

From: [Erianah Afoa](#)
To: [Angelo Rossetti](#); [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR TESTIMONY
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:26:52 PM

Aloha Mai Kakou!

My name is Erianah Sinora Kymeani Afoa and I am a 9th Grade student at Waianae High School.

I believe the BLNR should not keep the land because it belongs to the Hawaiians. They should be rejected.

One reason I believe this is because they have disturbed sacred sites. If it's kapu, you never disturb it because if you do, you can get bad luck but either way it is sacred for a reason.

Another reason I believe this is because they also bombed up the land which is obviously not good to do. Why claim the land to just bomb it.

My final reason is for them to get denied, They should not own the land due to their actions. They have disturbed so many things on that land. They also have a lack of data on endangered species. And in Hawaii, you never go to sacred sites. And Hawaiian people have so much love and care for their land, so why take it away?

Aloha Kakou!

Erianah Sinora Kymeani Afoa.

From: [tsuyu asui](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:10:42 PM

Aloha,

My name is Rayne Akau. I am speaking on behalf of all Native peoples, not just Native Hawaiians. All that came before, all that are here now, and all that are to come.

To have the United States Army illegally occupy land, and then rent land out for measly dollars per year, is not only against integrity but against humanity. Morals. Lessons taught to us for generations, gathered by ancestors who have toiled just to find the most efficient, effective, and SUSTAINABLE ways to live in harmony with the land. Once you're out of harmony, the fresh waters stop flowing, the trees stop fruiting, the soul becomes rotten.

The Army's effect on Hawai'i has gone on for too long, and they have only brought destruction. So many streams have dried up. So many native flora and fauna gone within years, while it took millennia for them to evolve. So many cultural historical places and practices lost. They claim to have the "military defenses to protect us", but we would not need protecting if it was not for their ILLEGAL OCCUPATION in the first place.

They do not deserve a place here. They do not deserve to bomb innocent land, animals, plants, or anyone for that matter. They do not deserve to continue their mindless and greedy warfare practices on sacred islands. They do not deserve to have access to our wahi pana, our sacred places. Once you destroy the land, you destroy the people.

Kūla'ila'i, the reef at Mākua beach, is where La'ila'i rose after she descended from the heavens. She is the first woman, the mother of every Hawaiian, hence the name Mākua (Parent). Once a beautiful, bountiful valley filled with songs of gratitude and grace, is now lonely and destitute with only foreign militants as its population. The US military had their war ships out in the water on Mākua bay, shooting 250lbs, 500lbs, and 1,000lbs bombs over the beachgoers and indigenous families who lived there still (nearer the shore). They say you could feel the shockwaves all the way in Lualualei Valley. I work in Lualualei Valley, on MA'O Organic Farms. I hear the bombs from Schofield- just over the mountain of Pūhāwai. I feel the quakes and the cries of the land. I feel the intent of the US Army, and we should have to debate over the fact that they are not welcome here.

Mahalo for listening,
Rayne Akau

From: [Katherine Alexander](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:37:22 PM

Hello,

In exercising your due diligence and prudence in managing our natural and cultural resources I ask that you reject the U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Study for the Makua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training area and Poamoho.

I believe rejection of this FEIS honors the BLNR's core responsibility to protect the interests of the present and future generations of the public trust doctrine.

with appreciation and gratitude
Aloha and Mahalo
Katherine Alexander

From: [Kelsey Amos](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:27:56 PM

Aloha,

I am writing to urge the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS for Kahuku, Poamoho, and Mākuā.

DLNR staff has outlined some pretty serious deficiencies in the FEIS, including that the sites have not been properly surveyed for cultural, historical and spiritual significance, and the 'Aha Moku was not consulted until after the FEIS was completed.

I am also concerned that, as noted by DLNR staff, the FEIS relies on old studies of biological resources that don't take into account things like climate change impacts and the threat of wildfires.

The Army has not been good environmental stewards for the last 65 years and they need to be held accountable to shape up if they want to use this land for the next 65.

My preference, honestly, is that they clean it up and give it back. Anyone can tell without an FEIS that live fire training is not going to be good or healthy for our environment, people and culture.

thank you,
Kelsey

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Kelsey Amos, PhD
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From: [Kanani Aton](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
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Aloha members of the BLNR,

I submit testimony today to ask the BLNR to hold the Army accountable to the law, and to REJECT their flawed FEIS for the Mākua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area and Poamoho.

I am a native of Wahiawa and grew up in close relationship with Makua, Kahuku and Poamoho. By close relationship, I mean hiking, visiting, recreating, and living, loving and sustaining these areas in a native values framework of aloha ‘āina, or love for the land. With reliance on this indispensable relationship that I have built over my lifetime in concert with these beloved areas, I am able to speak with the special standing of a native of this land. A TENANT.

With regard to procedural requirements for this FEIS submittal, we are here at this point because lease agreements need to end and renewal is an **option** to consider.

1. The end of the lease agreement is set and going to happen because endings of leases are a natural part of leasing procedure. Endings are written into all lease agreements for good reason. Ending of agreements are designed into the process because it is a necessary and key point in time for a partnership to reassess, update, adjust and either finish, close out or renew but always to improve, do better, get closer into right relation with each other depending on all that is learned in partnership. We have learned so much as Hawaii has aged over these 65 years. For humans, 65 years is nearing the end of a single lifetime. For Hawaii, 65 years is a miniscule part of the overall age of the natural resources.
2. In that 65 year length of time, whether human or Hawaii island time, so much trauma, violation, negative impact, and cultural, biological loss has happened not only to these areas in question, but to Pohakuloa, Kaho'olawe, and Red Hill, as well as lots of irresponsible stewardship of the military bases and strongholds.
3. The stewards (meaning the military) of our Hlands that they currently occupy have requested lease renewal, and their EIS is one way for them to prove their level of care, stewardship and commitment they desire to partner with us regarding their very important mission. Safety and security of our lands is important especially today with the culture of unrest across our political and economic world.
4. I am from Wahiawa, and grew up right next to Schofield Barracks, Whitmore Navy 85 base and Wheeler army airfield. I worked for the municipal water supply in public information and education and I learned that the largest waste of domestic potable water happens on military bases throughout all of hawaii.
5. Their FEIS is inadequate for the Hawaii of today. It falls short of what our Hawaii needs in order to make it through the rapidly changing times on so many fronts.

So, in closing, we can come up with better agreements, better stewardship principles., with better stewards. The military can do better. The military has the funds, the intelligence, the

expertise to do better. The military leadership must evolve and grow toward right relation with the people here. First. The old playbooks of leases of the past are outdated, no longer relevant and not held in the highest interest of the land and the people. The military are kapulu, lepo and molowā. They are slovenly, unclean and slipshod neighbors with no regard for our neighborhood, our fresh water, our environmental balance. They are uncaring and inattentive stewards. Their claims of business here need strategic realignment, evaluative reassessment and deep introspective reflection. They are smart and can do this. We require this of them and demand high-quality partnership if they are to be here in Hawaii.

Make them do better. Hold them accountable to standards of ALOHA 'ĀINA.

mahalo,

Kanani Aton

Wahiawa, HI 96786

From: [Steven Bell](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
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Please hold the Army accountable to the law, and REJECT the flawed FEIS. The DLNR has already declared the FEIS as insufficient.

Gillian Bell

From: [eliza brady](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
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I urge you to hold the Army accountable to the law, and to REJECT this flawed FEIS.

Eliza Brady
Maui

From: [Livit Callentine](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
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Aloha BLNR,

Please reject the FEIS submitted by the Army. As the Staff Report demonstrates, the Army has failed to adequately address potential impacts from the continued use of these lands by the Army. It's time for the military to reduce its footprint on O'ahu and within the State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for taking time to read and consider all the testimonies given on this matter.

Livit Callentine, AICP
Maui Planning Permits LLC
Wailuku, Hawai'i
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From: [Annalyssah Camacho](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Opposition to Army Lease Renewals
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:00:57 PM

Aloha Land Board Members,

I strongly oppose the U.S. Army's request to renew leases at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. These are wahi pana — sacred places tied to the history, culture, and identity of Kānaka Maoli. The Army has repeatedly shown they cannot care for these lands in the way they deserve.

The FEIS is inadequate. It fails to fully assess environmental and cultural impacts, limits cultural access, displaces local families by reducing housing availability, and conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina.

It's time to return these lands to the communities who have cared for them for generations. Please protect wahi pana & reject the Army's FEIS.

Mahalo,
Anna

Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Anna Camacho / (808)756-4342

From: [annalisa carreras](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:59:45 PM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resource,

My name is Annalisa Carreras, and I am a resident of Pompton Lakes, NJ, US. 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.

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,
Annalisa Carreras
Pompton Lakes, NJ, US

From: [Hawaii Oasis Growing Sustainable](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:48:23 PM

Aloha to the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
I am urging you to reject the BLNR's U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Mākua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area, and Poamoho.

Regardless of where you live in Hawai'i, please hold the Army accountable to the law, and to REJECT this flawed FEIS.

Consult the Director of the State Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) – responsible at the time for administering HRS Chapter 343, Hawaii's environmental review law.

Previous ORQC director Gary Hooser publicly responded to the FEIS:
"Rarely if ever, have I reviewed an FEIS document as poorly prepared as THIS one, submitted by the U.S. Army. It is woefully inadequate and should be rejected.

This FEIS is so replete with deficiencies that the staff of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) itself have declared it insufficient – read the staff report and background information.

The public trust doctrine requires the BLNR to exercise due diligence and prudence in managing our natural and cultural resources. The BLNR's core responsibility is to protect the interests of the present and future generations of beneficiaries of that trust."

I am submitting this testimony to ask the BLNR to hold the Army accountable to the law, and to REJECT this flawed FEIS.

For additional context...In Hawaii the U.S. military;

The leakage from the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility that's irreversibly damaged the drinking water supply for O'ahu, decades of bombing, live fire exercises, and military training exercises have damaged beyond repair the natural landscape and once pristine environments of thousands of acres on multiple islands.

The military's constant reassurances that they will "clean up" and "restore" the lands they desecrate have been hollow promises.

It's time we say NO to the renewing of land leases at Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho, and Makua. We must also refuse expansion at Barking Sands and the bombing of Ka'ula Island.

Thank you for your time and review of this critical decision for Hawai'i future generations to protect the environment we share. I am urging you to reject the BLNR's U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Mākua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area, and Poamoho.

Mahalo,

Chama Cascade

Hawai'i Oasis

From: [Jonathan Cender](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject FEIS for Makua Military Reservation
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Kahuku Training Area, and Poamoho.

It is not good.

mahalo,

jonathan

From: [Susan Collins](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
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Please hold the Army accountable to the law, and to REJECT this flawed FEIS.

From: [Roslyn Cummings](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda D-1 AFFIDAVIT OF KANAKA PA KAUAHALE NOTICE, CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST STANDING, AND DEMAND FOR ACCOUNTABILITY
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AFFIDAVIT OF KANAKA PA KAUAHALE NOTICE, CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST STANDING, AND DEMAND FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

Submitted by: E Ola Kākou Hawai‘i — A Waiwai ‘Ole Nonprofit Trust Organization

Re: Agenda Item D-1 – Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for U.S. Army Training Land Retention, O‘ahu

To: Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR)

Cc: DLNR Land Division, BLNR Legal Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

Date: June 25, 2025

Entered into Record and Trust File

I. STATEMENT OF KULEANA AND COMMUNITY JURISDICTION

This affidavit is submitted on behalf of kanaka, ‘ohana, hoā‘āina, kahu, and mo‘okū‘auhau mo‘opuna who have never relinquished our kuleana to the ‘āina waiwai, our spiritual relationship with our kūpuna, nor our standing under Hawaiian Kingdom law.

E Ola Kākou Hawai‘i was established to protect the waiwai ‘ole (inherited abundance) of our people. We speak not as individuals, but as a collective trust voice of the lāhui, rooted in spiritual protocol, genealogy, and lawful authority.

We invoke exclusive equity jurisdiction grounded in:

- Hawaiian Kingdom Civil Code
- Mahele Act 1848
- Kuleana Act of 1850
- 1840 & 1860 Hawaiian Kingdom Constitutions
- Treaty of 1849 (U.S. & Hawaiian Kingdom)
- Common law, trust law, and the law of revolution
- UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

II. NOTICE TO BLNR LEGAL COUNSEL AND STATE ATTORNEYS

We place BLNR legal counsel, DLNR Land Division legal advisors, and the Office of the Attorney General under formal and irrevocable notice. You are:

- Operating without proven subject matter jurisdiction
- Relying on a fraudulently obtained military lease
- Disregarding customary law, treaty law, and community trust rights

To proceed with acceptance of the Final EIS without point-for-point consent from the affected kanaka pa kauhale is:

- A Criminal Omission
- A Fraud on the Record
- A Violation of Due Process
- A Spiritual Desecration of ‘Āina and Iwi Kūpuna

III. LEGAL FOUNDATIONS ALREADY RECORDED

The legal filings affirming our community trust jurisdiction have already been recorded and served:

- Bureau of Conveyances
 - Doc. Nos. A-9210000469, A-9210000470
- Hawai‘i Supreme Court – SCOT-25-0000197
- Fifth Circuit Court – 5CCV-25-0000033
- Land Court – 1CLD-24-0003640

These filings are not symbolic. They carry weight as part of the Court of Record, where truth stands unrebutted and enforceable in law.

IV. HISTORY OF FRAUD, MILITARY OCCUPATION, AND CONVERSION

Let the record reflect that the lease authorizing military occupation of Hawaiian lands was created without treaty, without lawful consent, and through deliberate suppression of native title.

Under the Clearfield Doctrine, you are required to prove

lawful title, not presume it.

Under *Marbury v. Madison*, any act done without lawful jurisdiction is void.

Under Hawaiian Kingdom law, land cannot be alienated without consent of the lineal heir.

Under Trover and Conversion doctrines, your agency may be held liable for the unauthorized use and exploitation of ancestral land.

V. COMMUNITY DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE LAWFUL ACTION

We, the undersigned and represented by E Ola Kākou Hawai'i, demand the following:

1. Immediate Rejection of the Final EIS
2. Halt to any further Executive Session deliberations involving title or lease decisions absent public and lineal consent
3. Production of the following records within 10 business days:
 - Certified chain of title
 - Names and oaths of office of all involved agents and attorneys
 - All cultural impact assessments and burial reports
 - Evidence of lawful jurisdiction over each TMK listed

Failure to comply will result in formal liens, equity enforcement, and public declaration of dishonor.

VI. ENFORCEABLE FEE SCHEDULE FOR VIOLATIONS

Any violation of this trust, community right, or spiritual directive will trigger:

Violation	Minimum Fee Per Instance
Trespass on sacred ʻĀina	\$50,000
Iwi kōpuna desecration	\$100,000
Unlawful permitting or leasing	\$75,000
Conversion of native land or artifacts	\$100,000 per parcel
Omission of records	\$25,000
Spiritual harm or protocol denial	\$33,333

This schedule is enforceable under the Malama:Cummings ‘Ohana God Trust© Claim of Damages/Transgression Fee Schedule, previously served.

VII. FINAL DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF THE LĀHUI

We do not consent.

We do not surrender our genealogy, kuleana, or law.

We do not accept further desecration under false jurisdiction.

This filing is entered into the Court of Record, not as a petition, but as a lawful declaration of protective standing and equitable remedy. All parties receiving this notice are expected to respond in law, in writing, under oath, and with proof of authority.

To remain silent is to admit liability.

Submitted on Behalf of Pa Kauhale by:

E Ola Kākou Hawai‘i

A Waiwai ‘Ole Nonprofit Organization

President: Roslyn Nicole Manawaiakea Malama mare Cummings known as
Roslyn Cummings

Roslyn Cummings

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June 25, 2025

From: [Roslyn Cummings](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: mana.eolakouhawaii@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item: D-1 VOID: Per Rule 60(b)(4), all administrative decisions made without subject matter jurisdiction are void ab initio.
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:41:44 PM

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE, EQUITY JURISDICTION, CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST, AND DEMAND FOR LEGAL REBUTTAL

Re: Agenda Item 1 – Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Army Training Land Retention – O‘ahu

To: Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), DLNR Land Division, and Legal Counsel, and Office of the Attorney General

From: Roslyn Nicole Manawaiakea Malama mare Cummings (Roslyn Cummings)

In Propria Persona | Ho‘oilina | Trustee | Native Tenant

President, E Ola Kākou Hawai‘i | Trustee, Malama:Cummings ‘Ohana God Trust©

Date: June 25, 2025

I. EXCLUSIVE EQUITY JURISDICTION & PROTECTIVE STANDING

I, Roslyn Cummings, as ho‘oilina, hoa‘āina, and lawful trustee, hereby enter this affidavit of legal notice, invoking exclusive equity jurisdiction over the TMKs listed in the Final EIS for military retention on O‘ahu. The lands in question are part of our inherited ancestral trust and are now

entered into a Constructive Trust. This legal standing is superior to any commercial or military lease created through fraud, misrepresentation, or unlawful conquest.

Maxim of Law: *Fraus est celare fraudem* – “It is fraud to conceal fraud.”

II. SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION IS NOT ESTABLISHED

No valid treaty of annexation was ever executed between the Hawaiian Kingdom and the United States. The Clearfield Doctrine (*Clearfield Trust Co. v. United States*, 318 U.S. 363 (1943)) affirms:

“When governments engage in commercial activity, they are liable as private corporations and must produce proof of lawful authority.”

DLNR and BLNR have failed to show:

- Treaty-based jurisdiction
- Authority under valid chain of title
- Consent from lawful heirs

Per Rule 60(b)(4), all administrative decisions made without subject matter jurisdiction are void ab initio.

III. VIOLATIONS OF THE RULE OF LAW & DUE PROCESS

All agencies involved are bound by Rule of Law, Trust Doctrine, and Constitutional Due Process. The proposed acceptance of this Final EIS without lawful consultation or evidence of jurisdiction violates:

- Due Process Clause – U.S. Constitution, Amend. XIV
- First Amendment – Religious and spiritual protections
- NHPA Section 106 – 36 CFR §800
- HRS §6E and §92F
- UNDRIP – Right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent

Maxim of Law: Justice must not only be done but must be seen to be done.

Injuria non excusat injuriam – One wrong does not justify another.

IV. UNREBUTTED LEGAL PRINCIPLES IN FORCE

You are hereby formally placed on notice of the following legal violations and doctrines in full effect:

1. Crimes of Omission
 - Failing to disclose material facts and fiduciary limitations (HRS §6E; §92F).
 - Constitutes a denial of due process and actionable breach of fiduciary duty.
- 2.
3. Trover and Conversion
 - Unlawful assumption of control over trust land and cultural property (Civil Code §387).
 - You are in unlawful possession and liable for restoration and restitution.
4. Unjust Enrichment
 - State and federal agencies have profited off of fraudulently obtained lease agreements and desecrated sacred lands.
 - Enrichment without title or consent is void under equity.
5. Clearfield Doctrine
 - Operating commercially under color of law strips sovereign immunity; you must prove standing and authority.
6. Doctrine of Discovery – Rebutted
 - Title based on conquest or presumption of vacancy is unlawful.
 - Acknowledged globally as genocide and nullified by Vatican (2023) and United Nations.

V. HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE FRAUDULENT LEASE

The original Army lease of these lands was created without consent, lawful jurisdiction, or valid title. It relied on the fraudulent premise of U.S.

sovereignty over Hawaiian Kingdom lands. Such a lease:

- Was based on theft by deception
- Bypassed treaty law and customary law
- Denied rights under the Kuleana Act of 1850, Kanawai Māmalahoe, and the Civil Code of 1849 & 1860

Maxim of Law: *Ex dolo malo non oritur actio* – “A right of action cannot arise from fraud.”

Because it was fraudulently procured, the lease is governed under:

- Trust Law – Constructive Trust must be enforced
- Equity Jurisdiction – Equitable remedy survives when legal remedy fails
- Constitutional Law – Fraud violates equal protection and due process rights
- Admiralty/Maritime Law – Where commerce, occupation, and military use overlap with unceded land

VI. LEGAL DEMAND FOR REMEDY

You are now formally served with:

- A Cease and Desist Order under equity and trust law
- A Demand for full production of documents including:
 - Chain of title for each TMK
 - Permitting history and cultural reviews
 - Oaths of office for decision-makers
 - Written evidence of subject matter jurisdiction

VII. FEE SCHEDULE FOR VIOLATIONS (EQUITY LAW)

Violation	Minimum Fee Per Instance
Trespass	\$50,000
Desecration of iwi kūpuna or wahi pana	\$100,000
Unlawful lease or permitting without consent	\$75,000
Conversion or Trover of Trust Land	\$100,000 per parcel
Administrative omission	\$25,000
Spiritual desecration	\$33,333

VIII. FINAL DECLARATION

This affidavit shall be preserved in the public trust record.

Unless formally rebutted point-for-point under lawful authority and sworn oath, this stands as:

- Truth in Law
- Constructive Trust enforcement
- Notice of liability to all agents and principals

Respectfully submitted under penalty of perjury, without prejudice, all rights reserved.

I do not consent to unlawful jurisdiction. I stand in equity and truth.

Roslyn Nicole Manawaiakea Malama mare Cummings

President, E Ola Kākou Hawai‘i

Trustee, Malama:Cummings ‘Ohana God Trust©

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From: [lindsey dana](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] reject feis
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Tell the military to clean up its messes and stop making new ones.

From: [Paul Daniello](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on US Army FEIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:05:01 PM

Dear Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I urge the Hawai'i Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) to reject the U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and protect sacred lands from further military destruction. By rejecting the parcels, the BLNR will ensure that the lands are returned to Native Hawaiian peoples and restored for the land's cultural and ecological values. The Army's historical use has resulted in environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands. The Army failed to submit full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands. Finally, the Army FEIS is inadequate because it omits alternatives like shorter lease terms or no military use.

In conclusion I ask the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS and let the people of Hawai'i steward the land for the cultural and ecological values.

Thank you

Paul Daniello
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Pendleton, OR 97801

From: [Tristen DeMarco](#)
To: [Angelo Rossetti](#); [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] army EIS stament
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:29:33 PM

Aloha

My name is Tristen demarco and I'm a student at waianae high school. I'm currently in school for 9th grade ELA.

I believe the BLNR should except it because it won't be fair to the rookies tryna learn

One reason I believe this is because it's not fair for are iland they would have less room to train so there for if we get attacked we have people with no experience

Another reason I believe they should accept it is because they bin there for a while and it would be messed up if they just get kicked out.

My final reason it would honestly help them out more if you let them stay where they are only because there used to where things are

Mahalo Tristen.demarco

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Edward DeMartini <edemarti@hawaii.edu>

1:23 PM (17
minutes ago)

to blnrtestimony

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Edward E. DeMartini. I am a former federal NOAA NMFS Research Biologist (1990-2016 retired) and an Adjunct Research Biologist at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology of the University of Hawaii (2006-present). I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu. As a well-respected and widely published research biologist with over 4 decades of experience, I understand that of which I speak when I say that this FEIS is deficient and unacceptable.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of adequate biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS for the people of Hawaii and the animals and plants and natural environment we share for the benefit of all of us.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
Edward E. DeMartini, MSc, PhD*

From: [Jonel](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:48:35 PM

Please BNNR hold the US Army accountable to the law and reject the flawed FEIS !! I am very upset over this and have been a Hawai'i resident and professional for 47 years! Please do what is right.

Sincerely,
Jonel Elias

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From: [Mark Enomoto](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:32:18 PM

The military had broken trust with the people of Hawaii as Kahoolawe stands testament to broken promises to clean up the island. Makua will be the same thing. Promises made and broken knowing they will never clean up their mess or attempt to restore access to the valley. Pohakuloa, strewn with bombs and ordinances that will never be cleaned up.

The military is no better than a bad tenant that trashes your rental unit and laughs when you hold back their security deposit for damage. Not only is the property ruined but forever contaminated with their pilau and opala all in the name of national defense.

The callous and obscene attitude towards the environment that not only holds spiritual significance for Hawaiians but for us non-Hawaiians simply that nature deserves a right to exist. To be respected.

Generations of lies and the audacity to continue these lies to us “brown people” is grotesque. Like cancer, once the military gains use of our limited land here in Hawaii it will forever be changed and contaminated. Red Hill? Again, lies, and more lies, until the families of enlisted were sickened. Until the children and babies of enlisted were sickened did they listen and finally do something, but when us local folks complained about the danger... nothing. Or, lies upon lies upon lies.

1. Tell the truth
2. Tell the full impact of what will happen to these lands IF granted a new lease
3. Or go away if you cannot do the above

Auwe,
Mark Enomoto
Honolulu

From: [Doug Fetterly](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:29:36 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of BLNR,

My name is Doug Fetterly and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Army's retention of lands on O'ahu.

YOU have a responsibility to the people of Hawaii to care for the land and sea and stand up for proper environmental oversight. Don't fail us, and our future generations.

Doug Fetterly

From: [Bob Fontana](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:12:58 PM

Greetings:

As a resident of Hawaii, I am asking your committee to reject the FEIS as provided by the US Army. Their report is woefully deficient and the US Army should be held accountable.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Fontana
16 Kauai Place
Kula, HI 96790

Cindy Freitas

June 25, 2025

State of Hawai‘i, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 130
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Formal Opposition to the Acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for U.S. Army Training Land Retention on State Lands, Island of O‘ahu

He Mele komo a he mele aloha no na kupuna o ke au i hala Aloha mai kakou.

Aloha,

My name is Cindy Freitas and I’m a Native Hawaiian descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai‘i prior to 1778 and born and raised in Hawai‘i. I am also a practitioner who still practice the cultural traditional customary practices that was instill in me by my grandparents at a young age from mauka (MOUNTAIN TO SEA) to makai in many areas.

I OPPOSE to the Acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the U.S. Army’s proposal to retain State Lands for Military training at the following locations:

- **Kahuku Training Area**
- **Kawailoa-Poamoho Training Area**
- **Mākua Military Reservation**

TMKs affected: (1) 5-8-002:002; 5-9-006:026; 7-2-001:006; 6-9-003:001 (portion); 8-1-001:008 and portions of 007 & 012; and 8-2-001:001, 022, 024, 025, and portions of 002.

1. Failure to Protect Public Trust Lands

As trustees of Hawai‘i’s public lands, the BLNR is constitutionally obligated under **Article XI, Section 1** and **Article XII, Section 7** of the Hawai‘i State Constitution to protect public trust resources and uphold the rights of Native Hawaiians to engage in traditional and customary practices. The military’s continued control over these lands violates this trust. These lands should be **returned for community stewardship**, environmental restoration, and access by lineal descendants and cultural practitioners — not further degraded by warfare training.

2. Irreparable Cultural and Environmental Harm

Each of the named areas holds deep significance. Mākua Valley, in particular, contains sacred sites, burial grounds (iwi kūpuna), and endangered native ecosystems. Military use has caused fires, erosion, toxic contamination, and permanent damage to irreplaceable cultural resources. The EIS grossly

underestimates the **long-term and cumulative impacts** on both the environment and cultural continuity.

3. Lack of Genuine Consultation and Cultural Integrity

The EIS process has failed to meet the standards for **free, prior, and informed consent** as required under international human rights norms and Hawai‘i law. Many cultural practitioners, lineal descendants, and concerned citizens have expressed deep opposition — yet the Army continues to move forward without true accountability or mitigation.

4. Flawed Alternatives Analysis

The Final EIS is inadequate and **biased toward continued military use**. It fails to fully explore or seriously consider alternatives such as full or partial return of lands, community management, or cultural access frameworks. The Army has not earned the privilege of retention — it has failed to uphold even past promises to clean up or return lands previously used.

5. Duty to Future Generations

The Board must ask: *What legacy are we leaving for the next generation?* Will we be known as caretakers of sacred lands — or as collaborators in their continued destruction? Accepting this EIS would pave the way for 30+ more years of desecration and exclusion from lands that rightfully belong to the people of Hawai‘i.

In Closing

I strongly urge the Board of Land and Natural Resources to **reject the Final EIS** and **oppose any land lease extensions or renewals** for the Army’s continued use of these state lands. Let us return these sacred ‘āina to a path of healing, stewardship, and community restoration.

Mahalo,

_____/s/_____
Cindy K. Freitas

From: [Lauryn Galindo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:58:37 PM

To whom it may concern;

Please REJECT the flawed EIS submitted by the US Army & hold them accountable to the law!

We depend on BLNR to protect the present & future generations who are beneficiaries of the public trust doctrine. Please continue to manage our natural & cultural resources with utmost care!

NO to renewing land leases at Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho, & Makua. NO to expansion at Barking Sands & to the bombing of Ka'ula Island.

Mahalo for your kind attention to my letter!

Sincerely,
Lauryn Galindo
4890 Emmalani Dr
Princeville, HI 96722
808-639-6543

Sent from my iPhone

From: [David Gierlach](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:37:32 PM

I respectfully oppose the draft EIS submitted by the US Military. As your staff has noted it is entirely deficient in numerous material aspects. Please reject this effort by the military to circumvent the law.

peace,
david+

The Rev David J Gierlach, SCP
Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i Social Justice Task Force
231 Miloiki Pl
Honolulu HI 96825
(808)673-8930

From: [Randee Golden](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pohakuloa
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:24:26 PM

It is important to protect our islands. You must hold the army accountable to the law and reject the flawed FEIS.
Be pono for the next seven generations.
Sent from my iPad

From: [Mai Hall](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Oppose the Army leases
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:32:32 PM

Aloha Land Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at **Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation**, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

As a spouse of an active duty Airman, and a Native Hawaiian, my needs as a Hawaiian must come first. He Hawaii au, mau a mau. I am Hawaiian now and forever. I cannot sit by and allow the military to keep desecrating Hawaiian lands. Look what the Navy did to Kahoolawe. The Army has many other lands to train at and to practice its amphibious warfare and bombing. Better yet, you can train in California or Texas where there is lots of land to destroy.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- None of the 3 training areas provide housing to their service folks; thus decreasing the availability of affordable housing to local residents, and displacing Kānaka Maoli
- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites
- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

The military population is unsustainable in Hawaii. Hawaiians have always been a sustainable people. We care for our lands and clean up our messes. Give us back our lands and we will clean it up the way it should be. To nourish our people, and so our legacy may live on. I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. Do what is pono, what is just and right. Mahalo.

Sincerely,
Mai Kapuaohilani Mei Lin Hall

'Aliapa'akai, Kona, O'ahu

E malama pono,

Mai K. Hall

"A'ohē pau ka `ike i ka halau ho`okahi"

~Not all knowledge is learned in the same place

~ One can learn from many sources

From: [Elizabeth Hansen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:42:58 PM

Aloha members of the BLNR

I do trust that the BLNR will reject this very flawed FEIS and thus do it's duty:

The public trust doctrine requires the BLNR to exercise due diligence and prudence in managing our natural and cultural resources. The BLNR's core responsibility is to protect the interests of the present and future generations of beneficiaries of that trust.

I and my future generations appreciate your assistance in this important matter to hold the army accountable to the law.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Hansen

PO box 215

Hakalau HI 96710

From: [Rodger Hansen](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:54:15 PM

Aloha, I am requesting that the BLNR will reject this very flawed FEIS and thus do it's duty which is:

The public trust doctrine requires the BLNR to exercise due diligence and prudence in managing our natural and cultural resources. The BLNR's core responsibility is to protect the interests of the present and future generations of beneficiaries of that trust.

I and my future generations appreciate your assistance in this important matter to hold the army accountable to the law.

Sincerely

Rodger Hansen

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Hakalau HI 96710



June 24, 2025

Chairperson Dawn Chang and Members of the Board
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 132
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of the Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho and Makua Training Areas (June 27, 2025, BLNR Meeting)

Dear Chairperson Chang and Members of the Board:

As a member of the Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i's Military Affairs Council (MAC) and a US Marine Veteran, I am writing in full support of the U.S. Army's request to retain training lands at Kahuku, Kawailoa-Poamoho and Makua Training Areas.

As a former active-duty US Marine, I have had the ability to train at Kahuku - KTA during my time in Hawaii and this location is very valuable to allow the type of Military training that KTA can support to help prepare our Military for the defense of our country. The ability to train year-round at KTA is essential to maintaining operational readiness and preparing our service members for the complex challenges they face across the Indo-Pacific. The unique terrain, scope, and location of KTA make it irreplaceable for joint exercises, disaster response, and mission-critical coordination.

I urge the Board to carefully review and accept the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). I am confident the Army is making a sincere effort to identify solutions that preserve lands of cultural and agricultural value while ensuring that the training mission can continue.

KTA has long represented a partnership between the military and the community, fostering readiness, economic opportunity, and environmental stewardship. Accepting the FEIS ensures this balanced approach can move forward.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Laine
General Manager/FSO
Hawaiian Telcom Federal & DoD Markets
chris.laine@HTFederal.com



From: [Arius Hopman](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda D-1: NO!
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:32:00 PM

Please reject the following item D-1

**Agenda item D-1: HOLD THE ARMY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE LAW,
AND REJECT THIS FLAWED FEIS D-1**

The BLNR's core responsibility is to protect the interests of the present and future generations of beneficiaries of that trust.

From: [Kate](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:21:05 PM

BLNR,

Re: Kahuku Training Area (KTA), the Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area (Poamoho), and the Makua Military Reservation (MMR).

Important that you reject the Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

It is not protecting the areas from the impacts of use.

From: [Carrie Inamasu-Aken](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony Opposing the Final EIS for U.S. Military Use for KTA, Poamoho & MMR
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:36:57 PM

To:

Chair Dawn Chang

Department of Land Natural Resources & Honorable Committee Members

Subject: Testimony Opposing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for U.S. Military Use of Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation, Island of O‘ahu - Board of Land and Natural Resources Meeting Agenda Item D-1 for June 27, 2025

Aloha e Chair Chang and Esteemed Committee Members:

I am writing today to enact my kūleana as a Kanaka Maoli to protect this ‘āina from any form of threat or violence done to it. I am urging the Board of Land and Natural Resources to firmly reject the U.S. Army Final Environmental Impact Statement proposing continued U.S. Military use of Kahuku Training Area (KTA), Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation (MMR).

These places aren’t meant to be abused in perpetuity for the sake of “U.S. presence and safety in the Pacific.” These places aren’t meant to be trampled upon by boots or constantly bombarded by heavy munitions that literally shake the land. These places are not to be fee-simple, leased or brokered like some kind of pawn between the State of Hawaii and the U.S. Military to maintain relations.

These places are wahi pana - sacred places. They hold our peoples’ history, strength, connection and deep knowledge to everything within lāhui, ‘āina and wai. There are sacred burial sites, artifacts, and iwi kūpuna in these places that have been destroyed or utterly damaged. Pieces of our history - literal links to our kūpuna - that we cannot get back because we have allowed this desecration to continue.

The military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and aloha ‘āina. And to allow as such is in direct violation of the Public Trust Doctrine. As Trustees of the land under Article XI, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution, DLNR is legally bound to conserve and protect Hawaii’s natural and cultural resources for present and future generations.

Additionally, the following reasons are why the FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds, up to and including:

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Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis

- Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands
- Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by rejecting the Army's FEIS for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,

Carrie Inamasu-Aken

Nanakuli, Oahu

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From: [Kaua Kama](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject the Army's FEIS for Kahuku, Kawaioloa-Poamoho, and Mākua
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:49:20 PM

Aloha Land Board Members,

I submit this testimony as a Kanaka Maoli who holds deep ancestral ties to these lands—Kahuku, Kawaioloa-Poamoho, and Mākua. I write not only with concern, but with profound aloha for these wahi pana, and with the kuleana passed down through generations to protect and uplift our ‘āina and our people.

These are not just military parcels or training sites. These are living landscapes—storied lands that carry the breath of our kūpuna, the echo of our mele, and the presence of our akua. These are burial grounds, ecosystems for endangered species, and places where families like mine trace our roots. The Army's continued occupation and destruction of these sacred places is a desecration—not just of land, but of identity, history, and future.

We've witnessed, over decades, the irreparable damage caused by bombs, live-fire training, and restricted access. The military has shown time and again that it cannot and does not mālama ‘āina. Their version of “stewardship” is rooted in violence, extraction, and containment—not in aloha, not in pono.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is inadequate and unacceptable. It fails to:

Accurately and fully disclose environmental and cultural harms;

Address the cumulative impacts of military use across adjacent federal and state lands;

Uphold the right of Kanaka Maoli to access and care for our sacred sites;

Align with the BLNR's constitutional kuleana to protect public trust resources and preserve cultural practices.

To continue allowing the military to lease and degrade these lands is a betrayal of your duty as stewards of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources. As a Kanaka Maoli, I call on you to stand with ‘āina, stand with our ancestors, and stand with the truth: these lands were never meant to be bombed, polluted, or fenced off from the very people who come from them.

It is time to return these places to peace. Let the land breathe again. Let our people return, heal, and restore the pilina that has been severed.

I strongly urge you to reject the Army's FEIS and deny any lease extensions. Do what is right. Do what is pono.

Me ka ‘oia‘i‘o,

E. Kaulilinoe Kama
Honolulu, HI 96813

From: [Melissa Kaonohi-Camit](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kahuku Testimony
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:26:17 PM

Aloha Chair and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Melissa Ka‘onohi-Camit, and I am submitting this testimony as a long-time resident of Kahuku, a lineal descendant of this ‘āina, and a DOE employee for the past 25 years currently working in the Special Education department at Kahuku Elementary School.

I strongly support the recommendations made by the DLNR staff to reject the Army’s proposal to retain Pōhakuloa, Kahuku, Kawailoa, and Mākua lands. These lands are sacred and significant to our people — and they have already endured generations of desecration and misuse at the hands of the military. Our ‘āina is not a training ground. It is a living, breathing foundation of our identity and our future.

As someone who works daily with keiki, I witness firsthand the disruptive and traumatizing impact of military activities in our community. During school trainings and instructional time, we often hear loud, thunder-like noises from firearms and low-flying planes. My students have seen paratroopers “jumping” from these aircraft and have become fearful, thinking they might land in the turbines near our school. The commotion doesn’t stop there — dogs begin barking, babies in nearby homes wake and cry, and an overwhelming sense of unease fills our classrooms.

Over the years, I’ve watched children mimic what they hear, pretending there’s a war happening, hiding under desks when gunfire is heard, acting out scenarios of fear and violence. This is not the environment our keiki deserve to grow up or learn in. These experiences are shaping how they see the world, and not in a way that honors their cultural roots or fosters a sense of safety.

Our Kahuku community, along with many others, has spent years giving testimony, input, and guidance to the Army — and much of it has been ignored. The military continues to disrespect our laws, our voices, and our ‘āina. These training sites have left our lands scarred and filled with opala. The cultural and environmental damage is deep, and ongoing occupation will only compound it.

I respectfully ask the Board to **follow the recommendations of DLNR staff** and uphold your duty to protect our public lands and trust resources. The Army has had more than enough time to prepare for the return of these lands. They have not done enough to clean, respect, or properly steward what they have already damaged.

Please stand with the community. Stand with the ‘āina.

Mahalo,
Melissa Ka‘onohi-Camit
Kahuku Resident
Special Education Department, Kahuku Elementary
DOE Employee – 25 years
Lineal Descendant of Kahuku

From: [Kaehukai Keala](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to REJECT the Army's final Environmental Impact Statement on Oahu's leased lands!
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:40:48 PM

Aloha Land and Natural Resources Board Members:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands on Oahu island **Training Areas** and to **urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.**

Oahu is not just an island—it is a **wahi pana**, a sacred and storied place, home to irreplaceable **Native Hawaiian cultural sites** and some of Hawai'i's most **endangered species**. The Army has not demonstrated the capacity or will to serve as a proper steward of this land, and the FEIS fails to meaningfully address these concerns.

For example, the Army's actions have already resulted in the **burning of nearly 20,000 acres**, including designated **critical habitat** for native flora and fauna. This is unacceptable. Additionally, the ongoing use of live-fire and bombing in the impact area raises serious concerns about **environmental contamination, safety, and long-term degradation** of both the land and water.

Military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with conservation, cultural integrity, or **aloha 'āina**. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

- Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis
- Lack of a sufficient plan to mitigate impacts to cultural and natural resources
- Concerns about depleted uranium on the site have gone unaddressed
- Military usage is incompatible with the conservation district designation
- The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by **rejecting the Army's FEIS** for Oahu Island. It's time to return these lands and begin a real process of healing and restoration.

Sincerely,

Kaehukaihaamae Keala

Oahu Island

 [Reply](#) [Forward](#)

From: [Deborah King](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [CAPITOL2023-senmoriwaki](#); [CAPITOL2023-senaquino](#); [CAPITOL2023-senawa](#); [CAPITOL2023-senchang](#); [CAPITOL2023-sendecoite](#); [Sen. Samantha DeCorte](#); [CAPITOL2023-sendelacruz](#); [CAPITOL2023-senelefante](#); [CAPITOL2023-senfevella](#); [CAPITOL2023-senfukunaga](#); [CAPITOL2023-sengabbard](#); [Sen. Troy Hashimoto](#); [Senator Les Ihara, Jr.](#); [CAPITOL2023-seninouye](#); [CAPITOL2023-senkanuha](#); [Senator Jarrett Keohokalole](#); [CAPITOL2023-senkidani](#); [CAPITOL2023-senkim](#); [CAPITOL2023-senkouchi](#); [CAPITOL2023-senlee](#); [CAPITOL2023-senmckelvey](#); [CAPITOL2023-senrhoads](#); [CAPITOL2023-senrichards](#); [CAPITOL2023-sensanbuenaventura](#); [CAPITOL2023-senwakai](#); [Representative Amy A. Perruso](#); [CAPITOL2023-repquinlan](#); [CAPITOL2023-reptam](#); [CAPITOL2023-repalcos](#); [CAPITOL2023-repamato](#); [CAPITOL2023-repbelatti](#); [CAPITOL2023-repchun](#); [CAPITOL2023-repcochran](#); [CAPITOL2023-repevslin](#); [CAPITOL2023-repgarcia](#); [CAPITOL2023-repgarrett](#); [Rep. Tina Nakada Grandinetti](#); [CAPITOL2023-rephashem](#); [CAPITOL2023-repholt](#); [Rep. Ikaika Hussey](#); [CAPITOL2023-repichiyama](#); [CAPITOL2023-repilagan](#); [Rep. Kim Coco Iwamoto](#); [CAPITOL2023-repkahaloa](#); [CAPITOL2023-repkapela](#); [Rep. Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy](#); [CAPITOL2023-repkila](#); [CAPITOL2023-repkitagawa](#); [CAPITOL2023-repkong](#); [Rep. Matthias Kusch](#); [CAPITOL2023-replachica](#); [CAPITOL2023-replamosao](#); [Rep. Mike Lee](#); [Lowen, Nicole](#); [CAPITOL2023-repmarten](#); [CAPITOL2023-repmatayoshi](#); [CAPITOL2023-repmatsumoto](#); [Rep. Tyson K. Miyake](#); [CAPITOL2023-repmorikawa](#); [Rep. Christopher L. Muraoka](#); [CAPITOL2023-repnakamura](#); [Rep. Ikaika Olds](#); [CAPITOL2023-reppierick](#); [CAPITOL2023-reppoepoe](#); [Rep. Julie Reyes Oda](#); [Rep. Garner M. Shimizu](#); [CAPITOL2023-repsouza](#); [CAPITOL2023-reptakayama](#); [CAPITOL2023-reptakenouchi](#); [CAPITOL2023-reptarnas](#); [Rep. Shirley Ann Templo](#); [CAPITOL2023-reptodd](#); [CAPITOL2023-repward](#); [CAPITOL2023-repwoodson](#); [Representative Kyle Yamashita](#); [Rep. Ed Case](#); [cc: Michael D](#); [: mayor@honolulu.gov](#); [Waters, Tommy](#); [Weyer, Matthew](#); [Dos Santos-Tam, Tyler](#); [atupola@honolulu.gov](#); [atulba@honolulu.gov](#); [rcordero@honolulu.gov](#); [Kiaaina, Esther](#); [ValOkimoto@honolulu.gov](#); [scott.nishimoto@honolulu.gov](#); [Dave Shapiro](#); [Gary Hooser](#); [Stacey Aldrich](#); [News - KHON2](#); [Wayne Tanaka](#); [Takara, Gloria C](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:46:04 PM
Attachments: [5.16.2025 1.29.2024 Officials Provide Haleakala Cleanup Project Update Pacific Air Forces U.S. Space Forces Indo-Pacific News.pdf](#)
[6.15.2025 3.12.2025 Space Force Says Haleakala Fuel Spill Could Take Years To Clean Up.pdf](#)
[6.25.2025 8.29.2023 Understanding Warfighter Demands, Emerging Solutions Gives U.S. Edge U.S. Department of Defense Defense Department News.pdf](#)

Aloha e Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I ***strongly oppose*** the United States Army's Final Environmental Impact States (FEIS) for the Mākua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area, and Poamoho.

I ask you to honor the public trust doctrine that requires the BLNR to exercise due diligence and prudence in managing our natural and cultural resources. The BLNR's core responsibility is to protect the interests of the present and future generations of beneficiaries of that trust.

I was a dependent stationed with the United States Government and specifically at NSA Capodichino and NSA Gricignano, Italy (the United States government built a hospital on the United States military base and it is my understanding they are leasing the land) for many years.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naval_Support_Activity_Naples

While I lived there I experienced environment toxins and pollutions. I went to many United States military doctors and they diagnosed me with 'allergies' and gave me medicine for allergies. This did not help me and it caused my quality of life to be impacted on a daily basis. My health is still being impacted on a daily basis, especially since the contamination of Red

Hill.

I experienced water contamination while I lived in Naples, Italy and the United States military base gave all the service members, government employees and dependents assigned to the base plastic bottled water during this crisis. I am allergic to plastic due to all the environmental toxins that I experienced and I have to take precautions to eliminate plastics from my life.

I had been experiencing these symptoms for many years after PCS'ing to Naples, Italy in 2003. On August 11, 2006, I mailed a letter to the Ear, Nose and Throat doctor in Shreveport, Louisiana (my hometown) because I was very ill. I followed up with the doctor's office and there was no response. I was willing to return home for treatment; however, no response was given from my different requests.

On October 1, 2012, a doctor, who I saw when I went home to visit my family, from my hometown mailed me a letter citing "chronic exposure to environment toxins". I provided this letter to the United States military doctor so I could receive acupuncture treatment. He said that he could only offer acupuncture treatment for pain management. He was unable to help me.

I have testified and provided documentation for legislative bills and to some officials. *Information available upon request.*

The United States military claims to be "warfighters".

<https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3509536/understanding-warfighter-demands-emerging-solutions-gives-us-edge/>

The United States was aware of the environmental pollution in Italy and did nothing about it until they were made to clean it up. I personally believe that often times the clean up is a cover up.

I urge you to look at all the environmental pollution that the United States military currently has on O'ahu and the other islands.

Here is an excerpt from the article called, "Space Force Says Haleakala Fuel Spill Could Take Years To Clean Up" by Hawai'i News Now:

HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - The U.S. Space Force says it could take up to seven years to clean-up a fuel spill on Haleakala of 700 GALLONS LEAKED ATOP HALEAKALA IN 2023.

In 2023, 700 gallons of diesel fuel leaked from a generator at the Maui Space Surveillance Complex.

Officials say the Department of Health has approved a plan for “active bioventing,” a process of blowing air into the soil to break down contaminants.

The first step is installing an electrical system in April.

Last summer, the Maui County Council passed a resolution opposing the building of seven new telescopes on Haleakala."

They have not cleaned up the fuel leak and the environmental contamination and yet they wanted to build seven (7) new telescopes on Haleakala, which is a sacred site to Hawaiians. I ***strongly support*** the Maui County Council for opposing new building.

They have not completed environmental clean up for many of their sites and they want to keep training.

It is my understanding that at the Lā'ie Point State Wayside (SW) there may currently be unexploded ordinances according to the posted signs from the State of Hawai'i and the Army Corps of Engineers.

I bring this up because in this area the United States Army Corps of Engineers in coordination with the State of Hawai'i put up a sign and did not clean up the unexploded ordinances even though they trained in this location. Did I understand this correctly?

2 19 2025 La'ie Point State Wayside SW IMG 8168 (1:22 / 3:14) shows a great image of the sign and photographs of the unexploded ordinances.

<https://youtu.be/aw5xFybaHGE?feature=shared>

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The Hawai'i State Parks website mentions nothing regarding the unexploded ordinances. Can you imagine if you owned a home on this street and you wanted to sell it or rent it? What is the blast range if an unexploded ordnance went off? What

is the value of this home with the signage showing unexploded ordinances? These residents and landowners are still be directly impacted and displaced because of the United States military not cleaning up these unexploded ordinances.

<https://www.hawaii.stateparks.org/parks/laie-point-state-wayside>

How much real estate does the United States military need for training? All of this real estate displaces our Native Hawaiians, our full-time residents, our keiki, our kūpuna, our communities and our 'āina.

Now, the current Trump administration is trying to change and / or eliminate environmental protections so I ***strongly support*** legislation and decisions being made at the local level to help our people and our environment.

"According to Mr. Gary Hooser (I can also attest to some of the information as well), for additional context...In Hawaii the United States military presence includes, but is not limited to:

Air Station Barbers Point
Barking Sands Missile Range
Camp H.M. Smith
Fort Shafter
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Marine Corps Base Hawaii (Kaneohe Bay)
Pohakuloa Training Area
Schofield Barracks
Tripler Army Medical Center
USCG Sector Honolulu
Wheeler Army Airfield

(NOTE according to Deborah's research: most, if not all, of these bases also have single family homes and / or townhomes with yards and communities, a Navy Exchange, a Commissary, an Auto Port adding even more real estate for the United States military to house transient military members and / or families. Do they have their own school (like they built in other countries, like Naples, Italy)?)

In addition to the leakage from the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility that's irreversibly damaged the drinking water supply for

O'ahu, decades of bombing, live fire exercises, and military training exercises have damaged beyond repair the natural landscape and once pristine environments of thousands of acres on multiple islands.

The military's constant reassurances that they will "clean up" and "restore" the lands they desecrate have been hollow promises.

It's time we say NO to the renewing of land leases at Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Makua. We must also refuse expansion at Barking Sands and the bombing of Ka'ula Island.

Support for American troops, belief in the importance of national security, rejection of the endless expansion of the United States war machine, and protection of our natural environment, cultural resources, and endangered species: are values that can and DO, co-exist.

The United States is by far, already the largest exporter of weapons worldwide. We have more military bases in more countries than any other."

I ***strongly support*** holding the United States military and government accountable to cleanup their environmental disasters and contamination before allowing them to extend their leases and build more for war training purposes. If you look at the real estate that the United States military utilizes at the moment it is staggering amount of land and it displaces Native Hawaiians, our full-time residents, our keiki, our Kūpuna and our communities.

I ***strongly support*** reducing the footprint of the United States military in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Deborah W. King
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U.S. SPACE FORCES INDO-PACIFIC NEWS

Officials provide Haleakalā cleanup project update



Published Jan. 29, 2024

Space Base Delta 1 Public Affairs

MAUI, Hawaii -- A year ago this month nearly 700 gallons of diesel fuel spilled at the Maui Space Surveillance Complex at Haleakalā's summit, and since then Air Force officials have worked closely with the Maui community and Native Hawaiian organizations to remediate the site.

"We want to assure our community partners that we continue to be actively engaged in the recovery efforts," said Lt. Col. Phillip Wagenbach, 15th Space Surveillance Squadron commander. "We are taking deliberate actions to safely restore the sacred grounds at Haleakalā, while accounting for regulatory and cultural needs and our responsibility to protect the land."

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center is leading the spill response efforts, in conjunction with Native Hawaiian organizations and various governmental agencies including Hawaii's Department of Health and Department of Land and Natural Resources, the University of Hawaii, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Immediately following the fuel spill, which was caused by a lightning strike, a rapid response was initiated to remove contaminated surface soils, install a barrier to limit water infiltration through remaining contaminated soils, and provide an initial assessment of the extent and magnitude of the fuel contamination.

GSI Pacific, a Native Hawaiian-owned company, was contracted to identify contamination in the subsurface. Soil samples were collected from eight bore holes at depths of up to 80 feet and analyzed by a laboratory. The data collected was included in a site characterization and alternatives evaluation report. The report, currently being reviewed by the Hawaii DOH, indicates the contamination is present above the site-specific cleanup levels to 20 feet below ground surface but poses a very low threat to the drinking water.

Cultural advisors and archaeological monitors, both from Maui, were on site throughout, in the event human remains or other cultural deposits were encountered during ground disturbing activities. No cultural deposits or features were observed during site work. Additionally, no Haleakalā Silversword, a rare plant species that only grows on the slope of Haleakalā, were impacted by the fuel spill.

The next step in the process is to present recommended remedial technologies to the public. This information will be shared with the community to solicit inputs before a final remediation method is selected. Community inputs will be gathered in person and online during a community forum to be held in the coming months.

"We continue to meet with concerned members of the community," Wagenbach said. "We endeavor to get the community's viewpoint and do our level best to incorporate their concerns and suggestions in the process. We share their frustrations as we work through this complicated, but deliberate, process.

"We recognize the cultural importance of the site and have accelerated the process whenever it was safe to do so," he said.

In the wake of the spill, the Air Force has transformed its spill response plan, rewriting the plan and establishing future spill response exercises. A new generator for the site, with improved containment methods, will be installed. Until that generator is installed refuel procedures on the current generator were updated to prevent any future fuel spills.

The Maui-based 15th Space Surveillance Squadron is part of Space Delta 2's mission of providing space domain awareness. Space domain awareness is a vital part of space flight safety, making GPS, internet banking, satellite TV and myriad other aspects of everyday life possible. At more than 10,000 feet elevation, the space surveillance location at the summit of Haleakalā contributes to that mission with some of the best astronomical viewing conditions on Earth.



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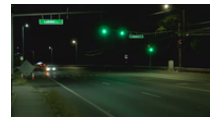
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Understanding Warfighter Demands Emerging Solutions Gives U.S. Edge

Aug. 29, 2023 | By Joseph Clark, DOD News

The Pentagon's top research and engineering official said she remains a warfighter with an asymmetric advantage in fielding future capabilities.



Heidi Shyu, undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, said she remains a warfighter with an asymmetric advantage in fielding future capabilities. She emphasized the need for coordination with each military service, the combatant commands and the joint military commands to ensure the military invests in the right technology to meet the demands of the battlefield.

Spotlight: Engineering in the DOD

In addition to assessing the evolving threat landscape, she said she also investing in to determine where potential gaps exist.

"There's multiple ways to close the gap," she said. "I'm looking for lowe gap. That's exactly what I'm focusing on."



Shyu said understanding the convergence of the emerging threat and maintaining a strategic advantage across domains and threat environr

To maintain that perspective, she said she's in constant contact with de

For example, it's not uncommon for her to have breakfast in a sensitive facility when she meets with Navy Admiral John C. Aquilino, commandant of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, during trips to the Indo-Pacific region, she said.



"We can talk about anything, classified things that are ongoing, so he knows we're not just talking about it, we're doing it." "This type of dialogue is incredibly important."

Spotlight: Science & Tech

In order to match the demands from the warfighter with solutions from industry, the department hosts a series of recurring meetings with industry partners—ranging from small businesses to large corporations—to broadcast defense department needs and survey industry capabilities.

Shyu said understanding the full picture is critical for maintaining U.S.



"I look at the entire scope," she said.

"I'm not going to horse race with you," she said of competing with pote you've got 1,000 missiles, that doesn't mean I have to have 1,001. I loo landscape very differently."

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From: [Kele Kolio](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:27:21 PM

Aloha,

I am writing you to as you to **hold the Army accountable to the law, and to REJECT this flawed FEIS.**

**Mahalo,
Gregory Crawford**

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kūpa'a Kuilima](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Chang, Dawn](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: Reject the Army's Final EIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:20:53 PM

Friday, June 27, 2025

Aloha e Chair Chang and Honorable Members of the Board,

We submit this testimony on behalf of Kūpa'a Kuilima, a community-based hui rooted in Kahuku, standing in strong opposition to the Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and in full support of ending military leases and returning all Hawaiian Kingdom Crown and Government lands at Mākua, Poamoho, and Kahuku.

Kūpa'a Kuilima is guided by the vision of a thriving future in which 'āina and kānaka of Kahuku lewa live in balance, and by our mission to elevate 'āina by holding it sacred, staying rooted in place, and reviving ancestral traditions. As a community, we understand the damage that 65 years of U.S. military occupation and bombing have caused to these sacred places—and we recognize our kuleana to speak out for their restoration.

These are not surplus lands. They are not training grounds. They are sacred lands—home to iwi kūpuna, wahi pana, endangered species, and vital water sources. The Army's own record demonstrates a pattern of desecration, pollution, and mismanagement. At Kahuku Training Area, families have endured the trauma of hearing helicopters and live-fire exercises in earshot distance of our homes and schools. At these sites, repeated fires, invasive species, and habitat destruction have pushed native ecosystems to the brink.

We must be honest: the Army's activities have never been pono, and this Final EIS only attempts to justify continued harm. It fails to fully account for cultural, environmental, and generational trauma. It ignores the calls from kānaka maoli and local communities who have spent decades demanding restoration, not renewed leases.

These lands were stolen from the Hawaiian Kingdom and have been held hostage under the false pretense of national security. The real security lies in clean water, thriving ecosystems, living culture, and land returned to the people who have stewarded it for millennia.

Our name, Kūpa'a Kuilima, speaks to our values: to stand firm together, to weave our efforts into collective action, and to protect the lands that feed, shelter, and teach us. We urge the Board of Land and Natural Resources to:

- Reject the Final EIS in its entirety.
- Deny any lease renewals or extensions.
- Ensure the US Army takes steps for the responsible decommissioning and remediation of the lands they have occupied.
- Begin an immediate and meaningful process of land return and restoration led by kānaka maoli, for the sake of future generations.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

Kūpa'a Kuilima

Jessica dos Santos
Melissa Ka'onohi-Camit
Ramsey Calimlim
Lillie Makaila
Ida Kawaii-lani Bluhm
Shannon Gomez

From: [Teresa Landreau](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:39:50 PM

Respectfully urge rejection of the military's FEIS, which is so deficient that the staff of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) itself have declared it insufficient.

The public trust doctrine requires the BLNR to exercise due diligence and prudence in managing our natural and cultural resources. The BLNR's core responsibility is to protect the interests of the present and future generations of beneficiaries of that trust.

Recent history of the military's disregard of safe drinking water practices at Red Hill is fair warning. Under the current federal administration, even less attention to environmental protection is to be expected, given the President's articulated contempt for environmental concerns and slashing of administrative staff.

Protect our aiana, no one else has the power to do so.

Mahalo,

Teresa Landreau

Mililani resident, Oahu

From: [Scott Larson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:03:22 PM

I ask the BLNR to hold the Army accountable to the law and reject this flawed FEIS.

At some point Hawaii will need to return the islands to the clean healthy home our ancestors lived. If the Army is being honest about it's relationship with Hawaii get them to initiate recovery of depleted uranium rounds fired into the land on Hawaii's islands. That radioactivity will harm future residents for hundreds if not thousands of years leaching into the water table.

Thank you

From: [Jenn Latham](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to ask that the BLNR reject the final Environmental Impact Study by the Army for the Mākuā, Kahuku, and Poamoho leases. I am very concerned about the environmental impact of these training and testing areas and the negative impact they have both on the ‘āina and the community. We are only as healthy as the land where we live, and the Army has not done a sufficient job in the past to steward the land it has been leased. The current impact study does not reassure me for the future.

Mahalo,

The Reverend Jennifer Briggs Latham
Associate Rector and Chaplain
Holy Nativity Church and School
5286 Kalaniana‘ole Highway
Honolulu, HI 96821

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." - Isaiah 43:19

From: [Sahara Lawrence](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ARMY testimony
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:03:40 PM

Please do not renew the contract with the army and and the Hawaiian Islands!!!! They messed up the landscape royally! And they did not do any repair work in all these years! Red Hill!

Sahara Lawrence
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Linda Legrande](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject EIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:16:05 PM

Aloha,

I strongly feel we must reject the U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Mākua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area, and Poamoho.

It is time to get on course to protect the interests of the present and future generations of beneficiaries of the public trust doctrine.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.

Gratefully, Linda Legrande
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From: [Karen Luke](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:14:59 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu because it is lacking. I consider Poamoho-Puhakuloa my backyard and the poor FEIS that the Army turned in is insufficient to lacking, to the point that it does not follow lawful guidelines. You cannot possibly assess compliance or the Army's management of our aina based on this flawed FEIS.

Please reject the FEIS and protect our lands.

Mahalo,
Karen Luke
in Ewa Beach who grew up running around the Wahiawa side of the Ko'olau range and saw the scarring of the ridges caused by the Army training.

From: [Pawnee Maiden](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Testimony in opposition to the approval of the Army FEIS 6.27.25
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:26:59 PM

Aloha e Chair Chang and members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Pawnee Maiden. I work in Wai'anae, O'ahu and I am writing to express my strong **opposition** to the approval of the Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for O'ahu's leased lands, including Kahuku, Kawaiola-Poamoho, and Mākua.

These places are not just empty, barren lands---they are wahi pana and wahi kūpuna---sacred, ancestral places. They are home to irreplaceable Native Hawaiian cultural sites, sacred burial sites, critical water sources, and some of Hawai'i's most endangered species. The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands and their use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands. As someone from Wai'anae, I feel incredible 'eha when thinking about the future of Mākua. The US has permanently damaged Mākua so badly. How can we trust them to be there for another 65 years, when they already refuse to clean up their mess and deem it too damaged to clean up their UXOs?

The DLNR has also recommended non-acceptance of this FEIS, as there is a clear lack of baseline data to determine and understand the extent of any impacts to natural, historical, and cultural resources. The FEIS the army has submitted evades Hawaii law by ignoring very obvious cumulative impacts and ignoring key alternatives such as no military use or shorter lease terms.

The approval of this FEIS does not reflect the will of Native Hawaiians, the traditional custodians of this land, and does not reflect your constitutional responsibility to the public trust of the water that feeds and provides for Hawai'i. In *Kahaulelio v. DLNR* in 2019, the state of Hawaii has already been proven to breach its constitutional trust duty by failing to reasonably monitor and inspect trust lands at Pōhakuloa leased to the US military, failing to ensure compliance with cleanup and safety provision, failing to take action after learning of possible contamination, and failing to document efforts and provide transparency to the public. You must remember this case and remember your kuleana. Ultimately, the potential approval of this FEIS does not reflect what is pono.

I urge you to be on the right side of history. It is unacceptable and wrong that anyone gets to flit around laws and regulations that were created to protect our 'āina. These safeguards exist for a reason. It is unacceptable and wrong that anyone treat the 'āina this way in the first place. There is no reason to damage 'āina so badly while calling it necessary for national security. They are simply not the rightful caretakers of the land. Demand the Army clean up their mess, rightfully restore the land to its natural state to begin a much-needed

process of healing and restoration, and get OUT. This starts with the rejection of the Army's FEIS.

Thank you for considering my testimony in your final decision, and allowing me to use my voice on this important matter.

A hiki i ke aloha 'āina hope loa.

Ke aloha 'āina,
Pawnee Maiden

From: [Tamalita](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
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I am writing to ask the BLNR to hold the Army accountable to the law, and to REJECT U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Mākua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area, and Poamoho.

In addition to the leakage from the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility that has irreversibly damaged the drinking water supply for O'ahu, decades of bombing, live fire exercises, and military training exercises have damaged beyond repair the natural landscape and once pristine environments of thousands of acres on multiple islands.

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The U.S. is by far, already the largest exporter of weapons worldwide. We have more military bases in more countries than any other.

Mahalo, Tammy DeBernardi

Ocean View, HI 96737

From: [Jodi Mercier](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda number D-1
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Aloha,

I am writing to ask you to please reject the army's flawed and inadequate FEIS. The military did not do a thorough job. Why am I not shocked?

We all know why; the military continues to see Hawai'i fragile environment as of little to no importance, continually failing to follow through on its obligations to provide any stewardship to the 'Āina. We all know the disastrous fall-out from their actions and their failures to act. It's way past time that they were held accountable for their deeds.

Thank you,
Jodi Mercier
Kealahou, Hawai'i

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lāhui Foundation](#)
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Aloha Chair and Esteemed Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Lāhui Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in the ahupua‘a of Kahuku, Ko‘olauloa, submits this testimony in **strong support of the DLNR staff submittal and recommendation to reject the U.S. Army’s Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)** under Agenda Item D-1.

As an organization grounded in the values of **Aloha ‘Āina, kuleana, and pilina**, our mission is to uplift and protect Hawai‘i’s people, land, and culture. We stand firmly with the many voices across Hawai‘i that are calling for the end of U.S. military leases on public lands at **Mākua, Pōhakuloa, and Kahuku**.

These are not just military training areas — they are our ancestral lands, home to iwi kūpuna, wahi pana, and sacred sites that hold deep cultural, historical, and spiritual meaning. For decades, the Army has **desecrated these lands**, leaving behind **‘āina filled with opala, unexploded ordnance, and long-term environmental destruction**.

The military is **disrespecting our community and our laws**. The noise from **constant gunfire and low-flying aircraft shakes our homes and disturbs our families at all hours of the day and night**. These sounds of war have become an unwanted backdrop to our daily lives, creating an environment of trauma, especially for our keiki and kūpuna. This has **never been pono** — never carried out with care or consideration for the people who live here.

Our communities have **spent years providing guidance** to the Army, offering our knowledge and testimony in hopes that our voices would lead to change. We have called attention to the physical, cultural, and environmental harm that the military’s occupation continues to cause. Yet, the Army has **failed to meaningfully incorporate this input** into the FEIS. Instead, the process reflects a continued pattern of dismissal and a belief that the military operates above the law.

It does not. And the BLNR has an opportunity and responsibility to assert that.

We also recognize the broader context: **Hawai‘i remains under illegal occupation by the United States**, and the continued use of our lands for warfare and training directly contradicts our identity as a place of peace. In a time of escalating global conflict, it is urgent that Hawai‘i begin the process of **demilitarization** and the restoration of our lands to their rightful stewards — the people of Hawai‘i.

Lāhui Foundation fully supports the return of all Hawaiian Kingdom Crown and Government lands at **Mākua, Pōhakuloa, and Kahuku**, and we urge the Board to **reject the FEIS** in alignment with the DLNR staff recommendation.

Mahalo for your time and for carrying out this kuleana with integrity and aloha.

Mahalo,

Lāhui Foundation

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Atalina Pasi-Secretary

Neva Fotu- Treasurer

Melissa Ka'onohi-Camit-Director

Ayesha Liquorish-Director

From: [dennis.nolan](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Army Eis Statement:
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:20:38 PM

Please hold Army accountable to the law and reject their markedly flawed EIS Statement.

Aloha,

Jeremiah Dennis Nolan
Haleiwa

From: [Krista Olson](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:19:39 PM

I am submitting this testimony, requesting BLNR's rejection of the U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Mākua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area, and Poamoho. The FEIS is inadequate and poorly done, and does not comply with the law.

**Thank you,
Krista Olson
Kealakekua, HI**

From: [Katherine Orr](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:12:36 PM

Dear BLNR,
Please hold the Army to account and reject this very flawed Final Environmental Impact Statement.
Sincerely,
Katherine Orr (Kaneohe resident)

From: [PATRICKW.OWENS](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:44:17 PM

'Nuff ordinance and unacceptable environmental damage by the US military. Completely unnecessary for maintaining its assets in HI.
Time to just say NO!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Vikki Pahia](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:03:20 PM

Aloha,

I am sending this testimony to ask you to please **REJECT** the FEIS presented by the US Army **for the Mākua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area, and Poamoho**. It is **poorly prepared, very inadequate and full of deficiencies that it should be rejected**.

I am asking that BLNR exercise due diligence and prudence in managing our natural and cultural resources. Your core responsibility is to protect the interests of the present and future generations of beneficiaries of the public trust.

Hold the Army accountable for their hollow promises of past as they inevitably tell what the future holds, and **say NO to the renewing of land leases at Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Makua. REJECT this flawed FEIS.**

**I am writing to say “NUFF ALREADY!!!!” REJECT, REJECT, REJECT the FEIS!
Please do your job.**

Mahalo,
Vikki Pahia
Resident of Hau'ula, HI. OAHU
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From: [Emmanuelle Parisi](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:53:21 PM

To the BLNR,

As a resident of Hawaii county, I ask the BLNR to hold the Army accountable to the law, and to REJECT this flawed FEIS.

I am calling for the BLNR's rejection of the U.S. Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Mākua Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area, and Poamoho.

It's time we say NO to the renewing of land leases at Pohakuloa, Kahuku, Kawaiiloa-Poamoho, and Makua. We must also refuse expansion at Barking Sands and the bombing of Ka'ula Island.

Mahalo,

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From: [Judith Perino](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:43:56 PM

BLNR OFFICIALS:

Please hold the Army accountable to the law and REJECT this flawed FEIS.

Protect the natural resources for now and the future.

Respectfully,

Judith Perino
Kamuela, Hawaii

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Judith Smith Perino
Perino Designs
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From: [Tom Poole](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:03:37 PM

I have reviewed the staff report of the US Army's FEIS for Makua Valley, Kahuku and Poamoho. I urge the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS. The deficiencies of the report including dependence on outdated documentation and unaddressed concerns warrants a rejection of the FEIS.

Mahalo,
Thomas D Poole (Dr)
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kiai Rapez-Meyer](#)
To: [Angelo Rossetti](#); [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Army EIS Statement
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:27:01 PM

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Kia'i A'akala Rapez-Meyer. I am a student at Waianae High School.

I believe that the BLNR shouldn't accept their statement because if the other islands don't want to accept them because of what they will do to our land then we shouldn't either because we are all one.

One reason I believe this is because concerns were raised about past damage caused by live fire exercises, including wildfires and potential environment contamination.

Another reason I believe this is because the BLNR and other organizations believed the EIS lacked sufficient data and analysis regarding endangered species, archaeological sites, and cultural impact assessments.

My final reason is that I personally don't want anybody taking our land from us and where I onced lived then using it for a bombing zone.

[Mahalo]

Kia'i A'akala Rapez-Meyer

June 25, 2025

Nancy Redfeather – P.O. Box 906, Kealahou, HI. 96750

Testimony in strong opposition to the Acceptance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Army Training Land Retention at Makua, Poamoho, and Kahuku Training Areas.

I am basing this opposition on the following reasons.

1. The contents of the draft/final EIS do not fully declare the environmental implications of the proposed action and does not discuss all reasonably foreseeable consequences. I understand that an EIS is a comprehensive and detailed look at all the possible impacts that could arise to an area, in this case this involves the lands of Makua, Poamoho, and the Kahuku Training Areas.
2. The data and analysis that were supplied in the document do not commensurate with the importance of the long term environmental and cultural impacts. (CIS)
3. There are incomplete biological studies of the species of the impact zone area, these studies should have been done before publishing the Final EIS.

The Board should take into account all testimony before determining whether this criterion has been met. It is the responsibility of the State of Hawai'i under Chapter 343, HRS to ensure that environmental concerns are considered alongside any other issues when making decision about actions that may affect the environment for all the peoples of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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From: [Amanda](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:37:26 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am giving testimony in the issue of whether the US Army retains Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa-Poamoho and Makua Military Reservation.

I have had the honor of visiting Hawaii, and I can't imagine anything more meaningful or restorative than returning the lands and waters to themselves and the original peoples holding the lineage of Hawaiian culture and ancestry. My mother is a resident, exclusively in Maui, for over 20 years.

The US Army has been utilizing these sacred Hawaiian lands and waters since 1964, and the current lease expires in 2029.

I urge the BLNR to reject the Army's FEIS, because the Army has not given this land or original peoples with their due respect from the outset. The Army's use has been disrespectful of sacred, historical and archaeological sites with unique and natural living resources and animals, lands with history and cultural significance to the Hawaiian ancestral peoples.

According to Native Hawaiians, the lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, and endangered species habitats and critical water sources.

The Army has failed to conduct complete and comprehensive archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands.

Specific and important alternatives are being ignored, such as shorter lease terms or no military usage at all.

The Army has created significant damage throughout its decades-long lease thus far, resulting in significant damage to living systems of ecology and desecrating sacred sites.

I urge the Army to take a full and honest account of the rich and diverse qualities and natural conditions of these lands and waters before the Army leased this lands. I urge these assessors to consider the many ways the military has overtaken the coastlines and living entity of Hawaii, to turn it into a training ground for war and war games—with little consideration for the hosts of living island and her beings. A peaceful nation living in aloha—what could be more misguided and morally wrong than disrupting and corrupting in this way?

The Army must be responsible to the natural and cultural laws of Hawaii's native Kanaka Maoli citizens in their assessment of what is needed for the health and wellbeing of the alive and thriving lands and waters. For too many years, the US Army has disregarded the integrity and balance which these lands and cultures inherently have—these delicate landscapes and their inhabitants do not need more dominating practices for violence and explosions. Please reject the continuation of the US Army lease on these lands.

Thank you,
Amanda Rouse
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From: [KAHEALANI Mokuau SCALES](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: No Lease Renewal for Army Occupation of Hawai'i Lands
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:58:52 PM

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Kahealani Mokuau Scales and I am a resident of Oahu.

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.

The FEIS fails to account for the irreversible harm to our land, water, and culture. The military has contaminated

sacred sites, endangered species, and our drinking water—all while denying Hawaiian sovereignty. Instead of extending these leases, the Army is urged to I:

1. Cease all live-fire training in Hawai‘i immediately.
2. Clean up all toxic waste (DU, PFAS, munitions) at their expense.
3. Return all ceded lands to Kanaka Maoli control.

Hawai‘i is not a war zone—it’s a living homeland. - Hawai‘i should be a neutral Pacific hub for diplomacy, not war.

The military’s continued presence is illegal, immoral, and unsustainable. No lease renewals. No more destruction. The time for peace and justice for Kanaka is now. Please return the stolen, occupied aina 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 nui for your time and pono stewardship, Iesu pu♡

Kahea Scales

E Ola Loa I Ke Aloha, e ho'omaika'i la!

From: [Taz Kekuawela-Ah Sing](#)
To: [Angelo Rossetti](#); [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Army EIS Statement
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:33:34 PM

Aloha mai kakou

My name is Taz kekuawela-ahsing and i am in 9th grade student at waianae high school

I think that they shouldn't because there just ruining the land

[One reason I believe this is because they are bombing the land and destroying the land.]
[Another reason I believe this is because the hawaiians are complaining about it and they can feel the land shake.]

[I believe this stance because were else are they training and what are they shooting at they are dropping bombs on the land and its destroying it.]

[Mahalo]

Taz



Veterans For Peace

Uranium Weapons, Cluster Munitions, and Land Mines Working Group

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June 25, 2025

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The State of Hawai'i
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RE: Public Comment Before the Board of Land and Natural Resources—Reject the US Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Deny Proposed Land Leases for Military Live-Fire Training Areas

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our Working Group timely files this comment to support your denial of the US Army's proposal to renew leases of 6,322 acres of sacred lands for use as military training areas. Rejection of the US Army's Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) addressing the fate of the Kahuku Training Area (1,170 acres), Kawaihoa-Poamoho (4,370 acres), and Makua Military Reservation (782 acres) is necessary to prevent the further desecration of the State's sovereign lands.

We urge the Board to unconditionally reject the Army's proposal to renew and extend the lease agreement of 1964 and to allow the lease to expire in 2029. Many of the reasons for which the Board rejected in May 2025 a similar FEIS proffered by the military for the Pohakuiloa Training Area are present in the FEIS now under consideration.

This VFP working group condemns all use of antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, and uranium weapons by any actor, under any circumstance.

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The Board's decision to not extend the leases should be based upon factors as follows:

1. The lands have sacred burial sites, cultural sites, endangered species habitats and critical water sources.
2. The Army has failed to conduct full archaeological and cultural surveys of the lands.
3. The FEIS ignores key alternatives (such as shorter lease terms or no military use).
4. The Army's use has already caused environmental damage and desecration of sacred lands.
5. These land must be restored and returned to Native Hawaiian peoples.

Additionally, we wish to highlight to the Board that much of the ordnance used in the subject training areas contain uranium U-238, also known as "depleted" uranium (DU). Our Working Group continues to investigate the risk and hazardous of exposure to uranium weapons. On February 1, 2025, we wrote to the Hawai'i Department of Health to advise the department of our findings. Our investigations have revealed that extremely adverse health effects result from exposure not only to uranium (U-238), but also to the "daughter products," other elements and their isotopes that derive from uranium during uranium's natural decay process. We have shown that exposure to uranium (U-238) is only 1/3 of the risk to biota. The immediate daughter products present in the uranium decay process, thorium (Th-234) and protactinium (Pa-234), represent another 2/3 of the exposure to harmful radionuclides from the munitions introduced into the leased training areas beginning in 1960 and continuing to the present.

We urge the Board to reject the FEIS under review, not renew any US Army training area leases, and demand the immediate and thorough restoration of all lands used by the military throughout the Islands since the 1893 colonization of Hawai'i.

We implore the Board to consider that our investigation has shown that products, in this case munitions, made from metal depleted uranium become more radioactive as they age due to the contribution of U-238's daughter products (progeny). In our view, it is imperative that the Board reject the FEIS and deny the Army's lease extension proposals. Clean-up of all areas within which the military has fired munitions should commence as soon as possible, but not later than the expiration of the current lease periods.

We underscore our requests to the Board to require the military to restore the leasehold lands to the condition which existed prior to military occupation and

use for live-fire training purposes. From our analysis we conclude that in a solid sample of depleted uranium, six months at most after manufacture of a DU penetrator, or DU armor for a tank, or DU particles in a person's body, substantial additional radiation in the form of beta particles and gamma rays always will be present. In fact, most of the penetrating radiation and all of the penetrating beta radiation from DU comes, not from uranium, but from the decay progeny of U-238.

The justification by the military for the state to lease training areas beyond 2029 is specious. The US government is provoking and planning a general military conflict with China. To that end, it considers the training areas in Hawaii'i essential for the training of its own forces and those of its foreign vassals. Hawaii'i is considered a forward base in the Indo-Pacific Region in the military's march toward China.

Our Working Group understands, as in New Mexico, members of your Congressional delegation, the state Governor, and many members of your state legislature may support the Army's outrageous proposal. Under the banner of national patriotism, retention of jobs, economic benefits, and traditional accommodation of the military, officials may believe it is in State's best interest to lease the training areas for another sixty-five (65) years beginning 2029. We hope that the merits of our investigation into the ill effects of depleted uranium will defeat those shallow arguments. Your political leadership must be dissuaded from supporting the lease proposal out of concern for the health of all residents in the Islands!

Respectfully submitted,

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From: [Keahi Vierra-Bell](#)
To: [Angelo Rossetti](#); [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:27:20 PM

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Keahi Marie Vierra-Bell and I am a 12th grade student at Waianae High School.

Do you believe the Board of Land and Natural Resources should accept the Army's final EIS?

I believe the BLNR should not accept the Army's final environmental impact statement.

Cite 2 sources explaining why you feel this way about the issue.

One reason I believe this is because the U.S. Army's use of lands like the Pohakuloa Training area has led to environmental contamination and destruction of sacred sites, as documented in reports by the Sierra Club of Hawai'i and local environment studies.

Another reason I believe this is because Native Hawaiian cultural practitioners and community leaders have repeatedly spoken out about the military's negative impact on aina (land) and water sources, including potential damage to endangered species habitats.

Give 1 personal reason why you believe this stance

My final reason is that I personally care about protecting Hawaii's land and should be cared for, not damaged by military training.

Mahalo nui your time and consideration

Sincerely, Keahi Marie Vierra-Bell

From: [Laurence Ward](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to US Army FEIS
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:29:27 PM

Aloha,

I read through the US Army FEIS and agree with the DNLR assessment that there are severe deficiencies in the Army FEIS that make it a no-brainer to reject it as grossly deficient.

After suffering through decades of lies, obfuscations, withholding of information, damage to our environment and even poisoning of our water supply by the military on Oahu, I say enough already, for whatever benefits the military might have brought to Hawaii, the price is too high and not worth it anymore. Please tell the military 'aole', this does not serve the needs of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laurence Ward

From: [Diane Ware](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:06:49 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Diane Ware from Ka'u and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence. Throughout the environmental review process, the Army has inexplicably ignored repeated comments and concerns raised by the Hawai'i community, including your own DLNR staff. As a result, this document fails to provide the information needed to determine potential impacts to streams, aquifers, native and endangered species, cultural sites, Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices, and other critical public trust resources and constitutional rights. Thankfully, your staff has made the appropriate recommendation to reject the FEIS as insufficient under the law.

Please uphold the integrity of our environmental review and land use laws - *do not accept* this faulty and legally flawed document.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this testimony.

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From: [Taylor Warner](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject FEIS for Kahuku, Kawaioloa-Poamoho, and Mākua
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:31:51 PM

Aloha Land Board Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the U.S. Army's proposed retention of leased lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawaioloa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation, and to urge the land board to reject the Army's EIS.

These places are not just a piece of land—they are wahi pana, sacred and beloved places that hold the stories and legacy of Kānaka Maoli. They are sacred burial sites, endangered species habitats, and the birth stands of generational families. Decades of misuse to 'āina occupied by the Army has proven that they are not capable of being the stewards of these significant wahi pana.

Additionally, the military training activities of this scale are simply not compatible with the intention of conservation, upholding cultural integrity, and aloha 'āina. Enough is enough.

The FEIS is insufficient and should be rejected on several grounds:

Inadequate Environmental and Cultural Impact Analysis

Lack of a sufficient disclosure of Military activities on leased lands adjacent to federal lands

Restrictive cultural access policies hindering Kānaka Maoli cultural practices and access to numerous historical and sacred sites

The approval of the EIS ultimately conflicts with the BLNR's constitutional duty to mālama 'āina

I urge the members of the land board to respect the land, the culture, and the people of Hawai'i by rejecting the Army's FEIS for Kahuku Training Area, Kawaioloa-Poamoho Training Area, and Mākua Military Reservation. It is time to release military hold on these lands, and allow their generational caretakers to begin the healing process.

Sincerely,
Taylor Warner
Hilo, Hawai'i

From: [Thia West](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Gary Hooser](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please say NO to renewing land lease and Agenda D.1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:03:35 PM

Aloha:

We all have our arguments for actions we want to take and the military has plenty that seem reasonable. However we need to say no to renewing land leases, for Po Hakuloa; Kahuku; Kawaihoa-Poamoho, and Makua. We should not expand use of Barking Sands; or bombing of Ka ulu Island.

We can fail to see the harm to our environment that is the basis for the support of all of us. Short term, reactive goals not thought out can result in irreparable harm to ALL.

The military in have not been “Pono” in their actions. They have set up harm to their own men and women in uniform, failed to assess risks when they initiate projects and just assume that any “fall out” is just part of their rights.

Please reflect and take all necessary steps to stop the harm, get them to reassess how to do what they want to do while being accountable.

It is time to assess projects with more perspective that benefits the American public, if we sought to find ways to collaborate internationally to the benefit of our allies and so called enemies the outcomes could radically improve quality of life for all. If you seek a lower goal you get a lower outcome. If you elevate the goal and more effective outcome is possible.

Respectfully submitted by,

Thia A West

From: [S Yee](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D-1
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 4:11:20 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Sandy Yee and I strongly urge you to REJECT the Army's legally deficient Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the retention of lands on O'ahu. Our lands are too precious to be desecrated for live fire training. Instead we need to malama the aina to grow food and build affordable housing.

Many of the same concerns the Board raised in its rejection of the Pōhakuloa FEIS — including the lack of cultural and biological surveys, inadequate cultural consultation, and unaddressed land use compliance issues— are found again in this document. This FEIS also fails to address stream impacts, potential groundwater contamination, and necessary land remediation plans.

Accepting this FEIS would signal that our environmental laws, the public trust, and Native Hawaiian rights can be disregarded with no consequence.

Please uphold your trust responsibilities, the mission of your department, and the laws that protect our 'āina and our future. Reject the FEIS.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
S Yee*