



KOKE'E NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM - KOKE'E CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS CAMP - KOKUA KOKE'E PROGRAM

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Re: SUPPORT for
Kekaha Agriculture Association Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands
State of Hawaii Land Use Commission, Docket No. DR21-76

May 9, 2022

Dear Chair Scheuer and Commissioners,

Hui o Laka, a nonprofit organization based in Kokee since 1954, supports the efforts of Kekaha Agriculture Association and their retention of the old ditch system to support agriculture for our west Kauai communities. Ag land and its infrastructure have provided recreation and maintenance of access to remote trails since the 1920s at Kokee. Kokee State Park has definitely suffered from lack of maintenance of roads and ditch trails since Kekaha Sugar's demise. The increase in wildfires on fallow sugar lands is a major threat to the watershed and to homes and communities. A vibrant farming community, including smaller farms above Kekaha and Waimea would be a great benefit to all.

This email is to show **support** of the Kekaha Agriculture Association's Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands in Kekaha, Kauai.

The IAL designation will bring the Kekaha farms and farmers help and support necessary to sustain the activities in an area not easy to farm in. It is necessary for the existing enterprises and to all future farming activities. This will benefit Hawaii agriculture, support our communities, and help fulfill the State's obligations under the Hawaii Constitution to promote agricultural activities.

For these reasons, Hui o Laka strongly supports the Kekaha Agriculture Association petition and urge the Commission to grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as Important Agricultural Lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Aloha,
Christine Faye

Executive Director, Hui o Laka

Sent via email to: dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov

KIKIAOLA HOLDINGS, INC.

Re: SUPPORT for,
Kekaha Agriculture Association Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands
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May 9, 2022

Dear Chair Scheuer and Commissioners,

This email is in **strong support** of the Kekaha Agriculture Association's Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands in Kekaha, Kauai.

We are encouraged by the kinds of benefits the IAL designation will bring for the Kekaha farms and understand that the benefits and incentives offered by the IAL designation will be helpful to the growth and operations of established and developing farms in Kekaha.

The Commission should grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as Important Agriculture Lands. This will benefit Hawaii agriculture, support our communities, and help fulfill the State's obligations under the Hawaii Constitution to promote agricultural activities.

These are the reasons, we strongly support the KAA petition and urge the Commission to grant the petition and designate the Kekaha Ag lands as IAL.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Aloha,
Kikiaola Holdings, Inc



George Christensen, Chairman of the Board

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