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Testimony

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*HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS & PARKS (HHP)

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Meeting Date: Mar 31, 2026 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 5

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Testimony:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support BILL031(26) RELATING TO CULTURAL SITES IN PUBLIC PARKS.

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Testimony:

Aloha kākou,

I am writing to express support of this measure which would allow community, the Department of Parks and Recreation and state entities to work together to establish stewardship of important cultural resources within our parks. In Waiʻanae we have seen the importance of creating an avenue for enforcement of pono behavior when it comes specifically to Kūʻilioloa heiau in Pokaʻi. When folks litter, feed dogs and cats which decimate the native bird population, or engage in other harmful behavior, HPD is often unable to intervene as there are not clear rules or protocols for protecting that place. Our cultural sites could be better cared for even by recognition and appropriate signage to inform folks of the proper behavior. Many of our cultural sites within public spaces, especially near beaches or popular hiking trails, see a lot of degradation simply due to ignorance or lack of knowledge about the site. If we create avenues for identifying, stewarding and protecting these areas, we can help to preserve what is left for future generations and educate people about what is expected of them when engaging with wahi pana or significant cultural and historic sites. I strongly encourage the implementation of this measure to help us better steward the resources that we have been entrusted with.

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Testimony:

Aloha kākou,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide thoughts on this item and MAHALO NUI for making this important. We absolutely must in all ways possible, protect cultural sites from being erased, and should make way for cultural practitioners to aid in their right to care for and utilize cultural sites accordingly. There are so many wonderful potential opportunities to engage communities and visitors alike to again value and honor cultural sites. As someone who actively restores cultural sites, some even in our public parks, I cannot say enough how awesome it would be for all, to make this functional and a standard of our being.

Mahalo nui

Kimeona Kane

KINGDOM PATHWAYS
ALOHA ʻĀINA

Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 31 (2026)
Relating to Cultural Sites in Public Parks

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano, testifying on behalf of **Kingdom Pathways**, a Native Hawaiian-led nonprofit based in Waiʻanae. Our work focuses on ʻāina-based stewardship, cultural preservation, and community-driven public health.

We strongly support Bill 31 (2026).

In Waiʻanae Moku, at **Kūʻīlioloa Heiau**, our community is already doing this work. We've been restoring and caring for this wahi pana, engaging our youth and kūpuna, installing Nā Hoʻokele to honor ʻike kupuna, and working to protect the surrounding coastal habitat and seabirds.

But even with all of that, we still see:

- Ongoing disturbance and misuse of these spaces
- Impacts to habitat and cultural resources
- No clear, enforceable rules
- And limited ability for community and agencies to act together

That's the gap.

Bill 31 helps address these gaps by recognizing the stewardship our community is already doing and creating a clear pathway to work in partnership with the City. It requires stewardship plans that define how these places are cared for, allows rules to be shaped by what's actually happening on the ground, and most importantly, puts enforcement behind it. Because right now we're asking people to respect these spaces but without clear rules and accountability, that's not enough. This bill helps us move from asking to protecting.

For places like Kūʻīlioloa Heiau, this is about making sure our cultural sites are not just acknowledged but actually cared for, protected, and sustained for future generations.

We respectfully urge you to pass Bill 31 (2026).

Mahalo for your time and for your commitment to protecting our ʻāina.

With Aloha,
Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano
Co-Founder, Kingdom Pathways

Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 31 (2026)

Relating to Cultural Sites in Public Parks

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Davrie K. Hoyle-Kamakahi, testifying on behalf of myself as a Native Hawaiian community member .

I strongly support Bill 31 (2026).

As a Native Hawaiian resident I frequent the spaces that have many cultural sites within the public parks. It is important that we recognize this and acknowledge these spaces and protect them for our future generations. We see Non-profit organizations and agencies trying to care for the cultural sites but it is not enough.

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We respectfully urge you to pass Bill 31 (2026).

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