



**Hawaii
Aquaculture
Association**

To:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS CONCERNS

The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

The Honorable Clift Tsuji, Chair
The Honorable Tom Brower, Vice Chair

HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2008
TIME: 9:00a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

From: Ronald P. Weidenbach, President, Hawaii Aquaculture Association
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Re:

HCR 303/HR253
Status

RENAMING THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF
HAWAII AUTHORITY AS THE GEORGE R. ARIYOSHI
NATURAL ENERGY LAB.

Chairs Yamashita and Tsuji, Vice-Chairs Wakai and Brower, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Aquaculture Association (HAA) supports the intent of HCR 303/HR253 to rename the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority to honor former Governor George R. Ariyoshi who was instrumental in the development of this facility as well as supporting the development of the Hawaii aquaculture industry. However, since energy research and development is only a portion of past and present activities at this facility, and since aquaculture research, development, and commercialization has long been the primary activity at the facility, both past and present, The HAA believes a more inclusive name would be more appropriate for this multi-purpose State facility, to include aquaculture. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.