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Agenda Item

Docket No. A26-812 Pūlama Lānaʻi (Kōʻele Project)

Position

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Testimony

July 29, 2026

To: Members of the State of Hawaiʻi Land Use Commission

Re.: Addendum to July 24, 2026 Submittal Regarding Docket A26-812

Lānaʻi Resorts dba Pūlama Lānaʻi (Kōʻele Project)

Conditional Support with Described Commitments for Protection)

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit the updated comments and concerns below, regarding the preservation and adaptive reuse of last two remaining ranch houses from the Kōʻele Lānaʻi landscape. The short synthesis of the historical background in our July 14th, 2026 submittal to you; along with the pdf attachment "2025 03 25 (Bill 3 FD1 2025) Protect Kōʻele Ranch Houses In Place (Maly & Maly)," remain factual in any discussions regarding the legacy of the last two Kōʻele homes.

Regardless of the culturally disconnected "preservation" and "integrity" criteria that impose western values of significance and the world view of what is worthy of preservation or not, fail to represent the legacy of place. To simply approve the taking of a few pictures and writing assessment reports" ignore the legacy and individual uniqueness of place.

We have dedicated our lives to ethnographic and CRM initiatives across the Hawaiian Archipelago, and Lānaʻi is close to our hearts (Onaona's kūpuna share familial ties to early Lānaʻi, and Kepā was raised there). These cultural-historical properties are a part of what makes Lānaʻi unique. These features make Lānaʻi, Lānaʻi, versus just another destination that can be found around the world. Please take actions that integrate and celebrate Lānaʻi's rich and diverse history – finding balance between past and future.

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- Is committed to relocating the former Richardson residence structures outside of the proposed expansion area, preserving them, and ultimately adaptively reusing them as a museum or interpretive space that honors the history of Lānaʻi Ranch.
- The commitment to preserving and adaptively reusing the structures has not changed and will be developed in collaboration with those interested in preserving and sharing Lānaʻi Ranch's history through a future museum/interpretive space.

Had the assessments associated with the action before you (Docket A26-812) reflected the commitments and actions identified above, it could have saved a great deal of fear among those who value Lānaʻi's biocultural landscape.

Eia no māua me ka haʻahaʻa,

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[EXTERNAL] July 29th Testimony Regarding Lānaʻi Resorts dba Pūlama Lānaʻi (Kōʻele Project) LUC Docket A26-812

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Aloha – we submitted addendum via the LUC portal, but want to make sure that it is received in case we were at the wrong date or location – Mahalo

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