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Agenda Item

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

Position

Support

Attachment (if any)

- [Diane Preza LUC Testimony July 29 2026.docx](#)

July 29, 2026

To: Members of the State of Hawaii Land Use Commission

Re: Testimony for Docket No. A26-812

Lānaʻi Resorts dba Pūlama Lānaʻi (Kōʻele Project)

I appreciate the opportunity to testify regarding Docket No. A26-812. I was born and raised on Lānaʻi and am currently a resident. Kōʻele used to be a place where everyone felt welcome because families living there were loving and kind. Although we cannot relive the past, we can help create opportunities for future generations to become connected to Kōʻele once again. There are still folks in our community that can serve as a bridge to Lānaʻi's youth, sharing memories and history of Kōʻele. Sense of place plays a crucial role in developing a thriving community. Our community needs to feel welcome there again.

I support the request to amend the land use district boundaries in the Kōʻele Project District if Pūlama Lānaʻi makes a commitment to:

- Reduce entitlements to build at Nininiwai (south side of the Kōʻele Project District), with plans to rezone that area as open space and park
- Preserve and maintain the remaining two ranch homes (if relocation is necessary, please consider an area nearby their current location)
- Offer consistent updates with the community
- Transparently and collaboratively work with the community in adaptively planning the reuse of both structures so that the spirit of Kōʻele lives on

Respectfully,

Diane Preza