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Legislative Testimony

**HCR 117, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES, LAND DIVISION, TO ASSEMBLE VARIOUS STATE,  
COUNTY, AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO MEET AND DEVELOP A  
HANAPEPE SALT POND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Senate Committee on Water and Land

April 9, 2008

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Room: 414

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HCR 117, which requests the Land Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to work with other agencies to develop a Hanapēpē Salt Pond Resource Management Plan.

OHA strongly supports this measure to protect Hanapēpē Salt Pans, a historic and cultural resource to the island of Kauaʻi and the State of Hawaiʻi. We are pleased to note the inclusion of two members of each of the salt makers' hui who perpetuate the salt pans' living heritage.

Sacred Pū'olo Point and the Hanapēpē Salt Pans on that point are Hawaiian national treasures, listed on the State Register of Historic Places (Site Number 30-09-49), and qualified for listing on the National Register. Native Hawaiians have used the papa pa'akai (salt flats) and hāhāpa'akai (salt beds) for centuries and through generations into today. For example, some 'ohana mix new pa'akai with the pa'akai of their kūpuna, an action that perpetuates the continuity of this important cultural practice.

The kai ho'olulu, or sea water that evaporates, producing the pa'akai, is uniquely formed through subterranean saltwater movements that can be disrupted, contaminated or destroyed through any subsurface disturbance in the area. The protection and improvement of the waters surrounding the salt ponds as well as the rest of the surrounding environs is extremely important to the continued preservation of irreplaceable historic and cultural resource.

Development of a Hanapēpē Salt Pond Resource Management Plan would create an appropriate venue for the community rights holders to provide input in the planning process for the preservation of the salt ponds. Our office supports this resolution to create a management plan with the appropriate rights holders to help guide the development of the Hanapēpē Salt Pond Resource Management Plan.

OHA urges the committee to PASS HCR 117. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Re: Testimony in ~~Support~~ of HCR 117

Having been born and raised in Hanapepe and left only during my adult life for career , marriage to return upon retirement of my husband, to help with the family business in Hanapepe . This has covered over 20 years of actively trying to preserve the cultural heritage we grew up with, even if we are non-Hawaiians. The Salt Pans, the entire Ukula peninsula (the cat's eye opihi camping overnight families on it's beaches friendly and safe, so very dear in our memories. It 's sad to see the peninsula so degraded.

The road along the fence past the paved parking lot should not be in existence. The dirt, oil are detrimental to the pans. The runway and road were built over and obliterated two salt pans. The pans should be restored and parking on sand beaches eliminated. I would hope the HRMP would be an answer to all of the problems. Environmental, conservation, and cultural goals should take priority over an airfield. An airfield that began in World War II by the Army Air Corps and abandoned because an airfield that began and ended with water was less than ideal. The entire peninsula and parts beyond the Beach Park holds cultural sites that should be protected.

Thank you for this opportunity to support HCR 117.

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