

From: [Sue Alana](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 11:07:08 AM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is [Your Name], and I am a resident of [Town/City, Island]. I am submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to renewing the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation. I respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the lease renewal and support the return of these lands to the people of Hawai'i, nā Kānaka 'Ōiwi.

The Army's own Final Environmental Impact Statement confirms what our communities have long known: military control has severely limited cultural access and harmed our ability as Kānaka 'Ōiwi and Hawai'i residents to care for and connect with these places. Despite policies for cultural access, the reality is that access is highly restricted — requiring advance requests, military escorts, and limiting who, when, and where we can go. This prevents us from practicing our traditions, stewarding the land, and teaching future generations. The continued lease would only extend these harms.

I call on the BLNR to prioritize restoration and cleanup of these lands, not further occupation. Please return them to community stewardship so Native Hawaiians and local residents can care for them as our kūpuna intended. The 'āina deserve healing, and our people deserve meaningful access without military barriers.

Mahalo for considering my testimony,
Sue Alana
Kapolei, Makakilo Oahu

From: [Fran Janal](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 4:05:59 PM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Jonathan Janal, and I am a resident of Denville NJ. I am submitting this testimony as a non-resident of Hawai'i who cares deeply about Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and environmental protection. I am writing to respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the renewal of the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation.

The Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement makes clear that the military's continued presence restricts cultural access and harms the ability of Native Hawaiians to connect with and care for these sacred lands. The access that is offered is burdened by strict conditions: permits, escorts, and limited dates that make it impossible for these communities to fulfill their cultural responsibilities. As someone who believes in justice, I stand in solidarity with the Native Hawaiian community's call for land return, cleanup, and restoration.

Please do what is right: reject this lease renewal and support the return of these lands to Native Hawaiian stewardship. The future of Hawai'i's lands and people depends on decisions like this.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Janal

Denville, New Jersey

From: Cheryl B
To: DLNR.BLNR.Testimony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Army EIS. Agenda Item D-1
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 4:06:58 PM

Aloha

We STRONGLY ask that the BLNR **REJECT** the EIS as submitted by the Army.

The army has not adequately done the following:

1. Provided data for a baseline to understand the impacts to the natural, historical and cultural resources. The next question would be where is the baseline data to show the effect on the people of this place? The army has incomplete historical and archeological studies, including burials, loi systems and heiau.
2. The army has not shown good faith and to date has not adhered to the ruling of the Hawaii State Supreme Court's that says the State breached the trust in the Case of Ching vs. Case. <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/kahuliao/wp-content/uploads/sites/122/2023/03/The-Duty-To-Aloha-Aina.pdf>. The areas have yet to be taken care of and we are to believe they will start?
3. The EIS is a legal document which is to assess environmental, cultural and community impacts, consider alternatives and respond to public input. There has been an overwhelming amount of public input that has been ignored on this EIS and the subsequent leases which they wish to have.
4. Specific to the sites they wish: Kawailoa is an important area for native forest habitats. The fires that the army sets directly affect this area. Kahuku training area, the waterways are polluted with no policies in place.
5. Does not comply with Act 50.
6. Fails to ensure free, prior consent of the Kanaka Maoli communities.
7. Conflicts with State Constitution XII section 7 which protects native Hawaiian traditional and cultural practices.

Again, we ask that the BLNR **REJECT** the Army EIS.

D. Green

C. Burghardt

Nuuanu Oahu

From: [Malie Culp](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawaii Lands
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 2:19:24 PM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Mālie Culp and I am a resident of Waikōloa, Hawai'i. I am in strong opposition to the renewal of the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area , Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation. I urge the BLNR to reject the renewal and to put restoration and clean up of these lands at top priority. No more occupation of our cultural sites and beautiful 'Āina. No more using our lands to contribute to U.S. imperialism.

Mahalo for considering my testimony,
Mālie Culp
Waikōloa, Hawai'i

From: [Kenna Hung](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 11:40:21 AM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is K G, and I am a resident of Los Angeles, California. I am submitting this testimony as a non-resident of Hawai'i who cares deeply about Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and environmental protection. I am writing to respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the renewal of the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation.

The Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement makes clear that the military's continued presence restricts cultural access and harms the ability of Native Hawaiians to connect with and care for these sacred lands. The access that is offered is burdened by strict conditions: permits, escorts, and limited dates that make it impossible for these communities to fulfill their cultural responsibilities. As someone who believes in justice, I stand in solidarity with the Native Hawaiian community's call for land return, cleanup, and restoration.

Please do what is right: reject this lease renewal and support the return of these lands to Native Hawaiian stewardship. The future of Hawai'i's lands and people depends on decisions like this.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
K G

Los Angeles, California

From: [Ramona Hussey](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the FEIS...for Oahu military leases
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 3:22:23 AM

Board members,

I urge you to reject the military's Final Environmental Impact Statement. The Army has harmed and contaminated the lands it uses. These lands belong to the people of Hawai'i, not the U.S. military.

It is PAST TIME to hold the U.S. military accountable.

Much aloha,

Ramona Hussey

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From: [jv 808](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject US Army FEIS!
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 11:52:31 AM

Aloha e BLNR,

‘O wau o Jayven, an upcoming student of LCC, majoring in Sustainable Ag / Natural Resources Management.

I’m writing in testimony in urgency to tell you to please reject the Armie’s FEIS. Time and time has shown over and over again that they will not follow their own restrictions and statements. If this FEIS is accepted, who knows what they will do to our lands again. This will affect cultural Wahipana, burial grounds, endangered species, and communities surrounding. Seeing that their EIS is insufficient, already tells us that they don’t have the right data and the right plans and mitigations for the impacts they will have in this land.

I urge you, please take our words into consideration for the betterment of our lands not for the betterment of those who destroy it!

Mahalo,
Jayven

From: [Jess](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] End Army Leases of Hawaiian Lands on O'ahu
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 3:06:07 PM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Jessica, and I am a resident of California. I am submitting this testimony as a non-resident of Hawai'i who cares deeply about Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and environmental protection. I am writing to respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the renewal of the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jessica

From: [RACHEL JONES](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Reject Army's Final EIS Instructions
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 11:02:04 AM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Rachel Jones, and I am a resident of Ketchum, Idaho, USA. I am submitting this testimony as a non-resident of Hawai'i who cares deeply about Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and environmental protection. I am writing to respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the renewal of the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation.

The Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement makes clear that the military's continued presence restricts cultural access and harms the ability of Native Hawaiians to connect with and care for these sacred lands. The access that is offered is burdened by strict conditions: permits, escorts, and limited dates that make it impossible for these communities to fulfill their cultural responsibilities. As someone who believes in justice, I stand in solidarity with the Native Hawaiian community's call for land return, cleanup, and restoration.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Rachel Jones, Ketchum, Idaho, USA

From: [DeeKay](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REJECT Military Land Leases
Date: Saturday, June 21, 2025 12:46:28 PM

Dear BLNR,

My name is David Klein. I completed my doctorate in chemistry at the University of Hawai'i. I am currently a retired professor of Environmental Toxicology, Texas Tech University. Most would consider me an expert in the field on environmental toxicology.

I would like to provide a simple, obvious solution to the question of renewing military land leases in Hawai'i. There are over a million acres in Texas at Ft. Bliss and Ft. Hood currently under US Army control. The people of Texas love the military and will be happy to host all the bombing, artillery and striker training the Army wants to do.

Hawaii is just too small, space too limited and the environment too fragile to continue bombing here. While there was justification to use Hawaii as a training area during WWII, those days have long since passed.

Chemicals from ordinance are detectable in land and water samples. The bigger threat remains unexploded ordinance (UXO). Hawaii population has grown exponentially since WWII. There are vastly more people and there realistically is no room to set aside lands for bombing and artillery practice, especially when viable options do exist.

Let Hawaii focus on hosting the military for rest and recuperation (R&R). This is not a place for practicing military maneuvers, bombing artillery or shooting.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Klein, Ph. D.

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From: [Amber Lee](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 10:55:55 AM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Amber, and I am a resident of New York City. I am submitting this testimony as a non-resident of Hawai'i who cares deeply about Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and environmental protection. I am writing to respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the renewal of the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Amber
NYC

From: [Bob Lehardy](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Email testimony ref BLNR item D1, 27 Jun 2025
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 11:45:21 AM

Aloha from Kaua'i,

I am providing email testimony concerning the FEIS submitted by the US Government concerning retention of training lands on the island of O'ahu (item D1 on your agenda for 27 Jun 2025)

I urge the Board to reject this FEIS as being inadequate, in that it fails to adequately address all of the required immediate and potential future impacts on the land and the community. Send it back, and require them to do it right.

mahalo

Bob Lehardy
Kapa'a, HI

From: [Tosa-ry Lobendahn](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote No on Army EIA
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 10:52:51 AM

Aloha Board members,

My name is Tosa Lobendahn, and I vote no on accepting the army's EIS and allowing them to retain over 6000 acres of land!

Mahalo for your time.

From: [Mele McPherson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 11:57:33 AM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Mele McPherson, and I am a resident of Moku o Keawe, Hawaii Island. I am submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to renewing the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation. I respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the lease renewal and support the return of these lands to the people of Hawai'i, nā Kānaka 'Ōiwi.

The Army's own Final Environmental Impact Statement confirms what our communities have long known: military control has severely limited cultural access and harmed our ability as Kānaka 'Ōiwi and Hawai'i residents to care for and connect with these places. Despite policies for cultural access, the reality is that access is highly restricted — requiring advance requests, military escorts, and limiting who, when, and where we can go. This prevents us from practicing our traditions, stewarding the land, and teaching future generations. The continued lease would only extend these harms.

I call on the BLNR to prioritize restoration and cleanup of these lands, not further occupation. Please return them to community stewardship so Native Hawaiians and local residents can care for them as our kūpuna intended. Just

like Kaho'olawe, and Pohakuloa, the 'āina deserve healing, and our people deserve meaningful access without military barriers.

Mahalo for considering my testimony,

Mele McPherson

Kawaihae, Hawaii

From: [Pip Newton](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Army Lease Decision
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:02:55 PM

To the members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Piper Newton, I am a resident of Massachusetts. While I do not live in Hawai'i, I am submitting testimony because I am a strong believer in environmental conservation and protection, cultural preservation, and Indigenous land rights. I strongly urge BLNR to reject the U.S. Army's lease renewal of the State owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaiiloa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation.

The military's presence prevents and inhibits Native Hawaiians' ability to care for their land and connect with it. The military gives 'access' only in limited ways, requiring permits and escorts, and limiting dates as well. Native Hawaiians are blocked off from their cultural obligations and responsibilities by military presence.

I stand in support of justice, and thus in support of the Native Hawaiian community calling for land return, cleanup, and restoration. I am asking you to reject the lease renewal, and further, to support the return of the land to Native Hawaiians. Hawai'i deserves a clean future, spearheaded by the people who live there, who have a connection to the land.

Thank you for your time,
Piper Newton
Halifax, MA

From: [Momi Nuuhiwa](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:02:34 PM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Momi Nu'uhiwa and I am a resident of Hilo, Hawai'i. I am submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to renewing the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation. I respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the lease renewal and support the return of these lands to the people of Hawai'i, nā Kānaka 'Ōiwi.

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I have hiked much of the Pohakuloa training reserve lands with Kū Ching while utilizing a military escort. Our group observed artillery shells and unexploded ordinances everywhere we hiked. We gained access as cultural practitioners and descendants of Umi a Liloa. We also discovered culturally significant sites.

I call on the BLNR to prioritize restoration and cleanup of these lands, not further occupation. Please return them to community stewardship so Native Hawaiians and local residents can care for them as our kūpuna intended. The 'āina deserve healing, and our people deserve meaningful access without military barriers.

Mahalo for considering my testimony,

Momi Nu'uhiwa

Hilo, Hawai'i

Momilanionākūpunaaloha Nu'uhiwa

From: [Lily Hi'ilani Okimura](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 10:42:34 AM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Lily Hi'ilani Okimura, and I am a resident of Honolulu, Hawai'i. I am submitting testimony in **strong opposition** to renewing the U.S. Army's lease for State-owned lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Mākua Military Reservation. I respectfully urge the BLNR to reject the lease renewal and support the return of these lands to the people of Hawai'i, nā Kānaka 'Ōiwi.

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Mahalo for considering my testimony,

Lily Hi'ilani Okimura
Honolulu, Hawai'i

From: [Kimberly Oshiro](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kahuku testimony
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 6:03:25 AM

Aloha,

I am writing to oppose renewing the kahuku, kawaihoa training areas for military.

Mahalo

Kimberly Oshiro

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