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A New Comment has been Submitted

I am submitting this as a followup to my comments provided at the Joint Federal and State Public Scoping Meeting & Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS for HIREP-Wind on February 5, 2011 at the Lana'i High & Elementary School on the island of Lana'i.

My name is Solomon Pili Kaho'ohalahala. I am a native son of Lana'i and I reside at 444 Fraser Avenue, Lana'i City, Lana'i. My comments are made on behalf of my Mo'okuauhau which has been documented and represents twenty generations. This documentation includes the infamous Kaulula'au who was responsible for ridding the island of Lana'i of its lapu in the 1400 A.D., thereby allowing for the inhabitation of Lana'i by our 'ohana.

I am responsible to ensure that our cultural resources and practices are perpetuated, protected and preserved for the generations to follow. Therefore, the presentation that I provided as a native son of Lana'i included the following wahi pana and mo'olelo of importance, significance and sacredness:

- 1) The arrival of our traditional gods, Kane and Kanaloa. It is here on the island of Lana'i that they first arrive before any of the other islands of Hawai'i nei.
- 2) The significance and sacredness of Kanepu'u, named in honor of our god Kane. Kane creator of our hawaiian people, the giver of life, the water of life and all that is documented in our mo'olelo.
- 3) Kamehameha in his unification of the Hawaiian islands, stops to make ho'okupu at Haleolono, Lana'i to commemorate the place, the island of Lana'i, where our Hawaiian gods first step foot on Hawaiian soil.
- 4) KeahiaKawelo and Keahialoa are the storied places and sites of significance and sacredness attaches us to this wahi pana, the kumu la'au of Ka'a and to the island of Moloka'i.
- 5) The endemic flora and fauna of Lana'i that are critical and endangered, make Ka'a its home and must be protected.
- 6) The countless sites, heiau, burials, ko'a, habitation sites must all be protected.
- 7) Pele in her travels to find her home will dwell in Polihua with the 'a'i no'u honu where the sacred site of the honu are located
- 8) Our Lana'i flower finds its home in Ka'a, the rare Manewanewa.

The ahupua'a of Ka'a is home to all of these resources that are directly related to me as a native son of Lana'i and to my mo'okuauhau of Lana'i. It is my kuleana to malama these sacred resources.

How does this proposed project perpetuate my being, my sacred sites, my wahi pana, my mo'olelo, my native endemic flora and fauna, my mele and my ability to sustain my presence?

I am opposed to the proposed project because all that I am will be destroyed by this project for corporate profit and gain. This is not pono and should never be implemented.

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