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RELATING TO THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Senate Bill No. 1234 corrects a drafting error in the project title for the capital

improvement project appropriation for the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission

education center/visitor center/administration building contained in Act 124, SLH 2016.

It deletes the erroneous reference to Hawaii and replaces it with Maui.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports this bill.

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In consideration of SENATE BILL 1234 RELATING TO THE KAHO`OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Senate Bill 1234 corrects an error in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016 to clarify that the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) is affiliated with the county of Maui, rather than the county of Hawaii. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission strongly supports this measure.

A 2002 Executive Order set aside an 8.6 acres property in Kihei, Maui for the KIRC to build its future Education and Operations Center. Presently, the KIRC has built a boathouse, base yard, native plant nursery and traditional *hale* as the first phase of using the site for KIRC operations and educational programs. The building of the KIRC Education and Operation Center is a key factor in KIRC developing financial self-sufficiency and sustainability through developing revenues at the Kihei facility to help fund the restoration and management of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve.

The Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016, Act 124 appropriated design and planning funds for the KIRC to begin the initial phase of building its Kihei facilities. The appropriation inadvertently list Hawaii as the location of the project verses a more definitive location of Maui. This bill is to correct this error.



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