

<u>HB-2594-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/28/2018 10:53:12 AM Testimony for WAM on 3/29/2018 10:50:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



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TO: Honorable Donavan Dela Cruz, Chair

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello

Councilmember

DATE: Thursday, March 29, 2018

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF HB 2594 H.D. 2, S.D. 1, RELATING TO THE

KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of Kahoʻolawe island, and to fund an unspecified number of full-time equivalent fulltime employed permanent position(s) for the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The trust fund created by the approximately \$44,000,000 of federal funding provided for the cleanup and restoration of the island has been exhausted. When the State accepted these funds they also clearly accepted the responsibility for continuing to fund these activities.

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- 2. The Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission continues to make incredible strides in the restoration of the island, protecting its cultural, environmental and archaeological resources through the development of innovative restoration projects which have been effective in the extremely harsh environment. It is imperative to continue to preserve this important resource for future generations.
- 3. In order for KIRC to continue and protect the strides they've made, it is critical to restore the cultural resource project coordinator to manage, protect and restore the archeological and historical resources of Kaho'olawe. In addition, the Commission's efforts will also ensure that the people of Hawaii that visit the island can do so safely and meaningfully.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.



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Bill Ford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

With so many other needs, this bill should not be funded.

Mahalo