

# SCR151 / SR86

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND OFFICE OF PLANNING TO STREAMLINE THE  
PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE RESTORATION OF HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS.

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Before the Senate Committees on  
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING  
and  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 27, 2012  
1:15 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of  
**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 151/SENATE RESOLUTION 86**  
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND OFFICE OF PLANNING TO STREAMLINE THE  
PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE RESTORATION OF HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS

Senate Concurrent Resolution 151/Senate Resolution 86 urges various agencies including the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to establish a process to streamline and facilitate the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds and to submit their recommendations for draft legislation no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2103. The Department is **supports the intent** of these resolutions.

The Department has already adopted administrative rules to expedite and facilitate the restoration of existing Hawaiian fishponds. For instance, recently amended Chapter 13-5, Hawaii Administrative Rules, *rules and regulations of the Conservation District*, allows for the repair, strengthening, reinforcement, and maintenance of a fishpond in accordance with Sections 183-44, HRS, -*Fishponds; rules* and 183B-2, HRS, - *Exemption from environmental impact statement law*, and requires no Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP). Repairs may be performed without a CDUP. The rules allow the Department to require a CDUP for new fishponds or for complete fishpond reconstruction.

The Department is currently involved in a Hawaiian fishpond permitting working group, as there are other agencies and processes that regulate Hawaiian fishpond restoration. It is a goal of this group to streamline and facilitate fishpond restoration. The Department agrees to work with the various stakeholders to prepare recommendations to the Legislature in 2013, which the Department hopes will recommend a critical path for the streamlining of government entitlements to restore Hawaiian fishponds.

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Statement of  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & HOUSING  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

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**SR 86 AND SCR 151**

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND OFFICE OF PLANNING TO STREAMLINE  
THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE RESTORATION OF HAWAIIAN  
FISHPONDS.**

Chairs Dela Cruz and Galuteria, Vice Chairs Solomon and Ryan, and Members of  
the Senate Committees on Water, Land & Housing, and Hawaiian Affairs.

The Office of Planning (OP) **supports the intent** of these resolutions.

OP administers the Hawaii's Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program, which  
was approved in 1977 and codified as Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Within  
the CZM Program, the Federal Consistency Program was established pursuant to Sec.  
307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §1456) and the  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) federal consistency

regulations, 15 C.F.R. part 930. The Federal Consistency Program is a cornerstone of the CZMA, providing states with an important tool to manage coastal uses and resources.

The resolutions request that OP consider developing a CZM program consistency statement for Hawaiian Fishponds to facilitate restoration of Hawaiian fishponds. OP intends to carry out this request by working with NOAA and other federal agencies in accordance with federal consistency regulations and procedures. OP also intends to report to the Legislature prior to the convening of the regular session of 2013 of its progress in developing a CZM program consistency statement, including any recommendations and draft legislation, if needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on these measures.



**SCR151/SR86**

**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND OFFICE OF PLANNING TO STREAMLINE THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE RESTORATION OF HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS.**

Senate Committee on Water, Land, & Housing  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 27, 2012

1:15 p.m.

Room 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS SCR151** and **SR86**, which urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of Planning to streamline the state lease process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds.

Fishponds were and continue to be important cultural resources to Native Hawaiians. Fishponds still serve as a source of sustenance for communities, and they also offer a wide range of educational opportunities. Fishponds are used to teach students about math, science, and Hawaiian culture. In addition, fishpond restoration has become a major part of the Hawaiian cultural revival movement, with a number of groups across Hawai'i taking on the kuleana of bringing once-forgotten fishponds back to life.

Unfortunately, the permitting and approval processes for fishpond restoration are cumbersome and have hindered efforts to revive these cultural treasures. Streamlining the lease process to foster fishpond restoration would help ensure that these valuable cultural, educational, and natural resources remain for future generations.

For these reasons, we urge the committees to PASS SCR151 and SR86. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on these important measures.

Jeannine Johnson, Legislative Sub-Committee Chair

## **Kuli'ou'ou / Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2**

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March 25, 2012

### COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair

### COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair

Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair

Re: **SCR 151 / SR 86**- Urging the DLNR, DOH and Office of Planning to Streamline the Permitting Process for the Restoration of Hawaiian Fishponds

Hrg: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 1:15 pm in Conf. Room 225

Aloha mai kākou,

Under Section 2-14-125 of the Neighborhood Board Plan, I have been appointed as a Delegate with responsibilities to represent the **Kuli'ou'ou / Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2** on matters approved by the Board. As Committee Chair of the **Kuli'ou'ou / Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2** Legislative Sub-Committee, I am pleased to inform you **Neighborhood Board #2** supports both SCR 151 and SR 86 urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Department of Health (DOH) and Office of Planning to streamline the permitting process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds. **Neighborhood Board #2** represents over 6,000 households, with a population of almost 20,000 people (State of Hawaii Data Book 2002) in East Honolulu.

Before Westerners arrived in Hawai'i, native Hawaiians lived a life of self-subsistence and harmony with the land and sea. Native Hawaiians understood that by caring for the land and sea, they too, would be cared for by the land and sea. A great example of this is a native Hawaiian fishpond (loko i'a or loko kuapā) which were first built around the fifteenth century. Hawaiians built 488 fishponds statewide, however only about 60 fishponds remain recognizable today. O'ahu alone had 97 fishponds, but only six accessible ponds remain today. Thirteen fishponds have been restored statewide, with six ponds currently in use: three on Moloka'i, one on the island of Hawai'i, and two on O'ahu.

Currently, the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center is working to stop the sale of two remaining fishponds at auction by the Department of Transportation and obtain the leases. They are Kānewai Fishpond, a royal pond assessed to have the properties that make it eligible for listing on the National Historic Register, and Kalauha'iha'i (Lucas Spring and Fishpond) reported to be the location of a summer home of Kamehameha I and where Queen Ka'ahumanu was said to have renounced the ancient kapu system at

the Kalauha'oha'i Assembly. Kalauha'oha'i refers to the scattering of the leaves and breaking of the ancient kapu.

Recognizing the important cultural significance these fishponds represent, at its November 6, 2008 meeting, **Neighborhood Board #2** voted to support preventing any governmental entity from selling culturally significant Native Hawaiian treasures such as fishponds. Urging the DLNR, DOH and Office of Planning to streamline the permitting process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds will help to safeguard Maunaloa's last remaining fishponds for future generations.

Your support of both SCR 151 and SR 86 is respectfully requested.

'O au iho nō me ke aloha,



Jeannine Johnson, Legislative Sub-Committee Chair  
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Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Committee Members,

**Livable Hawai'i Kai Hui** (LHKH) is a non-profit, nonpartisan community action group. We strive to promote sensible growth and respect for the land as well as upholding the integrity of the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan (EHSCP).

LHKH encourages grass roots organization, community awareness and education of laws, rules, and regulations that guide sensible growth and development to enhance the quality of life for residents, focusing on the preservation of the agricultural lands in Kamilonui Valley, natural watersheds and adequate open spaces and community stewardship for the protection of watersheds, wetlands, natural and irreplaceable resources and cultural and historic areas in East Honolulu.

Fishponds are an irreplaceable cultural and historic resource that must be preserved for future generations. **We strongly support SCR 151 and SR 86** urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health and Office of Planning to streamline the permitting process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds and we humbly ask for your support.

Sincerely,

**Elizabeth Reilly**, President

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## Kona Hawaiian Civic Club

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March 26, 2012

Testimony by the Kona Hawaiian Civic Club in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Senate Concurrent Resolution 151, urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of Planning to streamline the permitting process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds.

Welina mai Chairmans Galuteria and Dela Cruz and members of the joint Senate Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing Committees,

The Kona Hawaiian Civic Club is in strong support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 151.

Current state regulations requirements for the restoration and commercial use of Hawaiian fishponds by persons and entities with familial and cultural ties are unnecessarily formidable.

The purpose of **SCR 151** is to urge the Governor and his administration to streamline this process by creating:

1. A master conservation district use application for Hawaiian fishponds.
2. A coastal zone management program consistency statement for Hawaiian fishponds.
3. Water quality certification for Hawaiian fishponds.
4. A national pollution discharge elimination system general permit for Hawaiian fishponds.
5. Administrative rules to be applied consistently throughout the State.

The Kona HCC has been working with Makani Hou and the Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park to restore the Kaloko and Aimakapa fishponds and the Aiopio fishtrap. We recently began working with Malama O Puna to restore the anchialine ponds and cultural sites around 'Alula Bay south of Honokohau Harbor.

Through SCR 151, we would look forward to working with the DLNR, DOH, and Office of State Planning along with any or all individuals and community groups in our state to achieve the goal of draft legislation for a streamlined permit process for the restoration of Hawaiian fishponds to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013.

Sincerely,  
Maurice Kahawaii  
President

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of Kailapa Community Association, a 501-C3 corporation made up of Hawaiian homesteaders residing in Kawaihae, I am writing in support of resolution SCR151 to streamline the permitting process for loko-ia.

Loko'ia was once a part of a sustainable food system that fed over a million people by working with the natural ecosystem. We believe the sustainable future of our ocean resources lay in practices of our past and we must resurrect our traditional practices.

In order to support small businesses that promote cultural practices and conserve Hawaii's natural ecosystem while creating economic development for a sustainable seafood industry, the permitting process needs to be retooled. The current application process is convoluted, cost prohibitive and can take years to go through which stand in the way of Hawaiian practitioners, business and cultural organizations from being able to move forward to restore the loko'ia. Restoration of the loko'ia is needed not only for sustainable seafood but it begins the process of healing of our waters, the fish population and health, the culture and the people of Hawaii as well as addressing the States growing seafood deficit.

We want DLNR/DOH to plan and work with community groups to retool the fishpond permitting process. A comprehensive review has not been done in nearly thirty years and it needs to be done now while the loko'ia knowledge is still alive to be passed on to the next generations and address Hawaii's seafood deficit through a proven system that does not destroy the natural cycles.

Thank you,

Diane Kanealii, President  
Kailapa Community Association

~~Jane Wicker~~

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Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair  
Senator Pohai Ryan, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Honorable Chairs, Vice Chairs and Committee Members,

I support this resolution to streamline the permitting process for Hawaiian fishponds. Around 1992 or 1993, my husband and I were approached by the Sea Grant extension office to restore a Hawaiian fishpond in the Kau district of Hawai'i. We were humbled to be considered for such an amazing task. When we began making preliminary inquiries about the permitting process, we soon learned that the bureaucratic red tape would make it nearly impossible for us to be able to get the necessary permits in a timely manner. Even with the assistance from the personnel of the Sea Grant offices it seemed feudal. We spent a lot of time, money and energy researching the feasibility and learned every door we opened it was soon slammed shut in our face. You can only take a few of those and realize it's time to move on. From then to now in 20 years, it appears nothing has changed???

All departments should have an easy to understand flow chart outlining where a person should begin with their fish pond permit application and where it will end. When an applicant follows the rules and regulations set forth, than the governing bodies should respond in a timely and responsible manner.

Thank you so much for allowing me to submit testimony.

Crystal Kia Paul  
Denton, Texas

Hawaii's ability to better sustain itself is dependent upon a wide array of food producers as well as protections and improvements to the environment. Restoration of fish ponds can help with food production within communities. It can also provide a cultural resource that those who visit or shores can enjoy and appreciate.

Please enable those who are willing to do the work, to get to it without the cumbersome, nearly impossible permitting process that exists today.

Please pass SCR151.

Sincerely,  
Mary Spadaro  
Honolulu, 96822  
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~~Donna Wilson~~

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Submitted on: 3/23/2012

Comments:

Restoration of traditional Hawaiian Fish Ponds is vital to the entire population of Hawaii. From Kau to Hanalei fish ponds large and small, fresh and salt water, have fed the communities around them. These fish ponds, Loko Ia, are an integral part of our Hawaiian community and culture. While loko ia raised specific varieties of fish other species also thrived with in and around the loko ia. Shell fish and limu also grew and thrived inside the protective walls of the loko ia. Here were places that opio could learn and sharpen the fine skills necessary to manage a productive, harvestable and sustainable resource.

There is no doubt that during construction or repair of any loko ia there will be disturbance of the settlement on the bottom and around the general area of the loko ia. This potential disturbance needs to be monitored throughout the life of the construction, repair process. In spite of the environmental risks it is really a very small risk and inconvenience in a very small area for a very short period of time. The benefits far outweigh the potentially short lived adverse impacts. The daily current flow will also play a major role in disbursing the disturbed shallow water sediments.

This effort needs to be moved along as the benefits far outweigh the small potential adverse environmental impact.

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Comments:

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Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of SCR 151. Loko i'a have been part of Hawaii's story for hundreds of years. They were an integral part of a food system that fed over 1 million Hawaiians before European contact. However, loko i'a have been ignored and abused since Hawaii adopted the modern importation food system. It is becoming apparent that dependency on importation cannot last forever. Wild fish stocks around the world have bottomed out, including our own, and we need another option-- another SUSTAINABLE option. Loko i'a provide the perfect opportunity to produce diversified seafood for the islands, perpetuate Hawaiian culture, and add to Hawaii's potential for eco-tourism.

Currently, leasing and restoring a loko i'a requires a convoluted application process and includes up to 17 permits. The process can take several years, and is highly cost-prohibitive for Native Hawaiian small businesses or cultural organizations. A comprehensive review of this permitting process is desperately needed so that we may take a step forward in providing ourselves with food and culture.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Alana Bryant

TO: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chairperson, Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

The Honorable Brickwood Galuteria, Chairperson, Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

RE: Senate Concurrent Resolution 151 and Senate Resolution 86

Dear Senators,

I am writing to encourage you to vote "YES" on SCR 151 and SR 86 – Urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Health, and Office of Planning to Streamline the Permitting Process for the Restoration of Hawaiian Fishponds.

As a native Hawaiian, born and raised on Maui, I see SCR 151 and SR 86 as a positive step toward much needed change in the permit process to restore Hawaiian fishponds. Streamlining the permit process increases the full restoration of fishponds that will provide an economic, educational and cultural impact today and for future generations.

I respectfully encourage your support and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Submitted by: Kaena Peterson  
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Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:

As a resident of Hawn. Homes in Kailapa ,it is vital that we utilize and restore what our ansestors have built to be sistainable at the same time respecting the Aina /Ocean and being Pono .Hawaii residents have to prepare to feed there families as living expenses rise . Sustainability is Hawaii Island future we have the resource and training our youth in Agriculture/fishponds. and provide jobs.we must protect our islands , the continent is thousands of miles away , Pollution is a cancer to our Aina , Ocean and coastline.

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Comments:

I support this resolution. In light of the goal of greater food sustainability for Hawaii and the ongoing need for employment opportunities, it is only logical to encourage the "rebirth" of a proven, effective agriculture methodology.



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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:  
support this resolution to streamline the approval process for Hawaiian fish ponds.

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I strongly support the enhanced ability for citizens to rehabilitate and manage traditional fishponds to increase local food security and create jobs in rural areas.

Elizabeth Cole, Honokaa, Hawaii Island

  
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Comments:

I'm asking that the permitting process for restoration of the Hawaiian fishpond(loko i'a) be streamlined, as proposed in SCR151.

I believe the Hawaiian fishponds(loko i'a) are a part of a "sustainable" food system for the local communities unlike the misguided argument that open ocean aquaculture(OOA) will feed Hawaii.

The loko i'a will help increase the dwindling local fish populations, create jobs in rural areas, and restore a Hawaiian cultural resource.

Thank you for your help and doing what is right for Hawaii by supporting SCR151.