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Aloha Hawaii State Legislators,

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) is pleased to present its Fiscal Year 2015 "Year in Review" for your reading pleasure. This annual report, produced entirely in-house by KIRC staff documents the hard work and determination of the commission, staff, on-island volunteers and community supporters in restoring and protecting the natural and cultural resources of Kaho'olawe.

This year's report highlights the achievements made in engaging and educating a new generation of community volunteers through on-island internships and public work days and events at the Kīhei Boathouse property. This was all made possible by grant funded projects and partnership with an educational institution. Some of the featured articles for Fiscal Year 2015 include:

- Summary of the 15 grant funded projects that carried out this year;
- Status reports on key restoration and resource management accomplishments;
- Results of the KIRC community engagement projects supported by Maui County and the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
- Personal impact of Kaho'olawe restoration work as told through community volunteers' testimonials

Please enjoy this report and I hope it helps you better understand the many responsibilities of the KIRC and the enormous challenges we face and overcome each and every day. As you can see from this report, we are able to do much with so little. We look forward to engaging with each and every one of you during this upcoming legislative session and hope for your continuing support.

Mahalo,

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Enclosure