

PC Committee

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To: PC Committee
Subject: Maui, Molokai, Lana'i Planning Commission - Testimony

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Kainoa Pali. I am currently a homestead resident on Molokai, the Molokai Island Council Chair for the Native Hawaiian Education Council, and administrator at Molokai High School. I have been raised on Molokai for the last 40 years and relied on subsistence gathering such as farming, hunting, and fishing.

I writing to SUPPORT a bill requiring (2) seats on the Maui, Molokai, and Lana'i Planning Commission to be reserved for Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner and a Conservationist.

As an administrator and former Hawaiian Language teacher, I can attest that many of my colleagues have utilized the many qualified cultural practitioners and conservationist within our Molokai community to teach the next generation. It is a testament of generations teaching the next and that is what makes Molokai unique. Today's generations are very fortunate to have a "living resource" rather than finding it in a "textbook."

Again we have a lot of qualified applicants among the many qualified cultural practitioners and conservationist who can continue to be the voice for Molokai and "Keep Molokai, Molokai."

Mahalo,
Kainoa Pali