

From:

warriordesigns@juno.com (warriordesigns@juno.com)

Sent:

Sun 3/23/08 10:44 AM

To:

kuroiwa@capitol.hawaii.gov

Regarding the HCR 117 - Hanapepe Salt Pond Resolution

Aloha Sirs and Madams of the State House of Representatives,

My name is Loui Kaninau-Cabebe and I live in Hanapepe Town on the island of Kaua'i. I have had the honor and pleasure of working with the salt makers at the Puolu Point area also known as the salt pond beach and learning about this precious cultural and natural resource. During my time there I have seen significant reasons to preserve this area.

A) Educational: I have brought groups of Hawaiian, Japanese, German, and other people to this area to teach of the history of salt making and also the interested tourist that wonder by and end up talking to one of the salt makers.

B) Preservation of the wildlife: I have seen and watched the endangered Hawaiian stilt bird(Ae'o) come every year and nest and bear their young. It's also a resting place for the migrating species that return in the winter time. There were many Hawaiian owls (Pu'eo)that hunted there that one could enjoy watching while taking in a Ni'ihau sunset, but their numbers have declined because of the new Heliport that disturbs this once tranquil area.

C) Historical and cultural: The making of Hawaiian salt has been a tradition handed down from generation to generation and at salt pond beach, its historical value lives on. Culturally the salt plays a big part in the Hawaiian lifestyle. The families of salt makers have shared with the world its rarity, for there is no where else in Hawaii that the practice of making salt in clay beds takes place.

I hope I have shared with you the vision through my simple eyes that always begin to well up when I think about the change this place has endured from small kid times until now. Hopefully we can realize what a gem of a place we have and understand how to protect it. I hope that you will be able to curb the continued expansion at the heliport.

Mahalo nui loa,

Loui Kaninau-Cabebe

[warriordesignshawaii.com](http://warriordesignshawaii.com)

Original Hawaiian Island Clothing.

Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono