

Aloha County Council Members

HULI PAC, is an organization with members from each moku of Hawai'i Island. We sincerely urge the County Council to REJECT Hawaiian Kingdom Brands (HKB) Kānaka Beverage Plant and Café.

This proposed project at 525 Pi'ilani St., owned by Talon1Properties LLC., based out of Phoenix, Arizona, does not fit our culture, priorities towards regenerative practices, and Hawaiian values.

Giving public water access rights to a private company in perpetuity and '**Pumping for Profit**' a public trust resource, is unconstitutional and unethical. It does not mālama 'aina nor enhance all life here in Hawai'i.

We keep getting caught with old thinking that our resources are limitless - or at least will last for many many generations. Therefore, we can tolerate extraction, exploitation, and waste. We have water to burn. Water to give away. Water to pump for private profit. 'Mining' water is good for the economy...etc. Auwe!

[Hawaiian Springs](#), [Waiakea Hawaiian Volcanic Water](#), and [Hawaii Volcanic](#) on Hawai'i Island are allowed to harvest directly from our aquifer system and sell beyond our island. Same with [Menehune Water](#) on Oahu. These bottled water industries have profound negative impacts on our environment and local communities. **Kānaka Beverage Plant and Café should not be granted access to our aquifer and underground ecosystems.**

And so, County Council, it's time we stop voting for our natural resources being exploited for private profits. Instead, let's strengthen laws, rules, and regulations protecting our aquifer.

Please review our recent testimony to our Department of Planning, asking them to reject the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for Hawaiian Kingdom Brands (HKB) Kanaka Beverage Plant and Café.

Mahalo nui loa for taking the time to read, reflect and listen to our community concerns.

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