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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,  
DIVISION OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO ASSEMBLE VARIOUS STATE,  
COUNTY, AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO MEET AND DEVELOP A  
HANAPEPE SALT POND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the Hanapepe Salt Ponds, on the southwestern coast  
2 of Kauai at the mouth of the Hanapepe Valley, is home to ancient  
3 authentic Hawaiian salt ponds; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Hanapepe Salt Ponds are listed on the State  
6 Historic Preservation Register and are an extremely important  
7 cultural resource to the community; and  
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9 WHEREAS, salt from the Hanapepe Salt Ponds is created by  
10 accessing underground saltwater from a deep ancient source  
11 through wells and transferring the saltwater to shallow pools  
12 called wai ku, then into salt pans that are shaped carefully  
13 with clay from the area, and dried with brine shrimp that add  
14 sweetness to the salt; and  
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16 WHEREAS, this type of salt making is unique and authentic,  
17 and the harvested traditional Hawaiian sea salt mixed with  
18 alaea, a form of red dirt from Kokee, is used for traditional  
19 Hawaiian ceremonies to cleanse, purify, and bless, as well as  
20 for healing rituals for medicinal purposes; and  
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22 WHEREAS, over the years, the Hanapepe salt ponds have been  
23 burdened by the surrounding uses of land, which cause polluted  
24 surface water runoff to flow into the salt ponds; and  
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26 WHEREAS, Hanapepe was placed on the federal Clean Water Act  
27 section 303(d), 2004 final list of impaired waters in Hawaii for  
28 its excessive levels of total suspended solids, nutrients and  
29 temperature, and toxic substances; and

1 WHEREAS, the development of an airfield runway, a heavily  
2 used beach park, a road cutting through the salt beds, a  
3 makeshift beach access route blocking drainage, and the cutting  
4 down of the Kiawe forest which protects the Hanapepe Salt Ponds  
5 from the dust and contamination of the cane fields and highway,  
6 have all contributed to the decline of the health of the salt  
7 ponds; and

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9 WHEREAS, a close examination of the watershed, moku, and  
10 ahupuaa to identify the sources of pollution is needed to  
11 recommend projects to reduce the sources of pollution and create  
12 a comprehensive resource management plan to revitalize the  
13 Hanapepe Salt Ponds; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Hanapepe community is eager to assist in  
16 planning for ways to preserve the health of the Hanapepe Salt  
17 Ponds; and

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19 WHEREAS, a prudent comprehensive resource management plan  
20 should encompass coastal zone management and ocean resources  
21 management planning, as the Hanapepe Salt Ponds are affected  
22 both by tidal influence and land activities; and

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24 WHEREAS, the development of a comprehensive resources  
25 management plan would require:

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- 27 (1) The identification and assessment of the problems and
- 28 issues;
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- 30 (2) The involvement of all applicable stakeholders,
- 31 government agencies, and the community, to ensure the
- 32 plans are workable and acceptable to all parties; and
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- 34 (3) The identification of the source of the salt and brine
- 35 shrimp, and explanation of how they migrate in the
- 36 area;

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38 now, therefore,

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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
41 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
42 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Office of  
43 Planning is requested to assemble various state, county, and  
44 community agencies, rights holders and stakeholders to conduct

1 meetings to develop a comprehensive Hanapepe Salt Ponds Resource  
2 Management Plan (Management Plan); and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings include  
5 representatives of the:

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7 (1) Office of Planning, Coastal Zone Management  
8 Division;  
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10 (2) Office of Hawaiian Affairs;  
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12 (3) Department of Land and Natural Resources, Historic  
13 Preservation Division;  
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15 (4) Department of Transportation;  
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17 (5) Department of Health, Water Quality and Pollution  
18 Control Divisions;  
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20 (6) Office of the Mayor of the County of Kauai;  
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22 (7) Department of Planning of the County of Kauai;  
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24 (8) Department of Public Works of the County of Kauai;  
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26 (9) Hanapepe community, including Hui Hana Pa'akai O  
27 Hanapepe and Hui O Pa'akai;  
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29 (10) County Council of the County of Kauai; and  
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31 (11) Marine and Coastal Zone Management Advocacy Council;  
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33 (12) Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of  
34 Land Management

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Management Plan include:

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38 (1) Identification of the watershed, moku, and ahupuaa of  
39 Hanapepe/Makaweli;  
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41 (2) Identification of all sources of pollution,  
42 particularly those that affect coastal water quality

1 and cultural and historical resources in the area  
2 surrounding the Hanapepe Salt Ponds;

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4 (3) Preparation of a watershed implementation plan  
5 (Implementation Plan) similar to those prepared by the  
6 Department of Health Polluted Runoff Program in other  
7 areas of the state, to include identification and  
8 recommendation of small-scale, local projects that can  
9 be undertaken to reduce sources of pollution in the  
10 watershed;

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12 (4) Consultation with local Hawaiian practitioners and  
13 kupuna in the Hanapepe area about local best  
14 management principles and practices, and documentation  
15 of the principles and practices in a report, to be  
16 integrated with the Implementation Plan;

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18 (5) Preparation of a comprehensive resource management  
19 plan for the Hanapepe Salt Ponds;

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21 (6) Identification of community rights holders and  
22 stakeholders and results of meetings therewith; and

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24 (7) Recommendations for long-term protection measures;

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is  
29 requested to submit to the Legislature a draft report of the  
30 Management Plan and the Implementation Plan, including best  
31 management practices and principles and necessary legislation,  
32 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular  
33 Session of 2009, and a final report no later than 20 days prior  
34 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
38 Office of Planning and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and  
39 Natural Resources.