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April 18, 2022

Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Conference Room 225 Via Videoconference

Re: H.C.R. No. 27 HD1 – Requesting the United States Census Bureau to re-designate the Census-Designated place known as Captain Cook on the Island of Hawai'i as Ka'awaloa and requesting Hawai'i County to Remove all references to Captain Cook as a place name on the Island of Hawai'i.

Honorable Chair Nishihara and Vice Chair DeCoite:

On behalf of myself and as Councilmember representing the rural districts of South Kona, Ka'ū and Volcano Village (Council District 6), I submit my **strong support of HCR27 HD1** in its entirety. A generational native Hawaiian of South Kona, I strongly believe that Hawaiian place names are vitally important to the perpetuation of cultural lineages and history of place.

Hawai'i Island is a very special island where cultural practices and protection of cultural sites and open space have become a large part of governmental consideration in decision-making processes. It is critically important that we maintain references to ahupua'a land divisions such as Ka'awaloa, and that in doing so, we perpetuate the historical cultural integrity of place names.

My **support of HCR27 HD1** is not intended to be disrespectful of Captain Cook and his role in Hawaiian History, but rather, to honor generations of native Hawaiians of the past, the present and the future who call Ka'awaloa their home.

Your favorable consideration is respectfully requested. Mahalo a nui loa.

Sincerely,

Maile David

Maile Medeiros David
Councilmember, Council District 6

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April 18, 2022

Dear Members of the Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs Committee,

Please consider voting NO regarding the HCR27—the effort to rename the town of Captain Cook. **I have been a land owner and tax payer in Captain Cook since 1990.** Here is why I am asking you to please reject this measure:

- **This measure is not supported by the people who actually live and work in Captain Cook.** At testimony for the measure in the State of Hawaii House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, the proponents claimed they have a petition signed by 2,600 people. The petition appeared on the international website change.org. (<https://www.change.org/p/hawaii-county-council-help-us-change-name-of-captain-cook-post-office-and-census-designated-area-to-ka-awaloa>) It garnered 1,137 signatures, fewer than half of the 2,600 figure claimed by supporters. Moreover, the signatures were sourced globally and not just among residents of Captain Cook or even of the Big Island or State of Hawaii. That is, people from outside of Captain Cook and even outside of the United States made up the majority of signatures. In fact, at the House hearing the proponents were asked how many of the signers actually lived in Captain Cook. They could not answer the question. In contrast, I have spoken to about 20 people who live in Captain Cook. NOT A ONE supports the name change.
- **This is about Cancel Culture and not about Hawaiian culture.** I have always respected and supported genuine efforts pertaining to sustaining Hawaiian culture. However, this measure is more about attacking Captain Cook than it is about respecting Hawaiian sovereignty. The proponents of the measure falsely claim that Captain Cook was a slave trader and slaughtered scores of native Hawaiians. To condemn Captain Cook simply because he is of European decent is totally inconsistent with the true meaning of Aloha.
- **The proposed name change will hurt small business people like myself.** We will need to divert funds to revising signage, marketing materials and so on away from more productive use like hiring local people.
- **The proposed name change is not a good use of County and State funds.** Shouldn't we be spending this money on kupuna care, homelessness, and other pressing matters?
- **The proponents of the name change are hypocritical: they claim that outsiders took something away from the local population when the town was named Captain Cook; now, they are using signatures from people outside of Captain Cook, outside of the State of Hawaii, and even from other countries to support their effort. This is not the Aloha spirit of acceptance and inclusiveness.**

Thank you for considering my request that you vote no on this unnecessary, costly and hypocritical effort to rename our town. If nothing else, I urge you to please conduct a non-binding vote of the people who live in Captain Cook to gauge their support (or lack thereof) for the name change. **Please do not let outside interests impose their cancel culture agenda on the people of Captain Cook.**

Mahalo,
Mitchell Lee
Captain Cook, HI

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/18/2022 7:51:38 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hi'ilani Makahanaloa	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou. My name is Hi'ilani Kameai'omakamae Leimomi Makahanaloa. I am a constituent of Kealakekua, HI 96750. I am calling for support of HCR27, to redesignate what is currently known as Captain Cook, 96704 to it's rightful name of Ka'awaloa. I was born at Kona Community Hospital in Kealakekua and was raised in Kealia and on the shores of Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau. My ancestral ties lay in Kona Hema from Miloli'i to Ka'awaloa. I was raised by my great-grandfather, my papa, Albert Medeiros Sr., who was born in Ka'awaloa and would tell us the stories of him and his siblings and how they would hike that pali to go to school. I remember my papa telling stories of each land point as we passed down the South Kona coastline. I remember him telling me the importance of certain land points, gesturing particular places that had the most of a particular fish. Most importantly, I remember the place where we scatter the ashes of my family who have departed this life, honoring them to be returned to the sea, as people of the Pacific, as Native Hawaiians.

When I think about the terrible history of Captain Cook through out the Pacific, I always think about my favorite quote of Maya Angelou, "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." I stand before you, with courage in my heart, representing my late papa, my Medeiros 'ohana and my Makahanaloa 'ohana with support for HCR27. The name of Ka'awaloa should never have been Captain Cook in the first place. There is no honor in the recognition of a genocidal murderer. Others who have no genealogical ties to this land may say that this act is "canceling culture." We are correcting my culture, Hawaiian culture. It is wrong and has been wrong for generations. I stand with all Native people all over the world whom are choosing to erase and say no to remnants of colonization that defile their existence.

I have never heard my late papa refer to what is currently known as Captain Cook. He had always called it Ka'awaloa as do I, and my descendants after me shall do the same. Mahalo for hearing this as I urge you to pass HCR27.

"E ola ka inoa no Ka'awaloa."

Me ke aloha,

Hi'ilani Makahanaloa

Kealakekua, Hawai'i

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/18/2022 2:34:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara DeFranco	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Regarding HCR 27 Resolution.

To Whom It May Concern

I have had a Captain Cook address for 50 years. This proposal is not practical or even based on history. It is an ill-conceived idea that does not address Zip codes, the actual historic realities nor the cost to countless small businesses and individuals. To rename entire 285 sq miles of Kona is ridiculous. Where does this stop? Do you now rename every post office?

The racial insensitivity and the disrespect to all people who have created our history is noteworthy.

This feels like a political positioning that is trying to divide our county and not bring it together. This resolution needs to be tabled permanently.

Thank you,

Barbara DeFranco

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

For hearing Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Re: HCR27 HD1

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO RE- DESIGNATE THE
CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COOK ON THE ISLAND OF
HAWAII AS KA'AWALOA AND REQUESTING HAWAII COUNTY TO REMOVE
ALL REFERENCES TO CAPTAIN COOK AS A PLACE NAME ON THE ISLAND OF
HAWAII.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

Really? The motive for the resolution is clear. Turn Captain Cook into
a Soviet-style non-person. Cancel him. Do to Captain Cook what
comedian Stephen Colbert does to President Trump: delete him from
memory by never again mentioning his name.

Captain Cook was the greatest explorer of the Pacific Ocean's islands and coastal areas in the history of the world. Although his first brief encounter with Hawaii's natives took place in Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, the encounter that changed world history happened in Kealahou Bay directly below the place now known as Captain Cook.

According to most historians and cultural anthropologists, he was treated as a god by the natives because the white sails on his ship resembled the banners of Lono and he arrived along "the pathway of God" [Ke Ala Ke Akua] returning from Kahiki as Lono had promised he would do and during the Makahiki season dedicated to Lono. Even the Europeans treated him like a god, as discussed in Gananath Obeyesekere's book "The Apotheosis of Captain Cook."

He set up an astronomical observatory at a heiau near where the memorial statue was later placed in the harbor. A few months later, trying to sail to Alaska, a mast broke on his ship and he returned to the bay to repair it. But his return was no longer during the Makahiki season; some natives stole a small boat from him; he tried to take the local chief hostage to bargain for return of the boat, and the natives killed him during a shoreline skirmish.

Throughout Hawaiian history, place-names have changed to memorialize major new events or the names of ali'i or leaders who came there to live. Greater status or fame displaces lesser status or fame.

Should we now replace the name "Kamehameha" on so many of our roads order to restore the names of the ancient paths or alahele that were there before the great conqueror murdered his way into power? That's the logic underlying the demand to remove "Captain Cook" and replace it with the name "Ka'awaloa" that was previously there.

Then there's the practical necessity to get approval from a majority of the residents and business owners in Captain Cook who would incur major expense to change their addresses and documents.

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/14/2022 7:08:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben L.	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this because all of the residents of Captain Cook have not yet been asked if they wish to rename. renaming a designated census place requires people to update their mailing address, their billing address, their wills, their deeds, their titles, their leases, their business cards, their vehicle registration, their drivers licenses, their entire lives. It is shameful and undemocratic for a handful of vocal people and the legislature to change something so fundamental to the rest of their neighbors without even asking them their opinion via vote.

I do not support the whitewashed history of Captain Cook or his legacy of disease and exploitation. I support democracy. The democracy of the people in that area to decide if they wish to place a financial burden on themselves for renaming their CDP.

If the citizens of Captain Cook wish to rename to KA'AWALOA that is their right and I support that.

I also support the residents of Captain Cook who wish to rename to Captain Crunch.

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/19/2022 9:00:10 AM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lee McIntosh	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Lee McIntosh. I live in Kau on the Big Island south of Captain Cook. I am against resolution HCR27 HD1 that requests Captain Cook to be renamed. This area, or post office, has held this name for almost a 100 years. I fail to recognize any benefit to renaming the post office. However, I can identify a few disadvantages, such as the inconvenience to residents having to change their mailing address and the financial burden to businesses having to change their address as well. This is a decision that the residents of Captain Cook should be deciding through various means, such as a mass mailing or holding community meetings in the area before such a decision is made because it will directly affect them. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this issue.

April 18, 2022

Regarding HCR 27 Resolution.

To Whom It May Concern,

As a 25-year resident of Captain Cook, I am confused about the resolution HCR27 that proposes to change the name of the census district of Captain Cook to Ka'awaloa. While well intentioned, this resolution in its current language fails to address a number of existing issues that need to be clarified and resolved before renaming an entire region.

The first problem is the zip code jurisdiction of Captain Cook (96704), which encompasses 285 total square miles. The resolution in its current form seeks to change the name of the census-designated area (see attached image), which is just a small portion of the entire Captain Cook zip code. The Captain Cook post office is located within this census-designated area, but the zip code itself extends from Kealakekua north of the town of Captain Cook, to south of Captain Cook beyond Miloli'i and Honomalino down to Ocean View, a vast region.

Upon closer examination, the census map doesn't even include Napo'opo'o and the actual site of Ka'awaloa Flats at Kealakekua Bay, the very places that Kamehameha I and royalty once resided. Instead, the resolution erroneously suggests that Kamehameha I lived five miles uphill *mauka* where the Captain Cook post office is currently located.

Does this resolution seek to rename the entire 285-square-mile zip code jurisdiction? If so, this does not make sense for the region. Inexplicably, this entire Captain Cook zip code region includes areas south of Honaunau Post Office, which is the

nearest post office south of Captain Cook. Areas impacted include Ho'okena, Kona Paradise, Miloli'i and Honomalino, all of which have Captain Cook as their official address and zip code, rather than the Honaunau zip code. Why are these places not located in the zip code of Honaunau, the nearest post office? My sister, for example, lives in Kona Paradise 25 minutes away from the town of Captain Cook yet south of Honaunau post office. She cannot apply for broadband discount because Spectrum insists that she is located in Honaunau, which contradicts her official street address of Captain Cook. This type of confusion with the zip codes in South Kona is an ongoing problem that won't be resolved by changing the name to Ka'awaloa.

Not even the author of the resolution can answer the basic question: does this name change apply to the entire Captain Cook zip code? Given the disruption and expense involved with an official address change, the county should first examine the inconsistencies of the current zip code jurisdictions, as well as conduct an economic impact study about the impact a name change would have on thousands of businesses and residents throughout the entire region.

Additionally, the region of Captain Cook is world-renowned for its Kona Coffee. There are hundreds of coffee farms in the Captain Cook region. Please consider the expense imposed on so many coffee producers and businesses that will have to recreate their logos, signage, labels, websites and letterhead, as well as reprint expensive coffee bag labels. Changing the name to Ka'awaloa ignores the coffee legacy of this region. There is inherent value to this recent heritage, too, which began in the early 1900s well over a century ago.

I am also deeply concerned about the divisive rhetoric taking place on social media regarding this resolution, thanks to racially charged quotes from Oahu-based legislators about "Captain Cook

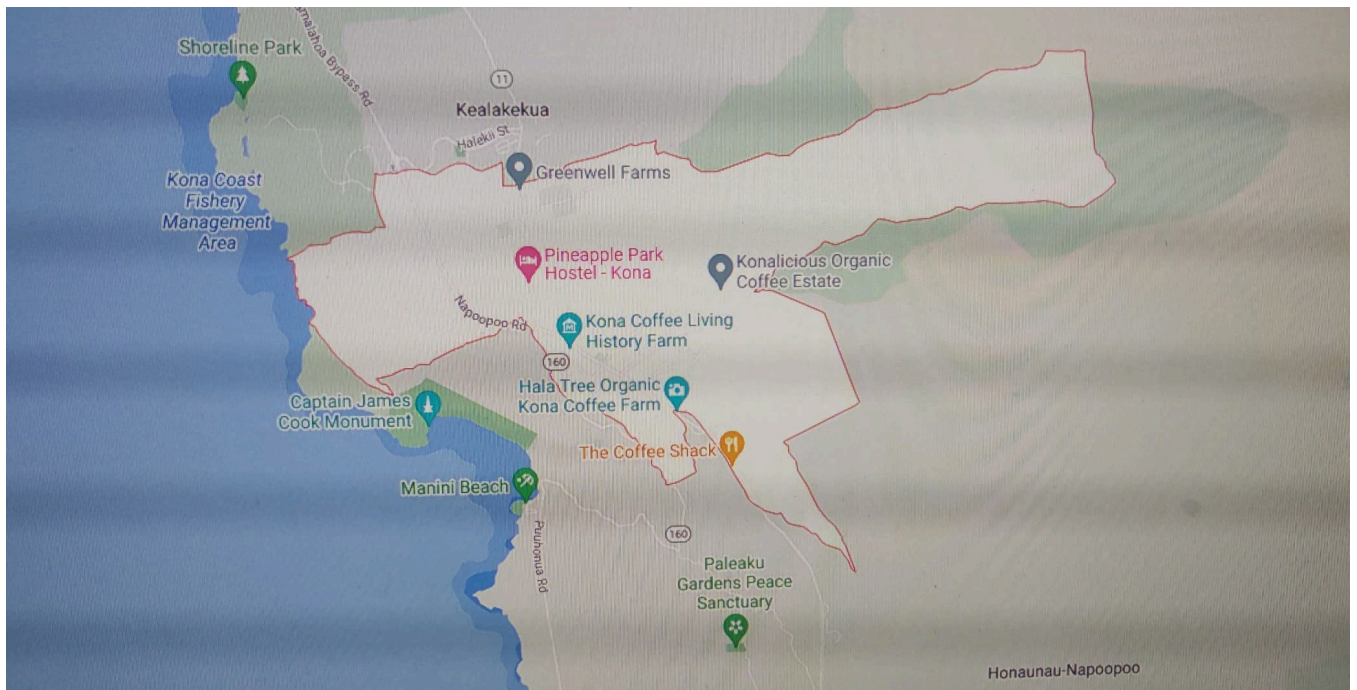
was a bad man who did bad things.” Unless you actually live in the Captain Cook zip code, you would have no idea of the intricacies and inconsistencies of the various ahupua‘a, place names and zip codes.

This resolution needs to be tabled until the above questions can be studied and answered adequately.

Sincerely,

Karen Anderson
Napoo‘opo‘o, Captain Cook

Image: Captain Cook census map:



**TESTIMONY Regarding HCR27, HD1
from Bobby Camara, Kea'au ma uka, Island of Hawai'i**

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO RE-DESIGNATE THE CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COOK ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII AS KA'AWALOA AND REQUESTING HAWAII COUNTY TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCES TO CAPTAIN COOK AS A PLACE NAME ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

Kānalua

nvi. Doubtful, undecided, dubious, uncertain; to doubt, hesitate, distrust; reluctance, doubt, hesitation.

Until this resolution is clarified, and persons introducing it better understand the fraught histories of place naming in Hawai'i Nei, I urge all to take a breath and learn, especially about the complexities of place names in both Kona 'Ākau and Kona Hema (North and South Kona). It is incumbent on elected officials to learn, understand, and share accurate information regarding Bills, Resolutions, etc., with the Public they serve. Without critical thinking, Public Servants cannot come to well-reasoned decisions.

The late William (Billy) HJ Paris, Jr, a kama'āina of Kona Hema, some of whose family homes were in Ka'awaloa ma uka, stated in an interview that the "town" of Kealakekua as known today was formerly Konawaena, at the boundary of Kona 'Ākau and Kona Hema. The Kealakekua Post Office is in the ahupua'a of Haleki'i.

According to Paris, "Kealakekua's [the ahupua'a] where Greenwell Park, Manago Hotel...Amy Greenwell botanical garden, the Kona Historical Society Coffee museum. That's Kealakekua." The ahupua'a of Kealakekua, then, is the current location of what many understand to be the town of Captain Cook, as well as the Captain Cook Post Office.

The Captain Cook Coffee Company of the 1900's was indeed in the ahupua'a of Ka'awaloa. The wooden building still stands on the ma uka side of the highway, just south of the top of Nāpo'opo'o Road. And it's likely that the name "Captain Cook" was derived from the name of that Company.

HCR27 states that

"WHEREAS, prior to being designated as Captain Cook, the area was home to a thriving Hawaiian village and royal residence known as Ka'awaloa;". My understanding is that the village and residence(s) referred to are at Ka'awaloa ma kai, rather than ma uka.

The ma kai area of Ka'awaloa [Ka'awaloa Flat] is still known as Ka'awaloa, and was formed during an eruption of Maunaloa about 500 years ago. It is where Captain Cook was killed on February 14, 1779 during a skirmish over the theft of a small boat. Not long before, ali'i nui Kalani'ōpu'u had gifted Cook a treasured 'ahu'ula, and other objects. We must not, and cannot, with our 20/20 hindsight vision, ascribe actions, or determine sentiments and thinking of

individuals who participated in events 200+ years ago. It seems that many cannot fathom the many many accomplishments of Cook and his crews. Social Media Viruses spread unchecked, and the populace often voices opinions based on what friends, acquaintances, and other posters say. We do know that Captain Cook was an outstanding sailor, navigator, cartographer, etc. Scientists and artists who accompanied him documented Hawai'i Nei then. We have precious images, knowledge of plants and birds, as well as European insight into cultural practices, because of Cook. After his death, his body was treated as that of an ali'i, with ritual that included baking his corpse at Puhina o Lono, on the brow of Palikapuokeōua.

Of course Western diseases were introduced by Cook's crew, and the crews of many other ships that followed. Native Hawaiians, isolated from the West for hundreds of years, lacked immunity to foreign disease, and many tens of thousands died during epidemics after 1778. Given the state of science in the 1800s, and the increasing numbers of visitors to Hawai'i in those times, sadly, those deaths were unavoidable. Today, for various reasons, we continue to see diseases kill those who are susceptible. It is important to acknowledge here that Cook most certainly did **not** inflict "genocide" on Native Hawaiians. Regrettably, we know of too many examples of true genocides. We bear witness to many, including the Holocaust during World War II, Rwanda in the 1990s, and arguably, in Ukraine today.

GENOCIDE [from Britannica.com]

"The deliberate and systematic destruction of a group of people because of their ethnicity, nationality, religion, or race. The term, derived from the Greek *genos* ("race," "tribe," or "nation") and the Latin *cide* ("killing"), was coined by Raphael Lemkin, a Polish-born jurist who served as an adviser to the U.S. Department of War during World War II."

Princess Likelike, sister of both Kalākaua and Lili'uokalani, together with her husband Archibald S. Cleghorn, maintained a residence at Ka'awaloa ma kai in the late 1800s. On June 26, 1877 they deeded 5,682 and 6/10 square feet of land at Ka'awaloa ma kai to Major James Hay Wodehouse, "Her Britannic Majesty's Commissioner and Consul General for the said Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands", "in trust to keep and maintain on the granted premises a monument in memory of Captain Cook". Note the word "memory", rather than "honor". It is critically important for us to remember histories so that memories of them are maintained. We acknowledge events while trying to better our circumstances.

Also at Ka'awaloa ma kai is a noted pool, a spring named Hāli'ilua. It appears to be in the same location of "Umi's Well" on the USGS Hōnaunau topographic map. Commemorated in song, that pool remains, as do remnants of trails, wells, kauhale, house sites, etc. On that same map, Ka'awaloa ma kai, the flat area ma kai of Palikapuokeōua, is named "Cook Point". That name is listed as a Feature Name, with "Ka'awaloa Point" as a Variant Name, in the USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) database of Domestic Place Names. "Kalaemamo" is listed as a Feature Name in that same area. The Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names (HBGN) maintains a list of Hawai'i place names and submits corrections to the staff of GNIS. I suggest

submitting the proper form to the HBGN so that the name of “Cook Point” can be changed to “Ka’awaloa Ma kai”, following their spelling conventions.

Simply changing the name of the Census-Designated Place (C-DP) from Captain Cook to Ka’awaloa, though Ka’awaloa is an ahupua’a in “Captain Cook”, still leaves us searching for geographically accurate names for the Post Offices. If the name of the unincorporated town and C-DP of Captain Cook is to be changed, it seems that it might be “corrected” to Kealakekua to reflect the name of the ahupua’a in which is located the current Captain Cook Post Office, and that Post Office might be renamed the “Kealakekua Post Office”. The current Kealakekua Post Office might be renamed the “Haleki’i Post Office”. Residents and businesses in the affected areas will certainly provide input. If traditional ahupua’a names matter, it’ll be challenging. Perhaps different, new Post Office names might be considered? Too, installing ahupua’a boundary signs along roadways, as has been done in other places in Hawai’i, would educate and inform both kama’āina and malihini.

Well-intentioned ideas often run into messy complex and complicated realities. Broad perspectives, clear communication, and perceptive understandings are always useful in resolving issues.

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/16/2022 10:21:47 AM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Momi Lovell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou: I am writing and support HCR27 HD1, returning to the original name of Ka`awaloa instead of continuing with a replacement name of Captain Cook. It is my belief that Ka`awaloa is the CDP's original name that has mana, description of it's `āina, and what keeps the mo`olelo alive and transferrable to future generations. It will also allow the `āina to come alive with the flora and fauna of the past, maintaining an identity of a food growing region rather than a place of several events initiated by a foreigner that brought disease, rape, rats, and death. The `āina is much more important to the survival of its people than have that dark cloud of misidentification. Ka`awaloa describes the land form and the long wa`a that landed on its shores thousands of years ago. I work at a school in the area and it is an opportunity to teach our haumāna lessons learned from the past and to be steadfast to defend the original names of our `āina. Let it be known without tarnish as Ka`awaloa. Mahalo nui.

Aloha me ka `oia `i`o,

Momi Imaikalani Lovell

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/15/2022 10:37:36 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melina Ramirez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a born and raised, native Hawaiian resident. My 'Ohana has lived and owned on Napo'opo'o road in Ka'awaloa for 20 years. Resorting inoa wahi (Hawaiian place names) is important to us and our community. Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Aloha My name is Leilani Spencer and I am a resident of captain cook. I live in a home of 12 native Hawaiian people ages 88 to 16 years old. I speak on behalf of all of us when I say we are in support of bill HCR27, to restore captain cook to its original name of ka'awaloa.

I've been a part of the Kahananui/Leslie ohana for the pass 22yrs and I have learned so much about ka'awaloa and its ties with the ohana. Only through this ohana did I learn its true name of ka'awaloa because they spent the entire life on this mountain and still address it by its original name.

What I'm trying to say is the Hawaiian history of ka'awaloa started long before its name changed to captain cook. Restoring the name will give my ohana a chance to keep their history and stories tied to the land and all future generations will never be confused as to where ka'awaloa is.

Mahalo,

Leilani Spencer

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Submitted on: 4/16/2022 2:35:34 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole Baker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Nicole Haunani Baker. I am from Hawai'i Island and I am urging the support of HCR27.

I am Kanaka Maoli, a descendant of this land and of her people. It is our responsibility as such descendants to teach visitors and new residents how to hold respect and Aloha for our most beloved home. One of the pillars of our culture is Hō'ihī, respect. Hawai'i, this land, our home, it is a part of us. We must repair, and reestablish the Hō'ihī for Ka'awaloa, starting with using her inoa, her name.

Mahalo

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/16/2022 9:02:28 AM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stephen Loo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill and would like to see all place names changed back to the original Hawaiian place names and this one in particular as Captain Cook Carrie's no esteem in Hawaiian history

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/16/2022 9:54:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joy Loo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha! My name is Joy Loo, I am a resident of Hilo, Hawai'i, I am writing in full support of HCR27 HD1. Restoring our place names is very important to our ohana. Please pass this important measure & the redesignation of Ka'awaloa.

E ola ka inoa o Ka'awaloa

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/16/2022 9:43:50 AM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahealani Maioho	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha:

I am submitting in favor of HCR27 HD1 maintaining the original geographic location of Ka'awaloa.

Ka'awaloa is descriptive of its characteristic's as an identity and relationship to its environment.

The visits from Captain Cook should NOT overshadow its true identity because of certain events

that took place within its history.

As in our individual lives, our identifiable names DO NOT change do to specific events that have

occurred in our lifes. Captain Cook's presence is seen as a statute on the shoreline as a reminder of his place in history.

Mahalo me ka 'oia 'i'o,

Māhealani Schieber

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/17/2022 12:14:21 AM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maggie Dorsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha chair-members,

I am submitted my **STRONG SUPPORT** of restoring the true name of **KA'AWALOA (HCR 27 HD1)**

There is rich history that should be perseved and honored. I am beyond blessed to call this place my home. I support restroing the true and rightful name if this villiage in Hawai'i. When my family moved to Big Island we landed in Ka`awaloa.

My daughter learned to walk there with the help of her two brothers. I believe it is only right and justified to do the least I can do to honor the history of these islands by submitting testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **HCR 27 HD1**

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/17/2022 1:51:23 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dr Richard Bennett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Mai Senators,

Long before the British were sailing in the Pacific, Polynesians were sailing to and from Polynesia. On Hawai'i Island, all places were in an ahupua'a. For years we paddled our canoes to Ka'awaloa Point. It was a point of navigation then and over a thousand years prior. That Captain Cook sought Kealakekua Bay to make repairs to his ships does not mean that he discovered the islands. The renaming of the region Captain Cook in an egotistical gesture to the Westerner is disrespectful. I need not reiterate, place names, Inona are sacred.

We have a chance to honor our native culture and reinstate the inoa, Ka'awaloa to the land, and its vital history. Please support the effort to give the region its rightful name.

Malama pono,

RH Bennett PhD

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/18/2022 11:29:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Kawaiiani Ozawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Let's be clear. This is not "cancel culture." This is restoring the historic native Hawaiian name for a place. In fact, the current name was inspired by a private company, not a historical figure. Imua, Ka'awaloa!

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/18/2022 3:16:40 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ihilani Buffett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Every place in Hawai'i has a name. A name given long before western contact. The fact that is was changed without the input of the native people is just plain disrespectful. "When you know better, you do better," Let us right the wrongs of the past by restoring the original names of these wahi pana. This is the right thing to do. Mahalo Nui

RE: HCR27 REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO REDESIGNATE THE CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COOK ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII AS KA'AWALOA AND REQUESTING HAWAII COUNTY TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCES TO CAPTAIN COOK AS A PLACE NAME ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR27

Ke aloha mai no kakou,

My name is Maralei Kahawai. My kupuna are from Hawaii island and I feel called to speak up and share my mana'o (thoughts) on HCR27. I am in strong support of restoring the wahi pana (legendary place) known as Captain Cook back to Ka'awaloa.

To start, please realize that many Native Hawaiians are not ma'a (accustomed, used to) submitting written testimony or giving oral testimony at the State Legislature. I'm sure most people - no matter what their ancestry - have a hard time expressing themselves whether oral or written, particularly in this formal setting. Hawaiians are constantly told they are not good enough, not smart enough, don't know enough, not Hawaiian enough, not American enough; we're just not enough. How can we have the confidence to speak up when this is how we are made to feel? I say this because I am sure more Hawaiians would testify in support of HCR27 if they felt the confidence to do so. I am sharing my mana'o on behalf of myself, my family, my kupuna, and those in our lahui who are not yet strong enough to share their leo (voice) in this important cause.

I also bring up the above because the very first piece of written testimony submitted is in opposition by a person who is on a hate crusade against Native Hawaiians. I am sick and tired of racist, entitled bigots like this Conklin character trying to erase Hawaiian culture, history, and our inoa wahi (place names). Hawaii is renowned for ALOHA. This guy is full of 'ino (hate) for Hawaiian people. He is literally on a crusade to make Hawaiians feel less than. Claiming that Hawaiians have racial supremacy... are you kidding me? All you have to do is take a look at homeless statistics in Hawaii. More than 40% of the homeless population are Native Hawaiian. We are HOUSELESS in our own motherland.

This guy reminds me of one of those anti-BLM protestors. The movement isn't about being anti-other races. It's about giving attention to Black lives too. HCR27 is not about ERASING Captain Cook. He is a part of Hawaii's history and nothing will ever change that. This measure is about RESTORING inoa wahi and giving respect to the 'aina and our 'oiwi kupuna who came before us. This is a small step toward healing generational trauma that our people inherited through our DNA.

Elija Kala said it best: "It is a gift (to be) from Hawai'i and (to) live in (our) homeland. Most people have been relocated to foreign lands that they now call home." This is what we are trying to preserve. Our people are waking up and we will continue to hana (work) until our quest to restore pono (goodness) is met. Please kako'o (help) us be heard.

Me ka mahalo piha no,
Maralei Kahawai



KUAKINI HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB OF KONA
Kealakekua, Hawai'i

A Legislative Testimony
Senate Committee on Judicial and Hawaiian Affairs

HCR27 HD1

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO RE-DESIGNATE THE CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COOK ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII AS KA'AWALOA AND REQUESTING HAWAII COUNTY TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCES TO CAPTAIN COOK AS A PLACE NAME ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

Tuesday, April 20, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Rm. 225/Videoconference

Aloha e Vice-Chair DeCoite and members of the PSM Committee,

The Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HCR27, HD1.** Captain James Cook has a place in Hawai'i's history, and that event is significantly honored and well documented throughout Hawai'i, other Pacific Ocean nations and states, and Europe. His history is well preserved in books, media sources, resort and tour guide compendiums throughout the Hawaiian Islands, anthropological research papers and reports worldwide, and a monument on the ahupua'a of Ka'awaloa, that has its own historical story as to how it was erected by King Kalākaua, however, Hawai'i has a long-standing practice of place-name nomenclature that lasted for centuries.

In recent mainstream media, previous testifiers alluded that this resolution implied and supported the notion of "cancel culture". This is not a concern of ethnic or racial battles but a restorative and healing process that truly honors Hawai'i nei further, it is upheld by Article 12, Section 7 of the State Constitution which "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 before 1778, subject to the right of the State to regulate such rights."

The town of Ka'awaloa was named after the ahupua'a of Ka'awaloa, and generally, most Hawaiian place-name nomenclature honors and exalts the environment, natural resources, waterways, and people of a particular area. HCR27, HD1 alludes the restoration of traditional place-names that honors the traditions, customs, and religious practices associated within the Ka'awaloa region. This is Hawai'i's story, the story of this environment, this land, and its people.

Should the legislature pass this resolution, it will truly serve its people, place, and well-being of the resources just as our ancestors of these islands did for centuries.

We urge this committee to **PASS HCR27, HD1** in its entirety.

Mahalo Nui,
Shane Akoni Palacat-Nelsen, President
Current resident and lineal descendant

From: [Earl Takaki](#)
To: [Sen. Clarence Nishihara](#); [Sen. Lynn DeCoite](#); [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#); [Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole](#); [JDC Committee](#); [PSM Committee](#)
Subject: HCR-27
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022 8:13:20 PM

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Aloha,

My name is Earl Takaki and I am a resident of Honouliuli, 'Ewa, O'ahu. I was born and raised in Ka'awaloa and Ke'ei Hawai'i and I am in full support of HCR-27. I am sending this email to urge you to support HCR-27. Restoring our place names is very important to the health, history, and well being of Hawai'i and it's people.

*Mahalo,
Earl Takaki*

From: [Lahela Spencer](#)
To: [Sen. Clarence Nishihara](#); [Sen. Lynn DeCoite](#); [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#); [Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole](#); [JDC Committee](#); [PSM Committee](#)
Subject: Support HCR27
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022 10:00:12 AM

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Aloha,

My name is Lahela Spencer and I was born and raised in Ka'awaloa and Ke'ei Hawaii and I am in full support of HCR27. My ohana has resided in this area for generations. I am sending this email to urge you to support HCR27. Restoring our place names is very important to the health, history, future, and well being of Hawai'i and it's people. Mahalo for your time.

Mahalo,
Lahela Spencer

Regarding HCR 27 Resolution.

To Whom It May Concern,

I have had a Captain Cook address for 50 years. This proposal is not practical or even based on history. It is an ill-conceived idea that does not address Zip codes, the actual historic realities nor the cost to countless small businesses and individuals. To rename entire 285 sq miles of Kona is ridiculous. Where does this stop? Do you now rename every post office?

The racial insensitivity and the disrespect to all people who have created our history is noteworthy.

This feels like a political positioning that is trying to divide our county and not bring it together. This resolution needs to be tabled permanently.

Thank you,
Barbara DeFranco

From: [Jasmine Juan Leong](#)
To: [Sen. Clarence Nishihara](#); [Sen. Lynn DeCoite](#); [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#); [Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole](#); [JDC Committee](#); [PSM Committee](#)
Subject: SUPPORT FOR HCR27 KA"AWALOA
Date: Friday, April 15, 2022 2:42:11 PM

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Aloha,

My name is Anuheia Juan Leong. I am a resident of Waimea, Hawaii and I am in full support of HCR27. I am sending this email to urge you to support HCR27. Restoring our place names is not only the right thing to do, it contributes to the health, history, future, and well being of Hawai'i and it's people. Mahalo for your time.

Mahalo,
Anuheia Juan Leong

From: [Karen Anderson](#)
To: [Sen. Clarence Nishihara](#)
Cc: [Sen. Lynn DeCater](#); [Sen. Gil Rivas](#); [Sen. Kurt Fevelia](#); [Sen. Roz Baker](#); [PSM Committee](#)
Subject: HCR 27 resolution; Captain Cook name change
Date: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:04:22 PM

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Regarding HCR 27 Resolution.

To Whom It May Concern,

As a 25-year resident of Captain Cook, I am confused about the resolution HCR27 that proposes to change the name of the census district of Captain Cook to Ka'awaloa. While well-intentioned, this resolution in its current language fails to address a number of existing issues that need to be clarified and resolved before renaming an entire region.

The first problem is the zip code jurisdiction of Captain Cook (96704), which encompasses 285 total square miles. The resolution in its current form seeks to change the name of the census-designated area, which is just a small portion of the entire Captain Cook zip code (see attached image). The Captain Cook post office is located within this census-designated area, but the zip code itself extends from Kealahou north of Captain Cook all the way south of Captain Cook to beyond Miloli'i and Honomalino near Ocean View, a vast region.

Upon closer examination, the census map doesn't even include Napo'opo'o and the actual site of Kaawaloa Flats at Kealahou Bay, the very places that Kamehameha I and royalty once resided. Instead, the resolution erroneously suggests that Kamehameha I lived five miles uphill mauka where the Captain Cook post office is currently located. Additionally, the Captain Cook post office is located in the ahupua'a of Kealahou, not Ka'awaloa.

Does this resolution seek to rename the entire 285-square-mile zip code jurisdiction? If so, this not make sense for the region. Inexplicably, this entire zip code region includes areas south of Honaunau Post Office, which is the next post office south of Captain Cook. Areas impacted included Ho'okena, Kona Paradise, Miloli'i and Honomalino, all of which have Captain Cook as their official address and zip code, rather than the Honaunau zip code. Why are these places not located in the zip code of Honaunau, the nearest post office south of Captain Cook? My sister, for example, lives in Kona Paradise 25 minutes away from the town of Captain Cook yet south of Honaunau Post Office. She cannot apply for broadband discount because Spectrum TV insists that she is located in Honaunau, which contradicts her official street address, which is Captain Cook. This type of confusion with the zip code in South Kona is an ongoing problem that won't be resolved by changing the name to Ka'awaloa.

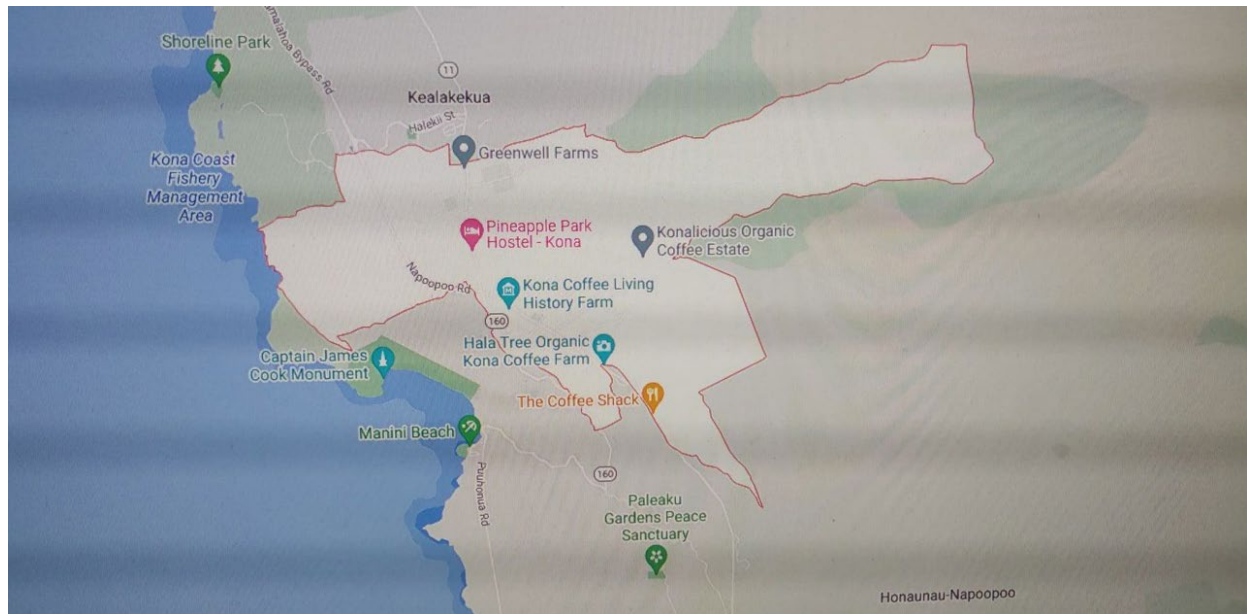
Not even the author of the resolution can answer the basic question: does this name change apply to the entire Captain Cook zip code? Given the disruption and expense involved with an official address change, the county should first examine the inconsistencies of the current zip code jurisdictions, as well as conduct an economic impact study about the impact a name change would have on thousands of businesses and residents throughout the entire region.

Additionally, the region of Captain Cook is world-renowned for its Kona Coffee. There are hundreds of coffee farms in the Captain Cook region. Please consider the expense imposed on so many coffee producers and businesses that will have to recreate their logos, signage, labels, websites and letterhead, as well as reprint expensive coffee bag labels. Changing the name to Ka'awaloa ignores the coffee legacy of this region. There is inherent value to this heritage, too, which began in the early 1900s well over a century ago.

I am also deeply concerned about the divisive turn taking place on social media regarding this resolution, thanks to racially charged quotes from Oahu-based legislators about "Captain Cook was a bad man who did bad things." If a resident of Captain Cook dares question the confusion created by the language in the resolution, we are attacked and called names similar to what has taken place with the Mauna Kea astronomy debate and protests. Unless you actually live in the Captain Cook zip code, you would have no idea of the intricacies and inconsistencies of the various ahupua'a, place names and zip codes.

This resolution needs to be tabled until the above questions can be studied and answered adequately.

Karen Anderson
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From: [Maliaokalani Ahana Pascual](#)
To: [Sen. Clarence Nishihara](#); [Sen. Lynn DeCoite](#); [Sen. Karl Rhoads](#); [Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole](#); [JDC Committee](#); [PSM Committee](#)
Subject: Support for HCR27 Ka'awaloa
Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 6:45:27 AM

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Aloha,

My name is XXX. I am a resident of Waimea, Hawai'i Island and I am in full support of HCR27. I am sending this email to urge you to support HCR27. Restoring our place names is not only the right thing to do, it contributes to the health, history, future, and wellbeing of Hawai'i and its people. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,



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*"Hula is the Language of the Heart.
Therefore the Heartbeat of the Hawaiian People."*

-KALAKAUA REX

From: [Marie Nashif](#)
To: [PSM Committee](#)
Subject: Captain Cook name change
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022 10:12:28 AM

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Aloha,

My name is Marie Nashif and I have resided in Ka'awaloa and Ke'ei for the majority of my life. I am sending this email to urge you to support HCR27. Restoring our place names is very important to the health, history, and well being of Hawai'i and it's people.

Mahalo,
Marie Nashif

Sent from my iPhone

LATE

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/19/2022 9:15:04 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noelani Sugata	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a Native Hawaiian, born and raised in Kailua-Kona, I fully support HCR 27. Please respect the indigenous people of this place. They are in support of this bill. It's in the testimonies that were previously submitted.

Again, this is not "cancel culture." Ka'awaloa is the original place name. You all have the opportunity to correct this. Please pass this bill today.

Mahalo,

Noelani Sugata

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HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/19/2022 3:47:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrea Andrews	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support HCR27 HD1 and I humbly ask my representatives to pass this through. I believe that our original place names provide immense value to our future and restoring them restores access to our history. As a Native Hawaiian being able to know a place by the name my kūpuna used for it is essential to creating the pathways to restore that connection. By passing HCR27 HD1 we are providing that path for the keiki of Kaawaloa.

Mahalo for your time and support!

Andrea A.

LATE

HCR-27-HD-1

Submitted on: 4/19/2022 1:33:11 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/20/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kekoa Kealoha	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kekoa and I am from Hawai'i Island. I am writing to urge your support for Resolution HCR27.

Having grown up on Hawai'i Island, I have a special attachment to our wahi pana (cherished places). Being Kanaka Maoli, I have a unique responsibility to honor those places and protect these spaces. A part of that kuleana is using the inoa maoli (actual or native name) for our wahi pana, our cherished places. Ka'awaloa has a unique situation, given the violent history of Captain James Cook and his legacy of exploitation.

Referring to Ka'awaloa as "Captain Cook" is not only wildly inappropriate, it is an ongoing aggression to Kanaka Maoli. According to a publication with the Pew Research Center, 1 in 17 Kanaka Maoli had died within just two years of Cook's arrival and his introduction of disease. That works out to roughly 6% of the native population. For perspective, COVID-19 has killed roughly one tenth of a percent of Hawaii's population, and 3% of the US population. Captain Cook is the harbinger of death for our people, and to allow his legacy to remain in Hawai'i is Hewa Loa, pono 'ole. It is wrong and unjust.

Designating the proper name for Ka'awaloa is simply the right thing to do. Our place names in Hawai'i are special, and they deserve to be shared proudly. We are not like anywhere else; we are unique. Ka'awaloa has given life to many, many generations of Hawaiians and other locals alike in spite of Cook's violence and wretched history. A name had already existed for what is being called Captain Cook, and that name is Ka'awaloa.

Please support Resolution HCR27 and restore the dignity of this special place. I thank you very much for your time and consideration.