, "*He ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwā ka maka'āinana/Land is chief, we commoners are stewards of the land.*". The reserve is a CULTURAL reserve. The 'Ohana has the necessary cultural and historical experience to help KIRC manage this unique, sacred and precious island as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve.

Testimony of Kalani L. H. Kaʻanāʻanā
Member, Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻŌhana

Before a joint hearing of the Senate Committees on
Hawaiian Affairs & Water, Land, and Housing.

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10 am
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of Senate Bill 609

RELATING TO THE KAHOʻOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Aloha nui e Chairs Galuteria and DelaCruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify before you today in fervent opposition to SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻŌhana (ʻŌhana) from being represented on the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

In 2005, Kahoʻolawe through the ʻŌhana and KIRC together literally changed my life. The ʻŌhana helped me to connect with the ʻāina and spark a fire that was burning within me to learn our language as well as our history. Without the tireless efforts of the ʻŌhana over the years this would have never happened. Furthermore their efforts as part of the KIRC have allowed me to pass on knowledge to my student and paddlers.

- The Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻŌhana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kahoʻolawe from 1976 through 1990. In the past 20 years, the ʻŌhana worked with federal, state and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve. If it were not for the ʻŌhana, Kahoʻolawe would not be where it is today.
- The intent of the original legislation (Chapter 6-K Hawaii Revised Statutes) that established the KIRC in 1993 was to ensure the ʻŌhana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the Island, had a voice in the future of Kahoʻolawe. In fact, in Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for ʻŌhana representation.
- Since 1980 the ʻŌhana has led safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations and families – as volunteers. There are countless stories about how these huakaʻi have had profound positive impact on the lives of those who have experienced the Island and participated in her healing.
- The ʻŌhana works in close partnership with the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission to provide stewardship of the island's cultural and natural resources. The

Testimony of Kehaulani Lum
Supporter, Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana
Before a joint hearing of the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and
Housing
Saturday, February 12, 2011
10 a.m. Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225
In Consideration of Senate Bill 609, RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE
COMMISSION

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and Delacruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, and members of the committees.

Mahalo for this important opportunity to offer testimony in **strong opposition** to SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana (`Ohana) from being represented on the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

For over two decades, the `Ohana, together with the KIRC, has strived diligently to restore the island's cultural and natural resources. The `Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho`olawe from 1976 through 1990. And, once it was saved, the `ohana helped bring safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of cultural practitioners, families, students, teachers and community groups, that they might experience the island and learn how to be good stewards of the `āina. `Ohana members, volunteers and KIRC staff rededicated cultural sites, built new ones, and revived traditional cultural ceremonies. All this, as a new generation steps forward to take responsibility to be kahu `āina and `ohana for our beloved island.

Members of the `Ohana have diligently served on the KIRC since its establishment in 1993, in keeping with the enacting legislation's (Chapter 6-K Hawai'i Revised Statutes) intent, to ensure the `Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the island, had a voice in the future of Kaho`olawe. In fact, in Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana representation.

One would be hard-pressed to find a group as steeped in cultural and historical perspective and experience as The Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana; one whose commitment to managing this unique, sacred, and precious island as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve has been a labor steeped in aloha and malama.

We may not, in our lifetime, see this most precious resource fully healed. But, without a doubt, if the `Ohana is removed from this vital process, neither will our descendants.

Mahalo.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kanilehua@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:47:49 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jaclyn Kanilehua Kim
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kanilehua@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:
Testimony of
Jaclyn Kanilehua Kim, MSW
University of Hawai'i-Manoa

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana MUST have a voice on the Commission!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



American Friends Service Committee

Hawai'i Area Program

2426 O'ahu Avenue • Honolulu, HI 96822 • Phone 808/988-6266 • Fax 808/988-4876

Website: www.afsc.org • Email: kyle.kajihiro@gmail.com

February 11, 2011

To: Chairs Sens. Galuteria and DelaCruz, Vice-Chairs Sens. Ryan and Solomon and members of the Hawai'i State Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing
Saturday, February 12, 2011, 10:00 am, Conference Room 225

From: Kyle Kajihiro, Program Director, AFSC Hawai'i

Subject: OPPOSE SB 609 RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and DelaCruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. I am Kyle Kajihiro, Program Director for the American Friends Service Committee – Hawai'i Peace and Justice. We strongly oppose SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) from being represented on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

The AFSC Hawai'i Area Program is proud to have been a part of the movement to protect Kaho'olawe from its beginnings. In January 1976, AFSC Program Director Ian Lind was on the very first boat to land on Kaho'olawe in protest of the bombing. The PKO worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 through 1990. In the past 20 years, the PKO was a crucial grassroots voice for the clean up and restoration of the island as a cultural reserve. Kaho'olawe is now protected because of the courageous efforts of the PKO.

In recognition of the important role PKO played in protection, restoration and cultural revival of Kaho'olawe, the PKO was incorporated into the very composition of the KIRC.

Since 1980 the 'Ohana has led safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations and families – as volunteers. I participated in two visits to Kaho'olawe with the 'Ohana and was profoundly moved by the experience.

Without the cultural experience and authority of the PKO, the KIRC would become another state bureaucracy alienated from the people and the movement that created it.

I urge you to reject this ill-conceived bill. Thank you very much.

February 11, 2011

Chairman Brickwood Galuteria, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 221
sengaluteria@capitol.hawaii.gov
Fax (808) 586-6829

Chairman Donovan Dela Cruz, Committee on Water, Land and Housing
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 202
sendelacruz@capitol.hawaii.gov
Fax (808)586-6901

Letter of Testimony in Opposition to SB 609

Chairman Galuteria and Chairman Dela Cruz:

In opposition to SB 623 because the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana has for years been an entity that has been an inspiration to the community of Native Hawaiians. This inspiration stems from the leadership and their level of commitment not only to Kaho`olawe but to justice. This bill blatantly disregards the noble leadership that was the driving force behind the return of Kaho`olawe to the State of Hawai`i.

Passage of HB 609 will equate tremendous regression for the State and its relationship with Native Hawaiians.

Jasmine Branco
jbranco1mt@gmail.com

Dot Fujinaga

From: Kaleo Lancaster [jinykim@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:22 PM
To: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
Subject: Kanaloa Kaho'olawe

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
State Capitol, Room 202
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu HI 96813

Aloha,

Respectfully request that the Hawaii State Senate NOT pass SB 609 to remove the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC)

The 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 to 1990 and with federal, state and county agencies for the clean up of unexploded ordnance from the island and to restore the island as a cultural reserve. The 'Ohana is the one entity that has participated in every stage to get the island of Kaho'olawe to where it is today. The 'Ohana's role on KIRC is to ensure that the island and its surrounding waters are managed as a cultural reserve where all of Hawai'i's people can learn about and experience Native Hawaiian culture. Eliminating the 'Ohana from the KIRC would sever the commission from its grassroots origins, connection with the primary constituents of the island, its spiritual purpose, as well as the institutional memory relative to its rules and regulations and operations. It is, therefore, not only pono, but absolutely appropriate to have significant representation on the advisory board. It is the body of people that best knows the multifacets of the island.

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at www.change.org/petitions/oppose-sb609-removing-protect-kaoolawe-ohana-from-kaoolawe-island-reserve-commission. To respond, email responses@change.org and include a link to this petition.

Kaleo Lancaster
252 Kalama Street
Kailua, HI 96734

Dot Fujinaga

From: Leslie Baker [labaker@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:21 PM
To: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
Subject: Kanaloa Kaho'olawe

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
State Capitol, Room 202
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu HI 96813

Aloha,

Respectfully request that the Hawaii State Senate NOT pass SB 609 to remove the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC)

The 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 to 1990 and with federal, state and county agencies for the clean up of unexploded ordnance from the island and to restore the island as a cultural reserve. The 'Ohana is the one entity that has participated in every stage to get the island of Kaho'olawe to where it is today. The 'Ohana's role on KIRC is to ensure that the island and its surrounding waters are managed as a cultural reserve where all of Hawai'i's people can learn about and experience Native Hawaiian culture. Eliminating the 'Ohana from the KIRC would sever the commission from its grassroots origins, connection with the primary constituents of the island, its spiritual purpose, as well as the institutional memory relative to its rules and regulations and operations. It is, therefore, not only pono, but absolutely appropriate to have significant representation on the advisory board. It is the body of people that best knows the multifacets of the island.

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at www.change.org/petitions/oppose-sb609-removing-protect-kaoolawe-ohana-from-kaoolawe-island-reserve-commission. To respond, email responses@change.org and include a link to this petition.

Leslie Baker
252 Kalama Street
Kailua, HI 96734

Dot Fujinaga

From: Kalani Kaanaana [kalanikaanaana@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:17 AM
To: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
Subject: Kanaloa Kaho'olawe

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
State Capitol, Room 202
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu HI 96813

Aloha,

Respectfully request that the Hawaii State Senate NOT pass SB 609 to remove the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC)

The 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 to 1990 and with federal, state and county agencies for the clean up of unexploded ordnance from the island and to restore the island as a cultural reserve. The 'Ohana is the one entity that has participated in every stage to get the island of Kaho'olawe to where it is today. The 'Ohana's role on KIRC is to ensure that the island and its surrounding waters are managed as a cultural reserve where all of Hawai'i's people can learn about and experience Native Hawaiian culture. Eliminating the 'Ohana from the KIRC would sever the commission from its grassroots origins, connection with the primary constituents of the island, its spiritual purpose, as well as the institutional memory relative to its rules and regulations and operations. It is, therefore, not only pono, but absolutely appropriate to have significant representation on the advisory board. It is the body of people that best knows the multifacets of the island.

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at www.change.org/petitions/oppose-sb609-removing-protect-kahoolawe-ohana-from-kahoolawe-island-reserve-commission. To respond, email responses@change.org and include a link to this petition.

Kalani Kaanaana
1260 Punana Loop
Kailua, HI 96734

Dot Fujinaga

From: Ciane Ayers [tonig@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:22 AM
To: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
Subject: Kanaloa Kaho'olawe

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
State Capitol, Room 202
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu HI 96813

Aloha,

Respectfully request that the Hawaii State Senate NOT pass SB 609 to remove the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC)

The 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 to 1990 and with federal, state and county agencies for the clean up of unexploded ordnance from the island and to restore the island as a cultural reserve. The 'Ohana is the one entity that has participated in every stage to get the island of Kaho'olawe to where it is today. The 'Ohana's role on KIRC is to ensure that the island and its surrounding waters are managed as a cultural reserve where all of Hawaii's people can learn about and experience Native Hawaiian culture. Eliminating the 'Ohana from the KIRC would sever the commission from its grassroots origins, connection with the primary constituents of the island, its spiritual purpose, as well as the institutional memory relative to its rules and regulations and operations. It is, therefore, not only pono, but absolutely appropriate to have significant representation on the advisory board. It is the body of people that best knows the multifacets of the island.

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at www.change.org/petitions/oppose-sb609-removing-protect-kaoolawe-ohana-from-kaoolawe-island-reserve-commission. To respond, email responses@change.org and include a link to this petition.

Ciane Ayers
331-c Kaiwainui st.
Kailua, HI 96734

Dot Fujinaga

From: Kahikina de Silva [makanoni@mac.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:51 AM
To: Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
Subject: Kanaloa Kaho'olawe

Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz
State Capitol, Room 202
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu HI 96813

Aloha,

Respectfully request that the Hawaii State Senate NOT pass SB 609 to remove the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC)

The 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 to 1990 and with federal, state and county agencies for the clean up of unexploded ordnance from the island and to restore the island as a cultural reserve. The 'Ohana is the one entity that has participated in every stage to get the island of Kaho'olawe to where it is today. The 'Ohana's role on KIRC is to ensure that the island and its surrounding waters are managed as a cultural reserve where all of Hawai'i's people can learn about and experience Native Hawaiian culture. Eliminating the 'Ohana from the KIRC would sever the commission from its grassroots origins, connection with the primary constituents of the island, its spiritual purpose, as well as the institutional memory relative to its rules and regulations and operations. It is, therefore, not only pono, but absolutely appropriate to have significant representation on the advisory board. It is the body of people that best knows the multifacets of the island.

Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at www.change.org/petitions/oppose-sb609-removing-protect-kahoolawe-ohana-from-kahoolawe-island-reserve-commission. To respond, email responses@change.org and include a link to this petition.

Kahikina de Silva
1110 Aalapapa Dr
Kaohao, HI 96734

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: shelleymuneoka@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:14:42 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shelley Muneoka
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: shelleymuneoka@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

I'm writing in opposition to SB609 that would remove all the PKO seats from KIRC. This is disrespectful, and illogical--KIRC would not be possible if not for the blood, sweat and tears of the PKO. Honor their work and commitment to Kahoolawe. Mahalo.

February 11, 2011

Testimony of Kelly Anne Beppu, MSW, from Hau'ula, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees : WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING and HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Saturday, February 12, 2011

10:00 am

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of **SENATE BILL 609**, RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Chairs Galuteria and Delacruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees,

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana is an integral part of Kaho'olawe's past, present, and future. It would be foolish to not give a major stakeholder a voice in the Commission. For the benefit of Kaho'olawe's future, I strongly **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Kelly Anne Beppu, MSW

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: mchouteau@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 9:52:22 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary Battley
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mchouteau@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

I have been a Maui resident for decades. The PKO control of the KIRC has benefited the PKO but not Kahoolawe and not other Hawaiians. There needs to be better balance on the KIRC for the sake of Kahoolawe's future transition to a Hawaiian sovereign.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kari@designmaui.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 9:41:47 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kari McCarthy
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kari@designmaui.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

The leadership of the KIRC has been in turmoil for years. The bill would correct the lopsided PKO domination of the KIRC and allow Kaho'olawe to be on a better and more stable course. Please support SB609. Mahalo.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: mclean@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 9:38:54 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: paul mclean
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mclean@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:
please support this bill. kahoolawe needs stronger leadership, and changing the commission is big step in the right direction. kirc has been adrift for too many years. it's time for a change. thanks for your consideration.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: batcavetech@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 9:17:03 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Joseph Heaukulani
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: batcavetech@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:
2/12/11

Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Honorable Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Conference Room 225 10:00AM
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Re: OPPOSITION TO SB609

Chairmen and Members of the Committees

I am an individual in opposition to SB609, specifically in regards to the removal of Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). Thousands of people are able to enjoy Kaho'olawe today directly through thirty plus years of PKO effort starting with their first lawsuit in 1976. If not for PKO's actions since then, we wouldn't have Kaho'olawe now and there would be no KIRC or even this hearing. They deserve a position on the commission.

I am unclear as to the intent of reducing the commission from seven seats to five. I would be in support of the bill if the only amendment was the four years before reappointment clause.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB609.

Joseph Heaukulani
3177 Holly Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816
(808) 778-1153
batcavetech@hotmail.com

Conference Committee Meeting
Hearing Date: February 12, 2011
10:00 a.m – Conference Room 225

Mōhala Aiu, Concerned Citizen and Supporter of PKO

Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee
Chair. Brickwood Galuteria
Senate Water, Land, and Housing Committee
Chair Donovan Dela Cruz
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 11, 2011
Re: HB 609

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Chair Dela Cruz, and Committee Members

I am writing out of strong concern for the continued presence of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (PKO) in decision making for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) and the future of Kaho‘olawe. SB 609 essentially erases PKO from the equation by cutting membership on KIRC from seven to five members and eliminating the two seats that are recommended by PKO. I stand in **strong opposition** to this measure.

PKO has been the driving force behind the tremendous progress that has been made to protect Kaho‘olawe as a cultural resource. From 1976 until 1990 it worked tirelessly to stop the bombing on Kaho‘olawe, a huge accomplishment for a grassroots organization. During this time, the PKO, has served as a gateway for many people to get in touch with the meaning of living in Hawai‘i, our responsibility to the ‘āina, and the cultural significance of this island. I ask that you please reconsider SB 609 and cast your vote against this measure. Mahalo for your attention to this matter.

Mohala Aiu

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: gehcc@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:59:47 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: casina waterman
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: gehcc@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

Testimony of **John Noah P. Ho'omanawanui**
Member, Keli'ihoomanawanui 'Ohana
before a joint hearing of the

Committee: Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and

Water, Land and Housing

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Time: 10 am.

Site: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

Re: In consideration of Senate Bill 609

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Chairs Galuteria and Delacruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the aforementioned committees, Aloha and Mahalo for the opportunity to submit a written testimony before you today in opposition to SB609, which seeks to decrease the membership of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) from seven to five members and possibly to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana's (PKO) direct representation on the Commission. If this is the intention of SB609, I am disheartened to the lack of posterity it will enact. From 1989-2003, my 'ohana and I have labored side by side with PKO on Kaho'olawe. We have seen many lives enriched and reconnected with our 'aina- the legacy from which we derived. It is pono to move forward and keep the relationship between PKO and KIRC intact. Hereafter, I will cite three perspectives on how it lacks posterity:

- From a sociopolitical perspective, true grassroots representation that typically resonate strongly with our kupuna are non-existent in our State's Legislature. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana is one of the most grassroots Kanaka Maoli organization thriving today and one that many other grassroots organizations and Native Hawaiian organizations have modeled themselves after. Would you consider KIRC or the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) grassroots? Yes, people associated with these organizations have a history with PKO but ultimately their political loyalty resides with a State or federal entity and its' policies not an island. PKO is not a weed but a root of what Hawai'i represents to those who know true grassroots and its presence must be kept within KIRC. Noho a kupa!
- From a psycho-social perspective, who could speak on behalf of Kaho'olawe the best? A politician, a federal or state representative, an appointed KIRC member or a member of PKO? The ability to speak freely and passionately for Kaho'olawe rests solely with PKO. Please think about what you are doing, if you remove PKO from the commission you are silencing the voices of our kupuna like Uncle Harry Kūnihi Mitchell and Aunty Emma De Fries, along with George Helm and Kimo Mitchell. Kupuna: A he leo e kāhea mai!
- From a familial perspective, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana within KIRC is considered to be the Papa or Mother figure of the commission. As we all know, PKO bore attention to island's infant cries and nurtured a familial rejuvenation from Kaho'olawe's tethered shores and beyond. If you remove a mother from her 'ohana is to detach the direct nurturing perspective on the Commission. Lohe mai a malama i ko 'ōlelo mākuahine!

Me ka 'Ōiwi o Papa,

Mr. John Noah P. Ho'omanawanui

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: Kalua@KALO.org
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:24:21 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kaluapiilahaina castro
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Kalua@KALO.org
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:
I do Not support this bill!!!

Testimony of
Donna Nakamura
98-2039 B Kaahumanu Street

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

My son Brandon had the rare opportunity to visit Kahoolawe last year in the 7th grade with a few of his fellow students and teachers. He came home with such an appreciation for the Aina and was truly moved by his experience there. He even said that he wanted to join the PKO when he grew older! He learned many Hawaiian chants and was able to give back to the land by replanting sweet potato plants and at the end of the year, completed his culminating school project on his experience and history of Kahoolawe. This kind of educational experiences are priceless and are only able to be continued because of selfless organizations like the PKO. Please, please consider keeping the PKO and continue the funding for it!

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: haku1234@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 7:13:46 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sharon Tanaka
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: haku1234@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

As an educator, I had an opportunity for a "Kahoolawe" experience. Kahoolawe is an incredible resource for Hawaii presently and the future for our youngsters. It affords an experience of the past Hawaiian history and how we could protect our aina using not only modern "ways" but the ancient way. Protect Kahoolawe Ohana (PKO) on the Kahoolawe commission is a good check and balance to what happens on and the future of Kahoolawe. PKO is the voice of Hawaii's people on sharing that experience with others as well as working with the commission on what direction the commission decides for the future of Kahoolawe. It would not be beneficial for the state of Hawaii to exclude PKO without a voice in the Kahoolawe Commission. Please consider my perspective as educator who has experienced PKO and Kahoolawe and support their efforts.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kuladogz@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 6:59:57 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Pete Arnold
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kuladogz@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

To Whom it may concern:

I have been a volunteer on Kahoolawe six times. It is a magical, spiritual place that needs caretaking from our community; our complete community. PKO represents that complete community. Differences of opinion are what we need to attract to find the necessary solutions to problems on the Island. Its important to encourage those differences, in debate and and actions and deeds. What we will encourage for our home comes back to us in diversafication, which is what we are about. Embrace the challenges of Kahoolawe and she will continue to embrace us.

Testimony of **Derek A Mar Jr.**

before a joint hearing of the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing
Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 10am
In consideration of Senate Bill 609

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Aloha,

My name is Derek Mar Jr. and I oppose SB609.

As Native Hawaiians, this Senate committee more than any other committee, has the kuleana to understand how SB609 impacts Kaho'olawe on a cultural level. Prior to landing on Kahoolawe, everyone chants to signal his or her arrival. The chant calls out for a voice to welcome them ashore. Literally translated, "It is the voice by which I can land, please don't hold back the voice." That voice is the kama'aina and kahu'aina of Kahoolawe, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana.

SB609 removes the voice of the PKO from the KIRC. A voice that helped create the very vision that all parties strive to realize. A voice that consistently reminds the KIRC of the cultural heritage that Kahoolawe represents. A voice that is often consulted with by KIRC staff and other Native Hawaiian Organizations, for traditional-ecological-knowledge specific to Kahoolawe. A voice that empowers contractors to complete their work in a culturally sensitive manner. A voice that speaks for the bones of long departed ancestors, who now have no voice of their own. By removing the voice of the PKO from the KIRC, SB609 will take away the right of the island to be heard, spoken by the people who know it the best.

There is one, single comment that hundreds of people who have been to Kahoolawe share with me...how special a place Kahoolawe is. Not just special in its political history, more so in the character of the land and the relationship it has with all whom visit. It offers a chance to look at the mundane with admiration, the ordinary with reverence. A very special perspective.

SB609 has lost perspective of the original intent behind the KIRC's composition. Perhaps the Senators need to be reminded that their predecessors considered Kahoolawe a special enough place to warrant a special set of laws, bestowing a special responsibility on the PKO. Kahoolawe is not just another place, and the KIRC is not just another Commission. There was a specific purpose behind the original legislation mandating the voice of the island be represented in the first three seats named. SB609 will not only remove the voice of the PKO from the KIRC, it will silence the voice of your lineage as well. I challenge this body to remember the wisdom of your precursors, so that your efforts today may continue to support a solid footing for the future of Kahoolawe. I also invite the Native Hawaiian Senators and those here today to revisit Kahoolawe, to chant your arrival, to be welcomed by the voice and perhaps to regain perspective.

I have a continuous 15-year relationship with Kahoolawe and the unique opportunity to experience the island in different capacities.

- Natural Resource Technician with the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), I have planted native trees by the hundreds of thousands, installed miles of irrigation tubing, innovated erosion control and planting techniques and maintained various facilities and infrastructure.
- Protect Kahoolawe Ohana (PKO) member I have built and maintained trail systems, restored ancient structures, built new cultural sites and conducted high level traditional Hawaiian ceremony.
- As individuals separate from both the KIRC and the PKO, my family was granted access by the KIRC for the purpose of conducting native Hawaiian cultural activities.
- As a Watch Captain for Hokule`a, my crew and I have sailed to Kahoolawe on numerous occasions for training and to reconnect Kahoolawe with the Polynesian Voyaging Society, the Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO) that currently holds a seat on the KIRC.
- As a paid contractor and volunteer with construction experience, I have built and maintained the water catchment systems that feed the irrigation system for plant restoration.
-

I offer my background to you so that my voice may be heard as a true and balanced measure and that perhaps some insight from my unique position may help in rejecting SB609.

During my tenure with Kahoolawe I have witnessed how the PKO, KIRC and a multitude of NHOs collaborate in escorting thousands of individuals on their journey to build a relationship with the island through the restoration of native Hawaiian plants, research in the surrounding ocean, physically rebuilding sacred Hawaiian places and participating in traditional Hawaiian cultural practices. This partnership mixes the experienced wisdom of past with the efforts of today, to create a concrete foundation for the future.

Please do not advance SB609.

Mahalo,
Derek A. Mar Jr.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kumuhonuawong@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:54:54 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: kumuhonua wong
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kumuhonuawong@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

10 Pepeluali 2011

Aloha kākou,

I am writing to declare my strong **Opposition to Senate Bill 609** which aims to remove the Protect Kahoʻolawe’s representation on the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission.

I am a descendant of a ranching family who leased part of the island for a few years in the beginning of the twentieth century. I have enjoyed cultural access on island through the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻŌhana since the mid nineties. I have treasured these opportunities to visit Kahoʻolawe with other Hawaiians to catch a glimpse of the past and the lives that my ʻŌhana lived while on island.

Dr. Emmett Aluli fought the Navy for access to Kahoʻolawe from the Navy in the seventies. Since then, the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻŌhana has acted as cultural stewards of the island and has been successful in showing thousands of people what a special place Kahoʻolawe is to our people.

A grass roots organization, the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻŌhana has worked zealously for thirty years to gain access on island, and since then has used accesses to improve the life on island physically and spiritually. Without the passion, history and knowledge of the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻŌhana, the bright future of the unique island will be uncertain. The PKO is needed to serve the island by being a respected vote in the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission. Please do not release the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻŌhana from the responsibilities which our ancestors have chosen for them. The island of Kahoʻolawe deserves stewards who have been fighting in the island’s best interest the longest. Eō Kanaloa!

Mahalo,

Camille Kameaaloha Kanoa-Wong

E nā luna hoʻokolokolo, nā moho koho nui o ke aupuni wahaheʻe o Amelika e noho hewa ana ma Hawaiʻi nei. Aloha nō. O Lāiana Kanoa-Wong koʻu inoa, he mamo au no Hāloa, he kupa no Ko Hawaiʻi Pae ʻĀina a he ʻohana o ka Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana(P.K.O). Eia nō au e KŪʻĒ maoli ana nō kēia pila hana ʻino a hōʻemi hewa ana i ka mana a me ke koho o ka hui Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana ma ka hui ʻAupuni o ke Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission , o ia no ka pila **SB609**. E kūpaʻa ana wau me kēia manaʻo no ka mea nā ka P.K.O i alakaʻi ai i ka hōʻike hou ana i nā pono sivila o nā pua o Hawaiʻi nei. Nā ka Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana i kūʻē ai ka hana hewa o Amelika a ka lākou hana ʻino ana i ka mokupuni o Kanaloa Kahoʻolawe. No laila pehea lā i hiki ai kēia pila ke lawe i ka mana mai ka hui P.K.O mai? E haʻi mai i ka inoa o hoʻokahi hui ʻeaʻe i loaʻa ai ke kuleana ma Kahoʻolawe, a i ʻoi ʻaku kona kuleana ma mua o ko ka P.K.O? ʻAʻohe!! No laila e nā luna hoʻokolokolo e kū like ʻoukou me mākou nā kanaka Aloha ʻĀina o Hawaiʻi, a e hōʻole i kēia pila pulukeke o SB609. Mai noʻonoʻo ʻoukou kōlea he home maoli kēia nā ʻoukou, maʻalahi ka mahuka ana ʻaku o ke kōlea mai Hawaiʻi nei. O nā pulapula o Hawaiʻi nā kupa maoli nō. No laila like ko ʻoukou kuleana maʻaneʻi me ke kuleana o ke kōlea. ʻAʻohe!

My name is Lāiana Kanoa-Wong I am a native Hawaiian who is also a member of the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana. I am writing this testimony in strong **opposition** to **SB609**. A bill that will strip the voice and responsibilities that the Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻOhana has within the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission. Let us not forget who was there to fight for the land and for the rights of the native people

in their home lands. Let us not forget the organization that fought against America's sacrilegious act of destroying Hawaiian resources; our older sibling, Kanaloa Kahoʻolawe. So with a strong history and strong connection to the land, tell me how can this bill or the people writing it even consider stripping the role that the P.K.O has with the K.I.R.C? Help by naming one group that has more responsibilities to Kahoʻolawe than the P.K.O? The answer is No one!! So to the representatives of the *State of Hawaiʻi**, it is my hope that you consider the point of view that the people who love and care for the land on Kahoʻolawe have, and **oppose SB609**.

Mahalo.
Lāiana Kanoa-Wong

*The Kingdom of Hawaiʻi is under prolonged illegal occupation by America since the 1893 illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, which included the false imprisonment of Queen Liliʻuokalani.

Testimony in Opposition of SB 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Testimony by:

Dr. Jennifer Noelani Goodyear-Kaopua
Professor of Political Science, UH Manoa
Resident of Wa'ahila/St Louis Heights
2924 Alphonse Pl
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Aloha honorable legislators,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 609, which would remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

I first touched the island of Kaho'olawe, also known as Kohemalamalamaokanaloa, in 1993 at a student in Davianna McGregor's Ethnic Studies class. The experience was life-changing, not only because I was on an island that most of us who live in Hawai'i never get to experience first-hand, but because it was the first time I ever experienced the kind of cooperation, inclusion, stewardship of 'aina, and deep commitment that the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana practices. Since that first visit, I have been to the island several times, under the great care and diligent organization of PKO members. There is simply no other group that knows more or has deeper roots to this island than the PKO. It is absolutely unthinkable that the PKO would not be structurally included in the governance of Kaho'olawe, if this bill passed. This organization has the kuleana, the knowledge, the genealogy, and the experience that is essential to the good governance and management of Kaho'olawe.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 through 1990. Members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana have diligently served on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission since KIRC's establishment in 1993. The intent of the original legislation (Chapter 6-K Hawai'i Revised Statutes) that established the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in 1993 was to ensure the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the island, had a voice in the future of Kaho'olawe. In fact, in Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana representation. In the past 20 years, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has worked with federal, state, and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve. Since 1980, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has provided safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations, Hawaiian organizations, and families. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has the necessary cultural and historical experience to help the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to manage this unique, sacred, and precious island as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve.

Last November, my family and I attended the opening of Makahiki on Kaho'olawe. PKO members showed so much care and concern for my two children and the handful of other youngsters who were on the island. They were attentive to every need and safety precaution.

'Ohana members personally watched over and accompanied the various kids on the island, encouraging them that they would become the next generation to malama and re-green the island.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana simply must maintain its current representation on the KIRC, so that present and future generations can continue to care for and connect with this place in the most pono manner.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

J. Noelani Goodyear-Ka'opua

The Honorable Senators Galuteria and Delacruz
Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing
Hearing: February 12, 2011, 10 am
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

Testimony of **Kasha Ho'okili Ho**, member, Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana
Senate District 10
In OPPOSITION of Senate Bill 609, RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong opposition to SB609**, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from being represented on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

I am a second generation member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. My own 'ohana is deeply involved through the PKO with caretaking the island of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe. I firmly believe that the PKO provides the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) with the historical, cultural, and experiential expertise necessary to effectively accomplish its mission to restore the island of Kaho'olawe.

The PKO is responsible not only for stopping the bombing of the island, but has worked tirelessly for over 20 years as spiritual, cultural, and environmental stewards of Kanaloa Kaho'olawe. During this time the PKO collaborated with federal, state, and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve, and members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana have diligently served on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission since KIRC's establishment in 1993.

I am a part of a new generation of young people called to take on this kuleana. Our experience with Kaho'olawe has changed our lives; and our relationships, our work in the world, and our families have been shaped around our commitment to perpetuate the stewardship of Kaho'olawe. We give our time, our energy, blood, sweat, and tears to restore the life of the land through ecological restoration, cultural and spiritual connection to this 'aina. We have become trained guides in order to provide meaningful and safe opportunities for others to experience the island, and we look ahead to how these efforts will be continued by our children and theirs.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana is uniquely qualified by virtue of our continued commitment, historical experience, and deep connection to Kaho'olawe to guide and inform the work of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. ***I respectfully ask you to maintain the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana's representation on the KIRC and not pass SB609 out of committee.***

Mahalo nui loa,



Kasha Ho'okili Ho

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: changkwaix@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 10:31:05 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kevin Chang
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: changkwaix@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

Please kill this bill. Members of the Protect Kahao'olawe Ohana are essential to the vision making of the KIRC.

Aloha nui e nā Luna Hanohano o ko Hawai'i pae'āina:

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and DelaCruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committee. According to the *kupuna*, there are three major qualities that proper *kanaka* hold, *mana'o'i'o* 'belief', *mana'olana* 'hope', and beyond all those is *aloha*. Welina ke aloha iā 'oukou pākahi a pau.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong opposition to SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from being represented on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

I am in strong, absolute, opposition to Senate Bill 609 (henceforth SB609). SB609 intends on stripping the 'Ohana, the sole organization that has any connection to Kaho'olawe, of its rights to oversee the present operations and future plans for Kaho'olawe. In all honesty, the U.S. Military would still be desecrating Kaho'olawe, if it were not for the brave sacrifices made by the 'Ohana.

Thousands and thousands of Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians alike have gone to Kaho'olawe under the guidance of the 'Ohana and have been inspired to do better in their own communities. There are not many places in Hawai'i that are stewarded by a grassroots organization like the 'Ohana that has displayed the wherewithal to oppose and work with the U.S. Navy and then work hand-in-hand with a State agency, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

The 'Ohana safety record far exceeds any standard for access to an Island like Kaho'olawe. I have been to Kaho'olawe many, many of times over the last 17 years. The 'Ohana makes Kaho'olawe SAFE! 'Ohana members drafted the safety plan for Kaho'olawe that is currently in use.

People get hurt hiking trails on O'ahu and other islands much more often than getting injured on Kaho'olawe. Should we stop all access to trail-hikers? Not at all. Perhaps we should shut down trail-hiking organizations and groups from maintaining and using hiking trails? NO! Nor should we try to eliminate access to Kaho'olawe and the GREAT work the 'Ohana does for Kaho'olawe, working hand-in-hand with the KIRC.

The reasons stated above are but a few good reasons to KILL SB609. The 'Ohana has demonstrated a cultural, spiritual, and political connection to Kaho'olawe unlike any other organization throughout Hawai'i. The motto for the 'Ohana is summed in a saying by the late Uncle Harry Mitchel who guided the 'Ohana in the research of places and sacred sites on Kaho'olawe. The saying is this, *I mua nā pua, lanakila Kaho'olawe* 'Move forward, children of the land, victorious is/will be Kaho'olawe'. The 'Ohana does not act for themselves, rather the 'Ohana does everything for the betterment of Kaho'olawe, so that Kaho'olawe be victorious.

'O au nō me ka ha'aha'a,
C. M. Kaliko Baker
Kahalu'u, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu-a-Lua

Testimony of
Burt Lum
Honolulu, HI

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I oppose Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

My involvement with Kaho'olawe started in the early 90's and from my first introduction until today, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) continue to be the cultural stewards of the Island. They maintain the history and stories, revived chants and the protocols, managed access to the island, organized work crews, re-established the Makahiki ceremony, established sacred places and many other activities, but above all perpetuated, practiced and taught Native Hawaiian cultural values to all those that have come to Kaho'olawe. The power of this not only benefited Kaho'olawe but all the other islands. People who have visited Kaho'olawe with the 'Ohana go back to their own islands and continue to practice the principles of aloha 'aina in their communities, whether in Hawaii or elsewhere. This multiplicative effect of the 'Ohana's impact to Hawaii is undeniable. The relationship between the 'Ohana and Kaho'olawe runs deeper than words can describe. It embodies the oneness between man and the earth which is all too often lacking in world.

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, an organization established by the State of Hawaii Legislature to manage the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve seeks its direction from the commissioners. I feel it is imperative that 'Ohana representation on the Commission be preserved. The 'Ohana is the soul of the island and without their presence on the Commission the goal of establishing and maintaining Kaho'olawe as a Native Hawaiian cultural preserve and its broader impact to the rest of Hawaii will be lost.

Why I oppose SB 609

- SB 609 will permanently remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, the cultural stewards of Kaho'olawe from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.
- The intent of the original legislation (Chapter 6-K Hawai'i Revised Statutes) that established the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in 1993 was to ensure the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the island, had a voice in the future of Kaho'olawe. In fact, in Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana representation.
- Members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana have diligently served on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission since KIRC's establishment in 1993. Current Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana Commissioners are: Craig Neff, Davianna McGregor, and Amber Nāmaka Whitehead. Past Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana Commissioners include: Noa Emmett Aluli, Robert Lu'uwai, Burt Sakata, and Palikapu Dedman.
- The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 through 1990. In the past 20 years, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has worked with federal, state, and county governments to clean and

restore the island as a cultural reserve.

- Since 1980, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has provided safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations, Hawaiian organizations, and families.
- The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana works in partnership with the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to provide stewardship of the island's natural and cultural resources. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has the necessary cultural and historical experience to help the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to manage this unique, sacred, and precious island as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Oppose SB 609

February 10, 2011

Aloha e Akua, e na Aumakua, e na Ali'i o Kakuhihewa, e na Kupuna, e na makua, e na lehulehu...aloha mai...

My name is Chadd `Onohi Paishon and **I strongly oppose Senate Bill 609** for the following reason;

The Protect Kaho`olawe Ohana as I read are being crossed out and need to be included in this commission process. The Governor of the State of Hawai`i, OHA, DLNR, and other Hawaiian organizations cannot speak on behalf of the PKO.

The PKO has established and committed their "lives" to Kohemalamalama...the PKO will be involved when the members of this "proposed" commission whose term will expire have moved onto other interests.

Let us not forget the "renaissance" when members of PKO guided by kupuna took it upon themselves, for the betterment and vision of "ALOHA AINA", to stop the bombing.

As one of Hawai`i's navigator's I have had the privilege to step foot upon the sands of Honokanaia and walk to Kealaikahiki...to climb to the top of Moa ula and spend the night under the stars. I have the Protect Kaho`olawe Ohana to mahalo for this.

me ka ha`aha`a,

Chadd `Onohi Paishon
Pwo Navigator

Aloha, Chairs Galuteria and Delacruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees... Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong opposition to SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from being represented on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

Aloha and Mahalo for taking the time to this testimony. Please note that I am in strong opposition of Senate Bill 609.

The "Ohana" is an integral part of the KIRC. It is because of the work of the "Ohana" that the KIRC does exist. To eliminate the "Ohana's" representation, would be detrimental to the future of Kaho'olawe, an Island so important to the People of Hawaii.

Kahao'olawe is a tangible link for many of the young and old of Hawaii today, it is essentially a way for us to connect to our culture, both past and present aswell as to insure the future of our culture. Without the representation of the Ohana, this link or connection is compromised. It requires a mighty effort to access Kaho'olawe for cultural and educational purposes, to eliminate this representation will only make this more difficult.

The relationship between the "Ohana" and KIRC serve to heal and rebuild Kaho'olawe, to eliminate the "Ohanas" representation will only prolong the healing of Kaho'olawe.

Mahalo for you time

Sincerely

Capt. Quintin Leong

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kelho@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 6:39:09 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kelvin Ho
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kelho@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony from Kaua'i as I will be unable to attend the hearing.
Mahalo, Kelvin Ho

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: tanakan@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 12:15:30 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nicholas WKK Tanaka
Organization: Individual
Address: Pili Loko St Paia
Phone: 808-344-0218
E-mail: tanakan@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

I am opposed to the bill as the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana is the ONLY reason the state has any control on the island at all. its started from a grasss roots movement and formed into an organization. The state should be happy that the PKO is willing to work with them.

Malia Ribeiro RN

February 10, 2011

Testimony of Malia Ribeiro

Affiliation - Participant in Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana Native Hawaiian cultural accesses for past 13 years.

Before a joint hearing of the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 10 at the Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of Senate Bill 609

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Dear Honorable Chairs Galuteria and Delacruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide **testimony in strong opposition to SB609**, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from being represented on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) has a long history of working hard to restore the island of Kaho'olawe as a cultural and archeological preserve and to additionally restore the native environment of the island (pre-bombing). The ability of Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana to accomplish these goals has been proven. They are not only capable but the most appropriate group for this immense task. Their strength is in their ability to bring our community together through both educational and cultural accesses.

My first trip to Kaho'olawe in 1998 was organized through the PKO as an educational trip and was apart of a course at Kauai Community College. Since then I have been lucky to go to Kaho'olawe for both work accesses and cultural Makahiki ceremonies. These experiences have given me a connection to Kaho'olawe and a deeper understanding of Native Hawaiian culture that I take with me in my work as a nurse. These experiences have helped me provide culturally competent care to Native Hawaiians. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana is needed to bring people together to malama Kaho'olawe and perpetuate and preserve Native Hawaiian culture.

In 1993 when KIRC was established it was stated in the original legislation Chapter 6-K Hawaii Revised Statutes that the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana would have a strong voice in the future of Kaho'olawe. When you read section 6K-5 it is clearly stated that the PKO will have representation. Please honor the history of the intent of this bill and vote no on SB609. Without the strong collaboration of the Protect Kaho'olawe it will be impossible for KIRC to truly represent a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve especially given the PKO's history and the majority in the Native Hawaiian community who are in strong opposition to this.

I ask that you oppose SB609 and appreciate your careful consideration

Mahalo nui loa ,

Malia Ribeiro RN

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: ljenkins@saintlouishawaii.org
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 3:25:19 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Leonard D. Jenkins
Organization: St. Louis School
Address: 3142 Waialae Ave Honolulu, Hawaii
Phone: 808-256-8761
E-mail: ljenkins@saintlouishawaii.org
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

The PKO is an important group that has always supported what the aina needs to stay alive and thrive for all time. The educational opportunities that have been offered are priceless for na haumana and kupuna alike. I have been to the island and support all that the PKO stand for in its opposition to bill SB609. Mahalo, Leonard Jenkins (Religion dept. St. Louis School)

Testimony of Joshua Kaakua is opposition to SB609

February 7, 2011

COMMITTEE: Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs &
Water, Land, and Housing

HEARING DATE/TIME: February 12, 2011 10:00 AM

FROM: Joshua Kaakua
511 Hahaione Street Apt 2B, Honolulu, HI 96825

RE: Testimony in Strong Opposition to Senate Bill 609
relating to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Please accept my testimony **in opposition to Senate Bill 609**.

SB609 seeks to reduce the members of the KIRC Commission from seven members to five members and to remove enduring representation on the Commission from the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana (PKO). I think both of these ideas are poorly conceived and will ultimately weaken the KIRC Commission and the vision, management, and future of *Kohe Malamalama o Kanaloa*.

The Ohana represents a large *hui* of cultural experts, students, professionals, practitioners, and community members who are committed to *malama* (take care of) Kaho'olawe. We take very serious the *kuleana* passed onto us by kupuna and recent leaders such as George Helm, Kimo Mitchell, and Aunty Frenchy DeSoto. The PKO brings to the Commission a valuable and necessary perspective. Why does the Senate seek to remove the voice, value, and partnership of the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana?

I believe the PKO is the strongest ally to the State, KIRC, and community in the quest to *malama* Kaho'olawe. Besides their expertise, PKO members volunteer their time, money, vacation days, sweat, blood, brainpower, and tears to *malama* Kaho'olawe the right way. The PKO, a grass-roots organization, does not have a single person on payroll but have been tireless representatives for the last ten years. We will continue to dedicate our efforts for a better Kaho'olawe for the next 10 years and for the generations to come. This does not cost the State any money. There is no shortage of enthusiasm, talent pool, or quality representation on the KIRC Commission from the PKO. What is the impetus to reduce the Commission from seven members to five members or to reduce quorum from four members to three members?

Testimony of Joshua Kaakua is opposition to SB609

I have been going to Kaho'olawe since 2001 with the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana. Every May, I take a group of UH Manoa Engineering students annually to Hakioawa, Kaho'olawe to learn the importance and practice of *aloha 'aina*. It is "on-island" that my students discover why Kaho'olawe is so central to the State of Hawaii and to the Native Hawaiian community. I strongly encourage our Senators to find a way to participate in a huaka'i or work access with the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana before deciding to eliminate their representation on the KIRC Commission.

As a Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana member, I personally sacrifice a lot to give service to Kaho'olawe. The individuals that are vetted through the Ohana for possible KIRC Commission representation (such as Emmet Aluli, Chuck Burrows, Namaka Whitehead, Davianna McGregor) are of the highest quality, capabilities and their commitment to do what is right for the island is unmatched. I want to be honest in that I had feelings of shock, helplessness, and betrayal upon reading that our Senators were proposing SB609 to remove the Ohana from the KIRC Commission. The Bill comes as a surprise to many of us in the community who want the best for the island, and the intent of this bill, to me, is still a mystery. If there are legitimate reasons for the bill, please share them with the public. Otherwise, why are we choosing to eliminate a valuable resource and partner in the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana, the historical caretakers of the land? This is not pono.

I urge the Senators to exercise due diligence before making significant changes to an important commission such as the KIRC Commission. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to SB609.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: jlkalei@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 3:49:31 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: jonathan lopez
Organization: Individual
Address: p.o. box rr 2 4500 kalapana kapoho rd Pahoia Hi, 96778
Phone: 1-808-965-2088
E-mail: jlkalei@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

I need to say stop stop stop...everytime that we see whats going on to the Hawaiian island...it takes away all the love and spirit away from what it should be. this island is the gift that was giving to all of us...not just one or two but all of these island...belong's to its rite ful places and thats is to the people of Hawaii...enough is enough we need to rebuild this island back...and we are asking for the kokua of the state...to make this happen.....this island got rob spiritual and phycial...we the poeple of Hawaii....want our words to be heard....May God Bless Our Land of Hawai'i. aloha and mahalo.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: aisleyma@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 4:37:10 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: aisley
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: aisleyma@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: puaalaikahoni@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 1:56:57 PM
Attachments: [oppose.doc](#)

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Pua ala Pascua
Organization: Individual
Address: Honolulu, HI
Phone:
E-mail: puaalaikahoni@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

Kaho'olawe is recognized through the hawaiian culture as the piko, the center both spiritually and physically, of our island chain. So many injustices have occurred on the island since the military took control of the land and although bombing has since stopped, there are still many dangers on the land. It is the responsibility of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana to increase awareness by public access and to verify by sitting on the board of the KIRC that steps are being taken in the best interest of the island and of the Hawaiia people to whom this island belongs.

February 10, 2011

Dear Legislators:

I am writing to voice my concern over bill SB609. The organization that has been a part of caring for the island and preserving cultural aspects through a partnership with various educational groups is not represented anywhere in the bill. I fear that a loss of the presence of the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana (PKO) would lead to a loss of the deeply rooted Hawaiian Culture which is tied to the land and to the history of Kahoolawe. It would be a tragedy to see the cultural aspect of the management of the island lost. The committee which makes decisions for what happens to Kahoolawe should have a balanced representation of people who care for the island. Both KIRC (Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission) members and PKO members should have a presence in the decision making of the island. The bill as it is written now excludes the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana from any committee representation. I urge you to vote no on bill SB609. It seems as if it hasn't been thoroughly thought out as to the impact it will have on preserving Kahoolawe as part of our history and part of the Hawaiian culture.

Sincerely,

Karen Wang

Testimony of
Noelani Puniwai
Kea'au, Hawai'i

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I oppose Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

The KIRC was designed to oversee the re-building of Kaho'olawe from all of its woes and terrible misuse. There have been many people, children/kupuna who have been given new hope for the Hawaiian people and our 'aina through the actions that have brought us Kaho'olawe back. However, none of this would have been possible without the diligent work and determination of the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana.

The PKO is not just Hawaiians or persons representing Hawaiian interests. They represent the healing and life of Kaho'olawe and have this as their core mission. There is a difference and to remove their positions from the commission is to neglect and disrespect all of the hard work they have strived for over the last decades.

Any organization can only grow and strive to do its best through conscientious decision-making and a thorough process. Including the PKO in the core of KIRC will ensure that the best intentions and actions are taken. Checks and Balances are needed, and in the case of Kaho'olawe, the more people, the more brains trying to heal her can only benefit her future.

I have had the honor of participating in activities on Kaho'olawe through the PKO and KIRC. They both work hard for their people and both are needed on this journey. Please continue to respect the role that the PKO brings to the KIRC.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: megalchau@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:58:40 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Meghan Leialoha Au
Organization: MANA
Address: 41-582 Inoa ole St. Waimānalo, HI
Phone: (808) 551-5944
E-mail: megalchau@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:
Aloha mai kākou,

I outright OPPOSE SB609 because of its intent to remove PKO, meaning Kānaka Maoli, from the decision-making processes involving the well-being and future of Kaho'olawe. This move on the part of those behind SB609 are acting in extreme betrayal of what is good for this place. There is no PONO in this intention.

Kānaka Maoli are here forever and we will always be heard.

RESPECT culture.

Mahalo for reading,
Meghan Leialoha Au

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: megalchau@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:58:17 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Meghan Leialoha Au
Organization: MANA
Address: 41-582 Inoa ole St. Waimānalo, HI
Phone: (808) 551-5944
E-mail: megalchau@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:
Aloha mai kākou,

I outright OPPOSE SB609 because of its intent to remove PKO, meaning Kānaka Maoli, from the decision-making processes involving the well-being and future of Kaho'olawe. This move on the part of those behind SB609 are acting in extreme betrayal of what is good for this place. There is no PONO in this intention.

Kānaka Maoli are here forever and we will always be heard.

RESPECT culture.

Mahalo for reading,
Meghan Leialoha Au

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: pualeleiki@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:52:26 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Paul Luuwai
Organization: Hawaiian Canoe Club
Address: 170 A Mokuahi st makawao, Hi
Phone: 808 573-8998
E-mail: pualeleiki@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

Please Kill SB 609, it does not represent the best interest of the people. We need a PKO representation on the commission.

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair

Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

RE: SB609

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Time: 10:00:00 AM

Place: Conference Room 225

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

I strongly **OPPOSE** this bill for the following reasons:

- SB609 would remove the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana from the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission.
- The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana worked tirelessly for nearly fifteen (15) years from 1976-1990 to cease the bombing of Kaho‘olawe.
- Members of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana continue to *volunteer* their time and effort in restoring the island.
- Almost once a month since 1980, the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana has safely facilitated meaningful cultural and educational accesses for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations and families – all as volunteers. We have all worked diligently to help fulfill the mission of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission – *kūkulu ke ea a Kanaloa* – restore the life and essence of Kanaloa-Kaho‘olawe.
- The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana works in close partnership with the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission to provide stewardship of the island’s cultural and natural resources. The island of Kaho‘olawe is a CULTURAL reserve. The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana

helps the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission to manage this sacred island as a Native Hawaiian Cultural reserve.

- If the Senate wants to reduce the size of the KIRC to five (5) commissioners, the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana should have at least one (1) representative serve on the Commission. The complete removal of the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana as part of the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission is unfair and unjust.

The proposed legislation should not be passed for the reasons listed above. Mahalo for your time and consideration. Please do NOT pass this bill.

Sincerely,
Anela M.K. Evans

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: hawaiianstyle@rocketmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:11:57 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Kealoha Domingo
Organization: Individual
Address: 51-312 Kamehameha Hwy. Ka'a'awa, HI
Phone: (808)753-3132
E-mail: hawaiianstyle@rocketmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB609 or any legislation that seeks to remove Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana from thier important kuleana on Kaho'olawe. It is imperative that organizations like PKO to be able to continue to restore and protect the natural, cultural and historic qualities of Kaho'olawe. As a concerned voting Hawaiian, I must insist that pono measures be taken and SB609 be killed.

Mahalo,
Robert Kealoha Domingo
O'ahu ka mokupuni, Ko'olauloa ka moku, Ka'a'awa ke 'ahupua'a

I am writing in strong opposition to SB609 which would reduce the number of KIRC seats from 7 to 5, excluding PKO members from being involved in the Kaho'olawe decision making process. As someone who has been to Kaho'olawe twice - both with PKO and with KIRC - I sincerely appreciate the work and dedication of both organizations. The experiences were both wonderful but also very different, and this is based on the perspective and the goals of each organization. Both trips were milestones for me, but only one of them truly changed my life, and that was the one with PKO. The kumu and kua on that access instilled in us a deep love and appreciation for that sacred land and a great reverence for the work we were doing to heal it. They educated us on history and culture - past, recent, present. I was not born in Hawai'i, but I've lived here much of my adult life, and I have never felt more connected to, welcomed into, or respectful of Hawaiian culture than when I stood hand in hand with my brothers and sisters (of all races) on that island: working, singing, dancing, hiking, learning, growing together. If this experience were to be lost to future generations - not only relative newcomers like me but especially younger native Hawaiians who need to learn, live, and carry on their heritage - it would truly be a tragedy. Because the PKO perspective on Kaho'olawe is so essential, and the work they do so important, I feel they must have a voice in whatever decisions are made regarding the 'aina and its caretaking. Please do not pass this bill, and instead come to a fair agreement that gives all stakeholders a voice in the caretaking of Kaho'olawe.

I strongly oppose SB609 which would reduce the number of KIRC seats from 7 to 5, excluding PKO members from being involved in the Kaho'olawe decision making process. I have been to Kaho'olawe with PKO and found it to be a life-changing experience. It became very apparent to me that the island is critically culturally important to the Hawaiian people and that the right and ability to perform cultural activities there must be upheld. I was deeply touched by the deep connection our kumu and kua had with the island. I also realized what an important tool for cultural transmission the PKO accesses are, and how symbolic the island is to the Hawaiian culture. I think that taking away the right to access on their own terms and to contribute to decision making processes would be incredibly disempowering and tragic to the Hawaiian people as a whole. Please do not pass this bill. Instead, please come to a fair agreement that gives all stakeholders a voice in the caretaking of Kaho'olawe.

Mahalo,
Laura Shiels

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: thomas.brennon@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:44:20 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: thomas brennon
Organization: protect kahoolawe ohana
Address: 15-1823 hinahina keaau, hi
Phone: 808 9664739
E-mail: thomas.brennon@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

pko has been a curcial part in the restoration of kanaloa kahoolawe to remove them from kirc representation would remove the cultural and spiritual legacy that sustains the true purpose of setting the island aside for the hawwaiin people and their nation.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: mariebro@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:51:53 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marie Alohalani Brown
Organization: Native Hawaiian PhD Student UHM
Address: 430 Keoniana St. Apt. 301 Honolulu, Hawaii
Phone: (808) 282-0451
E-mail: mariebro@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana have made collectively as a group worked to stop the bombing, remove the military occupation, establish policy & procedures necessary to clean up the ordnance mess, established the KIRC and worked to make Kaho'olawe the place where Hawaiians and those who support Hawaiian ideologies can go to and practice Hawaiian culture and religion. Contrary to what is being said, the PKO has not made it an "exclusive place," but have trained their kua in rigorous cpr, first aid, first responders, access guide (Ordnance recognition) and Hawaiian spiritual protocols. They have safety plans and have followed them as best as they could. The PKO has earned the right to those positions on the KIRC. To me this bill is money driven and is the state's way to begin the process to commercialize/privatize the island.

9 February 2011

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in strong opposition to SB609 which would reduce the number of KIRC seats from 7 to 5, excluding PKO members from being involved in the Kaho'olawe decision making process. I went to Kaho'olawe with PKO four years ago and it was a terrific and life-changing experience. The PKO organizers instilled in all of us that arrived on that amazing island a deep love and appreciation for that sacred land of Kaho'olawe and the Hawaiian culture. They educated us on its long history and cultural importance, spanning the past, present, and highlighted the importance of the knowledge that needs preserving for the many upcoming generations. I did not grow up in Hawai'i, but I've lived here much of my adult life, and I feel deeply connected to Hawaii because of my experience on Kaho'olawe. Because the PKO perspective on Kaho'olawe is so essential and the work that they do is so important, I feel they must have a voice in whatever decisions are made regarding Kaho'olawe and its caretaking. Please do not pass this bill, and instead come to a fair agreement that gives all stakeholders a voice in the caretaking of Kaho'olawe.

Sincerely,

Aaron Shiels, Ph.D.
2464 Halelaau Place
Honolulu, HI. 96816

I am writing in **strong opposition** to SB609 which, if passed, would reduce the number of KIRC seats from 7 to 5, excluding PKO members from being involved in the Kaho'olawe decision making process. As someone who has been to Kaho'olawe with PKO and has worked closely with those who have visited the island with KIRC, I sincerely appreciate the work and dedication of both organizations.

The trip to Kaho'olawe was one I will remember for all my days- the enchantment of Hawaiian culture was palpable on the tiny island. It was the process too, the chanting, asking permission to come on to the island and at the end of our trip, the chanting to be released from the island, the cleansing ceremony put me in touch with the land in a unique and timeless way. The kumu and kua on that access instilled in us a deep love and appreciation for that sacred land and a great reverence for the work we were doing to heal it. They educated us on history and culture - past, recent, present.

I have never felt more connected to, welcomed into, or respectful of Hawaiian culture than when I stood hand in hand with my brothers and sisters (of all races) on that island: working, singing, dancing, hiking, learning, growing together. If this experience were to be lost to future generations - not only relative newcomers like me but especially younger native Hawaiians who need to learn, live, and carry on their heritage - it would truly be a tragedy. Because the PKO perspective on Kaho'olawe is so essential, and the work they do so important, I feel they must have a voice in whatever decisions are made regarding the 'aina and its caretaking. Please do not pass this bill, and instead come to a fair agreement that gives all stakeholders a voice in the caretaking of Kaho'olawe.

From: mallinlist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: ohukaniohia@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:25:26 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sam Ohu Gon
Organization: Individual
Address: 1604 Olalahina Place Honolulu, HI
Phone: 808 595-2590
E-mail: ohukaniohia@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

In opposition to this bil for its exclusion of the Protect Kaho olawe Ohana (PKO) from the KIRC. The legacy of Kaho olawe s return from a naval target to an island preserve centers on the efforts of the PKO, and that legacy must be honored.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kalehiwalani@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:35:43 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Patrick Ramos
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kalehiwalani@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: keoladonaghy@mac.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:48:24 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joseph Keola Donaghy
Organization: Individual
Address: 17-350 Huina Pl Kurtistown, HI
Phone: 808-769-8133
E-mail: keoladonaghy@mac.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this bill for its exclusion of the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana (PKO) from the KIRC. It was only through the efforts of the PKO that Kaho'olawe was returned and changed from being a naval target to an island preserve center. Their omission from the KIRC is an affront to the historic and modern efforts of the PKO, and that legacy must be honored and continued!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: keliib@stoptheviolence.org
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:03:20 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Keli'i Beyer
Organization: Individual
Address: POB 3198 Honolulu, HI
Phone: 808-381-2886
E-mail: keliib@stoptheviolence.org
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I stand in opposition to the state's proposed plan to remove the PKO from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission and having a voice in the decisions affecting the island of Kaho'olawe. As a member of the Hawaiian community, and someone that is a regular attendee of the Makahiki ceremony on the island of Kaho'olawe, it is vital to my cultural, spiritual and holistic well-being that a PKO member remain as an entity of the KIRC. They have ultimately been a resource to the community and the Hawaiian nation as a whole, by providing the necessary cultural and indigenous practices integral to preserving the Native Hawaiian culture. Without the PKO as a voice within the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, and as a part of the decision-making process on Kaho'olawe, I fear that the state will gain complete control over the island, which likewise makes me wonder whether there are future plans to resume bombing on Kaho'olawe, or plans to turn the island into something other than a cultural center for Native Hawaiians to practice their indigenous ways. Please make it a priority this legislative session to uphold the PKO as member of the KIRC, and help preserve the voice of the Hawaiian nation on the island of Kaho'olawe. Mahalo

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: mpuha@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:19:00 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Marvin Liko Puha
Organization: Individual
Address: 1252 Butte Court Santa Rosa, CA
Phone: 808-896-4486
E-mail: mpuha@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

In opposition to this bill for its exclusion of the Protect Kaho'olawe Ohana (PKO) from the KIRC. The legacy of Kaho'olawe's return from a naval target to an island preserve centers on the efforts of the PKO, and that legacy must be honored.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: victoria.wichman@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:21:25 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Victoria Wichman
Organization: Individual
Address: P.O. Box 3740 Lihue, HI 96766
Phone: 808 6355087
E-mail: victoria.wichman@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I am in opposition to this bill for its exclusion of the Protect Kaho ʻōlawe ʻŌhana (PKO) from the KIRC. The legacy of Kaho ʻōlawe ʻs return from a naval target to an island preserve centers on the efforts of the PKO, and that legacy must be honored.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: jerard@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:21:56 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jerard Jardin
Organization: Individual
Address: 667 West Hind Dr. honolulu
Phone: 8083733908
E-mail: jerard@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I strongly appose this Bill and would like my representative to vote against it.
thank you

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: mauigp@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:15:53 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bonnie Friedman
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: mauigp@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [W.L.H. Testimony](#)
Cc: hokulani01@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:19:16 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hokulani Holt-Padilla
Organization: Individual
Address: 659 Pohala St. Wailuku, HI
Phone: 808-243-4269
E-mail: hokulani01@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has a historical need to be on the commission and to bring the voice of the kama'aina to the table. I oppose removing them from the KIRC.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: hokulani01@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:19:16 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hokulani Holt-Padilla
Organization: Individual
Address: 659 Pohala St. Wailuku, HI
Phone: 808-243-4269
E-mail: hokulani01@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has a historical need to be on the commission and to bring the voice of the kama'aina to the table. I oppose removing them from the KIRC.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: hulalives@yahoo.co.jp
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:52:59 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Yumiko Miyamoto
Organization: Individual
Address: p.o.box 172 Makawao, Hawaii
Phone: 808-205-4792
E-mail: hulalives@yahoo.co.jp
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: hulalives@yahoo.co.jp
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:58:31 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Yumiko Miyamoto
Organization: Individual
Address: p.o.box 172 Makawao, Hawaii
Phone: 808-205-4792
E-mail: hulalives@yahoo.co.jp
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: ljab3@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:17:56 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: comments only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lisa Jaber
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ljab3@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I want it known that I am against SB609 and the revision of board members from 7 to 5. I desire that it stay as is particularly where the 'Ohana has at least 2 representative. This organization has been there since day one and have managed the acquisition and management of our island. The understand one our most beloved islands, its history, and cultural impact on Native Hawaiians and others.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: bisaki@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:47:58 PM
Attachments: [Isaki SB 609.doc](#)

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Bianca Isaki
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: bisaki@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: diggy5451@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:01:36 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: DANE MAXWELL
Organization: Individual
Address: kahului
Phone: 8083573824
E-mail: diggy5451@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: oopu_5@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:35:35 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Leimomi Wheeler
Organization: Protect Kaho olawe Ohana
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: oopu_5@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:
I oppose SB 609!!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kaleinuu@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:54:43 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: A. Kalei Nuuhiwa
Organization: Individual
Address: RR1 Kahakuloa Valley 96793
Phone: 808-268-0600
E-mail: kaleinuu@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) members have collectively as a group worked to stop the bombing, removal of the military's occupation and environmental abuse to Kaho'olawe, helped to establish the policies & procedures necessary to clean up the ordnance mess left behind from nearly 50 years of bombing, worked with legislature to establish the KIRC and worked to make Kaho'olawe the place where Hawaiians and all peoples who support Hawaiian ideologies or environmental restoration can go to and practice Hawaiian culture and religion. The PKO have encouraged and supported all peoples to participate in access to the island and have safely guided and cared for over 5,000 people to and from Kaho'olawe over 20 years with little injuries and no deaths. They have not made it an exclusive place for themselves, have made the island a place of education and learning, have trained their access leaders in rigorous CPR, first aid, first responders, access guide (Ordnance recognition & avoidance) and Hawaiian spiritual protocols. They have also created and followed safety procedures produced in Safety Plan.

The PKO has earned the right to those positions as commission members on the KIRC.

Please remove and kill SB609.

Thank you,
A. Kalei Nuuhiwa

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kahoowaha@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:50:29 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: JOANNA TSUHA
Organization: Individual
Address: 2151 Kauhana St. A Honolulu HI, 96816
Phone: 808-268-4827
E-mail: kahoowaha@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) members have collectively as a group worked to stop the bombing, removal of the military's occupation and environmental abuse to Kaho'olawe, helped to establish the policies & procedures necessary to clean up the ordnance mess left behind from nearly 50 years of bombing, worked with legislature to establish the KIRC and worked to make Kaho'olawe the place where Hawaiians and all peoples who support Hawaiian ideologies or environmental restoration can go to and practice Hawaiian culture and religion. The PKO have encouraged and supported all peoples to participate in access to the island and have safely guided and cared for over 5,000 people to and from Kaho'olawe over 20 years with little injuries and no deaths. They have not made it an exclusive place for themselves, have made the island a place of education and learning, have trained their access leaders in rigorous cpr, first aid, first responders, access guide (Ordnance recognition & avoidance) and Hawaiian spiritual protocols. They have also created and followed safety procedures produced in Safety Plan.

The PKO has earned the right to those positions as commission members on the KIRC. I've been going to Kaho'olawe with the PKO since I was 6 years old and since I was a child they have been open to any and all people who wish to help Kaho'olawe. Please remove and kill SB609.

Thank you,
JoAnna Tsuha

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: panjoan@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:20:21 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Joan Pan
Organization: Individual
Address: 4348 Waialae Ave. #220 Honolulu, HI
Phone:
E-mail: panjoan@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I believe that the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has brought and continue to bring value to Kaho'olawe. Their historical and cultural ties to the Island is one to be respected and continued. Mahalo.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: brummelc@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:35:22 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cory Brummel
Organization: Individual
Address: 95-462 Hokuula Loop Mililani, HI
Phone: 744-1175
E-mail: brummelc@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I strongly oppose sb609, and believe the current caretakers of the island are doing a fantastic job of clean up and education. please allow them to continue the wonderful job they have been doing competently.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kukahili@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 12:13:10 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Loko'olu Quintero
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: kukahili@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:
I oppose this bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: kaliawa@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 5:00:28 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: D. Kaipo Ka'ili'awa
Organization: Individual
Address: Eleele St Waikoloa, HI
Phone:
E-mail: kaliawa@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

Lets find a way to get the military to help contribute to the clean-up efforts - it's the right thing to do!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: alikapu@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 6:03:03 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Ebanes
Organization: Hawaiian Nationals
Address: 85-760 Waianae Valley road
Phone: 699-4376
E-mail: alikapu@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

We need to clean our aina and save our lands for our children, so that future generations will get to do the same.

This bill is detrimental to lands of the Hawaiian Nation, while in custody and Trust of the United States of America and it's State of Hawaii.

Malama Pono

Keli'iKanaka'ole

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: momishells@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 6:35:47 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Anna Subiono
Organization: Individual
Address: 89-709 Lani Kona Rd. Capt Cook, Hawaii
Phone: 3288939
E-mail: momishells@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

As a Hawaiian who has seen many corrupt activities of the U.S. Military in our islands. I cannot understand why you want to remove the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana Island Reserve Commission which is the "only" entity that is culturally sensitive and protecting and restoring the island.

I'm opposed to SB609 and any other bills that take rights from Hawaiians.

Sincerely.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: naluhema@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 6:04:16 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kris Kato
Organization: Individual
Address: Honolulu, Hawai'i
Phone:
E-mail: naluhema@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: momishells@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011 6:35:47 AM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Anna Subiono
Organization: Individual
Address: 89-709 Lani Kona Rd. Capt Cook, Hawaii
Phone: 3288939
E-mail: momishells@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

As a Hawaiian who has seen many corrupt activities of the U.S. Military in our islands. I cannot understand why you want to remove the Protect Kaho`olawe `Ohana Island Reserve Commission which is the "only" entity that is culturally sensitive and protecting and restoring the island.

I'm opposed to SB609 and any other bills that take rights from Hawaiians.

Sincerely,

Testimony of **Nicole Kashiwabara**

Member, Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana

before a joint hearing of the

Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and

Water, Land and Housing

Saturday, February 12, 2011

10 am.

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of Senate Bill 609

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Chairs Galuteria and DelaCruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees...Mahalo for the opportunity to testify before you today [or "the opportunity to provide testimony"] in strong opposition to SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from being represented on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

Below are points regarding the `Ohana position on SB609. PLEASE use your own words and provide your own mana'o....these are merely guidelines. Your legislative representatives want to hear from you, your voice and your perspective:

- The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho'olawe from 1976 through 1990. In the past 20 years, the 'Ohana worked with federal, state and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve. If it were not for the 'Ohana, Kaho'olawe would not be where it is today.
- The intent of the original legislation (Chapter 6-K Hawaii Revised Statutes) that established the KIRC in 1993 was to ensure the 'Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the Island, had a voice in the future of Kaho'olawe. In fact, in Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for 'Ohana representation.
- Since 1980 the 'Ohana has led safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations and families – as volunteers. There are countless stories about how these huaka'i have had profound positive impact on the lives of those who have experienced the Island and participated in her healing.
- The 'Ohana works in close partnership with the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to provide stewardship of the island's cultural and natural resources. The reserve is a CULTURAL reserve. The 'Ohana has the necessary cultural and historical experience to help KIRC manage this unique, sacred and precious island as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve.

**Testimony of Donne Dawson
Member, Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana**

before a joint hearing of the

**Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and
Water, Land and Housing**

**Saturday, February 12, 2011
10 am.**

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

**In strong opposition to Senate Bill 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

Chairs Galuteria and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees... Mahalo for the opportunity to testify before you today in strong opposition to SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from being represented on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

My name is Donne Dawson. I am a native Hawaiian born in these Islands, raised in Nu'uaniu, 20 years into the US Military's 50-year occupation of Kaho'olawe. I grew up knowing the struggles of the founding members of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana who worked tirelessly and at great personal risk to stop the bombing of this sacred Island. I am also painfully aware of the 'Ohana members who lost their lives in that struggle.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has been at the center of the wave of change that has transformed and transitioned Kaho'olawe, from the hands of the military to the trust relationship with the state that is now incumbent upon you to protect.

My connection to Kaho'olawe and my active involvement with the 'Ohana goes back seven years and has taught me more about my culture and about being Hawaiian than I could ever express. Over the years, I have helped lead numerous accesses to the Island with the 'Ohana and participated in Makahiki, the annual religious ceremonies that the 'Ohana has conducted without fail on-island since 1980. I have witnessed first hand the transformational nature of the Kaho'olawe experience. I have also worked on a number of KIRC volunteer accesses closely with KIRC staff, many of whom are 'Ohana members and knowledgeable experts on Kaho'olawe in their own right. I understand the close working relationship that is necessary between these two important organizations to ensure effective stewardship as we look to Kaho'olawe's future.

Without reason or rationale, this Legislature is now seeking to remove the top two stipulations of the KIRC's composition that our lawmakers in their wisdom, articulated in this statute when the KIRC was established in 1993. This measure would silence the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana's voice from participating in any decisions for the Island it

has worked for 35 years to protect. This makes absolutely no sense. Why would you willingly deny the one organization that has the greatest historical, cultural and spiritual connection to Kaho'olawe any involvement in its future? The fact that our Senate Hawaiian Caucus signed off on introducing this bill boggles the mind.

The 'Ohana is recognized by the federal court, the US Congress, our State Legislature, and the people of Hawai'i as the most appropriate entity to oversee the preservation and future well-being of this precious wahi pana. The 'Ohana has a longstanding, committed, and unbroken history with the island of Kaho'olawe that dates back to 1976 when the activism to stop the bombing of the island began. Quite frankly, Kaho'olawe would not be where it is today--and would not have been able to touch the thousands of lives it has--if it were not for the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana. Again it bears repeating, there is no other entity, Hawaiian or otherwise, that has the knowledge, expertise and dedication to help protect and preserve this precious Island.

The state has a trust relationship with Kaho'olawe and therefore a trust obligation to ensure that the island continue to be protected in the most culturally appropriate way. That means making sure the language in section 6K-5 remains as is, and the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana continues to have significant representation on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. I strongly urge you to vote NO on this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

**Lasha-Lynn Hā'awinalani Salbosa
247B Paiko Drive
Honolulu HI 96821**

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL NO. 609
RELATING TO THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

**Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair
Senator J. Kalani English
Senator Clayton Hee
Senator Gilbert Kahele
Senator Michelle Kidani
Senator Malama Solomon
Senator Sam Slom**

**Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing:
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga
Senator Pohai Ryan
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro
Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Senator Sam Slom**

**Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00AM, Conference Room 225 – Hawai'i State Capitol**

Good morning Senators:

I am here before you to publicly show my opposition to Senate Bill 609. I believe some Senators are not fully aware of the history and importance of Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana or PKO, nor are they aware of the impact such a bill like this would cause. Founding members of PKO offered their lives to protect "the piko" of this Island chain. For over 30 years members of PKO have shared with individuals around the world the lessons and cultural heritage of Kaho'olawe, and have given tirelessly in hopes to honor and restore just a fraction of the Native Hawaiian heritage that this island once held. To supposedly "vote away" their kuleana is an outrage.

It is imperative that a PKO member sit on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (Commission) into perpetuity. Shrinking the Commission down from seven to five seats (as this bill is proposing), while proposing SB817, that would add Molokini Island to the existing Kaho'olawe Island Reserve area is an example of poor judgment. I caution the Senators contemplating these actions as it is clearly a mechanism to shift decision-making concerning

such a sacred area in to completely different hands; and in turn reverse a generation of Native Hawaiian cultural progress and understanding within our island state.

I implore you Senators, do not support SB 609. Do not vote away and disregard the past and present progress that PKO has done and will do in the future. Kaho'olawe is a very sacred place. I had the opportunity to visit the Island of Kaho'olawe (the piko of Kanaloa) four years ago. The group was an incredible mixture of western scientists, college students, and cultural practitioners – the experience that PKO members were able to provide was life-changing. To rip that opportunity away from future generations is heart-breaking!

PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT SB 609!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lasha-Lynn Hä'awinalani Salbosa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lasha-Lynn Hä'awinalani Salbosa
247B Paiko Drive
Honolulu HI 96821

Testimony of
Cherisse S. Kent
Kalaheo, Kauai, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

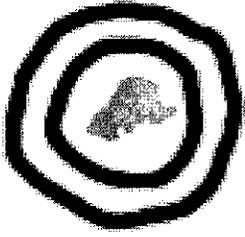
In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I **OPPOSE** Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana **MUST** have a voice on the Commission!

The island of Kaho'olawe exists as a natural, cultural and historical resource for the process of learning, sustaining and proliferating indigenous Hawaiian knowledge. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has been on this mission for over 20 years and plays a vital role in facilitating meaningful understanding of sacred places. There is no substitute for the historical experience as well as expertise that the The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana has gained during the past two decades.

Continued representation from The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission will allow for a continuation of invaluable services that are motivated by environmental justice and a responsibility to the history and future of the island of Kaho'olawe.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



PROTECT KAHO'OLAWE 'OHANA
P.O. Box 39
Kaunakakai, Hawai'i 96748

Senate Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, Housing Committees
February 12, 2011 at 10:00A
Hawaii State Capitol - Conference Room 225

Testimony in OPPOSITION to S.B. 609, Relating to Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, Members of the Committee:

Mahalo and thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.

The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana opposes SB 609 as introduced. We do not support any changes to HRS 6K-5. However, if the Senate Joint Committees decide to reduce the size of the KIRC from 7 to 5 members, we insist that one member be a member of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana.

Aloha `Aina,
Kylee Pomaika`i Mar
Member, Access Coordinator
Protect Kaho'olawe `Ohana

Testimony of **Elizabeth Leinā‘ala Kahahane**

Member, Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana

before a joint hearing of the

Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and

Water, Land and Housing

Saturday, February 12, 2011

10 am.

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of Senate Bill 609

RELATING TO THE KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Chairs Galuteria and DelaCruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees...Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong opposition to SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana (‘Ohana) from being represented on the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

Below are points regarding my personal position as well as the ‘Ohana position on SB609.

- As a Hawaiian who grew up on the continental United States and moved home searching for my native culture, I count the experience of visiting Kaho‘olawe and working with the ‘Ohana among the most meaningful.
- The Protect Kaho‘olawe ‘Ohana worked tirelessly to stop the bombing of Kaho‘olawe from 1976 through 1990. In the past 20 years, the ‘Ohana worked with federal, state and county governments to clean and restore the island as a cultural reserve. If it were not for the ‘Ohana, Kaho‘olawe would not be where it is today.
- The intent of the original legislation (Chapter 6-K Hawaii Revised Statutes) that established the KIRC in 1993 was to ensure the ‘Ohana, due to its longstanding historical and cultural ties to the Island, had a voice in the future of Kaho‘olawe. In fact, in Section 6K-5, the section that outlines the composition of the Commission, the first 2 mandates speak to the need for ‘Ohana representation.
- Since 1980 the ‘Ohana has led safe and meaningful cultural access to the island for thousands of students, teachers, community organizations and families – as volunteers. There are countless stories about how these huaka‘i have had profound positive impact on the lives of those who have experienced the Island and participated in her healing.

- The 'Ohana works in close partnership with the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to provide stewardship of the island's cultural and natural resources. The reserve is a CULTURAL reserve. The 'Ohana has the necessary cultural and historical experience to help KIRC manage this unique, sacred and precious island as a Native Hawaiian cultural reserve.

Testimony of **Aurora Kagawa, resident of Hawaii**

before a joint hearing of the
Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and
Water, Land and Housing
Saturday, February 12, 2011

10 am.

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of Senate Bill 609

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Aloha Chairs Galuteria and Delacruz, Vice Chairs Ryan and Solomon, members of the committees...Mahalo for the opportunity to testify before you today in opposition to SB609, which seeks to eliminate the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana ('Ohana) from being represented on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC).

I am here today to testify in support of the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana's continued role in KIRC and the stewardship of Kahoolawe. I have experienced Kahoolawe three times with the Ohana, as a high school student, as graduate student, and as a mentor, and all three times have been life-changing. The Ohana's involvement and style of doing things were central to my experiences, and for these reasons, I strongly believe they must have a place at the table, in the interest of the island and all of Hawaii. Any managing or governing body for Kahoolawe would be crippled without the involvement of the Ohana, whose involvement, after all, helped stop the bombing and facilitated the return of the island from the Navy.

My Kahoolawe/Ohana experience in high school inspired me to carry out a senior science fair project on the use of helpful mycorrhizal fungi and phosphate fertilization for outplanting and restoration of the island's vegetation. Through this research project, I shared the story of Kahoolawe at the world fair in Hannover, Germany in 2000; it set me on the path to my academic career in environmental engineering, hydrology, and ecology.

The second experience in 2007 was led by a new generation of Ohana members, leaders of my own generation, who inspired me to be active in my community. This was the first time, after returning home from college at MIT, that I saw how I could contribute my own community of Hawaii, not just Hawaiians, but Hawaii as a whole. I returned to Oahu and began volunteering in Kalihi with a teacher friend at Farrington, working with local organization Kai Makana to support Mokauea Island families in and around the area known today as industrial Sand Island. We worked as Hawaiians, Micronesians, Filipinos and all as *stewards* and in a sense, a Kalihi 'ohana, to clean up debris that settles on the island from upstream and upcurrent activities. We worked together so that Mokauea's stories might not be forgotten and to carve out new relationships and new stories of people and the land. Working on these water- and food- poor but otherwise rich places was fulfilling in a way that is difficult to describe. The friendships built, restoring, cleaning trash, working side by side with others- both on Kahoolawe and Mokauea- are among my most valued memories, and are activities I continue to do because they give me purpose and positive connection with others... and this, I learned from my time with the Ohana members on Kahoolawe.

Most recently, I helped a young Kohala man get to Kahoolawe. Although I cannot speak for him, I believe he was able to connect to the island and others in a positive and important way. He had lost his father at the beginning of 2010 and was angry and troubled in school. He would talk about how his family lived on a bus and in a tent before then. The opportunity and care the Ohana provided to him by introducing him to Kahoolawe, maybe giving him another story to focus on other than his own, another way to connect to a place and other people, was something I could never have done on my own. Teachers say that this year, he's been doing well in school, and though it may not have been due wholly to his Ohana/Kahoolawe experience, I imagine that the time spent was/is something that he will value forever.

Kahoolawe for me is about the Ohana, and in closing, I would like to again express my opposition to a future of Kahoolawe management without the Ohana; a future of Kahoolawe without the Ohana would be a sad one indeed. For their services are perhaps not so much with the nurturing of the soil and plant life, but with the inspiring and nurturing of the stewards now and to come... for the benefit of not just Kahoolawe, but Hawaii as a whole. Whatever pilikia there is, I urge honest and open discussion to make things right and for all to find a way to move forward together.

With thanks,
Aurora Kealohilani Kagawa

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WLH Testimony](#)
Cc: eteruth@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB609 on 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM
Date: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:12:28 PM

Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB609

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Penny Rawlins - Martin
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: eteruth@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to SB 609 which will permanently remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana (PKO) on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). The PKO has the longest history with protecting Kaho'olawe and restoring the island. How can they not be represented on KIRC. It would be an injustice not to have PKO on board.



KŪKULU KE EA A KANALOA

KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

811 Kolu Street, Suite 201, Wailuku, HI 96793
Telephone (808) 243-5020 Fax (808) 243-5885
Website: <http://kahoolawe.hawaii.gov>

COMMISSION MEMBERS

CRAIG NEFF
Chairperson
AMBER NĀMAKA WHITEHEAD
Vice-Chair
WILLIAM J. AILA, Jr.
COLETTE Y. MACHADO
DAVIANNA P. MC GREGOR, Ph.D
KAI'ULANI MURPHY

Michael K. Nāho'opi'i
Executive Director

Testimony of MICHAEL K. NAHO'OPTI Executive Director

Before the Senate Committee on WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING and HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

**Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

In consideration of SENATE BILL 817 RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE

Senate Bill 817 places the island of Molokini and the submerge lands and waters extending seaward two miles from its shoreline under the jurisdiction of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC). It additionally requires the KIRC to adopt rules to permit fishing in the waters around Molokini Island. The KIRC supports the intent of this bill that could provide permanent state funding for the restoration of Kaho'olawe, but has many concerns regarding this measure.

KIRC's consideration of the current language raised three issues: whether KIRC has the technical and operational capabilities to manage the resources of Molokini; whether KIRC has the governance structure needed to administer new rules; and whether these new responsibilities could conflict with KIRC's fiduciary duties to the Trust Fund. While the advantages to KIRC are clear and exciting – potential revenue, opportunity to apply experienced resources management skills to Molokini, increased responsibility within the state – the disadvantages are just as clear and cannot be discounted.

KIRC has the capability to handle the management of Molokini, in terms of resource management and patrols, but KIRC would be deficient in administrative enforcement. This new responsibility could also become the “tail that wags the dog” and the true mission of restoring and healing Kaho'olawe could become secondary to the revenue-generating task of managing Molokini.

For KIRC to achieve a revenue stream from Molokini, new administrative rules would have to be adopted. Rule-making is a long and arduous process; in the event of non-compliance, KIRC would be tasked with administrative enforcement. Administrative hearings would come at a significant cost to the KIRC, and such hearings would be extremely time consuming and a distraction from the KIRC's mission.

If there were any sort of accident, injury or property damage relating to an activity conducted during a Molokini tour, the Trust Fund would be at risk. On Kaho`olawe, activities are strictly overseen and controlled by KIRC personnel; that would not be the case for the management of Molokini.

From a policy perspective, the management of Molokini does not fit within KIRC's mission. All of KIRC's broad policy documents – mission statement, vision statement, Strategic Plan – would have to be revised to include the responsibility for Molokini.

The KIRC proposes that a resolution be introduced instructing the KIRC and DLNR to work together to develop a proposal to place Molokini and its surrounding waters under KIRC management and to report to the legislature in one-year's time.

If this current measure does move forward, the KIRC would like to make the following recommendations:

- KIRC recommends that the implementation of this bill be delayed for a period of at least one-year while new rules are developed, published and implemented.
- KIRC recommends that the boundary for the Molokini portion of the Island Reserve be reduced from two-miles of surrounding waters to its current boundaries for the Molokini Shoals Marine Life Conservation District in HAR 13-31.
- KIRC recommends that a separate subsection of Hawaii Revised Statutes 6K, regarding the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve, be established to allow for permitted commercial use of the Molokini portion of the Island Reserve, without any changes or impact to the Kaho`olawe portion of the Island Reserve.

Testimony of
Denise Murphy
Waimea, Big Island, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committees on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS and
WATER, LAND and HOUSING

Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 609
RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

I oppose Senate Bill 609, which will remove all representation by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

I support the continued representation of the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission. The Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana is the backbone to what Kaho'olawe is today. They helped give life back to the aina by hard work and diligence. We Hawaiians are now able to go to Kaho'olawe and be a part of reviving life there.

Please don't take away their right to be on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.