

# LATE TESTIMONY

To: Mele Carroll, Chairperson, House Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: Shad Kane, Cultural Practitioner, 'Ewa Moku

Subject: HR 67 – Urging the United States Congress and Commander of Hickam Air Force Base to rename the Fort Kamehameha Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Chair Carroll, committee members my name is Shad Kane and I would like to thank you for this opportunity to share my mana'o. I am a member of several Native Hawaiian Organizations to include the Kapolei Hawaiian Civic Club and the Royal Order of Kamehameha Kapuaiwa Chapter or 'Ewa Chapter. I am also the Native Hawaiian Representative on the Native American Advisory Group which advises the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation (ACHP) on preservation matters of concern to Native Americans as part of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. I am also the 'Ewa Moku Representative on the O'ahu Island Burial Council.

I am in support of this resolution to rename Fort Kamehameha Wastewater Treatment Plant. We would never name a wastewater treatment plant for one of our presidents or governors likewise our mo'i should be given the same kind of respect. However it is as important to understand that the initial naming of the treatment plant was done with good intentions. The story is of a history that was lost and an effort and kuleana of those of us today to learn and restore that ancient past as best as we can. This is an opportunity to restore a piece of that past in a simple name.

The naming of the treatment plant should be more appropriate with its ancient location. Anciently the area where the wastewater treatment plant is located was once called "Kapuaikaula". There is a long and colorful history associated with this place name. It was also identified as the moku boundary between 'Ewa and Kona Moku prior to the development of a military base. The land was once owned by our Queen Emma where she had a home and rode her horses. It was a stopping off place for Chiefesses on their way to the Kukaniloko birthing site to give birth to a young chief or chiefess. It was the location of 2 of the largest salt and fish ponds for the island of O'ahu. There is much that can be said of this special place. Perhaps most important in the consideration of the renaming of the wastewater treatment plant is that 97 Iwi Kupuna had been removed from the site in the expansion of the sewage treatment plant. They were reinterred just adjacent to the expansion at a place once known as Kapuaikaula.

I urge you to support HR 67.

Mahalo,  
*Shad Kane*

*Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan*

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March 9, 2010

Chair Mele Carroll, Vice-Chair Maile Shimabukuro and  
Members on the House Hawaiian Affairs Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol #329  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HR 67 – Urging the United States Congress and Commander of Hickam Air Force Base to  
rename the Fort Kamehameha Wastewater Treatment Plant.

I, Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan testify in strong support for above mentioned measure. When I  
had first heard of this resolution, I was shocked to hear that such a place was named after our  
King. As a kanaka maoli, I urge you to not only pass this measure, but also follow up and make  
sure this site is renamed.

As the state legislative body, I humbly ask that you pass this measure as soon as possible.

Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan

March 10, 2010

Dear Chair Mele Carroll & Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro & Committee of HWN Affairs,

My name is Kapua Kamahale and I am a resident in the Waianae Coast. I strongly support House Resolution 67 because King Kamehameha was an important person in the Hawaiian History and naming a Wastewater treatment plant after him is disrespectful to the Hawaiian people. So for this reason and many more I urge you to pass this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kapua Kamahale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large, connected letters. The first letter 'K' is particularly large and loops around the start of the name. The signature is positioned above the printed name "Kapua Kamahale".

Kapua Kamahale