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Subject: 3 Questions/Comments submitted by George Balazs for July 8, 2021 PBS Insights

Senator Gil, for clarity here below are the three questions/comments I sent for the PBS program. Due to an interruption of the narrator, my second question was read incomplete hence unclear.

My questions were not meant to be an end to themselves. But rather 'triggers' to promote informed discussion by an array of opinions into arenas that just haven't been touched in the past- except with the dogmatic responses of 'no, can't, cannot, impossible, never'. Difficult problems require difficult yet civil debate. That's Democracy. The PBS program, and the participants, were a disappointment to me.

Sincerely, George

Questions/Comments sent by George Balazs for July 8, 2021 PBS Insights Program- "Tired of Turtle Traffic- The Allure of the Green Turtle"

- 1) The problem of Traffic, Tourists, and Turtles at Laniakea's Turtle Beach has been ongoing for over 15 years. Nothing has been done- but more importantly nothing much has even been Tried to Be Done to Alleviate It. Please try something, please try anything Now and Soon that might have a chance. If a mistake is made, so be it, back off and try something else. That's life, trial and error. But to do nothing- except make promises for years off- is inexcusable. Especially for politicians and public servants paid with our tax dollars. Mahalo.
- 2) If the turtles that come ashore to bask were humanely moved to a far-away acceptable location in Hawaii, would as many people flock there to congest Laniakea? Monk seals are relocated all the time, why not turtles too under special problem areas like Laniakea.
- 3) If the organization that greets and educates people at Laniakea was no longer there, would as many cars still stop there?