

November 11, 2025

Board of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96809

RE: Testimony for Annual Revocable Permit

Ka Imi Na'auao O Hawaii Nei Institute was established as a 501c3 nonprofit Hawaiian cultural educational organization in 1977 and has been managing Pu'uhinahina cabin (lot 13) since 1984.

Ka Imi Na'auao O Hawaii Nei Institute's use of the cabin is in perfect alignment with the 501c3 status, which is to serve the public as a Hawaiian cultural and educational organization.

Ka Imi manages the cabin to give public access to Koke'e State Park and educate the public in Hawaiian Culture, provide educational workshops on Hawaiian protocol, Hawaiian language, native plant identification, conservation, history, invasive plant eradication, hula, chant, Hawaiian music composition, lei and implement making and more.

In recent decades, in lieu of a long-term nonprofit lease, Ka Imi has been issued an RP annually while it has been continuing its work with Hawaii State Parks to hopefully finalize a long-term, nonprofit lease.

Sincerely,

Pat Finberg, Treasurer