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## **State Office of Planning Announces Meeting of the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names on Maui Island to Solicit Public Input on Request to Change Name of Iao Stream to Wailuku River**

The State Office of Planning is holding a meeting of the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names (HBGN) to hear from interested stakeholders on the request to change the official name of Iao Stream on Maui Island to Wailuku River. This meeting may be of particular interest to residents of the area near or around the stream.

At the meeting, members of the public will be given an opportunity to provide comments on the name change request, which the Board will consider in its deliberations. Information on the name change request, and materials submitted, can be found on the HBGN website at: <http://planning.hawaii.gov/gis/hbgn/pending-cases/>. If time permits, the Board may make a decision on the request at the meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the J. Walter Cameron Center Auditorium, 95 Mahalani St., Wailuku, Hawaii 96793.

If one is unable to attend the meeting, but wishes to provide comment, please contact the Board chair, Mr. Kamanao Mills **no later than May 18**, at 808-620-9508, or by email at [kamanao.mills@hawaii.gov](mailto:kamanao.mills@hawaii.gov).

The Hawaii State Board on Geographic Names was created by Act 50 of the 1974 Hawaii State Legislature. Act 50 ([Chapter 4E, Hawaii Revised Statutes](#)) states that the purpose of the Board is "... to assure uniformity in the use and spelling of the names of geographic features within the State."

The Board is responsible for designating the official names and spellings of geographic features in Hawaii. In its deliberations, the Board solicits and considers the advice and recommendations of the appropriate County government officials and, as appropriate, other knowledgeable persons.

The Board consists of the following persons or their representatives: the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural resources, the chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian affairs, the chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, the director of the Office of Planning, the president of the University of Hawaii, the State Land Surveyor, and the director of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum.

The HBGN is housed in the [Office of Planning](#), the State's planning agency, which gathers, analyzes, and provides information to the Governor to assist in the overall analysis and formulation of state policies and strategies. The Office works closely with local, state, and federal government agencies; the University of Hawaii; and various community stakeholders to achieve these objectives. The Office is divided into the [Land Use Division](#) and Planning Division. The Planning Division includes the [Coastal Zone Management Program](#), [Special Plans Branch](#), and the [Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\) Program](#).

For more information visit <http://planning.hawaii.gov/gis/hbgn/> or call (808) 587-2846

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