

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**June 5, 2024
3:00 P.M.**

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 3:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama	√			
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook	√			
CM Nohelani U'u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci			√	Arr. 3:07 p.m.
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			
TOTAL PRESENT	8		1	

Resolution 24-103 "OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED AIR FORCE MAUI OPTICAL AND SUPERCOMPUTING SITE SMALL TELESCOPE ADVANCED RESEARCH FACILITY ATOP HALEAKALA"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	3:59 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	4:00 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	4:32 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:32 p.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2024-06-05 3:00 PM - Special Council Meeting

[Gavel] >> will the special council meeting of JUNE 5, 2024, please come to order. It is now 3:03 P.M. MS. Clerk, could you take roll call, please >> yes, chair. [Roll call] >> aloha, chair >> thank you. Vice-chair sugimura. >> good afternoon and we're going to have a reat meeting, thanks. >> councilmember paltin >> aloha >> councilmember dave johnson >> aloha, chair.\r\n\r\nI'm here and ready to listen. Close your mouth and open your ears and now it's time for me to do that. Thank you, chair >> okay >> councilmember rawlins fernandez >> aloha, chair. There are currently no testifiers at the time >> councilmember tom cook. >> aloha. Present >> councilmember hodgins >> aloha chair and aloha, everyone >> councilmember sinenci. >> excused for now >> councilmember chair lee >> [Foreign language >> there's eight members present.\r\n\r\nFor the record I'm the county clerk mora, seated next to me is the deputy county clerk michelle thompson. Present with us is our legislative division staff. Lauren, del and author. Joining the meet from the office of council services is director david rots and legislative attorney meagan, from the department of corporation counsel is first deputy corporation counsel, dazer dan. >> members, do you have any objections to allowing our testifiers two minutes rather than three today? We have -- member paltin (Indiscernible) That she has to attend and we want her to hear as much of the testimony as possible and we don't want her driving like a crazy person to lahaina. Any objections to that?\r\n\r\nOkay. So ordered. Folks will have two minutes and 30 seconds to wrap up. Yes, pro tem kama >> what time do you anticipate today's meeting getting over? >> I haven't the slightest idea. You know, probably 4:00 maybe >> okay >> I have to leave by 4:30 >> you do? Okay.\r\n\r\nWell, all right. Let's get this show on the road then. Before e proceed with the meeting agenda, MAY I lease request that everyone keep their microphone muted unless it's your time to speak. Councilmember inenci is here. As a reminder, testimony must pertain to items on the agenda. When testifying, direct your remarks to the council and not to any individual councilmember or member of the public. Each testifier will be allowed to speak for up to two minutes and 30 seconds to conclude.\r\n\r\nFor individuals wishing to testify on teams, click the raise your hand button to be added to the testifier log. If you're calling in, please follow the phone prompts to be added to the testifier log. The quorum shall be maintained at all times. Any erson who behaves in a manner that disrupts or disturbs or impedes the orderly conducts of any council meeting, at the discretion of the presiding officer or present council members be ejected or banned from council meetings or if participating remotely, muted or dropped from the meeting. Examples of disruptive behavior include but not limited to heckling, shouting, use of profanity, threatening or slanderous remarks to any member of the council, staff, or general public. MS. Clerk, please proceed.\r\n\r\n>> sure. At this time individuals MAY testify on the only resolution we have posted for today, which is resolution 24-103. Currently we have nine testifiers. The first is francine arona followed by george barnett >> no rush >> mahalo. [Choing] >> excuse me. Somebody has -- jane, can you check your microphone. Okay. We're ready to go >> okay.\r\n\r\nMahalo for allowing me to be here tday. I missed monday, but I'm here today. This is a testimony that I sent to amos star. For the record name, my name is francine aroma and I oppose the amos star facility on hawai'I. Through entitlement from what we refer to as a united states, you have continued to use our precious islands as a target. Pearl harbor, barber's point, mona kia and now haleakala, you have used our land to house your relatives as our residents suffer with high cost-of-living. I guess the saying is true, priced out of paradise. Enough.\r\n\r\nWhat is the meaning of sacred. We, the people, who you refer to as native hawaiians born of this island, were referred to as americans. You continue to abuse our lifestyle and sacred land. You continue to rob us of our heritage instilled in us by our -- the realm of the gods. It's a sacred place indicating limited human presence to be approached with rev rain in a caring, loving manner. This sacred place is deemed appropriate only for those who bare call ana. It's a privilege.\r\n\r\nOne do not take it for granted or lightly. It's a profound responsibility to and for haleakala. We breathe the island we live on. We're cleansed by the waters that surround us and we are protected by the mountain that provides nourishment and healing and we look to the elements that surround our gods and goddesses. How many of our sacred mountains are you going to destroy to master the universe? You have reached out to the community to hear the people of maui and all of ur cousins across the sea. What do you do?\r\n\r\nWe have 100% of opposition against amos star. Will our voices matter to the government who continues to discratre our home. >> thank you. Can you conclude >> yes, I'll conclude >> thank you. >> I can write one hundred pages about destruction, but I'll leave it to the rest of the testifiers. We continue to walk with you for your decisions for the people of hawai'I. MAY he grant the people peace and understanding in our process of opposition for our sacred haleakala and I remain -- >> questions, members >> thank you >> george barnett followed by sunny savage >> chair, before you start, I've spent time making this just under three minutes. Is it two minutes for real? \r\n\r\n>> do your best. >> I guess I have to cut something out on the fly. Good afternoon, chair and council members.

My name is george barnett, I'm testifying as an individual in favor of 24-103. I'm opposed to the telescope on haleakala. I proudly served in the airforce a long time ago. As a young man of the airforce, I thought I was providing, protecting freedom -- freedom from tyranny and providing strength and production to my country and to those strong - those not strong enough to depend themselves and my opposition of these telescopes springs from the same motivations and I'm deeply saddened since moving here and learning more about the over throw of hawai'I and the suppression of their culture and the lack of respect for their property rights. I have to cut some of this out but I do believe the kingdom of hawai'I is a eal and legal entity, and please don't misunderstand, I'm a passion america.\r\n\r\nI tear up when I hear my national anthem. Or when I think about those who have given so much to make my country better. I don't know where this came from, sorry. However, I can't discern right from wrong and what has happened is wrong. It's true these telescopes MAY serve a purpose but it's a short -- disrespect of hawaiians and their culture. I pray or the day that the great divide between many hawaiians and the united states would be resolved and I know it's not likely in my lifetime but I think it's possible. My father dropped bombs on germany in world war ii killing many and he was almost killed and less than 40 years later I was stationed in germany in the airforce >> two minutes >> the aloha in hawai'I is real but not as great as I experienced in germany especially from the older friends I made who fought for germany in that war and germany is one of our greatest allies as is japan.\r\n\r\nI favor healing wounds and making reconciliation with all hawaiians a possibility for the future. The building of these telescopes pushes that same can further down the road in my view. Thank you. >> thank you. Members, any questions? >> thank you very much >> chair, the next testify testifier is sunny followed by elizabeth ray >> aloha. Maybe I'll submit this because I think I'm going to shave a few things off for time as well, but I my name is sunny savage and I'm a resident here in haleakala and I'm in support of 24-103. My dad was a calculus teacher and we were the first households that had a computer.\r\n\r\nI grew up going out to dark fields and looking at, through telescopes out and I am -- absolutely huge lover of science, but you know, I think earlier this year, we had christopher grady quoted as saying space merged good it's our most fighting demain. That war is done and in the future, what we can expect -- I do feel like the large scale computing that's being done in key hey does ut us at risk, requiring, you know, I guess it also has mass complications for the carbon footprint. As that site is expanded, requiring megawatts of energy as much as a small city, which is currently fueled by an oil fire power plant. They can't even source new parts and run by maui electricity who we have heard is going through bankruptcy. We're looking at energy supply sources in maui a, so I find it hard that energy -- and based on the frailty of our infrastructure, that further development is not advised. In addition the disturbance caused by new destruction, it seems ludicrous when facing massive destruction and biodiversity laws and every loss equating to future potentials. So, I just feel like many employees the amo s&p cc come to hawai'I for its beauty with light pollution.\r\n\r\nAnd I guess the final point I want to make is that the subcontractor, tetra tech who is listed by space force to do the work on the ground for amos star was sued by the united states government for falsifying soil samples on clean up efforts at a station they had been contracted to remediate, so this is who is listed as the contractor and I stay no, no, and no, so thank you very much >> questions? Thank you >> mahalo. Just quickly. Where -- >> in 2018, a naval location that had some kind of major docksity toxicity and tetra tech was contracted to the cleanup. They were found, there were two whistleblower in the case and they were found to have falsified soil samples and say their remediation work had been done when in actuality, it had not, so you know, they are falsifying documents. They are the ones hired on by space force to do this project, this proposed project >> mahalo, chair >> member paltin has a question >> oh, sorry. So, tetra tech falsified the samples?\r\n\r\n>> yes. That was what I dug up online >> chair. The next testifier is elizabeth followed by jocelyn costa >> aloha, council. I'd like to speak for my husband, a native american for all indigenious cultures and for hawai'I because we share this same value, protect a sacred bond between ourselves and the natural world. We oppose amos star. I want to come before you today to tell you as a native american that we have the same values as hawai'I, my people, my culture and my heritage undergo the same horrors and greed we see in hawai'I today. We have barely survived genocide and destruction of culture in our homelands and we bear the same abuse and the same government corruption and military -- our americans were peaceful and believing in harmony and balance and connection.\r\n\r\nWhen we hear the sound of the drum, we're creating the heartbeat of mother earth. When we sing a song, it's a prayer. Did you know there were 60 to 100 million indigenious people native americans in north america before the colonizers in 1942 -- death was hidden, people murdered and fear and oppression and their children kidnapped to kill their people. 2020, native americans are removed by military occupation, so I see this pattern. We learn from our past. I do not trust military. Our people don't trust it.\r\n\r\nHawai'I doesn't trust it. You say telescope, I see military. The powerful vowses of your key key hawai'I, some are passionate to their hair age and way of life, they are awake and knowledgeable and changed and they are future leaders and not give up. Please listen to the elders nd children of hawai'I who live, love, and care for these islands with the aloha GOD has bestowed pon them. They are the beginning and the end. I've come to hawai'I to ex-peer an a hawai'I culture and

hawaiian of life which share the -- please listen to the wind. It talks.\r\n\r\nListen to the silence, it speaks. Listen to your heart. It knows. No military occupation on hawai'I. We say no to amos star >> questions. >> the next testifier is jocelyn costa followed by camanoa goines >> good afternoon, chair. Good afternoon, council members. My name is jocelyn costa.\r\n\r\nI'm known up in haleakala as (Indiscernible). I've spent 12 years with the decus and then I've been a year and a half now every meeting with this spill and I was alerted about the telescope. So, the things that they say seems to continually repeat. There's body of water, there's no impact to the plants and everything like that. My experience there is the pattern of information is false. They stay as clear away from water as they can. When decuss was built, they blew rock. To me, blue ock in a lens talks about water.\r\n\r\nWhen the spill had to do their borings to find out the depth of the spill, they hit blue rock. They hit (Indiscernible). But they continue to say there's no body of water and I tell them, haleakala is the funnel. It's not the ody of water. It's where the water is caught and brought down. I've driven just past the top part of the visitor center and not the bottom one. Just from the top and caught water bleeding out of that mountain. It doesn't come up.\r\n\r\nIt's from down coming into the ground. And I've caught that water, and I've shared that water and I have seen the healing powers of that water. I won't take that water right now. Not with what's in the ground. As far as plants, when I did my last site visit, we only had one site visit since hey've been trying to put this plan together to clean. I noticed that they were -- there were huge amounts of baby silver swords coming up. Nothing in that contaminated area.\r\n\r\nThe last part I want to tell you is, they know how valuable space is, a time in space. So, they need to give us the haleakala, that space when we pull it. If they had it surrounded by even more, then they have now invaded our space. We can't even turn on a headlight because of their space and what they are doing, so they understand what it is like. So, I do not give a consent to any further development up there, nor do I agree that they should even talk about it. It shouldn't be on anybody's radar. It's desecration to the highest extent >> members, questions?\r\n\r\nIf not, thank you. >> chair, the next testifier is kama goines followed by hena nubial >> aloha, everybody. It gets frus frus straighting to things that should be granted. I believe molo -- it was deemed illegal to take over the state road, so you got that. We go to -- I have seen satellite photos and the amount of damage. All military stuff. We talk about -- you can't inhabit that place because there's, like, unexploded ordinance and bellas, which they were supposed to give back, the military but they cancelled that.\r\n\r\nWhen hawaiians wanted to build a hawaiian homeland over there, the list goes kind of on. If we talk about an makawao haleakala situation, it talks to the top of the mountain to the sand of the beach. There's the issue over there. We got to rebuild two houses like, personally speaking, right. That was a big eye-opener to the world. Now as a native hawaiian, right, if you have tried to contemplate building a telescope here, I don't think that's going to go very well, so we could save time and money and be focused on something a little bit more important. Like I said, I kind of look at this as a waste of time to tell you the truth.\r\n\r\nBut I'm here willing to support the opposition to whatever star. The thing is called. I don't know these guys or anything like that. So, yeah. I'm trying to be as peaceful as I can, but a lot of times the craziness and comes out of buildings like this for a hawaiian like me, so I'm hoping politicians can take a step to make wise decisions, responsible decisions, right, to help people instead of, I don't kow, help interest or maybe help careers or whatever it might be, but in this situation, I don't think you guys would be successful even if you do decide to support dan star or whatever hey are called. I think it's a terrible idea. Hawaiians dream of demilitarizing hawai'I but I think it's rresponsible because of the amount of war going on in this world.\r\n\r\nThe reason for building this is for information, okay. So, if they have the ability to connect to satellites from a near area like that, I think it's a resident of maui, my information and my privacy is at risk. You know, I'm pretty aware of what's going on and what's going on in this world. You know, I comment -- I'm a representative of my mom's nonprofit. My mom has her nonprofit called hawaiian homeland security, and in this sense, it is a hawaiian homeland security issue especially being maui based and stuff like that. I want to encourage you to make wise decisions. GOD bless you all >> members, questions?\r\n\r\nThank you. Next >> chair, the next testifier is hana >> I believe that experience was critical with activating my humanity that's hawaiian and as a hawaiian, I stand here today to ask you to umanize all hawaiians by listening to us and believing our lived experience. When we cast and invalidate or experience of hawaiians, we engage in dehumanization and we want to stay away rom that spectrum because at the extreme end of that spectrum is the genocide we see happening today in palestine. So, what does hawaiian lived experience tell us? It tells us the pain and hearing -- which others have spoke about. It tells us of our concerns of children future use and perhaps when the fuels is build on talk fer here. And it puts profit and power before life.\r\n\r\nAt our first community meeting, I asked one of the 3 airforce communities if the research done on the telescope -- so I took that as a yes. And I come to you today to ask you to pass the resolution, I stand in favor and to not allow these telescopes to be built because contributing to american weapons development at this pivotal moment in history compromises our shared humanity. I truly believe this is a larger fight for the soul of our humanity >> 30 seconds. >> I ask you to stand on the right side of that fight. Free hawai'I and free palestine. Mahalo >> members, questions? >> the next testifier is raeanna followed by terry

lawrence.\r\n\r\n>> aloha chair and council members. My name is rihanna. My foot is broken. It takes me a while to get around but it was attorney for me to be here. I want to thank this council for your hard work for the people of haleakala. This has been a difficult year for our people and I'm sad we have to be here to talk about things like this but I'm grateful to this council to putting -- for putting this resolution forward in support of the people. I would really like to thank you all for being representatives.\r\n\r\nAnd I think that's why this resolution is so important because the people's voices don't always get heard and at all of the scoping meetings and I was there with hundreds of people. 100% of the testifiers oppose this project and I think that's why it's so important that a resolution like this would come forward because it's in alignment with the wishes of the people. This community has been through this project -- process before. Many people supported the mona and what is right, to stand for haleakala and the telescope process, and I'm attorney in native hawaiian attorney and I'm embarrassed about our legal process and what happened with that mona because people tried for years to follow the process, to do everything that was asked of them in consultation and then sued what they saw the law was being broken. That case went to the supreme court and the supreme court said the people were right that they had done everything they could possibly do to stand for the hannah and it was already being built. I apologize chair. This is a critical moment.\r\n\r\nThe people need to know the people are listening to them. They don't have any recourse, even the legal system is not protecting them. Please stand with the people. This process should end now and there's more I would say, but just thank you so much for representing the people. Mahalo >> questions, members? Thank you >> claire, the next testifier is (Indiscernible) Followed by bora buchanan >> aloha council members. Mahalo for hearing this - resolution today and I humbly urge you to pass this resolution as soon as possible.\r\n\r\nBefore JUNE 7th, when the scoping comments are due, I do want to take note, you guys can google "new york times." it reads, convinced that rapid advances by china and russia in space based operations pose a growing threat to U.S. Troops and their military assets on american satellites in orbit, so when they come to you and they say, oh, we're, you know, doing science or collecting data, when I read this, I see space wars. I see the future of space wars coming to hawaii. All of us experienced that horrid (Indiscernible) On JANUARY 13, 2018, and it scared the shit out of me and everybody in this room, but the reason we have a missile alert in hawaii, they don't have missile alerts in the middle of wisconsin and those corn fed states. Hey don't have a missile but in hawaii, we have it because we have five military bases in hawaii in the middle of the pacific. We're a prime target for war. We seen it with japan and who says we won't see it again. Look no further to the desecration -- the poisoning of waters at red hill, and you know, they destroyed our reef off key hey during pearl harbor and still haven't clean up their mess. You can go swim in the waters of mccoys and you can see metal and debris from their exercises in what queue what >> two minutes >> I'm going to end it with this because often times politics will support it because they say, oh, it's good for economy and we need the jobs.\r\n\r\nBut jobs are not worth putting your kids and their kids at risk. I come here today because I'm a single mom of two kids and I'm scared shit about wars coming to hawaii. It scares me. It really horrifies me and so, please do the right thing. Stand by the people. Hundreds of people showed up at the three scoping hearing. Not one person showed up in support of the military's proposal. So -- stand with the people.\r\n\r\n>> any questions? None. Thanks >> chair the next testifier is laurie buchanan followed by tee fertado >> aloha. Thank you, I think my mic is now unmuted. To the best council in the world that I love the most, all the hard workers. I sat through your budget approval and I wanted to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. I still don't know how I guys can do this.\r\n\r\n(Indiscernible). Not that I'm selfish but I think I have the best council in the world, so thank you so much. I am (Indiscernible) To support the resolution which I want to thank all of you for supporting right now, to even bring a resolution for opposing any development of the telescope on haleakala. I have been a lifelong engager in many, many section 106 with many, many projects. Almost every project with every branch of military. I listen to the c span and reads the reports from the admiral of the navy which is your go to person to find out what's going on on the ground and how hawaii is the third island in the last defense before the united states. I won't give all of that information because my COUNCILWOMAN Has to get on the road and get to her meeting in lahaina in west maui. I want to say I'm in strong position of the foot in the door setting precedent on haleakala.\r\n\r\nI can't -- once I saw space force established there, and I don't even remember being consulted for that, similar to how I don't know how six and ten have got built on the island of makawao for starting without a permit. I'm still investigating that. Please support that. Thank you very much. Aloha. I love you guys. >> aloha.\r\n\r\nAny questions? If not, thank you >> chair, the next testifier is tee followed by kalaha. >> aloha, my council. My name is (Indiscernible). I'm speaking on my own behalf. I also sit in meetings with jocelyn regarding the (Indiscernible) And as such -- I applaud this resolution introduced by member rawlins fernandez and I support this council in opposing the construction. I say bold because it's tricky to stand strong against deep (Indiscernible) When the greater governing body is part of the continuing (Indiscernible). You see there's many of us who stand with you. I've seen this issue play out time and time again on social media where folks pull our makawao saying they would use telescopes and use guns to (Indiscernible). While all these things

MAY be true, they also don't consider that our makawao were forward-thinking and risk taking but not at the expense of haleakala.

If we follow those same kinds of lines of thinking being played out, wouldn't it be just as viable they would utilize newer method, hes, space based methods to learn from the heavens while they respect for (Indiscernible) That's focused on the (Indiscernible) And list on temporary human -- I mentioned at the public meetings that there's a space space solution on maui that already does when the amos say they need the telescopes for. Why not a privateer. They are in steam programs to gain knowledge here (Inaudible). It's filled with loved one who served in the military and I love science. I went to school for (Indiscernible). This is about whether or not I believe in science or believe in haleakala. This is about whether or not this project is funneled in our (Indiscernible) Especially given the track record of the city. They say they understand and respect the culture and what's sacred but when they don't reflect that, one has question -- >> thank you. Questions, members.

If not, thank you >> the next testifier is (Indiscernible) Followed by walter >> aloha, can you hear me? >> yes >> okay. Awesome! So, my name is (Indiscernible). I live in kula maui. I support this for the construction on haleakala. And I'm here speaking today as a native hawaiian deeply concerned about this project. The fact that such a project s being considered, I (Indiscernible) Rights and the sovereignty of the native hawaiian people.

The disrespect for indigenous voices is unacceptable. Bottom line, there shouldn't be anymore telescopes allowed on haleakala. The construction in which telescopes is just going to further desecrate the sacredness of that landscape, further eroding our culture heritage and identity as hawaiians. You know, the native hawaiian community, we just enjoyed centuries of generalization. We're not going to stand hile our lands are he is torted for the benefit of external interest. At the end of the day, to me, this is a no-brainer. Every councilmember as representatives of the people of maui should support this resolution.

It's time to put an end to this pattern of disrespect and you guys need to start to prioritize the well-being of the native hawaiian people. And this resolution would be a good place to start an -- it's a better reputation and a way to show that you, in fact, are here for the people of maui. Mahalo >> thank you. We have a question for you, pro tem kama >> thank you >> did you submit your testimony in writing? >> I did not >> ould you please submit it in writing to the county clerk and maui county dot us? >> okay >> thank you. >> will do >> thank you, chair.

Anymore questions? Thank you. And MAY we have the ext testifier, please >> chair, the next testifier is walter to be followed connie lee who is our last testifier >> anybody see walter? >> he's online, chair. He was raising his hand earlier. I'm not sure if he's having technical difficulties >> hello >> okay. >> this is walter.

>> we've got you >> right on. Oh, boy! Complicated. I was online watching the different polynesians coming on the ships on their canoes. It's a big deal going on in hawai'I for hawaiians so laurie called me up and said we're testifying so I'm trying to talk to you at the same time and watch everybody come in on their canoes and I want to talk with you guys because you know, these guys are doing a branch 3 of military, brand-new branch and it will come o hawai'I first, so, why would a county council have any power over these guys, it doesn't make any sense, but you know, like keana, she reminds me of (Indiscernible), he didn't care. He didn't care about the military or whoever. He took a strong stance because one of the bombs ended up in his pasture so he was pissed off about the military, so you know, I'm saying that because there's a history for the county council to get involved in these kinds of things.

And I'm hoping that you guys pass this because we need a voice that really connects to us on the street and we can't wait for congress to do anything on this issue. It has to be you guys. So, mahalo for taking this position and I hope it passes today. And we had some disagreements with elmer but in the long run, he was our hero. Mahalo >> questions, members? If not, next >> chair, currently the last testifier and the next testifier is connolly lee williams. If anyone wishes to testify, sign up at the podium in the lobby or raise your hand >> my name is connolly lee william.

I'm here to support 24-103. I want it mention I live in haleakala. I live next to a river. I'm a farmer. Everything that happens on haleakala is going to impact 3 down below. There's a thing called hydrology. There's a spill on haleakala. It's going to affect those who live below.

I was raised by a military parents, well, one. Both my parents were in the military. I'm not big on advocating for military frontier. If you don't understand a connection to haleakala, it's documented in the hawaiian newspaper. It's the love of haleakala printed in 1912. His younger siblings are -- they are all the younger siblings of haleakala. If you live in those, you lso have the protection to the older sibling. You might live on another mountain but it's related to haleakala.

Hat's all I want to say >> thank you. Members, questions? If not, thank you. >> chair, we've had another testifier sign up. (Indiscernible) >> we have somebody else >> james. I come here to tell you guys remember pearl harbor. What happened.

This is something that I ook at and understand. Awai'I is a steppingstone to america no matter if we get them here or get them (Indiscernible) Or whatever. Remember, this is the steppingstone to america. Thank you. >> thank you. Members, questions? There is none, thank you very much >> MADAM Cair, the next testifier is kahala dukewell.

>> aloha. I wanted to make sure everyone had time to share their (Indiscernible) Since I've been here and I think everybody knows what I feel about this project. I just wanted to give a last plea that, you know, many of us in opposition to rampant development in all forms especially mill tare skeletonization and it's not just having a feeling

of the land but protecting this land and to make proper decisions and in this case, and in many of the cases, we really need to start making decisions from our own perspective, from our own -- for our own good. I think we are so exploited by so many entities, tourism, corporate, all kinds of declarations and the military. Right. They are in the same bucket when we talk about the exploitation of our lands and our people. Right.

We have to keep -- when we think about these things, it's about landing people together. But it's not just about doing something to our land. What you do to our land affects our people and we see that, again, through all of these issues that we face, so this is my last plea to the council, who I think is making a very brave attempt to manage this sort of rampant exploitation that we have been experiencing for generations. I think it would be a great example to our future generations to take this stand and to support this resolution in opposition of any further military development on Haleakala. Mahalo >> thank you.

Members, questions? No questions.

Next testifier >> the next testifier is Penelope McKenzie >> is she online? >> yes >> are you sure? Call her again >> Penelope McKenzie, if you can unmute >> I'm sorry, but we have to move on >> chair, there's currently no one else to testify, so we'll go ahead and give the last call, if anyone wishes to testify in the chambers, please go ahead and make your way to the podium. And please state your name for the record, thank you >> aloha, everybody. Thank you for having me here. I'm finishing from my little sister who didn't have enough time, so I asked her to write out, so I'm using my time for her. This is her voice.

There are nearly 4 million square miles of land in the United States, and only 728 square miles on Maui. I find it hard to believe, there's not one other place in the United States that the project could be built other than a top of Mauna Kea that's sacred to us and to Polynesians across the Pacific basin. Please -- stop this EIS process now before years of protracted litigation takes place. Maya has already been -- she's thinking it has been abused. And the sacredness has been not respected. So, I ask all of you who have the power to say something, speak up for all the people that don't have the time. Their giving two minutes, three minutes to say something, it's not enough.

It's disrespectful, but I appreciate you being here >> what is your name? >> sorry. My name is Katherine Wong, I live in high school and I'm not native. Call myself Malaheni. Some people say don't go there, but okay. I'm here to -- in support of the people that greet me. So, thank you >> thank you.

Just to let you know, we're going to be leaving -- losing three of our members shortly. And this is the reason why we limited the testimony to two minutes. We want to act -- take action on this resolution and there's a deadline. And that's the reason why we did this. It's not to silence anybody, believe me. Any more testifiers? >> chair, we do see Penelope Mackin -- McKenzie online.

If you can unmute on your end. She indicated she'll send in written testimony. Last call for testifiers in chambers, please go ahead and state your name for the record >> okay. You already testified? >> I did. My name is Hena, but if there's time I wanted to, for the record because I cut it out of my speech earlier, just give a voice for the endangered species Haleakala that will be affected by the project. Hena Hena and the insect, the native bees will be affected.

They -- the species habitat is right in the same footprint as the telescopes they want to be in. That whole creative floor and the tops of those -- of the Mauna Kea itself and the whole area, that's habitat for the Heenah that is there. I wanted to say that >> thank you. Anyone else? All right. >> chair, we have no other testifiers signed up to testify either online and seeing none in chambers, we'll give last call. Counting down, three, two, one.

There's no one else to testify >> members, any objections closing public testimony and 3 accepting written testimony >> no objection. >> so ordered. >> before you is resolution 24-10, opposing construction of the proposed Air Force Maui Optical and Supercomputing Site Small Telescope Advanced Research Facility atop Haleakala" >> I move to adopt resolution 24-103 >> second >> moved by Fernandez and seconded by Kama to adopt resolution 24-103. Discussion. >> MAY I request that the resolution is read in its entirety >> MADAM Clerk. Resolution 24-103, opposing construction of the proposed Air Force Maui Optical and Supercomputing Site Small Telescope Advanced Research Facility atop Haleakala" -- [Reading resolution] >> which cultural significance to native Hawaiians and used and is used as a place for religious ceremonies for prayers to the gods to connect to ancestors and whereas Haleakala is more than a mountain, and it's considered -- or some of the gods and deep spirituality for Hawaiians to engage in the practices and whereas the Department of the Air Force is proposing to construct and operate a top Haleakala, the Air Force Maui Optical and Supercomputing Site and Telescope Research Facility or Amos Star and Amos Star will occupy three acres, 2200 -- and 2200278 portion, and whereas the National Environmental Policy Act, and comments are expected JUNE 7, 2024, for an environmental impact statement by a company called Tech That Tech. And whereas the EIS process requires agencies to consider the effects of historic properties including through comments from that wise a state historic preservation division, the advisory council and historic preservation, native Hawaiian organizations and other stakeholders under the National Preservation Act of 1966, and whereas the EIS will evaluate the following, the proposed action, alternative one, consisting of six telescopes in ground and mounted domes and one rooftop mounted dome telescope and use of an existing building for communication commitment and off I cans for the rooftop telescope and having laser capabilities and alternative, two is the proposed action without the rooftop mounted domed telescope and no action -- and where the Department of the Air Force states the project will provide satellite tracking

and communication capabilities to allow the characterization catalogs of objects in pace and enable advanced research that expands the department's understands of objects in the pacific theory and whereas public scoping need meetings were held MAY 13th and 14th and MAY 15th. Whereas public scoping meetings resulted in testimony from hundreds of community members that clearly and overwhelmingly opposed the amos stars action or altds and whereas the department of the airforce -- with other interested individuals, organizations or through state or local government, and whereas cultural assessments performed by the development of the advanced technology telescope known as the daniel solar telescope which is based and houses suction academic and four space surveillance telescopes to determine the area is the most sacred sites on maui, and whereas in both 2015 and \$2017, dozens of people and cultural practitioners were a rested for trying to prevent the further desecration of haleakala as a cultural and spiritually sacred spot and the city of haleakala is in the stake conservation district, and classification recognizes the area as a fragile cosystem with unique cultural and archaeological and natural resource and the summit has important environmental significance as the upper elevations of haleakala provide habitat, for endangered plants and animals and recognized as the most designated habitat zones where many of worlds and rare species had to adopt due to the threat of habitation destruction and invasive species at the lower elevations and whereas the summit of haleakala is home to 11 federal three threatened or endangered species included the opia or hawaiian bat, the camacho lieu what and the hawaiian duck and the hawaiian goose and the hawaiian pet tral and native cutweed and -- [Reading resolution] And whereas the countywide policy plan notes the two highest priorities are to protect the nvironment and preserve local cultures and pro digses, and where the maui stresses maintaining heritage resources and protecting watershed and whereas maui island has two primary watersheds east and west maui and the east watershed begins at the summit of haleakala and is the island's largest water producer.\r\n\r\nAnd whereas decisive action needs to be taken to protect all of hawai'I water resources posed by the military due to their negligence for the leaks at the storage facility of approximately 180 gallons of fuel released in nearly 80 year period, polluting the source aquifer which provides drinking water to thousands of residents good contaminated the drinking water. JUNE 29, 2023, the U.S. Base force say they allowed diesel fuel to spill in the space surveillance complex site located at the summit of -- in SEPTEMBER of 2023, general the commander of U.S. Space force endo specific say it was located on -- the military will go beyond mediation processes and protocols to clean up the spills. It's a face two of their remediation plan based on the samples collected and contamination is unknown more than a year later. The pill is not complete according to -- a cultural advisory retained by the military to monitor the work and MR. Pine developed more scopes on haleakala. [Reading resolution] .166 acre parcel held by the other university hawai'I institute of -- and whereas communities of more than 19,000 residents are within a ten mile radius of the amos star site and hawaiian homestands and the department of the airforce hasn't addressed questions surrounding the human health impacts from the high level of microwave transmissions owe missed from the project could have the xhaunts and residents it. Therefore, it resolved by the council of maui, one, it opposes construction of the proposed airforce and super computing sites, small telescope advanced research facility.\r\n\r\nTwo, that it finds amos stars are -- three, that it urges the department of the airforce to respect the unified and collective voice of community members, who estify to seize all action in the development of the proposed amos star facility. Three, should be four, that it urges the national park service, the federal aviation administration and the hawai'I department of land and natural resources to not approve permits for amos star and four, it should be five, the certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to etra tech, the joseph r Biden JR. PRESIDENT Of the united states, the honorable kamala harris, the vice-PRESIDENT Of the state and the house of representatives and charles e chuck schumer, majority leader, u. -- the honorable ed case, representative and joe, U.S. Representative. The honorable lloyd austin, secretary of defense nd frank kennel the third and secretary airforce, and michael whitaker. Charles sams the third. The honorable josh m green, governor state of hawai'I and sylvia luke. Dorn chang, chairperson, the department of land and natural resources and david, PRESIDENT Of hawai'I. Gabrielle, interim chair and board of regions and ronald, PRESIDENT State of hawai'I, scott, speaker of the house.\r\n\r\nAnd the honorable richard JR., mayor county of maui >> fernandez. Let me know if I missed everyone. Resolution 24 -- >> did you want to -- [Multiple voices] >> I'll say my peace and -- >> all right >> member kama >> resolution 24-103 is the council's opportunity as representatives of our resident to honor their request and uphold the construction of the proposed telescopes on top haleakala and deadline is JUNE 7th. That's why we're taking it up today. It gives the airforce to save taxpayer dollars by stopping process here and here. We received a presentation from space force on the clean up on haleakala after 700 gallons of fuel was released last year. A presentation on the proposed telescope project where community members had the opportunity to ask questions.\r\n\r\nThere were over 6 individuals who signed up at the hearing held in -- many were not allowed to speak but they ended up -- because they ended the hearing at 9:30. I understand or learned at monday's community meeting that member (Indiscernible) Was unable to attend in person nd member cook was able to attend. So, they were able to witness firsthand the testifiers that unanimously testified in

opposition that was spoken about today. There was questions about the lease held by the arforce. Questions about how it makes maui more of a target. Questions about the assertions of this project, and the necessity on haleakala, not only - not only national security but it can be installed at a low elevation that's not so intrusive and managed by civilians and employed by private companies as you heard in testimony today. If the concern that fuel could have spilled, why wasn't a preexisting contract setup so it wouldn't take more than month to contain the potential spread of that fuel. We have consistently heard the request to stop the DECEMBER cession of the secret.

Today folks were given two months to convey this and chair, we all understand the timeline that we're under, so I'm not criticizing that. Just that's two minutes and conveying sacredness requires more than two minutes. Thankfully, associate dean and others captured the immensity of speaking to secretness this past monday and in testimony we heard the request of indigenous people to be humanized, to not commit genocide. The culture and spirituality of haleakala cannot only be invited and revered when convenient, and it - must be respected. The recommendation is o not move forward. When a system values one groups religious beliefs but desecrates another group's belief, that's racism. That makes haleakala the need to say we're not antiscience.

Once the military takes possession of land, it's not returned. We see that on hawai'I island, and the list goes on and on and it's a continuation of imperialism. Then, at the same time, considering a project that has inflicted so much harm on so many people in the pacific. A celebration of life, of cultures that promote life on a project from the military that promotes death is (Indiscernible). While everyone expects their opposition, to the military expansion, it's not directed at any individual or veteran or active -- address the tanks at red hill and the ranking representatives are transitioned out whether an individual is compassion at. It doesn't matter too much because they won't be there to see promises or comment to the community and advocating for organizations, destruction of the military represents the destruction of the place but the destruction of the spirit of a person and I can go on and on about ow many have suffered from ttsd. People MAY argue, job creation in support of this project. Any jobs argument isn't only weak, but it's racism and the jobs will be filled by military and they would take up the housing that we don't have.

Unlike that what hue where they have housing and that's not something I'm advocating for. We're told this telescope can be built on haleakala and that's not true. Objects like satellites and space debris while growing above us, there's potential hazards and threatening near earth objects including asteroids and they need monitoring from the ground and space spectrum of observing techniques and laser, radar, passive radio and traditional telescopes used to attract these objects and they can be large and expensive to build and operate. They are social and cultural impacts to consider, like this. Small telescopes are operating telescopes shrinking -- small telescopes are employing filtering technologies allowing them to operate at low altitudes and areas within light pollution. How good are they? A 12 inch smart telescope at sea level can absorb the satellites on the gio station orbit, 22,236 miles as small as ten" in low earth as small as two to three inches.

Generally small telescopes can be efficient and cost-effective. It's larger than that of -- the energy footprint is much larger than that of a desktop pc and because they require no offsite and only inter meant ant services, the telescopes can be located anywhere. That's information that I just received today to counter the assertion that the telescope must be built on haleakala. I urge my colleagues to support resolution 24-103 today.

Mahalo, chair >> thank you. Any further discussion? >> chair >> pro tem kama >> if member rawlins fernandez and member paltin will support me to send a friendly amendment to include to send this to hsac, okay, and also tanaco, also to the department of interior, to the director of the office of native hawaiian relations, also to the office of hawaiian affair, chair linzi so those are the additions to send these to.

And member rawlins fernandez, the second to the last ask just before the be it resolved which it says including residents of hawaiian state lands to include the hawaiian homeland farmlands if that's okay >> any objections to adding those? >> no objections. Chair, MAY I -- I guess, amend my motion to include any non(Indiscernible). Our clerk found the numbering in the be it resolved that needs to be corrected and I saw a couple -- like an extra space, so -- >> members, objections to having staff correct a non-substantive changes? As well as add any additional amendments, recommendations by pro tem kama. No ojections. All right. And no further discussion?

Members, are you ready to take the vote. Oh >> I got so much to say. I have a community meeting because of the budget and things but basically like the testifier said, this is a no-brainer for me. You know, we -- sometimes you got to say enough is enough and there's so many telescopes on haleakala. There's -- there's fuel at bird hill and -- the legacy of mill military ization and there's sunken ships at pearl harbor. You have to stand up for peace and peace is not allowed further military, you know, not putting that target in our back and not continuing the military industrial complex with no consequences. MR.

Wagon said that 700 gallons of fuel spill, no fine. They just got to clean up their mess in this case. But all the other cases of pollution and militarization of hawai'I, we're task with living with it and cleaning it up. And you know, in terms of treaties, there's no treaty to become apart of america, but there is treaties of friendships, treaty of trade that hawai'I has across the globe and you know, I believe that was the goal was to be kind of, like, switzerland, neutral, so we need to take a really strong stance to stop further militarization of that wise a because we are the people of the earth, you know, and the

things that we see matters in this case. It has a worldwide ripple that we're taking this action not just because of the sacredness of Haleakala, which is known throughout Oceania as a secret place but also because world peace is so desperately needed that we don't support any further militarization in these islands, in the Pacific and all of Oceania, in dealing with residents of the Kona. They know better than us what militarization on the islands and the consequences and they moved to Maui and Hawaii and throughout the United States because as a friendly nation to the United States, they were bombed to the point where they can't live there any more. That's what the Compact of Free Association is about, so just joining together with our brothers and sisters across Oceania to stop the militarization is protecting Haleakala.

No-brainer. And I just don't want to be late as well. Thank you. >> anymore comments? MR. Cook 3 >> thank you, chair. I support this. I was at the meeting. I've heard and feel deeply. I understand. I'd like to -- we all have friends and family in uniform and to separate the military industrial complex, the war machine, all of that aspect of it, and not have it shade or color our friends and family and relatives in that. The other aspect is the separation between science and militarization. I'm supporting this and I just want to say that during the budget hearings, the young youth and the STEM programs and the robotics programs, like, in -- they do work in that part in that area, so I want us to be supportive of science. I'm not supportive of this but I hope we don't paint with a broad brush, all the people in uniform because they are friends and family and not the bag guys, but I agree that the U.S. Military and the government has overstepped and done a lot of things that are shameful and also at times protected us whether we like it or not. I'm supportive and thank you for the opportunity to be able to weigh in on this. Mahalo.

>> MR. Johnson. >> thank you, chair. I support the resolution. I want to thank councilmember Rawlins Fernandez, councilmember (Indiscernible). I'm privileged to work with a council that has a majority of Hawaiians. Thank you very much. We know a thing about military industrial complex and the things it does to your community. The quote I was listening to testifiers say and said it was a waste of time to be here. Again, we're here. Why should we be here. There's a history of battling the military complex and a quote that came to mind was Bob Marley, he said the people that's making this world worse is not taking the time off, so why should I. We need to be here. I want to arrive in support and thank you to the testifiers. You influence, you have power. You have influence. You spoke your peace here. You spoke your peace in South Maui and please keep doing that. Thank you, chair >> vice-chair Sugimura >> yeah, thank you. I just want to acknowledge the e-mail messages that I got from people who spoke up for science, who spoke up for technology, and the value of it in general. And as well as the voices that we have heard here as well as the many that I heard in -- the cultural and the anguish, I think I heard in Pukeo and the chambers in the last couple of days and I will also like to acknowledge that the military has reached out to, and I thank Lieutenant Colonel, that he reached out or their organizations reached out to the robotics program -- I hope they will reach out to the schools of country and help the next generation become better, and stronger and I don't think it's because of that but (Indiscernible) And I believe every little bit can happen with that kind of expertise they bring to the mountain. I value and appreciate and it is difficult and how do you put all of that together because it is an organization that's trying to do something and whatever their mission is, but I hope they will look at this and pause, basically, and realize there are voices, creative voices that they need to reach out to more so than the ones they have already reached out to with a spill that we've been hearing about, so whatever networks that are existing and hoping it will grow and I look forward to hearing more about this. Thank you >> anyone else? Members, are you ready to vote? All those in -- member Rawlins Fernandez >> mahalo, chair. I'll make this quick. I received two testimonies, two pieces of testimony that was in support. It didn't clearly say why. One was wanting to give the project a chance. I'm going to read this section one more time for those that MAY be listening. A 12 inch smart telescope, 12 inch foot, located at sea level can easily absorb satellites, 22,236 miles as small as ten inches and in low earth orbit, below 1200 miles as small as two to three inches, so it's not like one or the other. There are options, like, if we want the military to track the things in space, the earth, like, there are other options. Amos Star isn't the only option. There's smart telescopes they can do. Anyway, I think that I just wanted to clarify that's not one or the other that the military is trying to do and track space debris or active satellites. It doesn't -- it's not only through Amos Star. And I wanted to thank everyone, mahalo everyone for coming out to testify who submitted testimony to Kilo, for consistently being the voice of our -- and standing up for this and protecting the sacred. Mahalo, chair >> well said. Anyone else? If not, all those in favor of the motion to adopt resolution 24-103, please your hand and say aye >> aye >> nine ayes, zero nos. Motion carries. [Cheers and applause] >> right at 4:30. Members, this takes care of our agenda for today. Thank you very much. We have another council meeting Friday. Mahalo to everyone who came here and those who testified remotely. Aloha, and