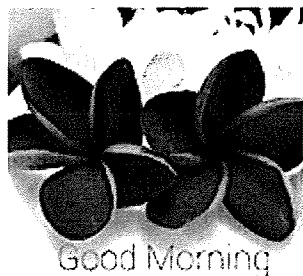


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**BFED-80  
KULEANA LAND EXEMPTIONS**

As the representative OHA Trustee for Molokai I support the Office of Hawaiian Affairs position as articulated in the written testimony submitted by Ka Pouhana (Chief Executive Officer) Sylvia Hussey:

“The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** the bill proposed in **BFED-80**, which would provide much-needed tax protections for an additional category of ancestral lands acquired under the provisions of the Kuleana Act of 1850, and held within the same ‘ohana since their original acquisition pursuant to the Act. Applying the county’s Kuleana Property Tax Exemption to “government grants” purchased under the Act would be consistent with and further the intent of both the Act as well as that of the Exemption, to enable Native Hawaiian and other ‘ohana to maintain ownership of and connection with their ancestral lands, and thereby avoid exacerbating the unique and deep harms resulting from the historical and ongoing severance of Native Hawaiians and others from the ‘āina”.

**“This measure will therefore provide much-needed relief to ancestral lands that were acquired under the government grant provision of the Kuleana Act, and that have been maintained in the same ‘ohana since their original acquisition, commensurate with the existing tax relief provided for ancestral kuleana that were acquired under the Act.”**

Accordingly, I support the position of OHA which respectfully urges the Committee of the Maui County Council BFED Committee **PASS** the tax relief proposals contained in BFED-80.

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