



ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA I
KAUMUALII CHAPTER NO 3
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RE: Hearing Notice HEARING_FIN_04-07-10_1_ - HI State Legislature
Wednesday, April 7, 2010, Committee on Finance
2:00 P.M., Conference Room 308, State Capitol, Honolulu, HI
**HCR 86 (Status) URGING THE COUNTY OF KAUAI TO
RESTORE PRINCE KUHIO PARK TO ITS FORMER
CONFIGURATION.**

Mr. Chairman and the members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am writing in support of HCR 86. I have the honor of serving as the Kakaolelo (President) of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Chapter 3, "Kaumualii" for Kauai and Niihau. On behalf of the Alii Aimoku of Kaumualii, Ron Iida, we are the owners and caretakers of Prince Kuhio Park. We are a volunteer organization of native Hawaiians with one of our goals being to perpetuate Hawaiian culture. The brothers of the Order selflessly volunteer their time and resources to improve, keep and maintain Prince Kuhio Park for all to enjoy. The fishpond is an integral part of the many Hawaiian archeological features located in the park. These features include two heiau, numerous house sites, loi, raised rock auwae (unique to Kauai) and miles of freestanding rock walls. At one time the fishpond was open and functioning. The mouth of the pond was open to the sea and traffic traveled either around the pond or over a small bridge. Through a series of events the County of Kauai built Lawai Road and replaced the bridge with a small pipe. With that, the pond was never the same again. The pipe clogged and the pond stagnated. The aquatic life dwindled. Tilapia were put in the pond to try to keep the mosquitoes down. The brothers reminisce about a time when turtles, crabs, clams and a host of different fish inhabited the clear blue fresh flowing waters of the working pond.

The Park is a treasure trove of history and culture that is fast disappearing for these islands. It is our goal to preserve as much as we can. Replacing a bridge as it once was for the ineffective pipe would return and help restore one more of the few remaining Hawaiian fishponds in Hawaii. This particular fishpond is truly worthy of restoration because of it's unique position in Prince Kuhio Park. It's close proximity to other significant features, it's historical connection as the birthplace of Prince Kuhio, the established history of caretakers and its easy accessibility to visitors and kamaaina alike make it an excellent target for particular care.

Please support this resolution and mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Testimony for HCR 86: URGING THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO RESTORE PRINCE
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I am Ronald B. Iida, Ali'i Aimoku O Kaumuali'i Chapter 3 Royal Order of Kamehameha, and I strongly support this resolution.

I feel that it's very important that the fish pond is cleared and be free flowing to the ocean. One of the reasons for this is when the blockage occurred in the fish pond, mosquitoes were spawning in the pond and the Royal Order had to place tilapia to clear the infestation.

I understand there is a county document signed by a previous mayor that the County would guarantee that the pond would be free flowing to the ocean.

This resolution asks that they uphold their commitment to restore the prince Kuhio Park fishpond to its former configuration.