



Legislative Testimony

**HCR 117, Hanapepe Salt Ponds Resource Management Plan**

House Water Land & Hawaiian Affairs

March 24, 2008

10:30 a.m.

Room: 312

---

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HCR 117, which is requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Division, to assemble various State, County, and Community Agencies to meet and develop a Hanapēpē Salt Pond Resource Management Plan.

OHA strongly supports this legislation that would protect the Hanapēpē Salt Pond, a historic and cultural resource to the island of Kauaʻi and the State of Hawaiʻi. The Hanapēpē Bay or Harbor has been placed on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. The protection of these waters surrounding the salt ponds is extremely important to the continued preservation of this historic and cultural resource.

The development of a Hanapēpē Salt Pond Resource Management Plan would create an appropriate venue for the community stakeholders to provide input in the planning process for the preservation of the salt ponds. Our office supports this resolution to create a management plan with the appropriate stakeholder to help guide the development of the Hanapēpē Salt Pond Resource Management Plan.

OHA supports the passage of HCR 117 out of Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

March 24, 2008

To: Representative Roland Sagum  
Representative Mina Morita  
Representative James Tokioka  
Senator Gary Hooser

**Attn: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
Room 312, 20:30a.m.**

From: Genara Buza Campos, B.S., IVE  
92-675 Aahualii Street  
Kapolei, HI 96707

**Subj: Support of HCR 117 – Requesting the DLNR, Land Division, to Assemble Various State, County, and Community Agencies to Meet and Develop a Hanapepe Salt Pond Resource Management Plan.**

For what is a State Historical Preservation if it does nothing to preserve its history? If this type of salt-making is unique and authentic to Hawaiians why are they being reduced to nothing? Why is there an ignorance about the existence and uniqueness of Salt Pond? Why has a State Historical Preservation site been negatively impacted, paved over, blown away, trampled on, and its environmental, cultural, and social values are ignored?

After reading various news reports, the House Concurrent Resolution, and being in constant dialogue and communication with local residents on the West Side of Kauai, I urge support, serious consideration, and immediate action to **HCR 117**. This comprehensive request is an oath to protect what cannot be replaced, to preserve what is of highest integrity to Native Hawaiians, and to bring forth the recommendations from the Hawaiian community as a representation of the team leaders, community, and those who do what they promise for Hawaiian lands and natural resources.

And, I urge a prudent comprehensive resource management plan for all areas, including human resources, Kauai Westside Watershed Council, cultural activities, air, land, underground ancient sources, water wells, coastal, ocean, and not to exclude the Salt Pond Beach Park, and its natural entities, tidal ponds, reef, fish, fishing, Hawaiian sea turtles, and recreational facilities.

Further, I recommend immediate action to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act Section 303(d), 2004 final list of impaired waters in Hawaii, especially to identify the sources of pollution and to reduce the sources of pollution affecting the Salt Ponds.

Thank You,

Genara Buza Campos  
Former Resident of Kekaha