
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, LAND DIVISION, TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO REDIRECT STORM WATER RUNOFF FROM STATE LANDS ADJACENT TO THE HANAPEPE SALT PONDS AWAY FROM THE SALT PANS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hanapepe Salt Ponds, at the mouth of Hanapepe
2 Valley on the southwest coast of Kaua'i, are home to ancient
3 Hawaiian salt ponds; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hanapepe Salt Pans are listed on the Hawaii
6 Register of Historic Places and are an extremely important
7 cultural resource to the community; and
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9 WHEREAS, salt from the Hanapepe Salt Ponds is created by
10 accessing underground saltwater from a deep ancient source
11 through wells and transferring the saltwater to shallow pools
12 called wai ku, then into salt pans that are shaped carefully
13 with clay from the area, and dried with brine shrimp to add
14 sweetness to the salt; and
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16 WHEREAS, this type of salt-making is unique and authentic,
17 and harvested traditional Hawaiian sea salt mixed with 'alaea, a
18 form of red dirt from Koke'e, is used for traditional Hawaiian
19 ceremonies to cleanse, purify, and bless, as well as healing
20 rituals for medicinal purposes; and
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22 WHEREAS, over the years, the Hanapepe Salt Ponds have been
23 threatened by the uses of surrounding land, which pollute
24 surface water runoff that flows into the salt ponds; and
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26 WHEREAS, Hanapepe Bay, from breakwater to shore and near
27 shore waters, has been placed on the federal Clean Water Act
28 Section 303(d), 2002, 2004, and 2006 final lists of impaired
29 waters in Hawaii for its excessive levels of total suspended
30 solids, nutrients and temperature, and toxic substances; and



1 WHEREAS, a close examination of the Hanapepe Salt Ponds is
2 necessary to determine how best to prevent further decline,
3 specifically with regards to storm water runoff; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
8 Natural Resources, Land Division (DLNR), is requested to develop
9 a plan to redirect storm water runoff from state lands adjacent
10 to the Hanapepe Salt Ponds away from the salt pans, in
11 consultation with the salt makers; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is requested to submit the
14 plan and a timetable for its implementation to the Legislature
15 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular
16 Session of 2011; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
20 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

