Aloha,

Attached are two letters we are submitting as testimony for this week's BOR meeting.

The letter regarding Mauna kea would apply to the "Public Comment" section of the agenda, unless the BOR is handling it elsewhere.

The second letter refers to specific items on the agenda under Section VIII.

Please forward these to Chair Moore and the Regents.

Mahalo nui,

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Koʻolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club
April 14, 2015

To: Chair Randolph G. Moore  
And Members, Board of Regents  
University of Hawai`i  

From: Alice P. Hewett, President  
Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club  

Re: Support for Work Requested - Hawai`i Institute of Marine Biology  
Agenda Items VIII, Subsections a-c  

Aloha Chair Moore and Members of the Board of Regents:

The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club offers its strong support for work that needs to be done at the facility used by the Hawai`i Institute of Marine Biology on the island we call Moku o Lo`e (but which you refer to as “Coconut Island”).

In your agenda items (a) through (c) of Section VIII, are items relating to consultation, construction and repairs to facilities at the island or at the University pier which services access to the island.

We visit Moku o Lo`e periodically for cultural purposes, and note that there have been many improvements but there are still areas that need repairs or modification. One place of particular concern is the pier, which is heavily used by faculty and students daily.

In addition, we urge you to use the correct name of the island – Moku o Lo`e – and refrain from using the nickname “Coconut Island”, even though long practice has made it easier to refer to the nickname instead of the traditional Hawaiian name for this important wahi pana in Kane`ohe bay.

Finally, we would like for you to know that we have great aloha for the staff and the work at Moku o Lo`e, especially for former director Dr. Jo-Ann Leong, who has since retired and become a member of our Hawaiian civic club.

Please approve the request for work at Moku o Lo`e. Mahalo for allowing us to share our mana`o.