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- Brian Szuster
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TUESDAY, JULY, 19, 2016 6:00 P.M.

(Open House session from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

(Beginning at 6:30 p.m., presentations were made by Veronica Roche, Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism, Hawaii State Energy Office; and Mark Eckenrode, Environmental Coordinator of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.)

MS. DAWN CHANG: Thank you so much, Mark.

Please forgive me. I don't think I introduced myself. My name is Dawn Chang, and I'm going to help facilitate tonight's meeting. I am not here advocating on behalf of any particular party. I'm really trying to maintain the integrity of this public process.

I really appreciate Momi for starting this off. And I had the great opportunity to get to know DeMont. I had to facilitate on behalf of the Department of Interior. It was a very difficult conversation about federal recognition. And DeMont and Luwella followed us throughout and gave us some really great comments, so I appreciate them. And I thank all of you for being here.

Mark gave us a lot of good information tonight, and it's a lot of information, so I would ask you to take some handouts. You don't have to make a comment tonight, but we welcome your comment tonight.
So, with that, I'd like to get right into the public comment period. Cynthia here is our court reporter, and she's going to take down everything that you say. I'm going to take people in the order that they signed up. So I think, as you signed up, you indicated whether you wanted to make a comment or not. We have quite a few people here tonight. This is obviously a really important matter for all of you to come tonight, and I want to make sure we have enough time to take care of everybody. So if you don't mind, to ensure that we get everybody, I'm going to limit you to three minutes. We have Karen here who's going to be our timekeeper, and she'll let you know when your time is running out. Again, this is not the only opportunity to comment. You can attend any of the other meetings. You can also submit your comments in writing, or you can fax your comments, or you can e-mail your comments. So this is not your only opportunity to comment. But I do apologize in advance, if you'd like to say more, we're going to limit you to three minutes tonight.

So, with that, usually, we like to start with if there are any kupuna that are here who would like to say something first.

Aunty? You don't have to, but if you'd like to.

And then after that, I'm going to call on the
others.

And if you could just state your name.

Do you need them to spell it?

MS. INA AGCALON: My name is Ina, and I'm pure Hawaiian. And I do have maybe a concern, but I'm really not understanding that too much what's going on. Because I worried about my people here on the island as well. Like what had happen to the rail, the people on the neighbor islands are getting hit with the bills and stuff. I am concerned about the things that affect my people. And I know I have to look at this a little bit more to understand, and I think I can.

But are you folks planning to go to the outside islands? Only here? Is it only going to be here, the meetings?

MS. DAWN CHANG: Aunty, we're not going to answer the questions. But the meetings are only going to be on Oahu.

MS. INA AGCALON: Okay. Because I'm pretty sure what happens here in Honolulu will be out here, will affect our neighbor islands. So I think that they're not going to be too happy, you know. But if it's going to lead to this -- and I have some people who are in environment. They're going to -- my friend is going for her Ph.D. She's from Canada. But I do have little a
bit knowledge, but it's not enough. But I think it's important for us to know a little bit more what's going on. We don't want to hurt our neighbors. Right now, the Hawaiians out there are not happy with having to pay for the rail, you know, and, I guess, lots of people. And we have -- too much to think about the world, you know. And when I say who, you know who you are. But we don't like to see how this thing -- if it's going to hurt them, we don't like to see that. Okay. But I'll look into it.

Thank you.

MS. DAWN CHANG: Thank you very much, Aunty. I have got people who have signed up for comments is Monica Machado. After Monica, I have DeMont, and then Ronald Tam, and Luwella.

MS. MONICA MACHADO: I'm here -- this is the first time I'm attending a meeting, everybody. And I spoke to many of you already and -- with our concerns and listening.

I'm very concerned about -- awareness here in Hawaii, regarding this is only on Oahu. And because I was told it is not only Alaska and up to California, into the Pacific Ocean here, only on Oahu is our commenting -- so because Oahu has the biggest population. And the dire effect and affect of global warming and everything that's happening worldwide with, you know, terrorist attacks, and
things like that, I really cannot see how this monetary funds coming from Washington, D.C., and these other agencies that all of you are meeting with, and this is the initial of us putting money into this, with RIMPAC and everybody and everything that's happening. We're seeing so much danger here in Hawaii, and I don't like that. And I'm seeing these kind of conferences that we're having here on Oahu, more international terrorism, conglomerating here in Hawaii, in the Pacific, that's moving towards more global warming. That's all.

MS. DAWN CHANG: Thank you very much, Monica.

Next we have DeMONT, and then Ronald Tam.

MR. DEMONT CONNER: Aloha kakou. My name is DeMont Conner. And right now, I come from Kalihi, but I live down Nanakuli Homestead with my wife Momi. The first person you heard speak tonight is my aunty, my mother's sister.

How many of you in here is pure Hawaiian?
That's the only one. That's our national treasure over here. So when I speak, I speak on behalf of not only myself, but on behalf of my kupuna. And I'd like to let you know that -- how many of you carry the name Manaole in here? Of course nobody. My aunty carry Manaole. Our kupuna iki come from the island of Kaua'i, and they traveled over here to this island, where my tutu Kane. I
was raised over here in Kakaako. My aunty was raised in Kakaako. My mom them was all raised in Kakaako. So, for us, between Oahu and Kaua'i is a very important thing for our family.

How many of you know the name of the channel between Oahu and Kaua'i? I see Kilikina over here and -- and Leonardi. They already know. The name of the channel is Ka'ie'ie Waho. And that channel has a lot of history, you know, dealing with the legends of Kawelo, you dealing with the legends of Pohaku O Kaua'i, and also Pele and Hi'iaka.

Okay. So, for us, when we say there's a cultural significance, I get one guy over here who said he's the cultural guy, I don't even know if he know what at issue. So I say to you, it means a lot to us when you talking about building in the ocean over there for us kanaka.

For me, I really don't like all this modern technology. I no like the fact that the federal government come over here and tell us, "Oh, we thinking about leasing this." But what you saying is you own 'em, and we don't have ownership. And then you come here and you ask us our opinion. But then you going end up doing 'em anyway.

On the other hand, I no like this issue of
fossil fuels. I like the fact that we going move away
from fossil fuels because I feel a lot of the wars in the
world today was created to fight for oil, and that oil
products is damaging our environment. So if we can look
for clean energy, not bad idea. The problem I get is you
offering these licenses to companies or corporations that
have no relationship to Hawaii or our people, and they
have no incentive or idea to partnership with us. Right
now, we have a hostage to HECO. The Nextera deal was
killed, and that was good. But --

Almost my time. All right.

Okay. So the thing is, for us, what cost
benefit it is to the kanaka with OHA and DHHL, if you guys
can get that partnership with the Hawaiians. Because this
is our land, regardless if we get control of it or not,
this is our land. And so you like do something like that,
let's work together, but no tell us you going do what you
like and to hell with us. We like know the cost benefit
to us, especially all the people of Hawaii. Aloha.

MS. DAWN CHANG: Mahalo, DeMont.

I have Ronald Tam and then Luwella Leonardi.

Luwella?

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: Thank you. I'm so
pissed. I am not a friendly Native Hawaiian. Don't even
think that I'm for this at all. Okay. It's -- this is,
as I said earlier to someone, this is food, our food that we've nurtured ourselves for over 2000 years. And you are taking it and probably will put it on the streets in a brass form like you do with the Native Americans, their buffalo. It's an art form. That's what the outcome of this project is. Our fish is not only spiritual, but it nurtures everyone in the Pacific Ocean. White men don't get that. I don't know why. And where they don't get it is on the socioeconomic. Since when fish comes under socioeconomics? Was it socioeconomic for 2000 years? Or was it 200 years ago? Or was it socioeconomic, um, 50 years ago or after statehood? I don't know.

Secondly, there's only four of us, and we're given three minutes. I want to tell Dawn Chang to take that three minutes and shove it up where the sun don't shine. I say this because I attended, out of 15 meetings of DOI she mentioned earlier, I attended 10 meetings. You know why I attended 10 meetings? Because our people only had two minutes. Two minutes. They have a legacy here for 2000 years, and they were only given two minutes.

And we were surrounded with police officers with guns. You know that, Dawn. You called them in every time as a person -- the kupuna got up to the mike and took more than two minutes. And then you can see police officers coming in as the kupuna is speaking. She not only
speaking or he not only speaking for herself or himself. She or he is speaking for everyone in the Pacific.

    Notice the behavior. My three minutes is up, and there's only four speakers tonight. Dawn Chang fills her pocket with energy, solar energy, 600 acres of solar energy. Dawn Chang, Iwase, two Juris Doctors came out to Waianae --

    MS. DAWN CHANG: Can you sum it up?

    MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: -- Nanakuli, gave us two minutes and closed that meeting. Iwase slammed the gavel.

    Next meeting, Iwase gave us ten minutes and slammed the gavel.

    MS. DAWN CHANG: Can you summarize, Luwella?

    MS. LUWELLA LEONARD: How am I supposed to summarize? Let me tell you. You know your piko. Everybody, stick your fingers in your piko. I get stretch marks, I no care. Okay. Take 'em out, smell 'em. Smell good? So when they talk -- talks about the piko, it stinks, okay. It stinks. Time to wash 'em out. But I'm going to tell you something. I had a pure Hawaiian father who was born --

    MS. DAWN CHANG: Luwella --

    MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: -- on Maunawili Road, 1845 Maunawili Road. And he passed away at 86 years old on Maunawili Road, 1845, same place. I used to sit in his
lap. I used to stick my fingers in his piko. And I used
to take out maybe the dust, you know, the dust, yeah. I
used to take 'em out --

MS. DAWN CHANG: Luwella, everybody else who's
coming up has three minutes --

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: -- I believe I got -- I
got memory on that, pulling out the dust out of the piko.
So I going tell you tonight, people, Hawaiians, culture,
socioeconomics, starting off with a lie already. Do not
listen to the piko 'cause get stink inside.

MS. DAWN CHANG: Thank you very much.

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: And that's what job --

Dawn Chang's job is. Okay.

MS. DAWN CHANG: Thank you --

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: My people are not stink.

When you eat fish, it's very, very -- the first piece of
fish that goes into your mouth and nurtures you --

MS. DAWN CHANG: Luwella --

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: -- remember that.

MS. DAWN CHANG: Does anybody have any other

comment?

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: Remember that taste.

MS. DAWN CHANG: Thank you, Luwella.

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: Because that taste there

that's on your tongue is very, very true and spiritual.
Okay.

MS. DAWN CHANG: Thank you, Luwella --

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: So, Hawaiians, please, all of you here, do not depend on us. Okay. Because Dawn is very good at what she does. I speak for fishermen, commercial fishermen. I go to everybody's meetings, CZM. I follow logically all the fishermen. They don't want to come forward. Why? So I'm here tonight to speak on their behalf. And nothing, nothing, going to get in my way --

MS. DAWN CHANG: Luwella, again --

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: -- allow the matrix. You shouldn't allow that matrix, the four form matrix up there, manipulate your brain, structure your brain. Hold on to what you have. 2000 years, hold on to that. Do not sell it. Do not give it away. Don't even care about the USA's Treasury, because they got money. They don't need this. Did you know that all monies --

MS. DAWN CHANG: Luwella --

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: -- should this company --

MS. DAWN CHANG: I'm going to ask you --

MS. LUWELLA LEONARDI: -- Dawn Chang's nonprofit --

MS. DAWN CHANG: I'm going to turn off the microphone.

Is there anybody else tonight who would like to
Ron? Thank you, Ron.

MR. RONALD TAM: Members of the BOEM team, my name is Ron Tam. I speak on behalf of the Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition, Inc. Just for the record, the organization has already sent in a statement regarding our concerns, the fishermen's concerns relating to the Environmental Assessment. For the record, I just want to note that at this point. Thank you.

MS. DAWN CHANG: Thank you very much, Ron. Is there anybody else who signed up who would like to speak? Please, this is your opportunity. If you would like to speak or would prefer just to speak to the court reporter, you're welcome to do that as well.

Any other comments? Okay. What we'll do is we have the BOEM members still in the back and the boards, the poster boards, and they can answer any questions that you might have.

At this point in time, with no other comments, we're going close the formal commentary. Again, the court reporter is going to be here. So if you want to make any additional comments to the court reporter, please feel free to do so. Thank you very much.

And let me just, before we finally close, just
want to say that this really is the beginning of BOEM's process. They have -- as Mark showed you, they've got a long ways to go. They want your comments so that they can make sure that they are considering all the relevant facts as they look at the specific sites that have been -- that are prospective assessment considerations. So please make sure you provide your comments. You can e-mail them; you can fax them; you can attend one of our other meetings. Tomorrow, it's at Waianae Intermediate School, same time, 6:00 to 9:00. And then, on Thursday, at the Waialua Elementary School, same time, 6:00 to 9:00. So please feel free, if you want to just review our material first before you make a comment, you're free to do so. The deadline is August 8, the deadline for comments. So please try to get your comments in, because, as Mark said, it's important to be here to participate in the process.

So, again, I appreciate the courtesy by everybody to attend tonight and those of you who were willing to share your comments. Again, thank you very much for attending. Mahalo.

(The formal public portion of the meeting was concluded, and the following comments were made directly to the court reporter:)

As a Hawaiian, my family line, my name is -- my whole name is Kilikinaokalani Kealoha Kekumanomanokapu, from 1734. What I'm concerned about is that our peoples are not educated enough to understand the ramifications of corporations coming in and depleting, possibly destroying our way of life, which is a people based on the fish. And without the fish, the substance and the birds and everything, it's going to spoil the islands. We're not a mainland state. We're an island with a very sensitive ecosystem.

My concern is that I'm from Waianae, Kaena Point, which is -- these are -- these are all the Crown lands. These lands are in trust from 1921. That's 1.8 million acres of land submerged or non-submerged. These lands are in trust. The U.S. Federal Government put them in trust; and in doing so, they're a trustee. They're not the receivership; they're not the creditors. We, the people, are the beneficiaries, and we are the creditors. And when you have the military of the largest proportion that comes in and drops their depleted uranium, white phosphorous and magnesium to Schofield Barracks, it comes on our people, destroying the elements, mainly in our water.

So now we're going to have our water being taken over by turbines and destroying our fish. And a lot of --
the main question is the Admissions Act of August 21, 1959, went under Executive Order 10834. And if you look under Section 2 of the Admissions Act, there's no islands in the state. There's no metes and bounds in the state. And if you go back to July 7, 1898, when a joint resolution made us a Territory, there, again, no islands, and there are no metes and bounds. What I'm saying is that Kauikeouli, Kamehameha the Third, signed them in the 1840 constitution, sent his governor, Mataio, to Bern, Switzerland, to list our metes and bounds. And because the United States has no metes and bounds and never have, then the state of Hawaii is in the 10-mile square of the District of Columbia. There's no Oahu in the state of Hawaii. And I'm only saying this prolongs -- my education will get out. I teach the children. I go to court, and I fight for the people pro bono, because they own it all. The United States has no subject matter jurisdiction. The Department of Interior can only rule over the Indians. They're outside of their boundaries. Their only jurisdiction is the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They have nothing to do. OHA is not even a legal institution under U.S. Constitutional Law of 1791.

Case in point: Where is your jurisdiction to even reform this? I have -- there are no islands in the state; there are no islands in the Territory; and there
are no metes and bounds. This issue has never been
addressed formally or legally. Yet, as an island nation,
Abercrombie gave them the right to bomb us at Schofield,
to bomb us at Big Island, Pohakuloa, and bomb us in
Hawaii -- on the other side of the island. I mean, where
do you bomb an island where people are living? And I'm
living downwind.

And the greatest surprise is that all our water
in Waianae, including my water, has depleted uranium in
it. This is death. My people are dying. We have the
highest cancer rate in the whole United States from 20
tons of undetonated bombs that's from Pearl Harbor all the
way to Kaena Point, not to mention we've got depleted
uranium, white phosphorous and magnesium to add to that.

And now we're getting more corporations? Our
people are barely living in Waianae. That's the largest
population of my people in the world. And now my people
are having to deal with depleted uranium in the water. Do
you know what that would be like? People in the United
States don't understand what depleted uranium in the
water source -- well, let me tell you, the world is going
to find out. Because of all these studies, the truth will
happen. Genocide is a very vituperious and a very
illegal crime. It's actually against the Nuremberg
Charter of 1946, Article -- I mean, Section 18. You can't
kill us. The military is not financially liable for
anything they do to us, but if you kill us, then it comes
under the Fourth Geneva Convention 1949, Article 147. And
this has got to stop.

I mean, our people have had lands put in trust
since 1925. Then you get OHA -- then comes OHA in 1978,
and now they decide they're going to be the avenue of
pushing us for federal recognition. Guess what? It can't
happen. Do you know why? Because we're already listed in
Bern, Switzerland, as a Ko Hawaii Pae Aina, as a kanaka,
not an Indian tribe.

And all I'm saying, Indian tribe has more rights
than we do because the corporations keep coming over and
dumping all their waste. What I call waste, turbos,
conventional turbos, turbines, again, the delineation
of -- let's say two -- ships that go between our islands,
waste that fall into the ocean, not to mention our
beautiful magnificent humpback whales comes just to spawn
and birth their babies. They don't eat. They don't do
anything but have babies. Not to mention our other
mammals.

What I'm saying is, it's a travesty, it's an
environmental paradox that, in Milton's words, is Paradise
Lost. My tears are for my people, to the kupuna who
earlier spoke. Are we going to be here? Are we going to
be here to breathe and live? Are we -- are they going to say, "This is what a Hawaiian looks like"? Thank you.

(The recording of the proceedings concluded at 8:00 p.m.)

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