Report to the Twenty-Fourth Legislature

POSITION(S) NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE – KAHO‘OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION

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This report is prepared in compliance with Section 191 of Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, which requires each agency or department to identify to the Legislature within ten days of filling, position(s) not authorized by the Legislature that are:

(a) Entirely federally funded;

(b) Established pursuant to section 76-16(b) subsections (3), (13), (21), and (23), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); or

(c) Where an agency or department has explicit statutory authorization to establish positions to accomplish necessary functions.

The report covers the following position within the Kaho’olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC):

Ocean Resources Specialist II (Position No. 118254)

1. Authority used to establish the position(s)

§6K-5 Commission… (e) The commission, without regard to the requirements of chapter 76, may hire employees necessary to perform its duties.

2. Date the position(s) was established

The Ocean Resources Specialist II position was established in October 23, 2006.

3. Projected date the position(s) (will be) filled

December 18, 2006.

Due to an oversight, this position was not included as part of the Department of Land and Natural Resources’ Budget Request For Fiscal Biennium 2007-2009, but will be made part of the Department’s Supplemental Budget Request For 2008-2009.

4. Amounts projected to be expended in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and in Fiscal Year 2008-2009

$70,756 (includes fringe benefit calculated at 41.13%) for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and $73,587 (includes collective bargaining pay (raise) adjustment at 4% and fringe benefit calculated at 41.13%)
5. **Source of funds used to pay for the position(s)**

§6K-9.5 **Kaho‘olawe rehabilitation trust fund.** (a) There is created in the state treasury a trust fund to be designated as the Kaho‘olawe rehabilitation trust fund to be administered by the department with the prior approval of the commission. Subject to Public Law 103-139, and this chapter, all moneys received from the federal government for the rehabilitation and environmental restoration of the island of Kaho‘olawe, any moneys appropriated by the legislature to the trust fund, and the interest or return on investments earned from moneys in the trust fund, shall be deposited in the trust fund and shall be used to fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

(b) The commission may use moneys in the trust fund to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including hiring employees, specialists, and consultants necessary to complete projects related to the purposes of this chapter.

6. **Functions to be performed by the position(s)**

Coordinates resources monitoring field operations, including land, air and in-water, including SCUBA operations. Procures and maintains necessary monitoring equipment and support materials. Assists in identifying, developing, and implementing sound scientific monitoring methods and protocols, and traditional Hawaiian methods and protocols for monitoring of the marine resources of the Island Reserve. Assists in statistically analyzing data and assessing status of marine resources and traditional knowledge of marine resources. Assists in preparing reports/papers for publication in conservation and professional journals. Works with a variety of people including scientists, fishermen and cultural practitioners to integrate western scientific and traditional knowledge of marine resources.