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Written Testimony

Aloha Chair and Committee Members, My name is Onaona Thoene. I am a Kaimuki resident, and I strongly support the Grants in Aid Commission's recommendation for funding for Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (HILT). Funding in the requested amount will allow HILT to implement the community's vision for Maunawila Heiau as a place for 'āina-based education, cultural practice, community stewardship, and strengthening the relationships between people to the land and to one another. Since HILT purchased the Maunawila Heiau property in 2014, many students and O'ahu residents have come to mālama this sacred wahi pana, leveraging thousands of volunteer hours. The site is becoming a model for community-led stewardship of our 'āina. Currently, however, the property is being accessed through a neighboring property and lacks a safe access from the road. Funding through the City's Grants in Aid Fund will allow HILT to make the property safely accessible for school children, kupuna, and others in our community who wish to learn from and care for this special place and perpetuate cultural traditions. Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony. Sincerely,
 Onaona Thoene

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