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INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON  
THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED RESEARCH CENTER  
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35. **Henry Curtis**, Executive Director, Life of the Land, said that Hawai'i has a very unique environment, very unique ecosystems, and more endangered and threatened species than any other place on the planet. He said that most scientists are conscientious and care and do a lot of great research. Research can be very good but it can also be very harmful but to say to a scientist, we will give you a pot of money, there is no transparency, there is a lot of confidentiality, whatever goes wrong, nobody will know about it until the disaster strikes, is dangerous.

36. **Kat Brady**, Life of the Land, said that they were in strong opposition to the University partnering with the Navy. Life of the Land currently sits on the Hickam restoration advisory board, among other military restoration advisory boards, and had to push them to look at pollution - off-shore pollution and pollution in the stream and storm drains there. They also sit on the Air Force's Central O'ahu restoration advisory board - Millions of gallons of jet fuel are missing. Pearl Harbor also has one foot of oil sitting on the top of part of the aquifer it serves 60 percent of Oahu's drinking water. The community recently learned that there is ocean dumping of chemical weapons on the Waianae Coast. She asked that the UARC contract be looked at very closely because it says that the University may get \$10 million a year for five years but there are no guarantees. She said that Life of the Land asks that the Board look critically at the role of a public university and its responsibility and obligation to the community that supports it. Secret research has no place in a publicly-supported institution.

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