



National Science Foundation Testimony to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents w/ attachment

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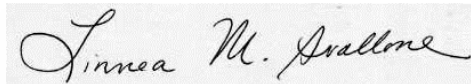
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3. NSF notes that there does not seem to be a specific reference in the draft Master Plan to the 10% observing time that observatories on Maunakea provide to UH as a condition of their subleases. This observing time translates to millions of dollars in direct benefits to UH, and this contribution should be acknowledged, discussed, and evaluated to determine whether it should be redirected (in part or in whole) to provide a more equitable distribution of the benefits to the community, especially to Native Hawaiians.

4. NSF strongly opposes all references to the decommissioning of the VLBA antenna on Maunakea in the draft Master Plan (see, e.g., page 4-5, and 4-14: “It is known that VLBA, on Astronomy Site 14, will be decommissioned prior to the end of 2033.”). On numerous occasions, NSF has communicated to UH, both formally and informally, its position that the VLBA antenna on Maunakea should not be decommissioned because it is a valuable astronomy asset for the nation, and, by virtue of its use in maintaining the Celestial Reference Frame and measuring Earth Orientation Parameters as a contributing system for the International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry, it plays a vital role in maintaining the integrity of Global Navigation Satellite Systems, including the Global Positioning System. Additionally, this VLBA station is afforded special regulatory protections for portions of the radio spectrum at its present location (i.e., footnotes 113, 131, 161 of the United States Table of Frequency Allocations; 47 C.F.R. § 2.106).
5. The process for decommissioning of facilities set forth in Appendix D to UH’s draft Master Plan lacks sufficient detail to provide meaningful review and comment. NSF does maintain that any decommissioning process should be determined after considering input from the science community and led by the Master Lessee. NSF also notes that the Master Lessee should be cognizant of any potential conflicts of interest it may have when making determinations about which facilities to decommission.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft Master Plan. We look forward to seeing how NSF’s comments are incorporated into the final Master Plan. If further clarity on our comments is needed, please feel free to reach out to David Boboltz, Ph.D. at dboboltz@nsf.gov.

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TMT

1 message

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Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 9:34 AM

Please, please include TMT in your Master Plan!
TMT provide education, jobs and prestige for the Hawaiian Islands.
It brings money as well, as well as promoting opportunities for schoolchildren.
This site will work well for everyone!
Mahalo!

Meryl Abrams



Support for UH Maunakea master plan and Astronomy in Hawaii

1 message

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Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 9:40 AM

I am a resident of Hawaii (Puna) and was an attendee at the demonstrations that blocked the road and halted construction of TMT in 2019.

I was an attendee for an entire day as a quiet observer and TMT supporter, not as a protester. I can state categorically that there were barely enough cars at the demonstration to fill the Walmart parking lot in Hilo. Yes, there were several hundred people present but not the 'many thousands' as was widely reported in the media. And frankly, it became brutally obvious that the big issue at the demonstration was Hawaiian sovereignty and secession from the USA, with TMT being merely a scapegoat and tool used to manipulate the media in pursuit of this end.

At the protest, Seminars were given by seasoned non-Hawaiian professional protesters, well read in 60s anarchist writings and the political tactics of leveraging a minority opinion into a political force via carefully orchestrated and highly visible disruption. I know this for a fact, because I attended one of the seminars. TMT was not even mentioned. The Seminar was exclusively devoted to techniques for resisting the police and making the maximum amount of disruption without being injured or creating a negative impression for the cameras. Everything in the seminar was about playing to the 'cameras' and the media. This has worked very well for the protesters, who are adept at these tactics and are playing to a sympathetic media.

A big problem with this issue is that the media has taken sides and has consistently presented a distorted perspective sympathetic with the protesters. The state government has meekly followed the lead of the media. In my estimate, the 'hard core' anti-astronomy protester community on the Big Island numbers several hundred at most, but this is sufficient to block roads and fill a camera lens, and that is deemed sufficient by the legacy media to erase astronomy from Hawaii.

Much of the argument by anti-Astronomy protesters is framed around the concept of the 'Sacred'; specifically a narrow definition of 'Sacred' that furthers the political agenda of anti-Astronomy and ultimately, anti-American protesters. The protesters have no monopoly on the 'Sacred' and conveniently fail to address an authentic definition of the Sacred held by ancient Hawaiians that revered the starry sky. The definition of the starry sky as sacred by ancient Hawaiians led directly to the discovery and settlement of Hawaii in ancient times. Yet this authentic definition of the Sacred has been jettisoned in favor of a recently manufactured mythos of Maunakea as a 'sacred' and 'untouchable site'. The cost has been discarding of the ancient tradition of star-gazing as a sacred Hawaiian cultural practice; conveniently discarded because it does not fit the entirely political narrative of the protesters.

Finally, 'Native Hawaiian' is explicitly used as a generic term to classify all who oppose Astronomy in Hawaii. There were doubtlessly native Hawaiian protesters on Maunakea in 2019, but they were outnumbered by Hawaiian 'cultural practitioners' who are as 'Hawaiian' as I am and have only the most tenuous ethnic or cultural connection to Native Hawaiians. We are led to believe that as long as a mob of such 'Native Hawaiians' sufficient to block a road can be organized for the cameras, Astronomy cannot be practiced in Hawaii. That assumption is cowardly and false.

The Government and People of Hawaii are being played by small group of political professionals with an Secession agenda, and destroying Astronomy in Hawaii is merely the first battle in their Long March.

Cowardice is not a form of awakened moral and ethical awareness. It is simply cowardice. Nothing good has ever come of it. Cowardice is the ideology of those who believe in nothing with sufficient conviction to defend it. It is cowardice that threatens the future of Hawaii and of the young people who would like to make a future here, instead of being given the stark choice of life of irrelevance in a Third World economy, or fleeing to the mainland..

IMUA THE SACRED STARRY SKY THAT LED PEOPLE TO HAWAII!
IMUA ASTRONOMY!
IMUA HAWAII AND ITS KEIKI!
IMUA KNOWLEDGE.

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I support the TMT project

1 message

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Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 9:41 AM

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Aloha UH Board of Regents,

As a born and raised kama'āina of Hawaii, I support keeping astronomy on Mauna Kea alive, including the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). With consideration and respect to Hawaiian culture, astronomy on Mauna Kea should continue. **Astronomy on Mauna Kea provides opportunities for our keiki to benefit in terms of education, training, inspiration, and pride in the scientific discovery that takes place in our home.** TMT is one of the greatest projects to ever be developed in Hawaii and I support its completion. I hope UH is doing everything in its power to ensure TMT is built. I believe Mauna Kea Observatories are the most scientifically-productive collection of telescopes in the world, and I would like to see work continued for future generations. The presence of astronomy on Mauna Kea is vital for the Hawaii Island community and our state as a whole, for the economic diversification and world-class nature of the work that goes on there.

Mahalo,
Lori Leong



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Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 9:47 AM

The plan looks okay and so I support it. Bette



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LATE TESTIMONY

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Comments in SUPPORT of UH Mauna Kea Master Plan

1 message

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Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 10:24 AM

We commend the Mauna Kea working group for continuing the dialogue on the important issue of managing Mauna Kea. The group was given an impossible task of finding an alternative governing model for Mauna Kea that satisfies the small group of TMT protesters while also satisfying the wishes of the majority of the rest of the State of Hawaii. The reality is that UH's management of Mauna Kea has been excellent and the major management failure of late has been the State's failure to enforce the law and arrest protesters unlawfully blockading the Mauna Kea Access Road to prevent the construction of the amazing Thirty Meter Telescope project. The creation of any new governing entity will merely serve to delay TMT and the renewal of the lease that governs the telescopes which expires in 2033. This is, of course, the protesters' objective, but it is not the objective of the majority of the people on the Big Island nor of the State. We believe this new governance model proposal should be abandoned in favor of continuing UH's management under UH's new proposed plan and structure.

However, to the extent this Working Group effort continues on, we have the following comments:

1. The report currently proposes excluding the astronomy industry from having a vote in management of Mauna Kea. The telescopes on Mauna Kea and the University of Hawaii maintain the access road and provide billions of dollars in investment and jobs to our economy. At a minimum the astronomy industry deserves a vote on the management of Mauna Kea, either through the Mauna Kea Observatories group or the University of Hawaii; preferably both.
2. The report should explicitly state that if this newer plan is adopted, the protesters will agree to cease all further protest against the Thirty Meter Telescope.
3. The report seems to slip in, with very little explanation, that Mauna Kea, including the summit, will be governed under "HRS 183" and "HRS 205A". HRS 183 covers "forest reserves" and HRS 205A is for "Coastal Lands". There is no explanation for why the summit of Mauna Kea, which has no trees and is quite far from the coastline, would be governed under these statutes. The most probable reason is that the protesters know these are much more restrictive zoning classifications that could be used to completely exclude astronomy from the summit. This is obviously unacceptable. No zoning changes should be made that would endanger the astronomy industry on Mauna Kea.
4. All implication that Mauna Kea is "sacred" to all Native Hawaiians should be removed. Mauna Kea is not sacred as a Native Hawaiian matter. While some people might maintain beliefs in the kapu religion, and as part of their belief think Mauna Kea is sacred, their beliefs are not authoritative as a Native Hawaiian matter. Our ali'i abolished the kapu religion over 200 years ago and our constitution prohibits the government from establishing a religion. Thus, any mentions of sacredness must explain this nuance and explain that there are also numerous Native Hawaiians who do not think Mauna Kea is sacred, and who also think its sacredness is enhanced by the use of Mauna Kea for the ancient historical pursuit of astronomy.
5. All mention of "Mauna a Wakea" should be excised from this report. Mauna Kea is not named Mauna a Wakea and claims to the contrary are not supported by fact. This tax-payer-funded document should not continue to push this false narrative and modern fictitious construct.

In short, it would clearly be better to simply scrap this proposed plan and continue forward with the current UH management structure under UH's new master plan, especially for purposes of building TMT, and for the continued use of Mauna Kea for astronomy. It is common knowledge among all of us who live in Hawaii that King Kalakaua showed immense interest in astronomy and stated in a letter to Captain R. S Floyd that he had a desire to see an observatory established in Hawaii. And Queen Liliuokalani oft noted that "The ancient Hawaiians were astronomers". So it is fitting that the use of Mauna Kea as the world's premier astronomical observing platform is a testament to the vision of our Hawaiian heritage.

Mahalo nui loa,

Howard and Patricia Hall

Waimea, Big Island Hawaii



Support of UH's Master Plan

1 message

Lindy Pounds <ahimsanine@gmail.com>
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Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 10:56 AM

I support adoption of UH's draft Master Plan for Mauna Kea because it keeps astronomy on Mauna Kea alive, including the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). UH has done a masterful job of managing Mauna Kea over the last 20 years, especially with respect to obtaining a permit for the construction of TMT. TMT is one of the greatest projects to ever be developed in Hawaii and I wholeheartedly support its completion. I hope UH is doing everything in its power to ensure TMT is built. Moreover, Mauna Kea is now some of the best managed state-owned land in Hawaii. Mauna Kea Observatories are the most scientifically-productive collection of telescopes in the world, and I am proud of their work. Astronomy on Mauna Kea is our culture. Astronomy on Mauna Kea provides opportunities for our keiki to benefit in terms of education, training, inspiration, and pride in the scientific discovery that takes place in our home. The presence of astronomy on Mauna Kea is vital for the Hawaii Island community and our state as a whole, for the economic diversification and world-class nature of the work that goes on there. Please keep it up. I mua Kilo Hōkū and i mua TMT!

Lindy Pounds



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1 message

Nancy Sakamoto <nsakamoto@mmirealty.com>
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Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 12:20 PM

Aloha,

Please accept my testimony for the upcoming meeting on 1/20/2022

Mahalo,

Nancy Sakamoto

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UH Hilo Center for Maunakea Stewardship's Proposed Maunakea Master Plan – Support for UH
Board of Regents Approval

UH Board of Regents Special Board Meeting
Thursday, December 16
via virtual meeting

Aloha University of Hawaii Regents,

I am Nancy Sakamoto, submitting supportive testimony for the approval of the Proposed Maunakea Master Plan in my capacity as an active community member, and as a tutu for my grandchildren who offer much promise as the next generation of Native Hawaiian leaders.

I have been actively involved in the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce, the Kailua Village Business Improvement District as an advocate for stewardship of our valuable resources here on Hawaii Island.

I've kept up to date on the stewardship of Maunakea, through presentations and engagement. The Center for Maunakea Stewardship, formally known as Office of Maunakea Management, has been successfully managing its lands on the mountain, implementing state policy on astronomy since 2000. Let's remember that nearly sixty years ago, it was the State of Hawaii who wanted to develop astronomy in Hawaii. Looking towards the future, I would ask all of us to take pride in this accomplishment.

This new draft management plan takes us forward into the next few decades, ensuring good, sound management of the unique resources found on Maunakea. The balance struck in the master plan limits development that protects the resources while ensuring world class astronomy continues in Hawaii, providing inspiration for our island students. How fortunate we really are.

I support the draft and I ask you to as well.

Mahalo for allowing this opportunity to share my comments.

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my comments on the draft MK master plan

1 message

Michael Hoenig <mdh@cantab.net>
To: BOR Testimony <bor.testimony@hawaii.edu>

Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 12:27 PM

Dear Regents,

I fully support UH's draft Master Plan for Maunakea. UH's management of the mauna has been debated ad nauseam, and while I realize it isn't possible to please everyone, it is my belief that the university did an extremely competent job running something that is inherently difficult and complex - and I think I have spent enough days (and nights) on Maunakea to be able to state this with some authority. The Master Plan also keeps astronomy on Maunakea alive - MK observatories constitute the most scientifically productive group of telescopes in the world, and I am proud of their many achievements. Furthermore, astronomy on MK provides valuable opportunities for our keiki as well as vital jobs for the Big Island community (and helps diversify the state economy as a whole). For these reasons I also hope that UH is doing everything in its power to ensure TMT is being built.

I hope you are able to adopt this new master plan. It represents a significant step forward.

Mahalo for your time,
Michael Hoenig



Draft Master Plan for Mauna Kea

1 message

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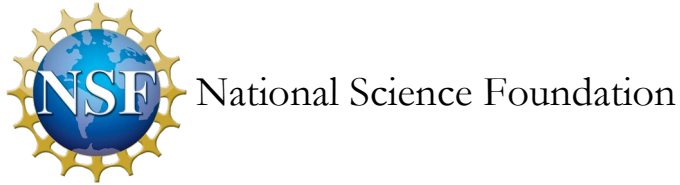
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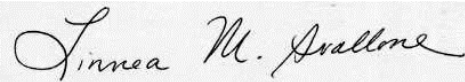
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3. NSF notes that there does not seem to be a specific reference in the draft Master Plan to the 10% observing time that observatories on Maunakea provide to UH as a condition of their subleases. This observing time translates to millions of dollars in direct benefits to UH, and this contribution should be acknowledged, discussed, and evaluated to determine whether it should be redirected (in part or in whole) to provide a more equitable distribution of the benefits to the community, especially to Native Hawaiians.

4. NSF strongly opposes all references to the decommissioning of the VLBA antenna on Maunakea in the draft Master Plan (see, e.g., page 4-5, and 4-14: “It is known that VLBA, on Astronomy Site 14, will be decommissioned prior to the end of 2033.”). On numerous occasions, NSF has communicated to UH, both formally and informally, its position that the VLBA antenna on Maunakea should not be decommissioned because it is a valuable astronomy asset for the nation, and, by virtue of its use in maintaining the Celestial Reference Frame and measuring Earth Orientation Parameters as a contributing system for the International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry, it plays a vital role in maintaining the integrity of Global Navigation Satellite Systems, including the Global Positioning System. Additionally, this VLBA station is afforded special regulatory protections for portions of the radio spectrum at its present location (i.e., footnotes 113, 131, 161 of the United States Table of Frequency Allocations; 47 C.F.R. § 2.106).
5. The process for decommissioning of facilities set forth in Appendix D to UH’s draft Master Plan lacks sufficient detail to provide meaningful review and comment. NSF does maintain that any decommissioning process should be determined after considering input from the science community and led by the Master Lessee. NSF also notes that the Master Lessee should be cognizant of any potential conflicts of interest it may have when making determinations about which facilities to decommission.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft Master Plan. We look forward to seeing how NSF’s comments are incorporated into the final Master Plan. If further clarity on our comments is needed, please feel free to reach out to David Boboltz, Ph.D. at dboboltz@nsf.gov.

Sincerely,



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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

Dear University of Hawaii Board of Regents,

I am opposed to the construction of TMT for climate change and a new space observation alternative reasons.

I work in the field of agriculture and risk management, tracking weather trends. Due to climate change, extreme and often violent weather events will only grow in frequency. Hawaii's archipelago is defended by the

height and mass of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa. I want to leave as many stones in place on these guardian mountains as possible to fend off the steady train of hurricanes that will continue to come. Excavation for TMT is poor risk mitigation for climate change.

The successful launch of the James Webb Space Telescope also impacts my decision. What an incredible resource this is! No clouds, atmosphere or space junk to block the Webb's view. TMT would be a 2nd rate observatory in comparison.

Please cut our losses with TMT and walk away from it.

Sincerely,
Weston Yap

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Support

Your Testimony/Comments

I support the building of TMT.

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Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

You have no respect for the host culture and religion and do not deserve to manage the mauna. What qualifies your organization to be managers? Half of your flagship campus was built on kuleana lands (see your history, "To Build a Rainbow," and your history of exploiting Hawaiians and Hawai'i is disgusting. You discriminate against Hawaiians by ignoring the protests for financial exploitation because you can, not because you should. I have no respect for you now, Greg Chun.

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Build the scope! It benefits all of humanity!

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Your Position (required) *

Support

Your Testimony/Comments

I strongly support astronomy on Mauna Kea. I support the development of the TMT. I strongly dislike the inability of our government to enforce existing laws and keep the protesters at bay. They are a small minority who is trying to ruin plans that the majority of people support. Get them out of the way! Our government should obey its own laws and not kow-tow to the protesters.

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Your Position (required) *

Support

Your Testimony/Comments

We should move forward with the construction of the TMT. The telescope will help humans better understand the universe. This is a noble cause and the island can be proud to be a part of this effort. The telescope will also bring jobs and revenue for the island and help us diversify our economy. Mauna Kea is a big mountain and there is room enough for the telescopes and for cultural practioners. This is a very important issue for our island. We cannot go back, we must move forward.

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Support

Your Testimony/Comments

I have reviewed the revised Maunakea UH Master Plan – E O I NA Leo. This is a thoughtful document, and I strongly believe that the Board should approve the Master Plan.

I am also deeply appreciative of the fact that the Master Plan appears to be updated to reflect my prior comments about how new guidelines on observatories lessen environmental or cultural resource impacts.

I also agree with the Task Force's other conclusions, including that it should engage in sustained outreach efforts and that it should continue to manage the MKSR – either solely or as a major partner in a reorganized management structure -- and support world-class astronomy.

I have the following additional comments on UH's past management and on the Master Plan itself, requesting some minor modifications.

Remaining Master Plan comments:

- In agreement with the National Science Foundation's comments, I reiterate my previous main request that the Native Hawaiian community have a clear voice in the management of Maunakea. They are key stakeholder if for no other reason than UH's management area includes at least some land – Lake Waiau, Pu'u Poliahu, etc. – upon which Hawaiian traditional and customary practices unquestionably occur and occurred prior to UH's role as manager of the mountain. The existence of Kahu Ku Mauna, cultural training, and a promise of deeper engagement is most welcome. But I believe the Master Plan would be improved with a discussion of how to not just consult the Hawaiian community but involve said community in the governance of Maunakea itself.

As one relatively simple modification, why not elevate Kahu Ku Mauna from an advisory group to one with some decision-making power? I agree that UH should continue as at least co-manager of Maunakea. But I also believe that vesting at least some control in the Hawaiian community would be a wise step towards a more peaceable future state on the mountain.

- Re: the UH commitments on decommissioning (Sect 4.1.2). First, it should be clearly acknowledged that the multi-observatory decommissioning steps are spurred by TMT's CDUP. I.e. TMT in exchange for multiple older telescopes. This is alluded to in Sect 4.3.2.1 but should be clearly spelled out. Furthermore, Appendix E describes that UH will receive input from other organizations – including Hawaiian organizations – on which additional telescopes would be decommissioned by 2033. I think it would be more appropriate for Hawaiian organizations to have a vote in this process, not merely be consulted. This suggestion goes back to the first comment: that the Native Hawaiian community should have a clear voice in the management of Maunakea.

I reiterate my position on UH's past management:

- I very strongly believe that the University of Hawai'i has done an exceptional job managing and protecting resources on Maunakea for at least the past decade. As the Independent Auditor's Report acknowledges, "the cultural and natural resources on the state conservation lands on Mauna Kea are some of the best managed and protected lands in the entire State. The area is clear of trash, the invasive species are being removed not only by OMKM but volunteer groups, and the OMKM Rangers to ensure public safety on Mauna Kea."

- The inventory of cultural/historical sites is exhaustive and well documented. In my years on Mauna Kea, I have seen cultural practitioners free to engage in their activities without harassment but with respect from UH. The cultural orientation program required for all Mauna Kea astronomy personnel is well presented.

- As evidenced during TMT's most recent Contested Case Hearing, UH has done an exceptionally thorough job in documenting and protecting Mauna Kea's natural resources. Arthropod surveys are well thought out and detailed. The weiku bug population has recovered. Documentation and surveys of plant species is also well thought out.

As I said in the auditor's report, UH's stewardship of the land is a stark contrast to the poor stewardship that some TMT protesters have on the Pu'u Huluhulu encampment. UH's commitment to laws and regulations is a stark contrast to lackadaisical attitude from state and county law enforcement. Furthermore, mistakes that are often attributed to UH instead lie at the feet of the state itself. For example, it was the state that has allowed protesters to damage planets and scatter plants at the MK Access Road. It was the state that refused to prosecute Palikapu Dedman's disinterment of remains and placement of bones on the TMT site in an act of protest and against state law.

My Background:

- I have gone to Mauna Kea for the past 14 years for astronomical observations and thus have seen the state of the mountain prior to the completion of the CMP, during the early years of its implementation, and up to recent times.

- I have not shied away from pointed and public criticism of UH or the Institute for Astronomy in other contexts. For example, as an interviewee for EnVision Mauna Kea I expressed extreme frustration and anger at IfA for "a lack of courage" in direct and frank discussions with some TMT opposition leaders in order to have a future where the telescope is built on Mauna Kea in the most peaceful way possible. While I am strongly encouraged by the new leadership at IfA, I remain extremely concerned about the lack of engagement by IfA faculty in general.

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UH master plan for Mauna Kea

1 message

Jay Lambert <jaydem2021@gmail.com>
To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 2:12 PM

Aloha,

Please adopt the UH master plan draft for Mauna Kea! The people of Hawaii overwhelmingly support astronomy on Mauna Kea and think UH has done a good job of managing the observatories. The Thirty Meter telescope is an important part of the plan and needs to be built for so many reasons.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Jay R. Lambert



Please support adoption of University of Hawaii's draft Master Plan. Let us all move forward to a better future.

1 message

Stan Clingan <stanclingan@yahoo.com>

Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 2:51 PM

To: "bor.testimony@hawaii.edu" <bor.testimony@hawaii.edu>

I would like all people of Hawaii to support the science of astronomy. Let us all learn the secrets of the universe. Please support adoption of *University of Hawaii's* draft Master Plan for Mauna Kea because it keeps astronomy on Mauna Kea alive, including the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). I hope all can one day see how important this is. Thank you.

UH has done a masterful job of managing Mauna Kea over the last 20 years, especially with respect to obtaining a permit for the construction of TMT. TMT is one of the greatest projects to ever be developed in Hawaii and I wholeheartedly support its completion. I hope UH is doing everything in its power to ensure TMT is built. Moreover, Mauna Kea is now some of the best managed state-owned land in Hawaii. Mauna Kea Observatories are the most scientifically-productive collection of telescopes in the world, and I am proud of their work. Astronomy on Mauna Kea is our culture. Astronomy on Mauna Kea provides opportunities for our keiki to benefit in terms of education, training, inspiration, and pride in the scientific discovery that takes place in our home. The presence of astronomy on Mauna Kea is vital for the Hawaii Island community and our state as a whole, for the economic diversification and world-class nature of the work that goes on there. Please keep it up. I mua Kilo Hōkū and i mua TMT!



Astronomy in Hawaii

1 message

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To: "bor.testimony@hawaii.edu" <bor.testimony@hawaii.edu>

Aloha,

I am writing to show my full support for astronomy on Mauna Kea, and my full support for the TMT.

Not only is it good for the world it is extremely beneficial to the folks and keiki throughout the islands. I personally benefit financially through the trickle-down effect of having astronomy on the mountain and my kids have benefited directly in their education because of astronomy on Mauna Kea.

Thank you for your attention,

Morgan Ray

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KAHEA testimony on Agenda Item VI.F

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Please find attached KAHEA's testimony on Agenda Item VI.F for the Board's meeting on January 20, 2022. Thank you!

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January 19, 2022

To: The Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i
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Re: Testimony against agenda item VI.F, recommendation to approve the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands at the Board's January 20, 2022 meeting

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OUR FRAGILE

ENVIRONMENT

To the Board of Regents,

KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance (KAHEA), like hundreds of the commenters, strongly opposes the Center for Maunakea Stewardship's (CMS) recommendation that the Board adopt the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands - E Ō I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices), dated January 11, 2022 (master plan). KAHEA is a nonprofit organization with a mission and programming that includes protection of Mauna Kea's natural and historic resources and the cultural practices that they support.

The master plan is an unlawful rule

CMS concedes there is no rule or law governing the Board's adoption of the master plan. Item VI.F (CMS recommendation at 2¶D, dated Jan. 13, 2022). Yet, the master plan will guide siting of new facilities, changes to existing facilities that will cause permanent changes to the land, and UH decisions regarding which astronomy sites will remain operational. Master plan §2.1. "It consolidates and clarifies UH's use and development policies for the subject lands and is intended to guide UH's decision-making related to them over a 20-year period." *Id.*

The master plan is thus a "statement of general or particular applicability and future effect that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of any agency." Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §91-1. It does not concern *only* the internal management of the University and the actions it guides will affect the private rights of and procedures available to the public. *Id.* The Board is required to promulgate the master plan as a rule pursuant to all of the procedures under HRS §91-3. Because these procedures have not been followed, the Board cannot adopt the master plan without violating administrative procedure.

No environmental review for the master plan

The University prepared an environmental impact statement for its previous 2000 master plan, yet no such documents were prepared for the master plan. Environmental impact disclosure documents are required for programs or projects using state lands or funds that require discretionary

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KAHEA: the Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance is a non-profit 501(c)3 working to protect the unique natural and cultural resources of the Hawaiian islands. KAHEA translates to English as "the call."

consent from an agency.

The new EIS rules define a "project" as "discrete, planned undertaking that is site and time specific, has a specific goal or purpose, and has potential impact to the environment." HAR §11-200.1-2. There is a "purpose" section in the master plan: The new plan guides siting of new facilities, changes to existing facilities that will cause permanent changes to the land, and UH decisions regarding which astronomy sites will remain operational. Master plan §2.1. "It consolidates and clarifies UH's use and development policies for the subject lands and is intended to guide UH's decision-making related to them over a 20-year period." "Discretionary consent" is broadly defined as "a consent, sanction, or recommendation from an agency for which judgment and free will may be exercised by the issuing agency, as distinguished from a ministerial consent." HRS 343-2. The Board's "adoption" of the master plan is discretionary consent that must be informed by environmental disclosure documents.

The master planning process discourages public participation.

The most urgent and repeated comments were: (1) remove astronomy facilities and restore Mauna Kea to its original state before the University lease ends in 2033; and (2) cancel the TMT. No revisions were made to the master plan in response to these comments.

Part of our mission is to educate and organize our community to advocate for their interests. We ask people to take time away from their family, friends, and work in order to make their voices, individually and collectively, heard as part of public processes. The biggest challenge is the perception that people will become statistics used to validate a predetermined outcome *that they sought to oppose*. CMS' recommendation confirms this perception. Again. Community members' participation is supposedly reflected in a tally of their receipt of 596 emails and 245 mailed letters, listed to support your adoption of the plan. How can we continue to urge people to engage in such a process? This flawed process frustrates our mission and the University's purpose of serving its community.

Thank you for considering our comment.

Yours truly,
Board and Staff 2022, KAHEA: The Hawaiian Environmental Alliance

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Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

There is no doubt that Maunakea remains an important site in Western astronomy. The proposed master plan for managing Maunakea places astronomy as its central component. For almost a decade, the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope has been a priority of the upper strata of the University of Hawai'i, the state government, and other scientific agencies. However, the University's continued support of the project, along with its historical mismanagement of Maunakea's summit, demonstrates the University's inability to reckon with its complicated relationship with the Native Hawaiian community, whose ancestral homeland the proposed telescope would sit on. As a Hawai'i Island resident and student at both UH Hilo and UH Manoa, I strongly oppose the current proposed plan. The University of Hawai'i has produced some of the most

important activists in Hawai'i's history, yet the University has failed to understand or listen to the concerns of its students, faculty, and greater community in which it serves. As long as money and scientific prestige come before the preservation of one of Hawai'i's most sacred and storied places, UH will not be a steward of its community, but an accomplice in the continued occupation and extraction of Hawaiian lands. I hope that the University makes the right decision and decommits to future telescope projects on Maunakea and supports placing the responsibility and stewardship of the Hawaiian community. After all, they have centuries of experience in preserving, protecting, and respecting the land.

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How is this still a thing? How do you fail to respect the native culture, the Hawaiian people, the environment and the watershed beneath it? The people of this LAND have spoken time and time again.. when will you start to listen and respect? Hawaiian place of learning my elemu. Do the right thing already. Bumbye you learns

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Support

Your Testimony/Comments

As an alumni of the University, I support the adoption of the Master Plan to the extent that it continues to recognize Hawaii's status as one of the preeminent locations for cutting edge astronomy in the world. Studying the stars gives us crucial insights to life on Earth and plumbs the mysteries of the Universe, for the collective benefit of the citizens of the State of Hawaii and our fellow humans. Please ensure that astronomy continues to have a strong presence in Hawaii.

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Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

The Graduate Student Organization ("GSO") of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa OPPOSES the Board of Regents' ("BOR") adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands, E Ō I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices) ("Master Plan"). We support the comments submitted by KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance to the State of Hawai'i Legislature on the Mauna Kea Working Group's ("Working Group") Draft Report, "He Lā Hou Kēia Ma Mauna a Wākea: A New Day on Mauna A Wakea," dated December 17, 2021 ("Draft Report"), ("KAHEA Comments").

We support KAHEA's opposition to the recommendations presented in the Draft Report. KAHEA notes that the Draft Report "unilaterally entrusts a new Governing Entity to ensure these are implemented in a timely and meaningful way," (KAHEA Comments). "Management and governance of Mauna Kea must proceed from a truly community-based process that builds trust amongst people who have shown their commitment to protecting the mauna, which includes many more than those who served on the Working Group," (KAHEA Comments). We agree with KAHEA that "the Working Group should demand compliance with traditional k n wai—no further development on Mauna Kea," (KAHEA Comments).

We agree with KAHEA that the "Working Group [should] deeply revise its recommendations to include: (1) significant, meaningful, and broad based community input prior to the introduction of any legislation; (2) removing the governor's power of appointment of nearly all the members of the Governing Entity; and, (3) honoring the traditional k n wai by, first and foremost, prohibiting any further construction—including the Thirty-Meter Telescope—on Mauna Kea," (KAHEA Comments).

We ask the BOR to vote "no" to adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands, E   I N  Leo (Listen to the Voices).

Sincerely,
Graduate Student Organization
University of Hawai'i at M noa

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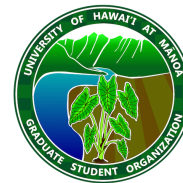
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Together on behalf of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Graduate Student Organization

RE: University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Graduate Student Organization Testimony Opposing the Board of Regents' Adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands, E Ō I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices)

The Graduate Student Organization ("GSO") of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa OPPOSES the Board of Regents' ("BOR") adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands, E Ō I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices) ("Master Plan"). We support the comments submitted by KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance to the State of Hawai'i Legislature on the Mauna Kea Working Group's ("Working Group") Draft Report, "He Lā Hou Kēia Ma Mauna a Wākea: A New Day on Mauna A Wakea," dated December 17, 2021 ("Draft Report"), ("KAHEA Comments").

We support KAHEA's opposition to the recommendations presented in the Draft Report. KAHEA notes that the Draft Report "unilaterally entrusts a new Governing Entity to ensure these are implemented in a timely and meaningful way," (KAHEA Comments). "Management and governance of Mauna Kea must proceed from a truly community-based process that builds trust amongst people who have shown their commitment to protecting the mauna, which includes many more than those who served on the Working Group," (KAHEA Comments). We agree with KAHEA that "the Working Group should demand compliance with traditional kōnāwai—no further development on Mauna Kea," (KAHEA Comments).

We agree with KAHEA that the "Working Group [should] deeply revise its recommendations to include: (1) significant, meaningful, and broad based community input prior to the introduction of any legislation; (2) removing the governor's power of appointment of nearly all the members of the Governing Entity; and, (3) honoring the traditional kōnāwai by, first and foremost, prohibiting any further construction—including the Thirty-Meter Telescope—on Mauna Kea," (KAHEA Comments).

We ask the BOR to vote "no" to adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands, E Ō I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices).

Sincerely,
Graduate Student Organization
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

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(Listen to the Voices)

Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

It is rather distressing, given the overwhelmingly strong opposition from the Native Hawaiian community, that the University of Hawaii Board of Regents continue to push the agenda for construction of the TMT atop Maunakea. The individuals that make up the UH Board of Regents are not qualified to serve in the compacity of konohiki. The kuleana of the konohiki is to act in the best interest, and make decisions that best serve the health of 'āina and her precious natural resources as well as the community. If the konohiki fails at his duty he is ousted, and another is appointed in his place. We don't care for your claims that TMT will boost the economy by providing jobs to locals. That is a falsehood used almost everytime to garner local support. Yet it is becoming more common for residents to be deemed under qualified and individuals contracted from the continent. The alteration of our natural world should be done with the utmost care, reverence, and respect. I don't need to tell

you what you already know. TMT will have devastating impacts on Maunakea, the community, the Pae 'āina. I implore you to think beyond money and profit. Never forget our place in the scheme of the universe. "He ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwa ke kānaka." The land is chief, the man but a servant. 'A'OLE TMT!

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

The University acts as though their soon to expire lease of the lands on Maunakea is guaranteed to be renewed. And so you have a 20 year plan. The University has over and over again been proven to be bad at land management and should no longer have the privilege to use these lands. I say NO to any extended lease and NO to the proposed TMT that has divided our lahui. When will our government and leaders ever start to work for US instead of the interests of outsiders?

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In support of new Master Plan

1 message

Larry Wiss <aloha-larry@hawaii.rr.com>
To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 5:35 PM

I support the ongoing presence/research of Astronomy by UH atop Mauna Kea; I believe the TMT is vital to this important educational resource for Hawaii.

Aloha,
Larry Wiss



I Support TMT and Adoption of UH's Draft Master Plan for Mauna Kea

1 message

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Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 7:17 PM

I support adoption of UH's draft Master Plan for Mauna Kea because it keeps astronomy on Mauna Kea alive, including the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). UH has done a masterful job of managing Mauna Kea over the last 20 years, especially with respect to obtaining a permit for the construction of TMT. TMT is one of the greatest projects to ever be developed in Hawaii and I wholeheartedly support its completion. I hope UH is doing everything in its power to ensure TMT is built. Moreover, Mauna Kea is now some of the best managed state-owned land in Hawaii. Mauna Kea Observatories are the most scientifically-productive collection of telescopes in the world, and I am proud of their work. Astronomy on Mauna Kea is our culture. Astronomy on Mauna Kea provides opportunities for our keiki to benefit in terms of education, training, inspiration, and pride in the scientific discovery that takes place in our home. The presence of astronomy on Mauna Kea is vital for the Hawaii Island community and our state as a whole, for the economic diversification and world-class nature of the work that goes on there. Please keep it up. I mua Kilo Hökū and i mua TMT!

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Mauna Kea master plan

1 message

Susan Roberts <rsrwoodwrights@gmail.com>
To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 8:31 PM

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Dick and Sue Roberts, Kailua Kona



In support

1 message

John Britton <johnbritton143@gmail.com>
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Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 8:59 PM

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Dr John Britton

Sent from my iPhone

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(Listen to the Voices)

Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

The Mauna is held in trust & is not the university's to oversee.

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Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

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(Listen to the Voices)

Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I oppose the UH master plan, which prioritizes the construction of the Thirty-Meter Telescope. In case you weren't listening to our voices when we stood on the frontline in the thousands to oppose this telescope, no means no. Listen to the native people. This is a human rights issue. We already put our lives and bodies on the line to stop this telescope. We endured freezing cold weather for over 8 months to demonstrate our opposition. Listen to this - A'ole! A master plan with more telescopes and more desecration of the most sacred land of Native Hawaiians must not be approved. Over 1000 comments were submitted in opposition to the master plan because it includes TMT. Is there any part of Hawai'i that we can leave for our future generations? It is unbelievable the hatred that you must hold towards Kanaka Maoli to seriously advance a plan that would build more telescopes, including the TMT, and erect a gate to keep Hawaiians out. From the military poisoning our

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

This is not for the University of Hawaii to decide. These are public lands. Also, the consultation with native Hawaiians was not broad enough as these are the people of these lands.

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I am a concerned citizen from Ohlone land. I respectfully ask that the master plan be rejected. The human rights violations against Indigenous land protectors are unacceptable. Respected elders of Hawai'i are still being dragged through court, and the resumption of construction would be devastating to many who could be injured, arrested or worse in what would surely be a dangerous and heartbreaking standoff, simply to protect the land they love. The Mauna Kea Master Plan is deeply flawed in many ways. It does not respect the wishes of the vast majority of the Indigenous cultural practitioners of that place. It proposes to block their access with gates. It proposes further construction on Mauna Kea, which Kanaka Maoli have not consented to in any way. It proposes perpetual stewardship by the University of Hawai'i, with no plan of ever returning this sacred mountain to the rightful owners of the Crown Lands upon which UH's Science Reserve sits. The University of Hawai'i needs to

listen to the actual voices of the people of this land, who have been speaking clearly for a long time. Please reject the Mauna Kea Master Plan, stop TMT, and begin the long but worthwhile process of true healing, so that the University of Hawai'i may be a place of genuine learning. Please do the right thing.

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I am Kaiqing Su, an international student at UH. I acknowledge that I stand on kanaka land, and I owe my knowledge on the subject to the generous conversations with generous kanaka maoli scholars, students, and friends. I oppose the construction of TMT. Firstly, this is not a matter of science but desecration; secondly, to really respect what many acknowledged as sacred and native Hawaiian culture is to understand that there are places that are just not accessible to everyone--in the past, only ali'i ascended to the summit. It's not about coexistence between TMT and kanaka, but the recognition of human limit, and sincere humbleness on the subject, especially people who don't have enough indigenous knowledge, like myself. Thirdly, regarding the benefit of the "whole human race," since the past constructions have already impacted the ecosystem, the opposition of the plan will do us more good---when a climate catastrophe hits, when sea level rises, when other

extreme weathers take place, telescopes can't save us. Please don't exploit the aina in the name of science, progress, or truth. I oppose the master plan and I stand in solidarity with kia'i mauna.

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Support

Your Testimony/Comments

I am a Hawaii-born and raised alumni of UH (B.S. 1978, M.S. 1981), and a current resident of the Islands. I am not Kanaka Ma'oli, however, my family has been residents of Hawaii for over 100 years, and I feel that the voices of other long-term "natives" of the Islands should be heard, along with the voices of *a//* Kanaka Ma'oli. As an avid supporter of astronomy on Mauna Kea, including the Thirty Meter Telescope, I support the adoption of the UH Draft Master Plan for Mauna Kea. At this time, with all that is happening in our society, science has become increasingly important. And while I have a deep spiritual belief, I also deeply value what science has brought to mankind – and more recently, how science and spirituality are now entwined, with the insights provided by quantum physics. Those who claim that placing another telescope (TMT) near the summit would

desecrate a sacred space truly do NOT understand authentic spirituality, and are mis-using others' support for native cultures.

Mahalo nui for all of your effort. Imua TMT!

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Your Position (required) *

Support

Your Testimony/Comments

As a Big Island resident, I fully support and embrace the use of Mauna Kea and the islands in general for all astronomy endeavors. Hawaiian history and culture is rooted in its people being curious about their surroundings, and its people are well known for being great explorers of all things unknown. To honor their legacy and to guarantee them a future, it is imperative that the University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii continue to embrace the world of astronomy in our islands and especially atop Mauna Kea.

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I oppose the UH DRAFT Master Plan of Mauna Kea Lands. I have given written comment in opposition to the Draft Master Plan and am here today, thousands of miles away from Hawaii as a Hopi woman standing in solidarity with Kanaka Maoli when they say A'ole to the 50 years of mismanagement on Mauna Kea at the hands of the UH and A'ole to the thirty meter telescope proposed to be constructed at Mauna Kea. It is 2022 and the UH blatantly chooses to continue & to participate in settler colonial capitalism by placing themselves as "stewards" to Kanaka Maoli sacred lands and supporting the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope which has been recently dubbed by scholars as a "Big Money Science Project" Mauna Kea itself has never been ceded by the Hawaiian Kingdom's government to the U.S. government. Again, it is 2022, return the land & rightful stewardship to Kanaka Maoli and allow healing and true stewardship of the land happen. When

looking for answers to the future, look to the past. The UH has the power to correct their predecessors wrongs by completely decommissioning the current telescopes on Mauna Kea and returning the land back to its original state of being & returning the real stewardship to Kanaka Maoli. Kia'i come in numbers to hold the UH and UC accountable for their actions and in Kapu Aloha in the honor of Aloha Aina and I stand with them.

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Your Position (required) *

Support

Your Testimony/Comments

I strongly support the adoption of the UH draft Master Plan for Maunakea. I have spent over a year of my life on the summit of Maunakea as a student and graduate of the Institute for Astronomy Ph.D. program. I have spoken with hundreds of visitors on the summit, and I saw them all experience the joy of seeing the amazing views of the stars from the summit. They expressed their wonder at the amazing discoveries in astronomy made in Hawaii. Thanks to UH, which created the opportunity and infrastructure that enabled some of the greatest scientific investigations of human history. Many of the celestial bodies of the outer solar system have Hawaiian names, as does the largest known structure in the Universe. Most of the newly discovered asteroids in our solar system are first seen by telescopes in Hawaii. All because Maunakea and Hawaii have

been at the forefront of science, and only because UH made that possible. No other organization will put science first, and we have seen how the management of other lands in Hawaii by other government agencies have failed.

I do not support the removal of any telescopes from the mountain; this is a decision that must be reversed. Those sites are far too scientifically productive to be let go. If you accept that astronomy is a critical endeavor for Hawaii, removing any telescopes makes little sense. It will not appease the protestors, who will be satisfied only by removing all telescopes.

There are many keiki in our state who dream of being part of astronomy in Hawaii. I was one of them, and I was one of the lucky ones who was able to realize his childhood dreams. Removing UH from managing Maunakea is the first step in ending astronomy in all of Hawaii. That is clearly the goal of the protestors. Ending astronomy in Hawaii will crush the aspirations of so many young people in Hawaii. It will end a source of high paying jobs in economically challenged areas. It will end an economic engine with a much lower land impact than tourism. It will destroy the most prominent academic program at UH. It will end the jobs of the hundreds of people who support Maunakea research.

Maunakea, the very best astronomical site on the entire planet by far, needs to continue to be the inspiration and the leading source of knowledge of the Universe for all of humanity. You must not accept the arguments of protestors who want to keep Maunakea from continuing to be a point of great pride for all the people of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Testimony Opposing Agenda Item VIF and VIG - Maunakea

1 message

Wendell Perry <wperry@hawaii.edu>

Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 11:07 PM

To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Aloha. Attached is my testimony opposing the BOR agenda items VIF and VIG.

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"education either functions as an instrument which is used to facilitate integration of the younger generation into the logic of the present system and bring about conformity or it becomes the practice of freedom, the means by which men and women deal critically and creatively with reality and discover how to participate in the transformation of their world." - Paulo Freire



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**Testimony Opposing the
University of Hawai'i Board of Regents Actions Relating to
Agenda Item VIF & VIG.**

January 20, 2022

Sent Via Email Attachment to bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

TO: The University of Hawai'i Board of Regents
2444 Dole Street, Bachman 209

FR: Kekailoa Perry 

I am Kekailoa Perry, a citizen of the Hawaiian Kingdom and Associate Professor at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. My testimony opposes all BOR action relating to agenda item VIF entitled "Approval of Maunakea Management Restructuring Plan" and item VIG entitled "Comprehensive Plan to Achieve a Reimagined University of Hawai'i."

1. The PIG recommended management plan for Maunakea is a grotesque document of barbarism that is set on a foundation of cultural misappropriation and the degradation of trust lands that are protected under Article XII and Article XI of the State of Hawai'i Constitution (to name just a few laws).
2. The PIG recommended management plan for Maunakea shamelessly misappropriates Hawaiian knowledge and culture to further an agenda that celebrates neo-colonial forms of manifest destiny. The University uses science and claims of social benefits to disguise a more supremacist form of hegemony. Those concepts are subversive and help to hide the University's real acts of trespassing and abuse of native trust lands.
3. Contrary to the circular and misleading political and legal rhetorical extrapolations of the University and State of Hawai'i, both institutions have consistently violated their own constitutional and trust responsibilities. Specifically, the University and State have willingly and forcefully undercut the traditional and customary rights of native Hawaiians.
4. Approving the PIG's recommended management plan will signal to the Hawaiian community -- and those who cherish fairness and justice -- that the University truly does not care about our communities. Worse, it will signal that the BOR and University administration intentionally seeks to harm past, present and future generations of kanaka 'oiwi and kanaka 'oiaio.
5. Item VI.G. suggests that the University will make attempts to reimagine itself. Having no documentation or materials to review, it seems that the UH's reimagining will materialize from thin air. Should any of the documents appear in time for the meeting, it would be in the best interest of all rights holders for the BOR to table the item. Moreover, if the document has any reference to aloha 'āina or other concepts and language relating to Hawaiian knowledge, then the document should be tabled indefinitely for lack of cultural respect and for an overtly racist level of imagination.

To be clear, I stand with families, colleagues and rights holders who continue to oppose every effort by the BOR and University from pursuing its institutionally racist degradation of Hawaiian lands, culture and people. We are not defined by loud voices or the numbers in our community; we are known by our faith in our ancestors and our willingness to speak truth to power. How will your actions define you?



In support of TMT

1 message

Eric Hagiwara <eric.hagiwara@k12.hi.us>
To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 6:46 AM

In support of TMT:

TMT has already donated millions towards Hawaii county Education. Our Waiakea High Robotics program is one of those long time recipients of their generosity. We on the Big Island have much more difficulty in getting funding than schools on the Island of Oahu. One Chevron official told me that their funding set aside for education has a priority going towards schools that their employee's children go to. We don't have any large industry here. TMT and Helco are the largest sources of Educational funding we can tap. Taking TMT away would negatively impact Hawaii Island's Education opportunities.

We have, just at Waiakea, many graduates who are working as Engineers, Computer Engineers, Cyber Security and other IT jobs because of funding from TMT. Please support TMT

Eric Hagiwara, Med
Waiakea High School Robotics

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Education of universes is longevity

1 message

Bert Yamamoto <bertsat@icloud.com>
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Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 6:52 AM

Education of the universe is similar to the knowledge of our physical body, it's health and longevity. From cave man times till now,

Man has adopted ultimate longevity with association knowledge of earth of truth(proven science)and the universe. Small proof is that as we get older with knowledge of good health, the older with knowledge, is healthier compared to his youthful year when he was not as learned. Mind elements of memory of knowledge is remembered as we can recall love memories moments in older people more. This means as we get older we see things more beautiful with education in years than when your younger. The reason is that when, young only little substance of knowledge is in that person. Younger ones can offset this by learning, studying; but as they get older their eye will see more beauty from increase knowledge, so much they may weep, more for what their eyes see.

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1 message

souzarodney098 <souzarodney098@gmail.com>
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Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 7:25 AM

HAWAIIANS OWN MAUNA KEA!! ACTUALLY MARY ANN GONSALVES HAS A DEED FOR MAUNA KEA, HER RELATIVES NOW HOLD THE DEED. SHE ALSO OWNED THE AINA / LAND UH SITS ON! TAKEN AWAY BY FORCE.

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Maunakea Master Plan draft

1 message

Richard Ha <richard@hamakuasprings.com>
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Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 7:30 AM

Aloha Board of Regents

Our group Sustainable Energy Hawaii supports the draft Master plan the UH proposes.

The members of our 501 C3 non profit are;

*Richard Ha Pres
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Jerry Chang
Dave DeLuz
*Kanani Aton
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*Three of our members are very culturally aware.

Aloha
Richard Ha jr.



Maunakea Stewardship

1 message

Laurie And James <jamesnlaurie@yahoo.com>
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Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 7:41 AM

Aloha,

I'm writing in against the plan that is being brought again to our attention.

It's been 54 years, since the University, the State, the BOR, and DInr had their time to Manage the Mauna. You all need to step down, step back and let the people talk n manage our Mauna and Islands

"Listen to the Voices" is your entities motto, it's a hypocritical statement that's being made, when the people are Speaking Out Loud, of their concerns, that again is falling upon deaf ears.

Please reconsider these choices that you all are making for the people of Hawaii, and concentrate on what is needed down here on our islands. Homelessness, drug addiction, our Keiki on Islands falling wayside.

You all know that it's the destination and Aloha what brings the world to Hawaii and Not the Telescope that only a few "chosen" people that Benefits from it, being educational.

These entities should know that all those Telescopes up there is sitting on the Main Aquifers of Hawaii Island.

Shame on all of you, to think that you and you alone have the right to the People's Crown Lands.

Mahalo for taking the time to read our letter of our deep concerns.

Mahalo and Aloha,
Laurie Avilla and Ohana
Kaua'i, Hawaii
Sent from my iPad



Testimony against TMT.

1 message

Nanea Lo <naneaclo@gmail.com>
To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 8:16 AM

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo a former Alumni and Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian). I'm writing for the agenda item for the Thirty Meter Telescope development and to say that I am against everything and all development regarding this telescope.

Me ke aloha 'āina,

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Some people say that Hawai'i will be a better place when Hawaiians no longer stand in the way of progress. But even these people must know that at this point, this will no longer be Hawai'i.- Jonathan Kay Kamakawiwo'ole Osorio. The Value of Hawai'i

Regarding the thirty meter telescope

1 message

Hawaiian Libra <kauwilamahina@gmail.com>
To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 8:31 AM

Aloha nō e Ke Kula Nui O Hawai'i, Board of Regents,

My name is Kaylene Kauwila Sheldon and I am writing to you in regards to the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Mauna Kea and about your proposed lease renewal. I am also a Native Hawaiian grandmother and my ancestral ties come from Hawaii island known as the Keaunui clan who were long time allies, close advisors and relatives of the Kamehameha lineage.

There are significant ecosystems and archaeological/anthropological value on Maunakea. It is also a place of the wao akua, the most sacred space in Hawaii.

I wanted my mo'opuna to follow the traditions of placing piko at Waiau however because of the trauma and desecration, I could not follow the traditional protocol. The building of the telescope would deviate from the sacredness of our kūpuna. The spiritual health and well-being of our people have gone through generations depends on the health and well-being of Hawai'i. Furthermore the healthy of the honua (earth) affects all of us.

Lastly, I wanted to remind the pro-TMT supporters that when our kūpuna built an adzes quarry on the Mauna, it was eco-friendly, done with protocol and was purposeful and functional whereas the aquifers were not polluted and the Mauna was respected not discarded. Please remember if you are an astronomer that studied anthropology/archaeology then you would know that the ancients knew and understood the universe far more than we did and that their teachings should be taken seriously. I leave you with these two 'ōlelo no'eau, Hawaiian proverbs:

'O na hoku no na kiu o ka lani (The stars are the spies of the heaven) I like to reflect into this 'ōlelo no'eau as we do not have to look much further as their are more intelligent beings above that know much more than us.

Please esteemed community and colleagues please listen to the kūpuna and make the right decision.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kaylene Kauwila Sheldon, Ka'a'awa

Candace Fujikane written form of oral testimony

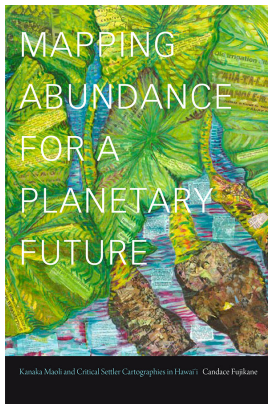
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Candace Fujikane <fujikane@hawaii.edu>
To: BOR Testimony <bor.testimony@hawaii.edu>

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 9:43 AM

Aloha mai,
Please find attached my written version of my oral testimony presented to the BOR on 1-20-22.
Thank you,
Candace Fujikane
Professor of English
Director of the Undergraduate Program in English
University of Hawai'i

Author of *Mapping Abundance for a Planetary Future: Kanaka Maoli and Critical Settler Cartographies in Hawai'i* (Duke University Press, 2021)



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January 20, 2022

To: University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents
From: Candace Fujikane, Professor of English, University of Hawai‘i
Re: Agenda item VI.F. regarding “Adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai‘i Maunakea Lands—E Ō I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices)”

Aloha mai kākou e UH Board of Regents:

My name is Candace Fujikane, and I am a professor in the English Department. I have been an English professor at the University of Hawai‘i for the past 27 years.

I want to address agenda item VI.F. regarding “Adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai‘i Maunakea Lands—E Ō I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices).” I urge the board to reject the Master Plan because it fails to put into place a decision-making process that involves community members who have deep knowledge of ancestral practices of stewardship as reflected in oli and mele. The Master Plan fails to enact any *substantive* changes and thus continues to undermine the public trust in the University of Hawai‘i. The Master Plan also fails to enact a decision-making process that listens to the voices of people of Hawai‘i who put their lives on the line to protect Mauna a Wākea. In fact, the Master Plan articulates its goal to “facilitate” astronomical facilities” rather than stewardship. This ignores the voices of the overwhelming majority of people who have spoken against the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope.

The Master Plan, states under “1.5: Strategies”: “UH will pursue the following strategies,” number 10: “Facilitate over the 20-year period of this Master Plan the development of an astronomical facility on Astronomy Site 13.” This is one of many places that reveals the fact that the university plans to “facilitate the development of astronomy,” specifically the Thirty Meter Telescope at Astronomy Site 13 rather than “stewarding the land.”

I find the naming of the new entity the “Center for Maunakea Stewardship” offensive. Why is it now stewardship when the so-called stakeholder group identified in the Master Plan remains the same? The Institute for Astronomy, the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center, the Mauna Kea Management Board and Kahu Ku Mauna *are the very same groups that have been used to advance the interests of the Thirty Meter Telescope*. The very formation of Kahu Ku Mauna has been exposed as fraudulent when a courageous former member of the group testified at the BLNR TMT contested case hearing that she was asked to rubberstamp policies. How is that true collaboration or stewardship?

Let me explain what true stewardship looks like. It would mean going to Kanaka Maoli who look to ‘ike kupuna or ancestral knowledge to design a stewardship plan. Kumu hula Pualani Kanaka‘ole Kanahale and other hula practitioners and aloha ‘āina put together a stewardship entitled *Kīho ‘iho ‘i Kānāwai: Restoring Kānāwai for Island Stewardship*. I urge you to consider that document, which can be found online, and to consider the ways that that plan illustrates deep knowledge of the elements in Hawai‘i and how to properly care for them. From generations of practicing the art of kilo, keen observation of the natural world, they have identified the kānāwai a ke akua or the laws of the elements. The truth is that Pualani Kanaka‘ole, a beloved kumu hula,

was one of the kupuna arrested for standing for the kānāwai a ke akua or the laws of the elements. These laws include the Ho‘okikī Kānāwai, the Law of Continuity, that is violated by the Thirty Meter Telescope. Pualani Kanaka‘ole Kanahela‘s daughter Kekuhi Keali‘ikanaka‘oleohaililani co-wrote the *Kīho‘iho‘i Kānāwai* stewardship plan teaches courses in island stewardship, and she is the one training hundreds of people in true land stewardship through the educational organization Lonoa Honua. You can learn more about true land stewardship at kekuhi.com.

Why does the University of Hawai‘i, supposedly the premiere insitution of higher education in Hawai‘i, consistently ignore the work of Kanaka Maoli practitioners most steeped in ancestral knowledges that are articulated in Hawaiian language in mele and oli?

The Master Plan privileges the knowledges of settlers who do not have 1) mo‘okū‘auhau or genealogical connection to lands and waters in Hawai‘i and 2) and do not have a knowledge of Hawaiian language and the ancestral knowledge of stewardship as it is reflected in oli and mele.

I urge you to reject this Master Plan that continues to ignore the voices of the people who stand for the protection of Mauna Kea.

Sincerely,



Candace Fujikane
Professor of English
Director of the Undergraduate Program in English



Maunakea Management plan

1 message

Joni Kamiya <jonikamiya@gmail.com>
To: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 9:48 AM

Aloha Board Member,

I am writing to you in favor of continued management of Maunakea's astronomy pursuits. The further we seek the truth of our origins and look beyond the stars, we can keep our connection to our ancestors. I may not be of Hawaiian descent but my family looked at the same stars I see when they took a leap to find a new life. To keep opportunities open, we must invest in it.

The stars have connected us for the years and we can't turn away from it now because of those who are loud. Learning is ongoing and we need to pursue it here in Hawaii through astronomy.

Aloha,

Joni Kamiya
Kaneohe, HI

Sent from my iPhone



Mauna Kea

1 message

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Aloha, Please let the world see that we stand first in line to lead on science and the future. The world needs our Moutain. Support the Master Plan that will allow the stars to be observed for many lifetimes. Keep it simple, support The Plan and the TMT project.

Mahalo,

Harold Spindel

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BOR VI.F. Adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands -- E Ō I Nā Leo
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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

i oppose the UH master plan. Please stop this madness. There is nothing more you should do to the mauna. Please stop violating the rights of the mauna and kanaka maoli. Do you not have something else better to do in the face of climate change? There was a huge volcanic eruption near your ohana neighbor pacific island of the kingdom of Tonga and Samoa. Wheres the aid in that? Wheres the preparation for for climate disaster that will come to Hawai'i if you build that telescope. Of course you dont think this little (NOT little) development has any impact, just like how elon musk or jeff bezos didnt think their impact on the world changes the climate, but it does! Online shopping, streaming, and more private transport all contributes to that. Please stop fighting the people, YOUR own ohana. And please fight the billionaires TAKING all the

resources for personal gains like 30 seconds in space with a private rocket. Just think about it. This is ridiculous.

I oppose the UH master plan, which prioritizes the construction of the Thirty-Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea. In case you weren't listening to our voices when we stood on the frontline in the thousands to oppose this telescope, no means no. Listen to the native people. This is a human rights issue. We already put our lives and bodies on the line to stop this telescope. We endured freezing cold weather for over 8 months to demonstrate our opposition. Listen to this - A'ole! A master plan with more telescopes and more desecration of the most sacred land of Native Hawaiians must not be approved. Over 1000 comments were submitted in opposition to the master plan because it includes TMT. Is there any part of Hawai'i that we can leave for our future generations? It is unbelievable the hatred that you must hold towards Kanaka Maoli to seriously advance a plan that would build more telescopes, including the TMT, and erect a gate to keep Hawaiians out. From the military poisoning our waters to this "Hawaiian place of learning" destroying the foundation of life culture - the level of disrespect of our 'Āina is just off the charts. A'ole TMT. No more telescopes. Take care of this 'Āina before you look to the stars.

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Comments Only

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Before the world figured out that Mauna Kea was the tallest mountain in the world, was there ever a proposal to build on Mt. Shasta(Denali)?, if so then BUILD THERE!!! Or Mt. Rushmore, BUILD THERE!!! Why does HAWAII and the HAWAIIANS(KANAKA MAOLI) or the locals in HAWAII continuously have to suffer. When IS enough, ENOUGH?!? WHY DOES THE

STATE OF HAWAII ALWAYS HAVE TO BE USED, ABUSED(contamination of land/aina) bombing by the military that's called practice or training exercises. Then when they are done the land that's not habitable, cannot grow vegetables that helps the island thrive, cannot help provide temporary or permanent housing for the homeless, cannot be used as a park for the KEIKIS' to play, KUPUNAS to EXERCISE, CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS to teach about the people of this AINA!?!?! For our community to continuously go through this kind of ABUSE, will no longer be tolerated!!!

ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES THAT IS SO INTERESTED IN BUILDING ON THE MAUNA, WITH ALL OF THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS PROMISED. WHY DON'T THEY BUILD IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES OR MOUNTAINS?!?!? BECAUSE THEY'VE ALREADY DID STUDIES ON THE DAMAGE THAT WOULD BE CAUSED BY THE TELESCOPE(BUILDING OF IT AND IT'S EXISTANCE)!!! IT'S DAMAGE TO THE LAND/AINA CANNOT BE HEALED AND BROUGHT BACK TO IT'S PRISTINE CONDITION AS IT SITS NOW!!! THERE ARE PLANTS & INSECTS THAT ONLY LIVE ON THE MAUNA!!! NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD DO THESE PLANTS & INSECTS EXIST!!! WHERE IS THE PROTECTION FOR THOSE THINGS TO LIVE AND THRIVE??? IF IT WAS ANOTHER PLACE IN THE WORLD TO HAVE THIS TELESCOPE THERE WOULD BE JUST AS MUCH RESISTANCE I'M SURE. BUT BECAUSE IT'S IN HAWAII

AND THE HAWAIIANS NEVER PUT UP RESISTANCE,
"OH WE CAN JUST TAKE IT, THEY WON'T DO
ANYTHING!!!" *****THOSE DAYS ARE OVER!!!!***** WE
WILL RESIST!!! UNTIL THE LAST ALOHA AINA!!!!!!

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

Hawaiian lands belong in Hawaiians hands. Why do we spend MILLIONS on dollars on poles that do nothing for the people. If a missile is coming stars in the sky do NOTHING FOR THE PEOPLE and the reason why my ohana will never ever support this and we will be on the mountain to support our ohana and the lands that where apart of the Hawaiian legacy. Spend money where its needed not on a big telescope on OUR mountain.

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Your Position (required) *

Support

Your Testimony/Comments

I support the master plan including the Thirty Meter Telescope. I am the daughter of an astronomer and grew up on the Big Island. I was trained at University of Hawaii John A Burns School of medicine and practice in Honolulu. I have voyaged on Hikianalia (one of the Polynesian Voyaging Societies wa'a). I believe that Maunakea has the ability to be both a sacred and a scientific wonder and we should strive for it to be an example of how we can be both respectful of the land and all its people as well as a place for discovery and innovation. For me it has never been a question of yes or no it is how do we do it in a way that changes the narrative of the past that hurt so many people and make our home a place that nurtures and thrives where people are treated with aloha. I think this master plan is a step in this direction and this is why I support it.

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I have a hard time understanding individuals who utilize Hawaiian stolen lands for the benefit of their own corporate agenda. For a decade now Kanaka Maoli, Native Hawaiians have been AGAINST the continued rape of our lands. Let us not forget that Native Hawaiians did NOT vote to be apart of the US, it was the transplant Americans who were given that exclusive voting rights that put us here today. What we need to do is focus on the current and remaining issues that our host people go through. Which once again is shown through these meetings, because STILL, after 2015 and 2019, are haole investors and corporations being prioritized over the actual Hawaiians that love and care for this place. You cannot simply put a few Hawaiian values and articles of language to fully engage the perspective of Native Hawaiians. You cannot simply take one language

course at the University and believe that you no more than the generations of Hawaiian families that have been working these lands for generations. We are still struggling with access to our lands, ALL LANDS ARE HAWAIIAN LANDS, let us not forget that! If you truly want the trust and respect from the Native Hawaiian community then there must be sacrifices, because everyday Hawaiians sacrifice our sanity, our mental health, our physical health, and most importantly our spiritual health, just by being a part of a government and a capitalist system that has continued to show us no ALOHA. Funny how that works, our own language being used against us. Do you even know what real aloha is? As a university who has had MANY problems with Kanaka Hawaii, I find it mind boggling that we are still fighting you folks to get your selves together and be more FOR THE HAWAIIANS. When will you realize that our land is far more priceless than the projects you wish to build to EXPLOIT our land and people. When will you realize that it takes actual Kanaka Hawaii to learn and teach the Hawaiian culture in its most authenticity. People who have NO SPIRITUAL connection to these lands, who have NO GENERATIONAL connection to these lands AS HAWAIIANS, have no right to attack the Kanaka who are standing up and saying ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. NO MORE TELESCOPES ALREADY! Get more Hawaiians to our lands, get us working on our spiritual health by making these places available. Right now there is an influx of outsiders moving in and Hawaiians moving out, does that not scare you? Hawaii will never be Hawaii if we continue to put projects that are temporary and not sustaining to the whole well-being of our Hawaiian community. Hawaii will never be Hawaii if we continue to place american values over Hawaiian values, HAWAII WILL NEVER BE HAWAII if you continue to shut the HAWAIIANS OUT. And that is what everyone needs to realize. This aina is our Kupuna, these resources are our akua, and you will never feel what it truly is to be a Hawaiian in Hawaii if you never give us the SAFE SPACE to be that. May the kupuna guide your naau to what is pono, and no, not the biblical Righteousness, but the Hawaiian perspective of balance. YOU, University, have raped that Mauna for too long, SHE NEEDS TO REST AND BE RESTORED, THAT IS PONO INTENTIONS, THAT IS ALOHA, THAT IS HAWAIIAN. Me ke aloha aina oiaio.

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I am 67 and lived in Hawaii all my life. I am opposed to TMT building on Mauna Kea. Please don't. I am not against science. There are other places in the world to build it. I would like to think what I ask counts. Mahalo for your time.

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I oppose the building of the TMT project and we need better management for the people. We will not allow this to happen again. The whole world is looking at your behavior. Listen to the voices if our people...Eō

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Your Position (required) *

Support

Your Testimony/Comments

Aloha TMT Supporters,

We need UH's new Master Plan in place in order to renew UH's Master Lease for Mauna Kea and keep the astronomy industry, including TMT, in Hawaii! I support adoption of UH's draft Master Plan for Mauna Kea because it keeps astronomy on Mauna Kea alive, including the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). UH has done a masterful job of managing Mauna Kea over the last 20 years, especially with respect to obtaining a permit for the construction of TMT. TMT is one of the greatest projects to ever be developed in Hawaii and I wholeheartedly support its completion. I hope UH is doing everything in its power to ensure TMT is built. Moreover, Mauna Kea is now some of the best managed state-owned land in Hawaii. Mauna Kea

Observatories are the most scientifically-productive collection of telescopes in the world, and I am proud of their work. Astronomy on Mauna Kea is our culture. Astronomy on Mauna Kea provides opportunities for our keiki to benefit in terms of education, training, inspiration, and pride in the scientific discovery that takes place in our home. The presence of astronomy on Mauna Kea is vital for the Hawaii Island community and our state as a whole, for the economic diversification and world-class nature of the work that goes on there. Please keep it up. I mua Kilo Hōkū and i mua TMT!

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Oppose

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StoptheMaunakeaTMT'S!!!!!!

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

1 How not to Think about TMT and Mauna Kea. Williamson Chang. Sunday, January 16, 2022

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

Mauna Kea is a sacred place that is also a water source. If the TMT were to be built it would destroy the mauna and contaminate the water.

Your Testimony (pdf or word)

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Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I am in opposition of building the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) because it does not benefit Native Hawaiians and it violates sacred Hawaiian land.

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Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I oppose the building of the TMT on Maunakea because that is a very sacred space for us Hawaiians. Many of our ancestors that came before us are buried under there. And to keep on adding more telescopes for the purpose of science is just unbelievable. A solution to this is building this TMT anywhere else in the world OTHER THAN Hawaii. The fact that scientist and David Ige are ok with this makes it known to the Hawaiian people that you guys dont care about us and our past. You guys only care about science and NOT how the people of their own land feel. That is very shamefull and I belive us Hawaiians need to be heard!

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Some comments that I do have about this building on the TMT are the effects it will have on the Mauna and what effects it will have on the Hawaiian people for building something like that on sacred lands. Some other comments I have if they do end up building it on the Mauna what benefits will the Hawaiian people get?

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I oppose because Maunakea is such a beautiful place and there gonna build something that takes away the beauty of Maunakea. I understand that the TMT can see more stuff in space, but Maunakea should be used as a place to sit and just look up at the sky with your eyes. There doesn't have to be a fancy telescope up there so we can see, we can use our eyes and see what we wanna see. So they should not build the TMT because it's gonna take away the beauty of Maunakea.

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Your Position (required) *

Support

Your Testimony/Comments

A comment that came up to me for this regent agenda is that the maunakea plan should at least talk about the important view of not having a university hawaii on mauna kea and at least see the positive side of the agenda and go straight forward

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I reject the proposal of the TMT to be built atop Mauna Kea. It is a cultural wahipana or sacred place that serves as a spiritual connection to Akua (God). Also, the University of Hawai'i has neglected their kuleana/responsibility to the maintenance and upkeep of the wahipana with no regard to the people who have the highest regard for Mauna Kea, 'āina aloha, kapu aloha.

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Oppose

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The whole TMT situation has been around for a couple of years now and I just don't think it's right. I personally think that the TMT would open a lot of doors for people, but I just don't think that the location is right. It's just too big and too impacting as a project, impacting as in affecting negatively. It's on sacred lands and the thing is supposed to be as big as Aloha Stadium, so you can just put that into perspective. Even though the whole situation has kind of cooled down or have been somewhat pushed aside since then, it hasn't been forgotten, it's still an issue that has to be solved.

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

Dear Board of Regents,

Aloha I am Hi'ilei Patoc and I oppose this bill.

I do not support the building of the telescope on Mauna Kea. I believe that by building this it will affect Hawai'i in a very negative way. There is no real guarantee what this project will lead to in the future so its better not to chance it. The TMT would be on a big, most likely, the main water source on Hawai'i island and it will do the same damage the fuel tanks did on Red Hill.

I don't think or want this bill to pass. Thank you for reading my testimony

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Your Position (required) *

Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

Aloha 'O Tehani ko'u inoa

I'm a 10th-grade student at a public charter school called "Halau Ku Mana" also known as "The school of strength"

Halau Ku Mana helped me realize the importance of 'Kapu' or 'sacred'. Maunakea is the home to a Hawaiian goddess Poliahu(Goddess of snow). not only that but Maunakea is also a part of the tallest mountains measured. I visited Maunakea on my 8th-grade huaka'i and I haven't felt close to something as big as Maunakea herself. I know people will think "But it's just a mountain, it can't feel anything," a lot of people said the same thing about lava rocks from the Big Island and now some of those people are still scared to come back to Hawaii

and take their chances. now imagine destroying someone's home as if taking something you see as lava rock, but the Hawaiians see it as something sacred. This is an old trick in the book, People will take for money no matter if it's someone else's home people will only see dollar signs on our lands.

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Support

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I support adoption of the UH Master Plan for Maunakea. I am extremely disappointed in the recent recommendation of the legislative committee. I believe the management of Mauna Kea should remain the purview of the University of Hawaii. Although mistakes were made in the past, UH has worked diligently to correct those mistakes, especially with increased outreach to members of the Hawaiian community and inclusion of Hawaiians in developing plans for the mauna. However, the current legislative report throws out all of that progress and disregards any input from the rest of the residents of Hawaii.

All aspects of the community should be represented not just one vocal group. The astronomy community should be allowed to participate given the many benefits they provide the community such as funding for

STEM education four our keiki and good paying jobs.

To approve this report would make a mockery of all the work that has been done over the past ten years in favor of kowtowing to the protesters who have violated laws and refused to accept legally valid decisions when they did not go their way. Mauna Kea belongs to all of us, not just to a vocal minority. Mauna Kea is no more sacred than the rest of our beautiful islands and should be cared for by representatives of all of us not just a few. UH has the experience and scientific knowledge to be stewards of this wonderful resource.

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Aloha, my name is hulale'a and I am a student from Halau Ku Mana public charter school. my opinion is that I don't want them to build the TMT because it's a wahipana or a sacred place, it's a sacred place where native Hawaiian people believe that it's the place for the gods.

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in the scientific discovery that takes place in our home. The presence of astronomy on Mauna Kea is vital for the Hawaii Island community and our state as a whole, for the economic diversification and world-class nature of the work that goes on there. Please keep it up. I mua Kilo Hōkū and i mua TMT!

mahalo,
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Support

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I support building TMT as long as no irreparable harm to Mauna Kea is done as a result. Protection of the environment must be the first responsibility of each step, decision. There must be a limit of the number of telescopes. I support the careful removal of older telescopes. Mauna Kea must not become a graveyard of abandoned technology.

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Oppose

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To me, it is disrespectful the fact that plan is even called " E Ō I Nā Leo" or "Listen to the voices." For decades the Board of Regents has continued to ignore complaints and even broken their own agreements towards the development atop Maunakea. There have been multitudes of protests, testimonies, and movements against the continued development and disregard occurring on top of one of Hawaii's most sacred places. I have no issue with progress or research, I have no problem with astronomy; we as Hawaiians were prominent astronomers ourselves! It is the fact that you have paraded around as if you have the final say on this land as if the land you develop and work upon is yours when it is not. 13, 13 is the number of telescopes you have built. That in of itself breaks your original agreement and yet now you want to build a bigger and more

consuming one as well? It is an insult to injury and a spit in the face of the people you are supposed to serve and educate. You have so many options at your disposal but your choice is to create a false reality in which you can justify your actions and then ask the public if it is okay with them. It is not, was not, will not ever be. You have broken our trust and destroyed the possibility of a future in which your precious telescope is created. It is too late now.

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Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

Welina mai kakou,

University of Hawaii Board of Regents Mahalo for this opportunity to share my testimony and stance on Mauna Kea. 'O Ramsey Fiorello ko'u inoa, no Kāne'ohe mai au. I am a kumu at Hālau Kū Māna Public Charter School, and I oppose BOR VI.F Adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands – E o I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices).

For fifty years, Mauna Kea has been managed with utter disregard for the environment and its ecosystem. The Department of Land and Natural Resources' mission statement is to promote the safe and responsible use of Hawaii's natural resources. More specifically, headed by the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the

DLNR is “responsible for managing, administering, and exercising control over public lands, water resources, ocean waters, navigable streams, coastal areas (except commercial harbors), minerals, and all interests therein” (“About DLNR”). However, the DLNR has gone against its own rules and guidelines. For example, Mauna Kea is recognized as Conservation Land and by that definition, the DLNR and UH have failed the mountain miserably. There have been numerous spills and construction projects on the Mauna, which have led to adverse effects on its environment. In 1995, there had been such an accumulation of trash on the mountain that the city had to airlift it out, costing taxpayers \$20,000. In 2011, the Subaru Observatory spilled 100 liters of orange coolant, which shut the observatory down for two weeks. These examples are two of many that are the result of the DLNR and UH’s disregard and neglect of Mauna Kea. Allowing them to remain in control of the mountain would be a complete dishonor to the people of Hawai‘i. Mauna Kea holds much significance for our people, both culturally and environmentally. If these actions are to continue our mountain will be gone. I urge the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to not adopt this plan or any other plan. Stop TMT!

Mahalo Nui Loa

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Oppose

Your Testimony/Comments

I am opposed to the Master Plan because it does not take into consideration the voices of the people. Naming it "Listen to the People" is misleading. Thousands of people across Hawaii have spoken time and time again. We are opposed to the TMT. I am opposed to it.

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BOR VI.F Adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands – E o I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices) TESTIMONY LETTER

Addressed specifically to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents,

Welina me ke aloha,

I am a 9th grader in Hawaiian Charter School Hālau Kū Māna and I live in Kalihi Kai. My testimony emphasizes that I fully oppose BOR VI.F Adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands – E o I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices).

Before I cite my reasons and evidence to oppose TMT, I must recite this 'Ōlelo No'eau I thought was relatable to the controversy happening today. "Ka lepo ke kumu wai, e hua'i ana ka lepo i kai." And this 'ōlelo translated is "When the source of the water is dirty, muddy water will be seen in the lowland." Nowadays, you know this 'ōlelo no'eau is true because whenever it floods, all the mud and 'opala goes to the ocean and you have to wait for a few days for it to fully flush, right? Well, how this relates to TMT is that due to the 13 TMT already built on Mauna Kea, not only does the chemicals needed to supply it be built 7 stories below ground, these chemicals include coolant and jet fuel. And if you know the effects of these chemicals, then you would know it is extremely harmful to water, and the potential danger it would do to water aquifers. In 2011 the Subaru Observatory spilled 100 liters of orange coolant, leading it to be shut down for two weeks although this observatory did not mean for this to happen, it did which is why the aquifer in Mauna Kea needs to be protected.

From 1893 and until around the 1970's, the lāhui was at a loss in their culture, for they didn't know who their ancestors were, and they didn't know who they were. Sacred wahi pana were being desecrated such as Pōhakuloa, Kaho'olawe, and various lo'i kalo lands like Kūhiawaho. Many of these lands continue to be desecrated, such as Mauna Kea. When I was born in 2006 and was attempted to be raised around Hawaiian culture as much as possible, it didn't work out. The only three 'Ōlelo Hawai'i I knew were 'a'ole, 'ae, and lua. I struggled with asking to go to the lua in Hawaiian. I was at a loss, which at some point didn't even know the story behind my name. It was only recently that I luckily learned about all of these 'ike. . But could you imagine what it was like for kids my age before the Hawaiian Renaissance? The oppression 'Ōlelo and practicing cultural activities because if you cultivated your culture, severe physical punishment at school would be the consequence. If not for the Hawaiian renaissance, who knows what would've happened to our 'āina today. Would there even be a Kaho'olawe, or would it just be labeled as "Testing Site for Military Bombing." The lack of support from the Board of Regents in shutting down TMT is the same type of oppression our ancestors have suffered. Stop silencing our voices when we say we don't want this telescope built on our mauna.

Therefore as I conclude my testimony, I would like to recite my position; I fully oppose BOR VI.F Adoption of the Master Plan for the University of Hawai'i Maunakea Lands – E o I Nā Leo (Listen to the Voices). I would also like to leave with this last bit of information, Kānaka Maoli weren't the only ones who supported Queen Lili'uokalani during annexation but Hawaiian Nationals of different nationalities. The same way people of Hawai'i rallied for what was right then, people of Hawaii are rallying for the shutdown of TMT. It is up to you to make the right decision to continue to whitewash indigenous people and desecrate our lands in the name of profitable astronomy.

Mahalo nui.

Me ke aloha,
Ka'imipono Inofinada, Kū Kia'i Mauna

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Dear BOR Members,

I am writing in late, to oppose the adoption of the "Master" Plan for Maunakea Lands.

To be honest, I felt too worn down to submit testimony--it is so demoralizing to write and speak, again and again, in the face of callous capitalist and colonial disregard. But after listening to hours of eloquent and impassioned testimony from kia'i, who show up every single time such testimony is required, despite the fact that the University does not listen to them (and the title of your "Master" Plan is a travesty as well as an act of cultural appropriation, as pointed out by Mr. Flores), I realized the importance of continuing to speak out, and on the record, to oppose the University's settler colonial agenda and disregard for the aloha 'āina who are fighting to protect their land, skies and waters.

Be on the right side of history and stop acting to desecrate the Mauna and to disrespect those who stand and will continue to stand, until the last aloha 'āina, to protect their beloved ancestor-- and the waters that give life to all of us who live on these islands.

Cynthia Franklin

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Mauna Kea 'management'

1 message

Shannon Rudolph <shannonkona@gmail.com>
Bcc: bor.testimony@hawaii.edu

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 10:26 AM

Aloha!

I am a 40 year caucasian resident of Hawai`i Island.

The 'management' of Mauna Kea has been atrocious for 50 years.

It's time to give up on the TMT & start decommissioning applicable telescopes with the intention of restoring the area for its true owners.

Land based telescopes are dinosaurs and the Hawaiian people and their allies will NEVER allow the TMT to be built. They will block the road to the summit forever, if necessary.

Save yourselves the headache & cash. Throw in the towel.

Mahalo!

Shannon Rudolph - Kona

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How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~ Anne Frank



UH Masterplan for Mauna a Wakea

1 message

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Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 11:46 AM

Aloha e BOR,

I am writing in complete opposition of this masterplan. The writers of this masterplan have not listened to the voice that have spoken, yet you entitle the plan listen to the voices. This is a sacred site that has been desecrated from the get go. You have not listened at all. No one should be going up there, not astronomers, not tourist vans, not locals to play in the snow. In the past, only certain kahuna had permission to go there, that's it. All the land in Hawai'i is to be cared for by the people who live on it and benefit from it, to take care of it, not destroy it. We all are just caretakers for a short while to pass on to the next generation something better, not worse. This decision rests in the hands of the creator and you the Board should make that decision in the best interest of all, not just a few that might benefit. That being said, the Kanaka Maoli and their ways of knowing take precedence because their ancestors have lived and taken care of this land far longer than the foreigners that came and oppressed the native people and still do so today. Justice will always prevail. I am a graduate of UHH, a teacher, a mother, a grandmother, an environmentalist, and steward of the resources, I write from many viewpoints. The taking and owning of land and controlling what is done on that land is the greatest destruction done to the people who were here first, where is the respect. Listen to the people, a majority have spoken against the building of TMT, yet this keeps going on and on, no means no, 'a'ole means 'a'ole!!!Mahalo for allowing public input, let the voice be heard.

Sent from my iPad Lisa Kaahakea Peleiholani



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1 message

Hank Hawaiian <hankhawaiian@yahoo.com>

Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 2:37 PM

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Aloha,

This testimony is submitted as a result of inability to connect to meeting starting *:30 am. I was advised to submit my testimony before the end of the mtg, to having it included in the minutes of the meeting.



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UH Board of Regents,

I apologize for my disability to connect to today's Board meeting. I was able to at least listen via my phone. I am following up with the advice that if I am able to submit testimony by the end of the meeting, that it would be made part of the record.

I wanted to voice our opposition to the Mauna Kea Master Plan and its insistence that the Thirty Meter Telescope is a major part of the plan. It seems that regardless of the substantial opposition to TMT that the University of Hawaii continues to make TMT the spotlight of the future of Astronomy in Hawaii. What seems to escape the University is that the lands of Mauna Kea in its present identification continually declines as it was once considered "Ceded Lands" and now has been identified by the University as "State Owned Lands". This recent identification portrays Mauna Kea to be State OWNED as opposed to Ceded lands held in Trust, thereby perpetuating a false narrative of ownership that is deceptive to potential funders of the TMT project.

Please understand that new Mauna Kea plans will create potential conflicts with Native Hawaiian Religious practices and cultural practices that conflict with Article 12 sec.7 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

I stand in opposition to the attempt to get an extended lease for the lands of Mauna Kea. The current lease calls for its termination in 2033. The University pays a mere \$1 per year. As a lease from the State of Hawaii, I believe that the lease agreements need to be carried out as specified and conditioned by the original lease. A new lease would have to go through proper bidding channels consistent with State lease laws.

As far as the State Senate's Mauna Kea working groups findings and suggestions. While we don't necessarily agree with all their points, we do agree that TMT is out of the question and will remain a massive controversy.

Thank you, Hank Fergerstrom