Oppose to the Thirty Meter Telescope

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Aloha University of Hawaii Board of Regents,

I am in opposition of the building of Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on the top of Mauna Kea. I oppose because of the potential damage and contamination of the aquifer, the break in the University of Hawaii’s (UH’s) original lease from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), and the negligence of responsibility by the DLNR.

An aquifer is a massive filter and storage system made of rock. The water can be released from natural springs or pumped by the city and county to the community. If the integrity of the aquifer is compromised through construction or development or contaminated by Mercury, a known tool utilized by scientist on Mauna Kea. It could seep into the aquifer and render all water useless.

The UH has violated their sixty-five year lease from 1968. In the lease from the DLNR it stated that “an observatory” would be built. An in Old English means “one; lone”. A single telescope would be built, we are at number thirteen. UH should have been evicted by DLNR years ago for a clear violation of the lease.

The UH as "tenants" are not the only ones to blame. This is a clear example of mismanagement within the DLNR. With 13 observatories currently built and UH still hold the lease. It shows that DLNR allowed this illegal action to take place. Why should the public trust these departments if they won't protect our natural resources.

In conclusion, I oppose the building of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea because of the potential damage to the aquifer, contamination of water, clear violations of the Department of Land And Natural Resources’ lease to the University of Hawaii, and the obvious mismanagement of resources by the DLNR.

Sincerely,
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