



SCR54

STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I AND THE COUNTY OF KAUA‘I TO
PROTECT THE WAHI PANA OF WAIMAKAOHI‘IAKA AND THE TRADITIONAL AND
CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF MAKING THE SALT BEDS AND GATHERING PA‘AKAI (SALT)
IN HANAPĒPĒ, KAUA‘I FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senate Committee on Transportation

March 12, 2020

1:16 p.m.

Room 016

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend that the Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** SCR54. This resolution urges 1) the Governor and County of Kaua‘i to protect the wahi pana of Waimakaohi‘iaka and the traditional and customary practice of making salt beds in Hanapēpē, Kaua‘i; 2) the Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i to stand in solidarity with the Hui Hana Pa‘akai o Hanapēpē as protectors of this wahi pana; 3) the Department of Transportation (DOT) to order the relocation of the operations of Smoky Mountain Helicopters, Inc., (Smoky Mountain Helicopters¹) from Burns Field to the more appropriate Līhu‘e Airport; 4) the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the County of Kaua‘i to regulate, control, and enforce illegal beach access impacting the salt ponds; and 5) the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate the use of an unpermitted restroom facility utilizing a cesspool at Burns Field by Smoky Mountain Helicopters.

As the constitutionally-established body tasked with protecting and promoting the rights of Native Hawaiians, OHA serves as the principle public agency in the State of Hawai‘i responsible for the development and coordination of programs and activities related to Native Hawaiians, assessment of policies and practices impacting Native Hawaiians, and advocacy on behalf of Native Hawaiians. It is with this kuleana in mind that OHA highlights the significance of the lo‘i pa‘akai of Hanapēpē in the perpetuation of Native Hawaiian traditional customary practices uniquely associated with these sites.²

The Lo‘i Pa‘akai ‘o ‘Ukulā ma Hanapēpē form a rich cultural hub for the production of salt, a culturally significant resource traditionally cultivated and gathered by Native Hawaiians. These lo‘i pa‘akai are among the very few remaining sites where Native Hawaiian families can perpetuate their traditional salt-making practices and continue to pass these practices down to future generations. For its unsurpassed value to the Native Hawaiian people and overall

¹ Smoky Mountain Helicopters does business as Maverick Helicopters, according to the Kaua‘i Chamber of Commerce, <http://www.kauaichamber.org/list/member/smoky-mountain-helicopters-dba-maverick-helicopters-1715>, last accessed on March 10, 2020.

² OHA provides this description of the cultural significance of the lo‘i pa‘akai as an example of the particular cultural sensitivity of this area. OHA notes that there may be additional Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices associated with the lo‘i pa‘akai and surrounding areas, which may also be impacted by Port Allen airport activities.

significance in Hawai‘i’s history, the Lo‘i Pa‘akai ‘o ‘Ukulā ma Hanapēpē are listed on the Hawai‘i State Register of Historic Places.

Port Allen Airport bears a close proximity to the Lo‘i Pa‘akai ‘o ‘Ukulā ma Hanapēpē, and its threats of particulate pollution and chemical runoff have been particularly concerning to Native Hawaiian pa‘akai practitioners who wish to maintain the quality and safety of their product for consumption and cultural use. Native Hawaiian individuals, families, and community organizations have endeavored to work with the former airport operator to mitigate the negative impact of aircraft operations to the lo‘i pa‘akai. However, recent proposed³ expansions of Smoky Mountain Helicopters’ operations have the potential to threaten and upend the compromises already made and create new and increased impacts from a higher volume of airport activities. Community scrutiny of the Smoky Mountain Helicopters operations has further increased after reports by the Hawai‘i Department of Health (DOH) and EPA regarding an unpermitted restroom facility using a cesspool in close proximity to the Hanapēpē salt beds. As detailed in the resolution, the DOH has already issued a field citation for the helicopter company to abandon the cesspool and obtain a proper building permit for a restroom facility, among other orders.

It is also OHA’s understanding that the County of Kaua‘i Planning Department has already questioned whether existing commercial airport uses at Port Allen are incongruent with existing zoning ordinances that call for a 1,000-yard buffer from residential, conservation, and agricultural lands.⁴ As detailed in the resolution, the County of Kaua‘i Planning Department has sent certified notices of violations of Kaua‘i’s comprehensive zoning ordinance and Special Management area rules for illegal improvements. In line with the intent of SCR54, the County of Kaua‘i should work with the DOT on a relocation plan that better aligns airport use with existing zoning ordinances.

Given the particular cultural sensitivity of the area surrounding the Port Allen Airport as well as the longstanding concerns that have been raised regarding the airport’s potential impacts to the adjacent lo‘i pa‘akai, and to demonstrate its commitment to the preservation of pa‘akai practices and protection of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary rights, **OHA encourages the Governor and County of Kaua‘i to take actions that protect this precious resource and for the DOT to consider relocating helicopter usage at Port Allen to Lihū‘e Airport. As further proposed in SCR54, appropriate agencies should take necessary actions regarding illegal activities and unpermitted uses.**

For the reasons set forth above, OHA respectfully urges the Committees to **PASS** SCR54. Mahalo piha for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

³ As cited in the resolution, on June 25, 2019, Smoky Mountain Helicopters submitted an after-the-fact Special Management Area use permit to the Kaua‘i Planning Commission.

⁴ See County of Kaua‘i’s Planning Department June 12, 2019, Director’s Report (Z-IV-2019-33), page 5.



Hawai‘i State Senate
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Committee on Water and Land
Committee on Transportation

Pō‘aha, Malaki 12, 2020
Ke Kapikala Moku ‘āina
415 South Beretānia Street

Re: **SCR 54** - STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I AND THE COUNTY OF KAUA‘I TO PROTECT THE WAHI PANA OF WAIMAKAOHI‘IAKA AND THE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF MAKING THE SALT BEDS AND GATHERING PA‘AKAI (SALT) IN HANAPEPE, KAUA‘I FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Aloha Luna Ho‘omalu Shimabukuro, Luna Ho‘omalu Kai Kahele, Luna Ho‘omalu Lorraine Inouye, and members of the Committees:

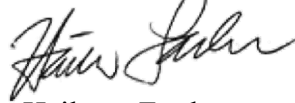
The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs **SUPPORTS** SCR 54, as it supports and sustains the traditional and customary practice of making and gathering of pa‘akai. At its 60th annual convention, the Association adopted Resolution 2019-54 which shares the same title as SCR 54; the Association stands in solidarity with its Kaua‘i Council and the Hawaiian Civic Clubs and club members in that council who are in strong support of this measure.

The effects of nearby commercial activity, climate change, and other environmental impacts make this site and the cultural practices at these salt beds in Hanapēpē vulnerable. As stated in the resolution, this is the only area in all of Hawai‘i that continues to make the salt beds and harvest pa‘akai using these traditional methods.

The civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in 1959 and has grown to a confederation of over sixty (60) Hawaiian Civic Clubs located throughout the State of Hawaiʻi and the United States. The Association is the oldest Hawaiian community-based grassroots organization. The Association is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors; advocates for improved welfare of Native Hawaiians in culture, health, economic development, education, social welfare, and nationhood; and perpetuates and preserves language, history, music, dance and other Native Hawaiian cultural traditions.

Mahalo for allowing us to share our *mana ʻo*.

Me ka ʻoia ʻi ʻo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hailama Farden". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name below it.

Hailama Farden

Pelekikena

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

A RESOLUTION

No. 2019 - 54

STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I AND THE COUNTY OF KAUA‘I TO PROTECT THE WAHI PANA OF WAIMAKAOHI‘IAKA AND THE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF MAKING THE SALT BEDS AND GATHERING PA‘AKAI (SALT) IN HANAPĒPĒ, KAUA‘I FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

WHEREAS, Waimakaohi‘iaka, in the ‘ili of ‘Ukulā, in the ahupua‘a of Hanapēpē, in the moku of Kona or also known as the salt ponds of Hanapēpē is a wahi pana, a culturally significant sacred site specifically for the making of pa‘akai (salt), which has been traditionally cultivated and gathered by Native Hawaiians since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Waimakaohi‘iaka, is the only area in all of Hawai‘i that continues to make the salt beds and harvest pa‘akai using these traditional methods which are passed generation to generation by Native Hawaiian ‘ohana who are exercising their constitutionally protected traditional and customary salt-making knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, Article XII §7 of the Hawai‘i State Constitution provides: *“The State reaffirms and shall protect all rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes and possessed by ahupua‘a tenants who are descendants of native Hawaiians who inhabited the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778, subject to the right of the State to regulate such rights.”*

WHEREAS, in keeping with centuries-old traditions, the pa‘akai gathered at this location cannot be bought nor is it sold, but is generously shared or traded by the 22 families who are the lineal descendants of past salt-makers, resulting in this resource being distributed throughout Kaua‘i, statewide, nationally and internationally for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai‘i Register of Historic Places is an official list of properties that have been recognized for their significance to the history, architecture, archaeology, or culture of Hawai‘i communities, and the Hanapēpē Salt Pans have been listed in the State Inventory of Historic Places as SIHP #50-30-09-00049 since September 30, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Waimakaohi‘iaka parcel is zoned for conservation, and is identified as an Open/Special Treatment Resource and Cultural District by the County of Kaua‘i; and

WHEREAS, urbanization, commercial, and recreation activities adjacent to Waimakaohi'iaka cause threatening factors such as dust, noise, and contamination from sources ranging from an ill-placed helicopter operation sited at Port Allen Airport, also known as Burns Field, and vehicles accessing the beach, to broken beer bottles and trash left by beach users; and

WHEREAS, June 25, 2019, the Kaua'i Planning Commission considered an application submitted by Smoky Mountain Helicopters, Inc. (SMI) for after-the-fact permit applications during which over 100 people testified in person, producing over 100 written testimonies and generating 34,000+ signatures on an online petition found at <http://change.org/protectpaakai>, to protect this last of its kind salt making tradition in Hanapēpē; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Kaua'i Planning Commission was planning for a contested case hearing for the after-the-fact permit applications and granted intervenor status to the Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapēpē, a Native Hawaiian organization organized in 1964, comprised of the 22 'ohana that continue the salt-making and gathering practice; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2019, the Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapēpē sent a certified letter to the State of Hawai'i Department of Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urgently requesting them to investigate immediately the use of an unpermitted restroom facility utilizing a cesspool at Burns Field, Kaua'i by SMI; and

WHEREAS, on two occasions in August 2019, the County of Kaua'i Planning Department sent a certified notice of violations of Kaua'i's comprehensive zoning ordinance and Special Management Area Rules and Regulations and orders to pay fines to the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Airports Division (Owner), SMI (Lessee), D & J Air Adventures, and Maverick Helicopter citing the illegal development within the SMA District, failure to secure required SMA permit determination and violations of the comprehensive zoning ordinance on Executive Order No. 931(P); and

WHEREAS, in response to inquiries sent by State Representative Dee Morikawa and Kaua'i Councilman Luke Evslin, the State of Hawai'i Department of Health Wastewater Branch (WWB) investigated the site on August 21, 2019 and found that: an illegal cesspool was constructed but not in use, the Maverick Helicopter facility was utilizing two portable toilets, plumbing fixtures (toilet, sink and associated piping) were recently removed from the facility's restroom, no wastewater was observed being discharged to the illegal cesspool, and the WWB will be issuing the facility a field citation for the construction of an illegal cesspool; and

WHEREAS, additional WWB investigations found: SMI had previously utilized an unapproved cesspool for an unpermitted restroom, the cesspool was not in use and the fixtures from the restroom were removed before the inspection, two portable toilets were provided at Maverick Helicopter facility for employees and customers, the WWB will be issuing the Maverick Helicopters a field citation for the construction and use of a cesspool that was not approved by the Director of Health, and Maverick Helicopters will be ordered to: (1) properly abandon the cesspool; (2) obtain a building permit for the restroom; (3) construct a new

individual wastewater system (IWS) to serve the restroom; and (4) remove the two portable toilets after the IWS is issued an approval to use from the WWB; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2019, the County of Kaua'i Director of Planning received a copy of a letter from Belles Graham LLP representing SMI in receipt of the Planning Department's letter dated August 5, 2019 informing the client of a Notice of Violation and Order to Pay Fines, as well a Petition to Appeal Decision of the Planning Director as provided for by Chapter 9 of the Planning Commission Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapēpē has developed a web strategy to share updated and relevant information with the community (see <http://protectpaakai.org>); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 60th Annual Convention in Lahaina, Maui, in the malama of Welehu and the rising of Lā'au Pau, this 16th day of November 2019, strongly urging the State of Hawai'i and the County of Kaua'i to protect the wahi pana of Waimakaohi'iaka and the traditional and customary practice of making salt beds and gathering pa'akai (salt) in Hanapēpē, Kaua'i for all future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs stand in solidarity with the Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapēpē as protectors of this wahi pana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation move the operations of Smoky Mountain Helicopters, Inc. from Burns Field to the more appropriate Līhu'e Airport where all other Kaua'i helicopter tour businesses operate, then close the Port Allen Airport, and provide adequate security to prevent illegal trespassing and camping in the areas under its jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Kaua'i also control, regulate and enforce illegal beach access impacting the salt ponds in the areas under its jurisdictions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urgently investigate the use of an unpermitted restroom facility utilizing a cesspool at Burns Field, Kaua'i by Smoky Mountain Helicopters, Inc. and send a response to the Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapēpē, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the County of Kaua'i Planning Commission and Planning Director, State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation, State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the County of Kaua'i Council, the Kaua'i Representatives and Senators, as well as the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate subject matter committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House subject matter committee on

Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted in the malama of Welehu and the rising of Lā'au Pau on the 16th day of November 2019, at the 60th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Lahaina, Maui.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hailama V. K. K. Farden".

Hailama V. K. K. Farden, President



Josh Frost - President • Patrick Shea - Treasurer • Kristin Hamada
Nelson Ho • Summer Starr

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Resolution to protect the wahi pana, in Hanapepe on Kauai
Testifying in Strong Support

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

The Pono Hawai'i Initiative (PHI) provides strong **support for SCR54**, which urges the State and County of Kauai to protect the wahi pana of Waimakaohi'iaka and the traditional and customary practice of making the salt beds and gathering pa'akai in Hanapepe, Kauai for future generations.

Protecting Hawaii's history and customs is so important and valuable for future generations. The salt beds in Hanapepe are the only ones left that are actively producing pa'akai using traditional methods and have been recognized as part of the State's inventory of Historic Places since 1988. These traditional and customary methods are also constitutionally protected.

In recent years, the safety of the salt beds has come into question and the community has had to fight repeatedly to protect them. This resolution would affirm that protecting the wahi pana of Waimakaohi'iaka and the traditional and customary practice of making salt beds is a top priority of the state. Let us stand in solidarity to protect this historical cultural practice.

For all these reasons, we urge you to vote in favor of this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity,
Gary Hooser
Executive Director
Pono Hawai'i Initiative

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 10:05:31 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Regina Gregory	Testifying for EcoTipping Points Project	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 8:04:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeri Di Pietro	Testifying for Hawai'i SEED	Support	No

Comments:

HUI HANA PA‘AKAI O HANAPĒPĒ

DATE: March 12, 2020

TO: Ka ‘Aha Kenekoa
Ke Kōmike Kuleana Hawai‘i
Ke Kōmike no ka Wai a me ka ‘Āina
Ke Kōmike Alakau

FROM: Malia Nobrega-Olivera, Pelekikena
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RE: SCR54 - STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I AND THE COUNTY OF KAUA‘I TO PROTECT THE WAHI PANA OF WAIMAKAOHI‘IAKA AND THE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF MAKING THE SALT BEDS AND GATHERING PA‘AKAI (SALT) IN HANAPEPE, KAUA‘I FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Aloha Luna Ho‘omalua Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Luna Ho‘omalua Kaiali‘i Kahele, Luna Ho‘omalua Lorraine R. Inouye, and members of the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land, and Transportation,

The Hui Hana Pa‘akai o Hanapēpē is a Native Hawaiian Organization made up of representatives from 22 ‘ohana (families) that are cultural practitioners, kia‘i (stewards) of this wahi pana (traditional place), cultural and lineal descendants of Waimakaohi‘iaka or more commonly known as Salt Pond. The Hui was formed in 1964 by the salt making ‘ohana. For many generations these cultural practitioners have been exercising their traditional and customary practices, a historic site on the State Inventory of Historic Places.

Waimakaohi‘iaka is a wahi pana (sacred place), that form a rich cultural hub for production of pa‘akai (salt), a culturally significant resource traditionally cultivated and gathered by Native Hawaiians since time immemorial. The Salt Ponds of Hanapēpē is the only area in all of Hawai‘i that produces pa‘akai in this manner and it is where Native Hawaiian ‘ohana continue to exercise their constitutionally protected traditional and customary salt making practices. These practices are passed down from generation to generation and into perpetuity. Hanapēpē Salt Ponds are the only traditional salt production center in existence that is not used for profit or Sale. The Hanapēpē Salt Ponds are listed on the Historic Register site #00049 and state site #50-30-09-00049.

Pa‘akai is not only used for culinary purposes including food preparation and preservation but more importantly it is used ceremonially and medicinally. Pa‘akai plays a very critical role in the preservation and perpetuation of many other Native Hawaiian traditions and customary practices. The continued traditional practice of preparing the salt beds and gather salt, interwoven into the expansive fabric of Native Hawaiian Culture, has far reaching effects.

In addition, it is important to also recognize the existence of a leina-a-ka-uhane at Pū'olo Point in the area adjacent to the Port Allen Airport. This is a portal that exists only in certain places on our islands that also have a significant role in our cultural and religious ceremonies. It is a leaping off point where spirits transition to pō (darkness, or the next world).

The close proximity of Port Allen Airport to the leina-a-ka-uhane and the Hanapēpē Salt Ponds and its potential contribution to the pollution, noise, and heavy metals contamination and chemical storm water runoff has been a longstanding concern for pa'akai practitioners and the community.

Immediate protection is needed for Waimakaohi'iaka because any further development in the area will adversely affect this 'āina, our makuahine that is calling for protection. The impacts include, but are not limited to, the following: direct, indirect, and/or cumulative negative impacts to historic sites; direct, indirect, and/or cumulative negative impacts to Hawaiian traditional and/or customary practices; increased drainage and run-off into State of Hawai'i conservation lands, which includes a fragile coastal ecosystem.

Do what is right for the 'āina, for the community, for the people of Hawai'i and PASS SCR 54 as a first step to protect this wahi pana.

MOKU O MANOKALANIPŌ
THE KAUA'I COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

Date: Malaki 12, 2020

To: Ka 'Aha Kenekoa
Ke Kōmike Kuleana Hawai'i
Ke Kōmike no ka Wai a me ka 'Āina
Ke Kōmike Alakau

From: Moku o Manokalanipō, The Kaua'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
Victor Nobrega-Olivera, Director

Re: SCR54 - STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I AND THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO PROTECT THE WAHI PANA OF WAIMAKAOHI'IAKA AND THE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF MAKING THE SALT BEDS AND GATHERING PA'AKAI (SALT) IN HANAPEPE, KAUA'I FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Aloha Luna Ho'omalua Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Luna Ho'omalua Kaiali'i Kahele, Luna Ho'omalua Lorraine R. Inouye, and members of the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land, and Transportation:

I'm writing on behalf of Moku o Manokalanipō, The Kaua'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs which represents the four (4) Hawaiian Civic Clubs based on the island of Kaua'i.

Moku o Manokalanipō STRONGLY SUPPORTS SCR 54- STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I AND THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO PROTECT THE WAHI PANA OF WAIMAKAOHI'IAKA AND THE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF MAKING THE SALT BEDS AND GATHERING PA'AKAI (SALT) IN HANAPEPE, KAUA'I FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Many of our members are salt practitioners and their 'ohana have been a part of this practice for many generations. They are also very committed to doing all that they need to do to protect this wahi pana that is in a very vulnerable state. As stated in the resolution that this is the only area in all of Hawai'i that continues to make the salt beds and harvest pa'akai using these traditional methods which are passed generation to generation by native Hawaiian 'ohana who are exercising their **constitutionally protected traditional and customary salt-making knowledge and skills**. In addition, these salt practitioners are on the frontlines of experiencing how climate change, other environmental changes, commercial, and recreation activities are having a direct impact on the cultural practice. Some of the 'ohana have not been able to produce any salt for the last 6 consecutive years.

MOKU O MANOKALANIPŌ
THE KAUA'I COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

Therefore, Moku o Manokalanipō respectfully **STRONGLY URGES** the Committees to immediately PASS SCR54 as a first step to protecting this wahi pana. The follow-up to passing this will be key to the true protection of this practice so that it can continue in the future and be shared with our communities not only in Hawai'i but around the world.

The Hawaiian civic club movement was founded in 1918 by Congressional Delegate Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole with the creation of the Hawaiian Civic Club; the Association was formally organized in 1959 and in 1968, the Hawaiian Civic Clubs on the island of Kaua'i organized Moku o Manokalanipō, the Kaua'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

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Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Manuwai Peters	Testifying for Kanaeokana- Kula Hawai'i Network	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai Senators K. Kahele, S. Chang, Kidani, Ruderman, Fevella, Inouye, Kanuha, J. Keohokalole, Riviere, and Shimabukuro,

Kanaeokana, the Kula Hawai'i Network which includes membership of 65 Hawaiian education organizations, is in full support of SCR 54. Taking active steps to protect and preserve this place and the unique cultural activities that it has hosted for generations is the most important step the Legislature of the State of Hawai'i can take at this moment. Active government measures such as this, coupled with community action and will ensure that this treasure, unique to Kaua'i will be protected for future generations.

As a network of Hawaiian schools and 'Ä• ina based organizations, Kanaeokana concerns itself with protecting our 'Ä• ina and cultural resources, such as those exemplified in the HanapÄ"pÄ" Salt Ponds, for their inherent educational value it provides to our keiki. Without the salt makers and this 'Ä• ina, we are unable to fulfill our mission of educating and nurturing the next generation of Aloha 'Ä€ina Leaders.

Therefore, we support this SCR 54 and we mahalo the members of the Senate for moving this Resolution forward.

Me Ka 'Oia'i'o,

KÄ• mike Advocacy

Kanaeokana, the Kula Hawai'i Network

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 9:05:36 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kehaulani Enos	Testifying for Halau Ilima Ku Kahakai	Support	No

Comments:

Welina me aloha,

My name is Kehaulani Enos, and I am the kumu hula of Halau Ilima Ku Kahakai. I support the full protection of the Hanapepe Salt Beds, the preservation of this wahi pana, and additional help to the families that continue to practice traditional salt making there. This is an important part of our culture, history, and identity as kanaka Hawai'i. I urge lawmakers to do what is pono. To ensure the Hanapepe salt traditions are safe and maintained for future generations. There is no amount of money that can replace the value of this wahi pana and the practices of salt making.

Mahalo nui,

Kehaulani Enos, EdD, Kumu Hula

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 9:11:17 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leina?ala Jardin	Testifying for Halau Ka Lei Mokihana o Leina?ala	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

It is with much aloha that I write in support of SCR54 to protect the cultural sacredness and unique wahi pana of Salt Pond salt beds. As a native of Kaua'i who has spent many days at Salt Pond with my 'ohana, I have grown up observing and experiencing such treasured cultural practices. My hālaau frequents the area to kākou and utilize the nearby beach to perform cultural protocol pertaining to hula. I humbly ask that you wrap your arms around this wahi pana to protect it from any further damage or disrespect. I congratulate you in advance for doing what is pono for your people and this 'āina we are blessed to call home.

Me Ka ha'aha'a,

Kumu Leina?ala Pavao Jardin

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Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaulu Lu?uwai	Testifying for ?Ahahui o Hawai?i Advocates for Native Hawaiian Justice at the William S. Richardson School of Law	Support	No

Comments:



Luna O Nā Papa Alaka'i

Pelekikena

Anthony Makana Paris

Hope Pelekikena 'Ekahi

Randi Fernandez

Hope Pelekikena 'Elua

K ā'eo Kealoha Lindsey

Pu'ukū

Leilani Williams-
Solomon

Kākau 'Ōlelo Ho'opa'a

Sai Furukawa

Kākau 'Ōlelo Palapala

Kamuela Werner

Pelekikena Hala Koke

Yvonne 'PeeWee' Ryan

Nā Luna Alaka'i

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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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Thursday, March 12, 2020

1:16 pm Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Re: SCR 54 STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I AND THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO PROTECT THE WAHI PANA OF WAIMAKAOHI'IKA AND THE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF MAKING THE SALT BEDS AND GATHERING PA'AKAI (SALT) IN HANAPEPE, KAUA'I FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Kahele, Chair Inouye and members of the Committees:

The Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club **SUPPORTS** SCR54.

At its 60th annual convention, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs adopted Resolution 2019-54 which shares the same title as SCR 54. PKHCC stands in solidarity with the Kaua'i Council and the Hawaiian Civic Clubs and club members of Kaua'i.

We also stand in solidarity with those that *malama wahi pana* and practice traditional and customary practices.

PKHCC urges the committees to PASS SCR54.

Me ke aloha,

A. Makana Paris

Pelekikena

president@pkhcc.org

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:19:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean	Testifying for Hale Pihana ka `Ikena-Ke Ho`ola o Lima Lani	Support	No

Comments:

As the po`o of The Kaua`i Kupuna Board of Traditonal Healing and Hale Pihana ka `Ikena, it's members, and haumana, we strongly support SCR54. We urgently ask you to consider the cultural value of the land, the people, and the practice. Over development is at hand and is already encroaching upon a lifestyle that has been passed down for centuries. We utilize this important customary practice to produce, gather, and use in every part of our lives. It reaches deep into our communities as the practitoners share their gifts with us. We use it in so many ways, and there is no dollar value that can be placed on this cultural practice. We ask that it be protected in all ways so that we may perpetuate our tradition down for years to come.

We are a community network of traditonal healers and cultural practitoners from across the island of Kaua`i and we strongly support SCR54.

Po`o-Sean A. Chun



Testimony Before The
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Water & Land and Transportation
IN SUPPORT OF SCR 54
Thursday, March 12, 2020, 3:12PM, Room 016

Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo (KUA) is a State of Hawai'i 501c3 organization that works to empower grassroots rural and Native Hawaiian mālama 'āina groups to celebrate their places and pass on their traditions to better care for Hawai'i and achieve 'āina momona— an abundant, productive ecological system that supports community well-being.

KUA SUPPORTS SCR 54 WHICH STRONGLY URGES THE STATE OF HAWAI'I AND THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO PROTECT THE WAHI PANA OF WAIMAKAOHI'IAKA AND THE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF MAKING THE SALT BEDS AND GATHERING PA'AKAI (SALT) IN HANAPEPE, KAUA'I FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS.

KUA employs a community-driven approach that currently supports three grassroots community-based natural resource management networks; 1) more than 36 community-based stewardship groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together), 2) over 40 fishpond projects and practitioners called the Hui Mālama Loko I'a, and 3) a new and growing hui of native seaweed gatherers/practitioners called the Limu Hui. Collectively these networks touch on over 75 nearshore communities from across our state.

The networks KUA facilitates currently focus on Hawaiian fisheries management, fishpond and coastal restoration and farming practices as vital to the success of natural resources management in Hawai'i. While the Hui Hana o Pa'akai and their work at Waimakaohi'iaka are not direct participants in the networks we facilitate, the issues and circumstances they confront in caring for their place resonate. Indeed many network participants have used and benefitted from the traditions Waimakaohi'iaka and the pa'akai harvested at Hanapēpē. Many of our practices rely both directly and indirectly on their work and generosity.

The Salt Ponds of Hanapēpē are the only place in all Hawai'i that produce pa'akai in this manner; alaea salt, is produced only on Kaua'i. Members of our community networks on Kaua'i and across the state have been fortunate to receive salt from Hanapēpē for ceremonies, food preparation, and for medicine. These benefits are unique and traditional; harvested salt cannot be sold, only shared.

As impacts of over-tourism, over development and a shifting climate become of greater concern to Hawai'i's people, Kaua'i has led the way in addressing issues we all must to build a better, more sustainable Hawai'i. As with the Hā'ena Community-based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA), communities across Hawai'i look to set a standard for how we welcome visitors, to ho'okipa, and fundamentally to promulgate the multi-ethnic, community spirit of being good neighbors to one another and good neighbors to the natural resources on which we all depend. In Hanapēpē, Kaua'i - as it is across Hawai'i - it is the spirit of the people, indigenous and local knowledge and practices, that continue guide us all in "walking the crooked path straight."

We support this first step in uplifting the wahi pana of Waimakaohi'iaka and the values and traditions practiced there.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support.

Aloha 'Āina Momona.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 1:18:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo nui ia 'oukou no keia palapala.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:07:24 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vickie Parker Kam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Vickie Kam and I am an public school teacher. I am writing in strong support of SCR54. The Hanapepe Salt Pond area has been used since ancient times and we have an obligation to future generations to preserve this tradition. This is the only place on earth that allows forthe natural 'alaea salt production. We have a responsibility to maintain the pa'akai for our keiki to learn, understand, respect and continue their heritage through learning about the process of "panning" for Hanapepe salt. If we destroy this opportunity, we can never reclaim it.

During a time of calls for a renewed sense of place and belonging, being implemented by educators around the state through the DOE NÄ• Hopena A'o framework, we should protect what is left of the Hawaiian culture where we can still find it. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Sincerely, Vickie Kam

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:34:56 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chad Taniguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Salt Pond salt making area must be protected from all degradation, including commercial operations and motor vehicle usage close by. It is a treasure to be protected. Mahalo nui loa.

SCR-54

Submitted on: 3/9/2020 2:52:01 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cheryl B.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

PROTECT OUR `Ä• ina... ALL OF IT.

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 8:26:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kehaulani Shintani	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

KÄ• ko'o!

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 9:26:05 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Taniguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/9/2020 9:38:04 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Naomi Tachera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Mahalo for the opportunity to speak on behalf of my support for SCR54. Hawai'i and every facet of our unique culture must be cherished and preserved. When we look into the future towards sustainability, we must look at cultural practices like traditional salt making, particularly of Hanapepe. We have the opportunity by supporting SCR54 to not only preserve our beloved cultural practice of salt making in Hanapepe but also to preserve a way of life and perpetuate an essential part of life in the past, today, and into the future.

Mahalo,

Naomi Tachera

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 12:10:26 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Laeha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please protect the salt ponds on Kauai. The tour industry is destroying the cultural and natural beauty and serenity of our islands.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 6:49:26 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I am a kanaka maoli and I am a lifelong resident of Hawai'i. I am writing in to say I STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill. I believe that traditional and customary rights of kānaka maoli should be protected at all costs and this is the bare minimum that the state of Hawai'i should do. I want my keiki and the next generations to know this very specific and place based practice that is on Kaua'i.

Please do the right thing and support this bill.

me ke aloha 'Āina,

Nanea Lo

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Submitted on: 3/10/2020 11:28:52 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharlene Chun Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in full support of SCR 54, strongly urging the Governor and County of Kaua'i to protect the wahi pana of Waimakaohi'iaka and the traditional and customary practice of making salt beds and gathering pa'akai (salt) in Hanapepe, Kaua'i.

Article XII , Section 7, of the Hawai'i State Constitution established laws that protect perpetuation of traditional and customary practices.

Futhermore, the urbanization, commercial, and recreation activities adjacent to Waimakaohi'iaka cause threatening factors such as dust, noise, and contamination from sources ranging from an ill—placed helicopter operation [Smoky Mountain Helicopters, Inc (SMI)] sited at Port Allen Airport,also known as Burns Field, and vehicles accessing the beach, to broken beer bottles and trash left by beach users.

It is past due and essential to protect this last of its kind salt making tradition in Hanapépé. We must stop rewarding illegal actions for the profit of businesses like SMI.

Apply our state motto, Ua mau ke ea o ka a`ina i ka pono, to this wahi pana and pass SCR 54 now.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 1:06:23 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bruce	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Bruce Lum, I am Hawaiian, I grew up in Hanalei and now live in Aiea, Oahu. My maternal great grandmother's family is from Kekaha, Kaua'i. the pa'akai from the salt ponds of Hanapepe has been an essential food and medicinal resource for my family for generations. I can not imagine life without pa'akai o Hanapepe, because it would be so unnatural and so substandard for us to preserve or prepare food in any other way than with Hanapepe pa'akai. For generations, pa'akai o Hanapepe has kept my family content and physically healthy.

My kupuna always reminded us that, "if the o'opu thrives the people thrive, and if the pa'akai o Hanapepe umeke (bowl) is full the people are happy".

Pa'akai o Hanapepe is truly a gift of aloha from God to the people. I tell you that what ever is God given should be forever, and forever is a gift worth preserving forever. The kia'i that mā• malma the Hanapepe salt ponds are in desperate need of this committee's kÅ• kua and mā• lama. Pa'akai Hanapepe can not be bought, it is always shared and given freely, with aloha. The salt ponds are pure, natural, fragile and unique — truly a treasure of Hawai'i nei.

Man made objects and structures are replaceable and portable, the salt ponds of Hanapepe are a finite resource that are irreplaceable.

I urge you, this honorable committee, to take up the kia'i torch and kÅ• kua by adopting and passing SCR54 so that the people of Hawai'i will continue to thrive and be happy.

Mahalo for your kind attention,

Bruce Lum

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 1:42:45 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pulelehua Kimball	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I want to express my support for the preservation of places that have significant heritage value for our communities now and for future generations.

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 6:56:56 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katharine T. Cannon-Eger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Sustainable living in these islands requires a consistent supply of good salt.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:13:16 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jasmine Kali	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of strongly urging the state and the county to protect the wahi pana of Waimakaohi'iaka and the traditional and customary practice of making the salt beds and gathering pa'akai in hanapepe for all future generations.

Me ke aloha,

Jasmine Pi'ilani Kali

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 12:06:09 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
josephine tanimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I SUPPORT this measure. It's about time government workers who make decisions- listen to the public voices and "do the right thing!!!"

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 8:03:45 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 8:12:43 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosanna ?Anolani Alegado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The traditional and customary practices of Native Hawaiians have been woven into the fabric of our constitution and state law for over 40 years. It is critical that we seek to protect and perpetuate unique and significant practices. Salt-making, once more common across the islands, is now best exemplified in Hanapepe at the Waimakaohi'iaka lo'i pa'akai. These sites are vulnerable to flooding as well as sea-level rise yet we must make every effort to allow these practices to continue. Pa'akai is an important resource for preservation but also for medicine as the salt contains key minerals that impart healing properties that have been utilized in Hawaiian medicine for generations.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 8:20:52 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Camden Nakashima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 8:28:39 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eomailani Kukahiko	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Anything we can do to support traditional and customary rights especially around food and sustainability must protected. I am in strong support of this bill. Protect the salt ponds of Hanapepe

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 8:30:16 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Russell Fu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Russell Fu, a member of one of the many families who have salt beds at the Pa'akai wahi pana known as salt pond in hanapepe. I am testifying in favor of bill SCR54 to protect this wahi pana from any and all disturbances. Salt pond has been in my family for generations, linking back to my great grandfather. I've been steadily visiting and putting my time in at Salt Pond since I was born, to help my family grow and harvest pa'akai. Pa'akai is a treasure to my family. We do not buy or sell pa'akai, but we do share it with our community amongst other things such as aloha. I have come to consider growing pa'akai as a family tradition, a tradition I intend to protect and preserve so that my children, grand children, and great grand children can experience too. To the hawaiian community, pa'akai is sacred and pure. To me, it should be kapu so that no man may spoil its purity, but our ancestors have utilized salt for health benefits amongst other uses without such contamination. With the developing tourism industries nearby, contamination and disturbance to this wahi pana is a great threat. It's a threat that should not and will not go ignored. With all my heart, I protect the pa'akai for my family, my home, and my ancestors. Thank you for the opportunity for this testimony, aloha and protect pa'akai.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 8:44:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Liana Honda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a Hawaiian cultural practitioner, I strongly urge you to protect Waimakaohi'iaka and the salt beds of Hanapepe. This practice has been passed down through generations and has nurtured our people for years and years. Even though my 'ohana did not come from Kaua'i we were often nourished by the gift of Hanapepe pa'akai. It was treated as "gold" by my grandparents, my parents, and now me. And it truly has been a gift. No price. Ever. Heartfelt and given through the hard work, through the practice of mā•lama, aloha and kuleana by the caretakers who have been born and raised and who took on the kuleana to continue the traditions of the kupuna. How can you deny that?

With great humility and with the support of all my kupuna who stand with me and with the urging of all future generations, please support this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 8:45:30 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leimana Abenes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Pa'akai is an important part of daily Hawaiian life. We use pa'akai (to solidify the sea) to season and preserve food, for religious and ceremonial purposes, and medicine.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 8:51:36 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Sato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Thank you for this important SCR and for your efforts to protect the Salt Beds in Hanapepe. I have lived on Kauai for my entire life and have witnessed many of our natural and cultural resources get lost forever. The many families who continue on the tradition of paakai are resilient and have worked hard to continue on this traditional Hawaiian practice. Many often give of their time and the bounty to share with others while also educating and perpetuating this honored cultural practice. I ask that you continue to support these families and the tradition of paakai so that it is not lost for our future generations. Mahalo for the important work that you do day in and day out.

Scott Sato

Kapaa, Kauai

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 8:57:37 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My family in Kauai has done this for generations. Please protect their cultural practice as well as something that provides a skill set that has been passed on from generation to generation. We owe it to our Native Hawaiian brothers and sisters to protect this place and this practice.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 9:26:47 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kurt A. Toma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of Bill SCR54 to protect and preserve the gathering of Hawaiian salt the traditional way at Salt Pond.

My Uncle and Aunty had several salt beds at Salt Pond and remember going there and experiencing the unique cultural method of gathering salt. This is the reason why I am in support of protecting and preserving the land to to perpetuate this method.

Sincerely;

Kurt A. Toma

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 9:39:24 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Markel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill. The Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapepe has shown dedication to place in not only their bill put forward today, but the way they've handle cross-jursdictional discussions with the Department of Transporation, the County of Kaua'i, the Department of Health, and other state offices. They've also collaborated extensively with the University of Hawai'i and University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program to gather historical, cultural, planning, ecological, and biophysical data about the ponds. They've maintained observational and multi-family connections to the place and have it's best interests not only in heart but in mind and soul as well!

A cesspool, is an antiquated system and especially on areas of lava basalt or the compact clay that is found in the area, does not properly filter and can directly overflow into the surrounding area. It's not a good fit for this area, and the State has banned new cesspool creation, and is mandating the removal of existing cesspools by 2050. This is especially crucial for a place that is developing salt for consumption through trade only through the families, which they've been doing for generations.

This is only one of the many challenges the Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapepe has to deal with, and they've been well equipped with not only their cultural and generational knowledge but also by their ability to navigate the State departments for collaboration.

The state should support this as a wahi pana because of it's historical and existing cultural practice and significance, it is unique in the island of Kaua'i, and is unique to the island chain and is a place that others recognize Kaua'i for having.

Please uphold the values within the state consitution,

Mahalo nui loa,

Amy Markel

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 9:41:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamuela Werner MPH	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 9:55:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Karratti	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please protect the salt beds of Hanapepe that make the production of Hawaiian salt, pa'akai, possible. Pa'akai has helped to heal, nourish, and bless countless families. There is no where else in Hawaii left to carry on the legacy of salt making. It is our responsibility to ensure this legacy continues for generations to come.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 9:57:29 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. The pa'akai salt beds hold a special place in my heart. My kauai family have built a relationship to this place for at least four generations.

Please protect this sacred place and its cultural practices which has sustained my family.

Mahalo,

Stephanie Chang

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:03:11 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Aloha Kanahele Tanita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a salt maker at the Hanapepe Salt Ponds, I am in support of this measure. For generations, our `Ohana has been making salt (pa`akai) there. Growing up, I would spend summers there as my grandparents, parents, uncles and aunties would make and harvest salt. It is a tradition and a culture that needs to be preserved and so that it can be passed on to my keiki.

Thank you for the opportunity to express myself and for your support to protect the Hawaiian culture.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:04:27 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roxane Stewart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:04:54 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blythe Blake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I stongly support the protection of the wahi pana of waimakaohi'iaka. The traditional practice of the salt beds is culturally grounding, giving not only children the opportunity to learn the customs of our kupuna used as a way of life but brings you back to a time, a place we modern hawaiiians have forgotten and taken advantage of. We must protect this sacred place, if we dont what would be left of our way of life. What would be left of our culture. How are we supposed to tell our children we allowed our culture to disappear, for what? Tourism? A poor excuse we the community is not okay with. We must protect this wahi pana, because it's the right thing to do. We must protect our culture from depleting anymore than what has happened. Do what is pono. Do what needs to be done to keep this place safe.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:05:44 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dane K. U. Maxwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am in strong support of SCR54 and hope that you will move this bill forward.

As a kanaka maoli and cultural practitioner, it has become increasingly difficult to find traditional customary practices that has withstood Hawaii's ever changing landscape. It is imperative that we protect these direct connection to living Hawaiian practices to ensure that lineal families associated with said practice are able to perpetuate this life way.

For me and my family, the salt generated in these salt beds are coveted for blessings and other Hawaiian ceremony. It has been a key component to cultural practices handed down to me by grandfather. Even though I and my family are from Maui, the impacts are deeply felt. It is not just the loss of access to this critical resource, but the burden I have seen placed on to families who have been stewards of Waimakaohi'iaka and said salt beds. Stewards of such precious and significant practices should not be forced to go to such lengths as these to protect practices that are so finite.

I implore you to please consider the duty we have to the next generation and afford this wahipana, it's people, and this practice the much needed protection and perpetuation it deserves. Again, I humbly ask that you see this bill through to fruition.

Ke aloha nÅ• ,

Dane Uluwehiokalani Maxwell

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:09:05 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kuulei santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha my name is Kuulei and i am a salt maker in Hanapepe. I am 45 years old and i have been in the salt patch for 45 years. My children have been in the salt patch since they were babies. My dad has been in the patch since he was young.

this is the only place in the world that makes Hawaiian salt. We don't sell it. We create a product that is shared around the world by gift.

oue culture. Our history is in this area. We need protect it for all future generations.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:20:25 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Cabalse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As the last surviving salt ponds in Hawai'i, Waimakaohi'iaka deserves the utmost protection to ensure this cultural practice continues.

These ohana and community members have given thier endless time and devotion to preserving the ponds. Now it is our kuleana to do our part to protect the salt beds from pollution and outside interference, so the beds can return to production.

Cultural preservation should take priority over tax dollars from tourism that could permanently damage a living legacy. Helicopter tour companies have alternate sites. The caretakers at Waimakaohi'iaka serve a critical role for the community. The state should provide support to preserving this wahi pana by supporting those with kuleana to the place.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:36:17 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Makana Paris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/11/2020 10:39:55 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Schar Freeman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have had the honor to have worked in the beds, harvesting and caring for this tradition. It is important and vital to perpetuate and to carry forth this cultural practice, that instills the sense of gratitude, wellness and spiritual wholeness for the generations of today as well as the generations in the future.

I strongly urge the Governor and County of Kaua'i to protect the wahi pana of Waimakaohi'iaka and the traditional and customary practice of making salt beds and gathering pa'akai (salt) in Hanapepe, Kaua'i.

Mahalo,

Scharlene Freeman

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Gutierrez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I struggle Nguyen support thus SCR 54

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noelani Puniwai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai,

I'm writing in support of the Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapepe. Their proactive diligence and actions to protect the health of their resource is commendable and should be supported by the State and its agencies.

Our pa'akai resources are in jeopardy both by climate change and land/air-based pollution. We must protect these natural sources of nutrition and ensure that our coastal habitats have the resilience to weather these human-based storms.

I kō• ko'o the efforts of the Hui Hana Pa'akai o Hanapepe and hope the State and County can place the health of the pa'akai now and into the future as a priority.

Noelani Puniwai

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kauai Trainer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

STRONGLY URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I AND THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I TO PROTECT THE WAHI PANA OF WAIMAKAOHI'IAKA AND THE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF MAKING THE SALT BEDS AND GATHERING PA'AKAI (SALT) IN HANAPEPE, KAUA'I FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS.

This statement says it all plainly. Who are we if we cannot protect and sustain our cultural areas and practices? What's wrong with Hawai'i? Why are kanaka and kanaka friends and family always having to get legislative approval to protect our lifestyle and traditions? Why do we have to plainly explain our rationales when it should be known and valued simply because we are Hawai'i? The problem with Hawai'i is that 'Ä• ina is placed below the dollar. 'Ä€ina is not just land. It is the connection of land and people. It is the collaboration of ecosystems that include multiple levels of organisms, including kanaka, to provide sustenance and life to all. Shame on humanity for putting economy over ecology. Prove that you love Hawai'i by protecting the people and practices that make Hawai'i, Hawai'i. Support SCR 54.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Murray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have witnessed first hand the amount work that goes into this arduous process but what has impressed me most is not just the end product but the reason behind it all: love. These cultural practitioners exemplify true stewardship and are a source of great pride for not only the local community of Kaua'i but for the entire state. Anyone who has received pa'akai from these generous souls accept it with great humility as they understand the labor of love behind their gift. I have personally given samples to friends here in California and I can attest their reaction was unanimous: genuine admiration. Love and respect. I hope these words find a place in your thoughts as it is already so deeply ingrained in the convictions of this wonderful and culturally vital community. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leatrice Maluhia Kauahi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am strongly in support of SCR 54. Please be pono and do a pono action to protect our Hawaiian Traditions and wahi pana. We have very little left of our very important Hawaiian Traditions, this is Hawaii, do everything you need to do to protect our pa'akai ponds and the families that work very hard to keep our traditions.

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Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalani Akana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Kaua'i is the only place in the state, possibly the entire U.S., with salt ponds that were maintained and are being maintained for generations. Kaua'i is not Kaua'i without Waimakaohi'iaka,

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Submitted on: 3/12/2020 8:10:18 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Makana Garma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha nui kākou,

My name is Makana Garma and I was born and raised in Pakala, Kaua'i.

Having grown up on the west side of Kaua'i, I spent many childhood days with friends and 'ohana at Salt Pond Beach Park at Waimakaohi'iaka. As a child I inquired a lot about the lo'i pa'akai or salt beds there and my 'ohana would always say that we do not cause harm to the place but to honor it as a traditional storied place where Hanapāpā families continue the traditional Hanapāpā way of making pa'akai. I remember there being a KAPU sign which my 'ohana always honored.

Fast forward to 2004 when in my occupation at the time I was tasked to develop place-based Hawaiian culture-based educational opportunities for Kaua'i island 6th graders. While planning, I was counseled by many kāpuna of the island. One well known kāpuna is Auntie Janet Kahalekomo of Hanapāpā. What she shared is that many Kaua'i families have started neglecting and mistreating Waimakaohi'iaka and so she strongly felt the students in the program should learn the story of the place, its cultural connection to who they are, and if anything, its direct connection to the mainstream classroom. Additionally, when keiki learn of the place and how it connects to them, they well up with pride and are compelled to protect the tradition, and the place.

She later pointed me to Auntie Helene Kanahele who is a descendant family who took care of several salt beds. She was gracious enough to welcome the students every week to share her knowledge around pa'akai, the place, and how to continue the legacy of making, harvesting, sharing, and protecting Waimakaohi'iaka. Approximately 2000K + students throughout Hawai'i had an opportunity to put their feet in the ground, learn how to make salt beds, transfer kai water from the wells to alternating wells until they were able to relocate to the salt beds. It was awesome to see the students eyes light up when they learned the importance of pa'akai making and protecting the site. The hope was for students to understand Waimakaohi'iaka and to later make well-informed decisions on how to best protect the site.

For me personally, I am overwhelmed with appreciation whenever I am gifted with pa'akai from Waimakaohi'iaka. Therefore, I am submitting this testimony urging the

State of Hawai'i and Kaua'i County to protect Waimakaohi'iaka not only for 'ohana today but, those not yet born and into perpetuity.

Mahalo nui.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2020 8:23:39 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sarah Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am testifying on behalf of the traditional and customary practice of making salt beds and gathering pa'akai in Hanapepe. I believe that this ancient art and tradition should be passed on to future generations. Hawaii is rich with culture and this is one that should be preserved in the years to come. Please allow our Kupuna and Mo'opuna alike practice our ancient ways.

Mahalo,

Sarah Martin

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Submitted on: 3/12/2020 8:37:19 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ida Hanohano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The salt pans of Hanapepe, WaimakaoHi'iaka, are unique one-of-a-kind in Hawaii. They have been in use for many generations providing a vital resource for the people of this land. It is the last place that continues a cultural practice in a specifically chosen location.

The most important value is not of a financial sort. Can u set a value on a link to personal connections to kupuna (ancestors) in a world that has accelerated into electronic digital connections?

Please protect this vital link to our past not just for us but for future generations. Though it is a small area, the worth of the knowledge it holds cannot be assessed.



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S.C.R. 54

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Senate Committee(s) on Hawaiian Affairs & Water and Land & Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) offers **comments** to S.C.R. 54 which urges the DOT to order the relocation of the operations of Smoky Mountain Helicopters, Inc. from Burns Field to the more appropriate Lihu'e Airport where all other Kaua'i helicopter tour businesses operate, then close the Port Allen Airport, and provide adequate security to prevent illegal trespassing and camping in the areas under its jurisdiction.

The DOT is aware of the sacredness of the pa'akai salt making process. However, Port Allen Airport serves as an alternate airport during emergency situations if Lihue Airport was to become inoperable. In addition, forcing an aeronautical tenant from Port Allen would be a discrimination and a violation of Federal Grant Assurance 22.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

I am STRONGLY IN SUPPORT of SCR 54.

Pa‘akai has been harvested at PÅ«‘olo in HanapÅ“pÅ“ since ancient times. During the summer months members of families who are recognized practitioners cultivate pa‘akai (sea salt) and ‘alae (mineral) for use in cooking, for medicine, ceremonies, for sharing or trade. The ‘alae pa‘akai or salt enriched with a red mineralized clay, is only produced in this area. Pa‘akai was a vital commodity during ancient times, and is still valued “as high as gold” by people all over the world.

During the update of the West Kaua‘i Community Plan (August 2018 to November 2019) the community of Kaua‘i expressed the following concerns relating to negative impacts to the Salt pans:

- The continued impact of the adjacent airfield and commercial tour businesses;
- Vehicle use along the area where pa‘akai is cultivated;
- Runoff from agricultural activities mauka of PÅ«‘olo;
- Destruction of salt making area by people and animals, over exposure, trash and pollutants; and
- Sea Level rise (wave over wash), coastal erosion, and other coastal hazards.

A hydrology study of the salt pans area is currently being conducted in partnership between the County of Kaua‘i, UH Sea Grant, and Hui Hana Pa‘akai o HanapÅ“pÅ“ to ascertain the sources and impacts of runoff, sea level rise, and other factors to the quality of salt making.

Port Allen Airport, which is locally referred to as “Burns Field” opened in 1929 to serve as a military airfield. In 1931 the airfield became a territorial airport. On March 29, 1941, Governor’s Executive Order No. 931 set aside 180.97 acres for Port Allen Airport to be under the control and management of the Superintendent of Public Works. However, after the outbreak of World War II, the airport was taken over by the military. The runway was plowed to prevent enemy planes from landing. The runway was replaced in 1948 and commercial aviation activities ensued. 122 acres of Port Allen are ceded

lands under the Public Trust. <http://aviation.hawaii.gov/airfields-airports/kauai/port-allen-airport/>

Today, the State Department of Transportation's Airports Division leases space and use of the airport to two recreational aviation companies.

Conflicts over the expansion and continued use of the airport has escalated over the decades between the salt makers (Hui Hana o Pa'akai Hanapāpā) and the State DOT Airports and their lessees. Noise, debris, gas, and other pollutants from activities at the airport have impacted the quality of salt making and salt produced at the lo'i pa'akai. In June 2019 over 50,000 people (locally and all over the world) signed a petition in opposition to allowing an after-the-fact permit for restroom facilities (and commercial activities) at Pā'ōlo. Over a hundred members of the community from a wide range of backgrounds provided oral testimony verifying the deep cultural significances of the area and the cumulative and secondary impacts of continued commercial aviation activities to hana pa'akai (the making of salt). No one testified in favor of continuing commercial aviation activities or use the runway. The majority of the testimony centered on protection of the salt pans and restoration of the area.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaleo Manuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

E ai kekahi, e kapi kekahi. Eat some and preserve some.

I support increasing the protection of Waimakaohiiaka that ensures the traditional and customary practices of Native Hawaiians to make and gather salt can continue.

I have personally received salt from these ponds as a gift from one of the lineal descendants and their families which I use for ceremony in my cultural practice, hula. Without this resource and the practices that ensure its existence, my individual cultural practice will be impacted.

Let us all work together to encourage better stewardship of our resources so that we can preserve and perpetuate them for future generations.

E pu paakai kakou.

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Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

The practice of making pa'akai has been in our family for many generations. Pa'akai made is used for a wide range of reasons and is shared among family and friends. Please allow this traditional way to continue for all future generations.

Mahalos

Ben Martin

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Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nalei Pokipala	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Can we not be the ones to damage a practice that has been here for generations?
Please protect any and all areas that would protect and allow for the salt ponds in Kaua'i to thrive for future generations. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hoku Vasconcellos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Protect our culture over corporations.

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Testimony for HWN on 3/12/2020 1:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Torrey Hoching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There are enough modern things in this world. By destroying traditional practices it just tears down an already difficult world. The entire state of Hawaii benefits from having Kaua'i pa'akai.