

Aloha Maui Planning Commission,

I find myself writing this letter with both sadness and hope. The sadness comes from there being any question as to whether or not Ho'omana should continue its cultural practices. The hope, is that those that make the final decisions will see it clearly for what it is.

Ho'omana is a quintessential representation of the Hawaiian culture. Since the sail of the Hōkūle'a, the perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture seems to be coming back from the brink of extinction from oppression and suppression. It is our right, and our duty, to do all that we can to allow and support the practices of these ancient native healing teachings that are so steeped in pure intention of aloha.

I, personally, have found absolute happiness for life and a true calling to be a lomi therapist through my connection with Ho'omana. I can NOT possibly put into words all that Ho'omana means to me, and the community. For myself, it gave me an opportunity to fulfill my path, and I learn more and more about life and how to live in a pono way, everyday. Through Ho'omana, I have worked in the taro patches, I help take care of the Heiau's, I volunteer with M.I.S.C. to clear out invasives that threaten to overtake Maui, and I give back to the land, animals, and the people. THIS is what Ho'omana represents, and countless others have been effected in similar ways. It is a ohana style, but the ripple effect of its service is felt and spread globally.

It would be a travesty of aloha to not defend, preserve, protect, and support this sacred space to continue its traditions, teachings, and native cultural practices.

What is to become of Hawaii if these cultural practices are once again kapu? Are we left with plastic flower leis and coconut bras? I wholeheartedly ask for us to not find out what that world looks like. Please approve this permit, so Ho'omana can continue to spread cultural awareness and native practices and connect the world to Hawaii's aloha.

Most sincerely,
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LU Committee

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