

# Report to the Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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



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Section 191 of Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007

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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 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):

Natural Resources Specialist II (Position No. 118617)  
Natural Resources Specialist II (Position No. 118618)

**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**

Both of the Natural Resources Specialist II positions were established in August 2007.

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

One position (Position No. 118617) was filled on February 11, 2008. The other position (Position No. 118618) is not expected to be filled until Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

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

\$23,355 (includes fringe benefit calculated at 40.66%) for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and \$62,300 (includes collective bargaining pay (raise) adjustment at 4% and fringe benefit calculated at 40.66%) for Position No. 118617 only.

**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)**

Assists in planning and implementing environmental restoration projects in accordance with the Kaho‘olawe Environmental Restoration Plan; assists in establishing research plots and transects and collects data; records, compiles and submits field data including vegetation conditions and phenology (climate and avian); participates in biological and environmental research/studies by recording and compiling field data to measure the impact of restorations efforts on habitat restoration and the marine environment; assists in implementing noxious vegetation and invasive species control using herbicides and bio control methods; assists in developing plans, preparing reports and documentation for environmental resource restoration and management.