
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, LAND DIVISION, TO INCLUDE THE ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA IN THE STAKEHOLDERS ASSEMBLED TO MEET AND DEVELOP A HANAPEPE SALT POND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the Hanapepe Salt Ponds (Salt Ponds), on the
2 southwestern coast of Kauai at the mouth of the Hanapepe Valley,
3 are home to ancient authentic Hawaiian salt ponds; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Salt Ponds are listed on the State Historic
6 Preservation Register and are extremely important cultural
7 resources to the community; and
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9 WHEREAS, salt from the Salt Ponds is created by accessing
10 underground saltwater from a deep ancient source through wells
11 and transferring the saltwater to shallow pools called wai ku,
12 then into salt pans that are shaped carefully with clay from the
13 area, and dried with brine shrimp that add sweetness to the
14 salt; and
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16 WHEREAS, this type of salt-making is unique and authentic,
17 and the harvested traditional Hawaiian sea salt mixed with
18 'alaea, a form of red dirt from Kokee, is used for traditional
19 Hawaiian ceremonies to cleanse, purify, and bless, as well as
20 for healing rituals for medicinal purposes; and
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22 WHEREAS, over the years, the Salt Ponds have been burdened
23 by the surrounding uses of land, which pollute surface water
24 runoff that flows into the Salt Ponds; and
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26 WHEREAS, Hanapepe Bay or Harbor was placed on the federal
27 Clean Water Act Section 303(d), 2004 final list of impaired
28 waters in Hawaii for its excessive levels of total suspended
29 solids, nutrients, temperature, and toxic substances; and
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1 WHEREAS, the development of an airfield runway, a heavily
2 used beach park, a road cutting through the salt beds, a
3 makeshift beach access route blocking drainage, the cutting down
4 of the kiawe forest (which provides evapotranspiration), and
5 runoff from the cane fields and highway, have all potentially
6 contributed to the decline of the health of the Salt Ponds; and
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8 WHEREAS, a close examination of the watershed, moku, and
9 ahupua'a to identify the sources of pollution is needed to
10 recommend projects to reduce the sources of pollution and create
11 a comprehensive resource management plan to revitalize the Salt
12 Ponds; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Hanapepe and native Hawaiian communities are
15 eager to assist in planning for ways to ensure the long-term
16 protection and management of the Salt Ponds; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian community possesses unique and
19 inherent rights (i.e., konohiki and genealogical) and claims to
20 the Salt Ponds; and
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22 WHEREAS, a prudent comprehensive resource management plan
23 should encompass coastal zone management and ocean resources
24 management planning, as the Salt Ponds are affected both by
25 tidal influence and land activities; and
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27 WHEREAS, the development of a comprehensive resource
28 management plan would require:
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- 30 (1) The identification and assessment of the problems and
31 issues;
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- 33 (2) The involvement of all applicable stakeholders,
34 government agencies, and the Hawaiian community to
35 ensure the plans are workable and acceptable to all
36 parties; and
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- 38 (3) The identification of the source of the salt and brine
39 shrimp, and explanation of how they migrate to the
40 area;
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1 WHEREAS, during the Regular Session of 2008, the
 2 Legislature adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 117 S.D. 1,
 3 requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land
 4 Division, to assemble various state, county, and community
 5 agencies to meet and develop a comprehensive Hanapepe Salt Pond
 6 Resource Management Plan (Management Plan); and
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8 WHEREAS, the Royal Order of Kamehameha was unintentionally
 9 omitted from the list of stakeholders to be included in the
 10 meetings; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 14 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
 15 Natural Resources, Land Division, is requested to include the
 16 Royal Order of Kamehameha, as a stakeholder, in the
 17 stakeholders' meetings to develop the Management Plan; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 21 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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