

Executive Director's Report

*Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission Meeting
June 13, 2019*

Budget, Finance, and Funding

FY19 Expenditure Report and Budget Variance: The Expenditure and Budget Variance Reports to be presented at the Commission meeting.

Plans, Policies and Procedures

History Channel Film Request: In April, the KIRC received a call from a History Channel production company inquiring about a stone on Kaho'olawe which they heard had ties to navigation. Upon further discussion and clarification the production company was interested in filming a documentary regarding Pōkāneloa and how it relates to celestial observations and marking of the solar calendar. The KIRC could not initially support their requested timetable, but an opening became available in the May access. After contacting the KIRC Cultural Commissioner during access guide training in April, we started coordinating logistics for the project.

During our initial discussion with the production company the KIRC had three requirements that needed to be fulfilled to move the project forward: 1) an opening in the schedule to take the film crew out to the island needed to be found, 2) it had to secure the cooperation of Commissioner Baker as the Commission's cultural advisor and as the on-camera speaker and 3) it had to secure a state film permit. In the end a film permit was not issued, there were objections from other community groups and they were unable to secure Commissioner Baker's support for the project. Its access was eventually cancelled.

Long-range Scheduling: See the attached long-range schedule.

Administration, Staffing and Personnel

KIRC Staff Status Update: The Public Information Specialist position has been filled by Maggie Pulver. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in Communication Information Systems. She previously taught at Ho'āla School and was education program specialist and outreach coordinator for the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

We also received continuing funding for the Cultural Resource Project Coordinator position which is now part of our base funding for the next biennium. An email blast to our supporter has been released to publicize the position for immediate hire. We have also asked supporters to forward this position announcement to as many distribution lists as possible.

The UXO Safety Specialist position is currently vacant. UXO safety support is currently being provided by Zapata Base Camp management staff. We are currently reviewing the position description and responsibilities and therefore be delaying filling the position.

Capital Improvement, Reserve Operations and Logistics

Kihei Education and Operations Center/ Kihei Nursery: Conceptual designs for the Kīhei Center have been finalized and our Special Management Area (SMA) permit approved at the November 27, 2019 Maui Planning Meeting. The SMA permit requires that construction begin by November 20, 2021, but we are currently holding off until funding can be secured through State CIP funds. When funding is secured the next phase will be to develop construction drawings and finalize material selection before putting the project out to bid. (See attached project proposal).

The KIRC has funding available to begin the nursery designs as part of the Native Dryland Forest CIP Project. We are currently working with RIM Architects to design a three-building nursery to include a grow house to raise plants for on-island planting, a storage/potting shed and a mist house to help propagate *palupalu o Kanaloa*. Our goal is to finish the conceptual drawings and receive a construction estimate by this summer so we can begin to start seeking funding either through grants or through a CIP request at the next legislative session.

Native Dryland Forest CIP Update: During the first year of this project, we opened a new 100-acre native dryland forest planting area located mauka of Pōkāneloa, on the leeward-side of Pu‘u ‘O Moa‘ula Nui. This project includes a dedicated work crew assigned to clear and remove invasive species, bore holes and amend soil, install and maintain water collection and distribution systems to the project area. It also includes management oversight personnel to supervise field crews, coordinate logistical requirements to support field crews and to coordinate the planning, timing, and execution of the planting project, and unexploded ordnance safety monitoring.

Funds for Year 2 of this project have been released and we have entered into the second year of this project starting in May 2019. For the second year, we will expand the planting area another 100 acres and anticipate planting 15,000 native plants in the upland project site. We have also added dryland coastal plantings as a part of this project and plan to plant 6,000 ‘aki‘aki plugs to help stabilize the coastal sand dunes from Honokanai‘a to Kealaikahiki.

Government Relations

End of Legislative Session Update: This past session, the KIRC put forth four proposals for the department's Governor's budget request, only our request to continue the personnel and funding awarded in Act 14 SLH2018 was accepted by the Governor. The other requests were eventually added through separate legislations.

The KIRC's initial 15 FTE position and Maui operating budget were eventually approved for the upcoming biennium in HB2/Act 005. Additionally, the Cultural Resource Project Coordinator's position was authorized for FY20 an FY21 and an additional \$100K for FY20.

The following table summarizes our legislative efforts for this year:

KIRC Initiative	Details	Method	Result
Add position and funds from ACT 140	Carry not next biennium funding for CRPC and \$100,000 from Act 140	State Budget HB2	Passed with 15 FTE
		State Budget HB116	Passed with CRPC and \$100K for FY20
		Bill introduced by Rep Yamane, HB1405	Did not pass
Add funds for 2 FTE KIR Specialist	Additional KIR Specialist to support boat crew and field ops	Admin budget request	Was not included
		Bill introduced by Rep Yamane and Sen Shimabukuro, HB455 and SB1296	Both did not pass
Additional motor vehicles	Add funds for two new ¾ ton trucks for boat operations	Admin budget request	Was not included
Continuation of Dryland Forest Project	Additional CIP funds to continue Kaho`olawe Dryland Forest Planting Project	Bill introduced by Rep Yamane, HB454 for \$3M GFunds	Did not passed
Additional operating funds	Request for additional operating funds	Admin budget request for \$500K	Was not included
		Bill introduced by Rep Yamane, HB455 for \$1M	Did not pass
Kihei Education and Operation Center	Request \$3.5M in CIP funds for construction design and bid package	Request for inclusion in area representative's capitol request	Was not included

**STATUS OF BILLS RELATING TO KAHO`OLAWE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE – 2019 REGULAR SESSION
May 31, 2019**

KAHO`OLAWE NATIVE DRYLAND FOREST

HB454 Relating to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve (Dryland Forest Funding) (DEAD)

Submitted by: Yamane, Aquino, Cullen, Decoite, Hashimoto, McKelvey, Wildberger, Yamashita, Woodson

Purpose: Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support native dryland forest restoration, management, and maintenance on Kaho`olawe Island Reserve.

SD1: Moves language detailing appropriation from purpose to appropriation section

HD1: Defects the date and blank the funding

Status: Pending Hearing by WAM

01/22/19 Introduced and Passed First Reading
01/22/19 Referred to WLH/EEP, FIN
02/06/19 Hearing by WLH/EEP, measure passed with amendments
02/15/19 Passed second reading and referred to FIN
02/20/19 Hearing by FIN, measure passed unamended
02/28/19 Passed third reading and transmitted to Senate
03/01/19 Passed first reading in House
03/05/19 Referred to WTL, WAM
03/11/19 Hearing by WTL, measure passed with amendments
03/15/19 Passed second reading and referred to WAM

KIR SPECIALIST AND OPS FUNDING

HB455 Relating to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIR and Ops Funding) (DEAD)

Submitted by: Yamane, Cullen, Decoite, Har, Wildberger, Woodson

Purpose: Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for support of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission, including 2 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) permanent positions.

HD1: Defects the date and blanks the funding

Status: Pending hearing by WAM

01/22/19 Introduced and Passed First Reading
01/22/19 Referred to WLH, FIN
01/30/19 Hearing by WLH, measure passed with amendments
02/08/19 Passed second reading and referred to FIN
02/26/19 Hearing by FIN, measure passed unamended
03/01/19 Passed third reading and transmitted to Senate
03/05/19 Passed first reading in House
03/05/19 Referred to WTL, WAM
03/11/19 Hearing by WTL, measure passed unamended
03/15/19 Passed second reading and referred to WAM

SB1296 Relating to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIR and Ops Funding) (DEAD)

Submitted by: Shimabukuro, Inouye,

Purpose Appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for support of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission, including 2 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) permanent positions.

SD1: Defects the date and blanks the funding
Status: Pending hearing by WLH
01/24/19 Introduced and Passed First Reading
01/28/19 Referred to WTL, WAM
02/06/19 Hearing by WTL, measure passed with amendments
02/13/19 Passed second reading and referred to WAM
02/25/19 Hearing by WAM, measure passed unamended
03/01/19 Passed third reading
03/07/19 Passed first reading in House, referred to WLH, FIN

TRANSFER KIHEI SBH TO KIRC

HB458 Relating to Small Boat Harbors (Transfer Kihei to KIRC) (DEAD)

Submitted by: Yamane, Aquino, Cullen, Decoite, Har, Hashimoto, Lowen, McKelvey, Todd, Yamashita

Purpose: Authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to transfer the operation, administration, management, and maintenance of the Kihei Small Boat Harbor, with some exceptions, to Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission. Authorizes the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission to undertake those duties.

HD1: Specify transfer launch ramp, change effective date
Status: **Measure Dead**
01/22/19 Introduced and Passed First Reading
01/22/19 Referred to WLH, TRN, FIN
01/25/19 Hearing by WLH, measure passed with amendments
01/29/19 Measure passed second reading and referred to TRN
02/08/19 Hearing by TRN, measure passed unamended
02/13/19 TRN referred to FIN

DLNR FUNDING

HB896 Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Budget (DLNR Base) (DEAD)

Submitted by: Yamane, Luke

Purpose: Appropriates funds for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of the Department of Land and Natural Resources programs under the purview of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs.

SD1: Strips dollar amount from each line item

HD2: Adjustment to budget items, no effective change to KIRC
HD1: Adjustments to budget items, includes KIRC baseline positions and funding
Status: Pending WAM hearing
01/24/19 Introduced and Passed First Reading
01/28/19 Referred to WLH, FIN
02/08/19 Hearing by WLH, decision making deferred until 02/13/19
02/13/19 Decision making by WLH, measure passed with amendments
02/15/19 Passed second reading and referred to FIN
02/25/19 Hearing by FIN, measure passed with amendments
03/01/19 Passed third reading
03/07/19 Passed first reading in Senate, referred to WTL, WAM
03/13/19 Hearing by WTL. Passed with amendments
03/20/19 Passed second reading and referred to WAM

HB1405 Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources Budget (LNR 906 Appropriation) (DEAD)
Submitted by: Yamane

Purpose: Adjusts the operating budget for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of certain Department of Land and Natural Resources programs under the purview of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs.

SD2: Effects the date to 7/1/2050
SD1: Effects the date to 7/1/2019
HD2: Adjustment to budget, did not include KIRC CRPC position because did not specify KIRC
HD1: Adjustment to budget
Status: Pending conference committee
01/24/19 Introduced and passed First Reading
01/28/19 Referred to WLH, FIN
02/08/19 Hearing by WLH, decision making deferred until 02/13/09
02/13/19 Decision making by WLH, measure passed with amendments
02/15/19 Passed second reading and referred to FIN
02/25/19 Hearing by FIN, measure passed with amendments
03/01/19 Passed third reading
03/07/19 Passed first reading in senate and referred to WTL, WAM
03/13/19 Hearing by WTL, measure passed with amendments
03/20/19 Passed second reading, refereed to WAM
04/01/19 Decision making by WAM, measure passed with amendments
04/05/19 Passed third reading
04/23/19 House Conferees appointed: Yamane, Todd (Co-chair), Thielen
Senate Conferees appointed: Kahele, Keith-Agaran (Co-Chair), Favella
04/25/19 Conference Committee meeting

SB924 Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (LNR 906 Appropriation) (DEAD)

Submitted by: Kahele

Purpose Appropriates funds for operating expenses of the department of land and natural resources.

SD2: Blanks dollar amounts, keeps KIRC CRPC position
SD1: Accepts comments made by department and defects date
Status: Pending crossing to House
01/22/19 Introduced and passed First Reading
01/24/19 Referred to WTL, WAM
02/01/19 Hearing by WTL, measure passed with amendments
02/12/19 Passed second reading and referred to WAM
02/28/19 Hearing by WAM, measure passed with amendments
03/01/19 Passed third reading
03/07/19 Passed first reading in House, referred to WLH, FIN

STATE BUDGET

HB2 Relating to State Budget (PASSED)

Submitted by: Saiki, Luke

Purpose: Appropriates funds for the operating budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. (KIRC Funding D.9)

CD1: Keeps KIRC 15.0 FTE base funding, but takes out CRPC and \$100,000
SD1: Adds in base funding for KIRC and CRPC and \$100,000 from Act 140
HD1: Removes programs and appropriations for further evaluation
Status: Signed into law
01/17/19 Introduced and passed First Reading
01/18/19 Referred to FIN
01/23/19 Hearing by FIN, measure passed with amendments
01/29/19 Passed second reading
01/31/19 Passed third reading, transmitted to House
02/01/19 Passed first reading in Senate and referred to WAM
03/11/19 Hearing by WAM, measure passed with amendments
03/13/19 Passed second reading
03/15/19 Passed third reading, returned to House
03/18/19 House disagrees with amendments, appoints conference committee: LUKE, Cullins, Eli, Gates, Hashimoto, Holt, Kitagawa, B. Kobayashi, Matayoshi, Nakamura, Nishimoto, Todd, Wildberger, Yamashita, McDermott
03/19/19 Senate appoints conference committee; DELA CRUZ, KEITH-AGARAN, English, Harimoto, Inouye, Kahele, Kanuha, Kidani, Moriwaki, Riviere, Shimabukuro, Taniguchi, Fevella
03/20/19 Hearing by Conference Committee, House and Senate conferees recommend the measure pass with amendments
03/27/19 Passed final reading, transmitted to Governor
04/15/19 Signed by Governor as Act 005

HB116 Relating to State Budget (PASSED)

Submitted by: Luke

Purpose: Appropriates funds for the operating budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. (KIRC Funding D.9)

CD1: Adds funding for CRPC and \$100,000 for FY2020

SD1: Adds funds for DLNR, none specified for KIRC

Status: Pending Governor's signature

01/18/19 Introduced and passed first reading, referred to FIN

02/22/19 Hearing by FIN, measured passed, unamended

02/28/19 Passed second reading

03/01/19 Passed third reading, transmitted to senate

03/05/19 Passed first reading, referred to WAM

03/11/19 Hearing by WAM, passed with amendments

03/13/19 Passed second reading

03/15/19 Passed third reading

03/18/19 House conferees appointed: Luke (Chair), Cullen, Eli, Gates, Hashimoto, Holt, Kitagawa, Kobayashi, Matayoshi, Nakamura, Nishimoto, Todd, Wildberger, Yamashita, McDermott.

03/19/19 Senate conferees appointed: Dela Cruz (Chair), Keit.h-Agaran (Co-Chair), English, Harimoto, Inouye, Kahele, Kanuha, Kidani, Moriwaki, Riviere, Shimabukuro, Taniguchi, Fevella

04/25/19 Conference committee recommends measure passes with amendment

05/01/19 Transmitted to Governor

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

GM688 Appointment of Joshua Kaakua (PASSED)

Status: Pending confirmation hearing

03/28/19 Referred to WTL

04/12/19 Hearing by WTL

COMPLETED

Project: Restoration fo the Hakioawa Watershed on Kaho‘olawe for Ground Water Recharge
Funder: DLNR Commission on Water Resource Management and Water Security Advisory Group
Term: 9/1/2017 - 2/28/2019 (\$100,000)
Notes: 100 acres recharged, 10K plants, 20% reduction in TMDL (tons/yr of sediment), 3K volunteer hours

IN PROGRESS

Project: Learning ‘Āina Through Kaho‘olawe and Arts Integration
Funder: Department of Commerce / NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training (BWET) Program
Term: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2019 (\$79,333.40)
Notes: Pomaika‘i Elementary School collaboration with 4th grade Hawaiiana/watershed curriculum; students published video media on the history of Kaho‘olawe and created two year end performances that both were based around what they learned through their collaboration with KIRC

Project: Kaho ‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) Virtual Museum Web Interface and Mobile App
Funder: Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services
Term: 8/1/2016 - 7/31/2019 (\$49,976)
Notes: Awarded to expand collection, improve mobile app and improve web interface; new release of the app on both android and iOS expected to be public by June 2019

Project: Kaho ‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) Virtual Museum Stage 3: Collaborations and Special Collections
Funder: Institute of Museum and Library Services, Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services
Term: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2020 (\$75,000)
Notes: Awarded to rehouse Navy collection and expand Living Library

Project: Dryland Forest Reforestation
Funder: State of Hawai‘i CIP (Capital Improvement Funds)
Term: 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2019 (\$3,000,000; \$1.5M for FY19)
Notes: See ED CIP update.

Project: Reducing Excessive Sedimentation and Habitat Restoration in the Hakioawa Watershed of Kaho‘olawe
Funder: Hawai‘i State Department of Health
Term: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019 (\$49,586.34)

UNDER REVIEW

Project: Marine Debris Removal from Kanapou on Kaho‘olawe
Funder: NOAA / The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Fishing for Energy 2019 Initiative
Term: 10/1/2019 - 9/30/2021 (\$76,025)
Notes: 4/25/2019, [Proposal submitted](#); August 2019, Awards announced

Project: Marine Science Education and Training from a Hawaiian Perspective on Kaho'olawe: A Pilot Program for Maui Youth

Funder: NOAA Marine Education and Training Mini-Grant Program

Term: 11/1/2019 - 10/31/2020 (\$15,000)

Notes: 4/19/2019, [Proposal submitted](#); July 2019, Awards announced

NOT FUNDED

Project: Kaho'olawe Living Library Expansion

Funder(s): Save America's Treasures – Collections, National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In-Aid

Term: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2020 (\$75,192)

Notes: Never got a response based on initial proposal

TO BE SUBMITTED

Project: Kihei Propagation Facility and Nursery Construction

Funder: Department of the Interior / US Fish and Wildlife Service

Term: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022

Notes: 6/4/2019, [in progress](#); working on finalizing budget and timeline

Project: National Service Day Award for MLK Jr Day

Funder: Corporation for National and Community Service

Term: 1/17/2020 - 1/23/2020

Notes: 6/4/2019, [in progress](#); working on finalizing budget, due 6/18/2019

Project: National Service Day Award for September 11th Day of Remembrance

Funder: Corporation for National and Community Service

Term: 9/12/2019 - 9/19/2019

Notes: 6/4/2019, [in progress](#); working on finalizing budget, due 6/18/2019

