



**Hawaii
Aquaculture
Association**

To:

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TAXATION
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2008
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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

SCR217/SR128
Status

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

Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Espero, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Aquaculture Association (HAA) **supports the intent of SCR217 & SR128** 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.