

PROPOSED POSITIONS ON LEGISLATIVE TOPICS FOR 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
KAHO`OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
Updated December 11, 2013

1. **Support the development of a permanent funding source for KIRC operations:**

Reintroduction of Conveyance Tax proposal through Maui legislators.

**STATUS:** Bill drafted and submitted as part of DLNR legislative proposals for Legislative Session in 2012. The Governor did not support the proposal during the departmental reviews. His initial preference was that Hawaiians fund the restoration of Kaho`olawe and that the Reserve be transferred to OHA.

KIRC's position for the 2014 Legislative session is to reintroduce a Conveyance Tax proposal through Maui Legislators.

The Conveyance Tax has been reporting over \$50 million for the past two years, but according to the Bureau of Conveyance an average of \$36 million per year is a realistic estimate for planning purposes. The previous request for 10% will be modified to include a \$3.5 million/year cap and a sunset date of 2026 to coincide with the 2026 Strategic Plan date.

2. **Support CIP funding for sustainable infrastructure and operations.**

Request CIP funding to develop sustainable infrastructure and operations to include the following conversions:

- a. Convert Honokanai`a power grid from diesel generator to a stand-alone, battery back-up photovoltaic system.

**STATUS:** Currently determining the scale of the project with Base Camp contractor. Staff will have a better idea of the scope and scale of the request after the Maui County PV system is completed and operational as a pilot project. An estimate has already been developed for a PV system that met the FY2008 base camp electrical needs but may need to be scaled down to reflect current lower needs or the design kept to produce more fresh water with the RO system.

- b. Modify the remaining buildings in base camp to utilize the energy reductions achieved in Hut 10.
- c. Modernize large energy consuming equipment to reduce energy needs in camp. Items would include modernization of the Reserve Osmosis/Fresh water distribution and storage system; upgrading the kitchen to energy star equipment, and conversion to electric vehicles.

3. **Support Asset Forfeiture as a KIRC enforcement tool:**

Request a hearing by House Finance Committee.

**STATUS:** Senate version of the bill passed the senate and crossed to the House with a triple referral to OHM, JUD and FIN. The bill passed the first two committees, but did not get a hearing in House Finance. Staff proposes to meet with the Finance committee leadership and request a hearing this session.