

HCR 86

ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA I  
KAUMUALII CHAPTER NO 3  
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April 21, 2010

RE: HI State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs.  
Hearing: Friday, April 23, 2010, 10:30am Conference Room 225  
HCR 86 URGING THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO RESTORE PRINCE KUHIO PARK TO ITS FORMER  
CONFIGURATION.

Mr. Chairman and the members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs:

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 archaeological 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 Beach 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 its unique position in Prince Kuhio Park. Its close proximity to other significant features, its 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.

Gilbert P. Kea

Kakaolelo, Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Chapter 3, Kaumualii

Testimony for HCR 86: URGING THE COUNTY OF KAUAI TO RESTORE PRINCE  
KUHIO PARK TO ITS FORMER CONFIGURATION

Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs (TIA)

Friday, April 23, 2010

10:30 a.m. – Room 225

TO: Senator J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

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.

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Scheduled Hearing:

Date: Friday, April 23, 2010

Time: 10:30 AM

Place: Conference Room 225

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

My name is Saifoloi Aganon and I am an outreach worker for Catholic Charities Hawaii and a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, School of Social Work.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT of HCR 86 URGING THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO RESTORE PRINCE KUHIO PARK TO ITS FORMER CONFIGURATION.**

With the events of post hurricane Iwa it seems reasonable to provide access to the area via the Lawa'i Beach Road; however, much like considering to honor the President of the United States of America with a proposition for a library in Hawaii, the county of Kaua'i and the people of Hawaii should always remember to honor our past leaders of Hawaii by preserving and caring for our existing historic places. Too many times especially on other islands the historic landmarks are forgotten or are cared for lovingly without any compensation or regard by an O'ahu-centric policy making body. This is a great opportunity for policy makers to make a decision that will directly support a community that takes care of its own.

I respectfully thank you for allowing me to testify in **support of HRC 86.**

Saifoloi Aganon      4/21/2010