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Subject: *Kaua'i community meeting: DHHL Water Policy Plan*

Dear Chairman Masagatani and Members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission:

Aloha! The opportunity to contribute to the development of a DHHL Water Policy Plan is appreciated. It is unfortunate that the location for this meeting is in Lihu'e – the Native Hawaiian population on Kaua'i have to travel *too* far in bumper-to-bumper traffic. DHHL should have scheduled two meetings: one in the vicinity of Anahola and one on the West Side. "*If*" the mana'o of Kaua'i Native Hawaiians was truly wanted. Hopefully, there will be further meetings for community input on this most important DHHL Water Policy Plan.

As a parent and grandparent of DHHL beneficiary(s) I'm here to ask that the following be incorporated in the future a DHHL Water Policy Plan:

Native Hawaiian Water Rights, Climate Change, watershed protection, water diversion by large land owners, water for sustenance, Native Hawaiians being incarcerated at 40% and only being less than 1/5th of the population in Hawai'i, scarcity of water (by 2030) and future wars for fresh water versus oil.

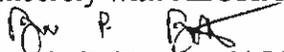
Land & Water: soon after Captain Cook arrived the population of the Native Hawaiian people declined by 80 percent. Greed for land and water in Hawai'i led to the establishment of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, (HHCA) 1920. Historically, the HHCA has been a failure. Will the current Hawaiian Homes Commission act in the best interest of the minimally surviving Native Hawaiian population or follow the steps of its predecessors'?

It's well known that the Native Hawaiian's embraced the missionaries, the son of God – the savior being Jesus Christ. They referred to him as *Kanaka Wai Wai* – figuratively as the acknowledgement of wealth of water; **Water is Life/Love – the connection being water.**

Please, Hawaiian Homes Commission, DHHL Water Policy Plan is crucial to be developed for the 'Betterment of the Native Hawaiian'. Hopefully, it won't be a document for the state of Hawaii, Big Business, Corporate Chemical/Agriculture-Business (which has replace King Sugar), Large Landowners and *business-as-usual* concept that has caused the near extinction of Native Hawaiian people.

Please make this DHHL Water Policy Plan one that will help the Native Hawaiian flourish... reinstate Water Rights for the Native Hawaiian population. 2014, it's time finally to return Water Rights to the Kanaka.

Sincerely with ALOHA,


Bonnie P. Bator and 'Ohana