Opposition of TMT on Mauna Kea

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Aloha University of Hawaii Board of Regents,

I oppose the desecration and the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea, because that is sacred seized Hawaiian lands, and that mauna is a watershed for the entire Island of Hawai‘i. People get their water that they use for drinking, bathing, cooking, and washing from Mauna Kea. Do you really want to be responsible for poisoning the water that those people use? Would you want the people in your ohana to be drinking poisoned water? No, so why would you do that to other people. Also there are a lot of iwi (bones) that are buried on that mountain, those bones are going to get dug up and relocated, would you want the graves of your ancestors to get dug up and moved? I am not trying to protest against science, I am Just trying to protect our sacred mauna. Think long and hard about the long and short term effects this project will have on the people and on the ecosystem. There is a reason why this issue has gone global don't make a decision that you will regret later.

Mahalo for your consideration. Again, I oppose the TMT project on Mauna Kea.

Sincerely,
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