I Oppose Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) Construction and Arrests of Mauna Kea Protectors

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Aloha University of Hawaii Board of Regents,  

I Oppose Further Construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) and Arrests of Mauna Kea Protectors.

How would you feel if someone or something very significant to your life was taken for something worthless? As a Hawaiian, or not?

During my freshman or sophomore year, my hanai Mom and I attended the public 'Iwi Kupuna meetings. This was because her 'ohana's 'iwi were buried where the state wanted to do construction. Her 'iwi meaning 'OHA N A, meaning FAMILY, meaning FUTURE, meaning PAST, meaning ROOTS, which means it is SACRED. Would you destroy your 'ohana, your future, past, roots and give up its sacredness? If so, then it isn't important, to you or to us. These are the reasons why stopping this now is important to me.

Is this what you would want for your future? Your only roots dug out only to die immediately?

I know that as a Hawaiian, it is right to honor what's sacred, and do that by honoring our sacred natural resources. If there was one thing that I learned, it is that we should do everything we can to achieve something we think or know is important by being selfless, and that is what I am doing.

For this, I, Kulia Naipo, I oppose to have further construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope on our sacred mountain, Mauna a Wakea and also any arrests of Mauna Kea protectors. Mahalo for taking the time to read this message.

Kapu aloha,

Kulia Naipo