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PŪLAMA LĀNAʻI

BEFORE THE LAND USE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Petition of
PŪLAMA LĀNAʻI,

To Amend The Agriculture and Rural
Land Use District Boundaries Into the
Urban Land Use District for
approximately 170 acres of land,
consisting of a portion of Tax Map Key
No. (2) 4-9-0018:003 (por.), (2) 4-9-
002:061 (por.), and (2)4-9-002:001(por) at
Lānaʻi City, Island of Lānaʻi, County of
Maui, State of Hawaiʻi.

DOCKET NO. A26-812

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF TRISHA KEHAULANI
WATSON, J.D., Ph.D.**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Hearing:

Date: July 15, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. HST

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF TRISHA KEHAULANI WATSON, J.D., Ph.D.

I, Trisha Kehaulani Watson, J.D., Ph.D., declare as follows:

1. I am the President of Honua Consulting, LLC. I earned my Ph.D. in American Studies in 2008. My dissertation, Hoʻi Hou ia Papahānaumoku: A History of the Ecocolonization of the Puʻuhonua of Waiʻanae, examined Native Hawaiian natural resource management practices. Over the years, I have collaborated with

various Native Hawaiian and conservation organizations. I am a member of ‘Ahahui Ka‘ahumanu, the Daughters of Hawai‘i, and a former board member of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu. I am the former President of the Kalihi-Pālama Culture & Arts Society, which produces major cultural events such as the Queen Lili‘uokalani Keiki Hula Competition, and am a co-founder and board member of ‘Āina Momona, an organization providing vital environmental programs to island communities throughout Hawai‘i.

2. A true and correct copy of my resume is marked as Exhibit 18 by Petitioner Pūlama Lāna‘i (“**Petitioner**”) in the above-captioned matter.

3. I was retained by Petitioner to complete a Literature Review and Field Inspection for the draft Environmental Assessment for the Kō‘ele Project District Amendment, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Appendix E to the Final Environmental Assessment that was submitted by Petitioner as Exhibit 6 to the Petition. In the Literature Review and Field Inspection, I concluded that rezoning of Parcels 1 and 2 will not affect the newly or previously recorded sites located within the project area. Therefore, in accordance with HAR 13-284-7, this study supported a project effect determination of “no historic properties affected.”

4. I was retained by Petitioner to complete a Cultural and Historical Resources Survey, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Appendix F to the Final Environmental Assessment that was submitted by Petitioner as Exhibit 6 to the Petition. In the Cultural and Historical Resources Survey, I concluded that it is unlikely that the proposed project will have an impact on cultural or historic

resources though it is recommended that monitors trained in identifying subsurface features be on site when groundwork is undertaken as a means of ensuring that previously unidentified resources are not uncovered.

5. I was retained by Petitioner to complete an evaluation of the Kō'ele Structures C and D under significance criterion "e," a true and correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit 15 to the Petition. In my evaluation, I conclude that none of the testimony or any of the historical research provides sufficient evidence to justify the structures have "important value to the native Hawaiian people or to another ethnic group of the state due to associations with cultural practices once carried out, or still carried out, at the property or due to associations with traditional beliefs, events or oral accounts-these associations being important to the group's history and cultural identity," and therefore **do not meet the requirements of significance under criterion "e"**. The history and associations are not specific to native Hawaiians or another ethnic group, nor are there associations with cultural practices.

6. I was retained by Petitioner to complete a *Ka Pa'akai* analysis, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit 16 to the Petition. In my analysis, I conclude that because the proposed action involves no construction activities, there is no potential to adversely impact the archaeological sites in the project area. Future construction activities would be evaluated under HRS 6E for potential impacts. Additionally, based on the ethnographic data, interviewees did not reference any contemporary cultural practices that could be associated with the identified archaeological sites. Due to the lack of identified traditional or customary practices

in the project area, there is no feasible action that need be taken to reasonably protect Native Hawaiian rights.

7. I have reviewed my above-referenced reports and adopt Appendix E (Literature Review and Field Inspection) to Exhibit 6 (Final Environmental Assessment), Appendix F (Cultural and Historical Resources Survey) to Exhibit 6 (Final Environmental Assessment), Exhibit 15 (Evaluation of the Kō‘ele Structures C and D under significance criterion “e”) and Exhibit 16 (Ka Pa‘akai analysis) as my direct testimony in this proceeding. The statements, analyses, findings and conclusions contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I continue to hold the opinions and conclusions set forth therein.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Hawai‘i that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, June 18, 2026.

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