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Written Testimony

Aloha Chair and Committee Members, My name is Kevin Chang I am a resident Honolulu, O'ahu, 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. This project furthers not just a place based vision for an O'ahu community but empowers a growing civil narrative for increased community and government partnerships to take responsibility for our resources and cultural heritage, something which for much of our recent history has been trapped in nostalgia: an extremely debilitating form of melancholia. Through your kōkua you are empowering civic aspirations to take care of our community something that seems to be catching on in other counties as well. Thus you are also empowering the kinds of values our community wishes to live by. O'ahu residents have come to care for this

place and leveraged thousands of volunteer hours through the collaborative work of HILT and others. Currently, however, the property lacks a safe access from the road. Funding through the City's Grants in Aid Fund will help 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. Kevin

**Testimony
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