

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HCR 181

LATE TESTIMONY

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.

Submitted to the Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Hearing Date: March 29, 2010

Time: 10:45 am

Conference Room: 325

Submitted by: Gilbert Nobrega, Salt Maker & President of Hui Hana Pa`akai o Hanapēpē

Aloha. My name is Gilbert Nobrega and President of Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapepe. I'm writing on behalf of the Nobrega 'ohana, Kanahale 'ohana, Chu 'ohana, and Greenly 'ohana. Our 'ohana have made salt for many generations on the island of Kaua'i and it is a tradition that is passed on from one generation to another. My in laws, Joseph and Helen Chu, were instrumental in organizing the salt makers and forming the original organization that is recognized by DLNR. This Hui is called Hui Hana Pa`akai o Hanapēpē.

The tradition of salt making in Hanapēpē can be found nowhere else in the world and it is a cultural practice that is important to our family, the families of Kaua'i, and the families of Hawai'i.

We strongly support HCR 181 however we offer the following amendment to the first BE IT RESOLVED paragraph on page 2-

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It is critical that the salt makers of Hanapepe be included in any discussions and decisions made about the salt making `āina and any adjacent `āina that may potentially have an affect on this traditional and cultural practice. We are mākaukau (ready) to fully and effectively participate in the process.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Nobrega Jr

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Aloha. My name is Malia Nobrega and I'm the daughter of Gilbert and Rosalyn Nobrega from Hanapēpē Valley on the island of Kaua`i. I'm writing on behalf of the Nobrega `ohana, Kanahele `ohana, Chu `ohana, and Greenly `ohana. Our `ohana have made salt for many generations on the island of Kaua`i and it is a tradition that is passed on from one generation to another. My grandparents, Joseph and Helen Chu, were instrumental in organizing the salt makers and forming the original organization that is recognized by DLNR. This Hui is called Hui Hana Pa`akai o Hanapēpē.

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