August 1, 2017

To: Members, Hawai‘i State Legislature

From: Alice P. Hewett, President

Subject: 2017-2018 Legislative Priorities of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Aloha mai kakou!

The following are our priorities for consideration and approval by the Hawai‘i State Legislature and other governing bodies in the current and upcoming fiscal year. We respectfully request your support for these priorities in your deliberations and decision-making. Mahalo!

Malama `Aina Ko`olaupoko
- Funding for He`eia NERRS (National Estuary Research Reserve System), to include necessary funding for a cultural resource specialist
- He`eia NERRS acquisition of He`eia State Park to serve as educational and research center
- Funding for the staff and operations of the `Aha Moku Advisory Committee
- Funding for the Ha`iku Valley Cultural Preserve

Malama i ke Kai
- Opposition to commercial gathering of aquarium fish
- Rehabilitation or reinstallation of reef markers and permanent moorings in Kane`ohe Bay
- Supporting a ban on oxybenzone sunscreen in Hawaii waters
- Supporting a ban on Styrofoam containers

Support for Moku o Lo`e (HIMB) and Windward Community College
- Reinstatement of the kapu (off-limits) restrictions for public access to Moku o Lo`e (aka Coconut Island)
- Funding to rehabilitate facilities and seawall around the island
- Funding for a community awareness and education program
- Funding for an additional maintenance and groundskeeper staff positions
- Funding for two staff positions for Windward Community College child-care center

Miscellaneous
- Renovation of city and state park restrooms located around Kane`ohe Bay
- Re-establishment of early voting site to be located in the Kane`ohe area