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### **OHA STATEMENT RELATING TO THE MAUI SAND DUNES ISSUE**

The Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs today approved the following motion:

*The Office of Hawaiian Affairs calls upon Maui Lani Partners to cease all sand and other resource extraction and grading to allow:*

- *The Maui Department of Planning to determine if sand extraction violates the Maui Zoning Code;*
- *The Maui Department of Public Works to determine if revocation or suspension of the Phase IX grading permit is appropriate; and*
- *The State Historic Preservation Department and the Maui Lāna'i Islands Burial Council to properly investigate the discovery of burials and whether historic preservation laws and conditions have been fully complied with and enforced.*

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#### **About the Office of Hawaiian Affairs**

Established by the state Constitutional Convention in 1978, OHA is a semi-autonomous state agency mandated to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians. Guided by a board of nine publically elected trustees, OHA fulfills its mandate through advocacy, research, community engagement, land management and the funding of community programs. Learn more at [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org).

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