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HB 2873

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Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 6:42 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2873. WTL, 3/14/08 at 2:45pm, Conf. Room 414.

I support HB 2873.

Please ...C onservation over anything else, is what matters.

The whole world is in peril. Perserve our natural places.

Thank you.

Karen Tilley
Jay Dorrance
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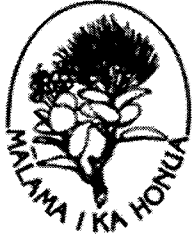
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I support the language of HB 2873 that states that the purpose of the state park system is to conserve park resources and values. Conservation is to be the predominant concern in all situations. Please support conservation of our state park systems. Thank you very much. Pat Blair, Kailua, Hi. 261-8499



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

March 14th, 2008, 2:45 P.M.

(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2873

Chair Hee and members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, with 5500 dues paying members statewide, supports HB 2873, clarifying that conservation of park resources is the predominant concern of the state in managing state parks.

The islands of Hawai'i are blessed with an abundance of natural resources, diverse ecosystems, and stunning beauty unparalleled elsewhere on the Earth. Our state parks are portholes into this beauty and provide residents and visitors the opportunity to experience natural resources firsthand. At times, however, recreation or commercial interests are at odds with the long-term conservation of natural or biological resources. House Bill clarifies that conservation of resources are of paramount concern.

Please forward this measure unamended.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Laurel Brier [browerr001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 11:35 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2873

PLEASE PROTECT KOKEE AND WAIMEA CANYON PARK FROM OVER COMMERCIALIZATION. VOTE IN SUPPORT OF HB 2873. DO NOT LET THE INTEGRITY OF THE PARK AND THE PURPOSE OF DLNR BE ERODED.

MAHALO NUI LOA
THE BRIER AND BROWER FAMILIES OF ANAHOLA & KAPAA KAUA'I

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From: Anna Chavez [help@annamchavez.com]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 3:40 AM
To: testimony
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Dear Lawmakers,

As a voter from the island of Kaua'i, i respectfully ask that you support HB2878. It is unfortunate that we need to create legislation that clarifies essential core values with regard to the need for conservation and protection of vulnerable eco-systems.

WHERE THERE IS A CONFLICT BETWEEN CONSERVING RESOURCES AND VALUES AND PROVIDING FOR USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THOSE RESOURCES AND VALUES, CONSERVATION OF THOSE RESOURCES AND VALUES SHALL BE THE PREDOMINANT CONCERN.

To do otherwise would be illogical, short sighted, and self-defeating.

Sincerely,
Anna Chavez

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From: Marcia Harter [kolea91@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 8:08 AM
To: testimony
Subject: support HB 2873

Greetings,

I do hope you will support HB 2873. It is critical that we not allow commercialization of our state parks. We have to protect at all costs the fragile ecosystems in these parks so they will be there for future generations. Any compromise is permanent. Please put "preserve and protect" as the primary force in managing our beautiful and irreplaceable state parks.

Marcia Harter
Anahola

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From: Mary Stone [maliastone@earthlink.net]

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 12:51 AM

To: testimony

Subject: I support HB2873 Senate Committee Water and Land 3/14/08 at 2:45 pm Conf Room 414

The purpose of the state park system is to conserve natural resources and their value as a source of restoration of our spirit in a natural setting and honor our connection with and dependence on earth. To add "providing for use and enjoyment of resources" suggests to me a manipulation of those resources beyond keeping them as close to their original nature as possible. The beauty of a tree, a mountain under clouds, waves breaking on the shore, the simple give and take that our being in nature provides is a unique resource in itself.

I also support SB2528DS1 to re-insert the need for 100% of the \$ collected stay in Koke'e for maintenance and repair of that park.

Mary Stone
maliastone@earthlink.net
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

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From: dorothy perry [dorothy.perry@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 5:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: 2873 Please support it today!

Hi,
Please support this bill; it is critical that at this time in Hawaii history we strive to protect some of our natural environment and have that be our primary focus.
Mahalo
dottie perry

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From: Sharon Geiken-Westerberg [kahanastreet@yahoo.com]
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To: testimony
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I would like to see Kokee not developed for commercial purposes and remain as undeveloped resource. Our parks should be natural refuges for posterity forever.

thank you for your consideration.

Sharon Geiken
5102 Kahana St
Kapaa, HI 96746

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From: kbeer@hawaii.rr.com
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To: testimony
Subject: Support of H.B. 2873

Attachments: Kokee testimony



Kokee testimony
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To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land

testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: Katherine L. Beer
P.O. Box 1149
Lawai, HI 96765

Re: Support of H.B. 2873

I submit my testimony in support of H.B. 2873, which clarifies that the conservation of park resources and values is the predominant concern of the state park system.

As a Kaua'i resident, it disturbs me immensely when I read of the plans for Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Parks. The DLNR has been tasked with:

- 1) properly managing and protecting Hawai'i's natural and cultural heritage,
 - 2) preserving the unique historic character of Koke'e and Waimea Canyon,
 - 3) protecting and preserving the unique natural environments of the parks,
 - 4) ensuring the continued existence of Hawai'i's unique flora and fauna for the benefit of Hawai'i's future generations,
 - 5) protecting, preserving and managing archeological resources, historic sites and traditional cultural places to ensure the continuity of the traditional cultural values and practices that are unique to these parks,
 - 6) protecting scenic resources,
 - 7) promoting heightened appreciation of the parks' natural and cultural resources,
 - 8) and preserving, managing and interpreting the "legacy of the recreation residences,"
- yet it appears that the State's only goal is to pave our beautiful paradise and to make money charging anyone who wants to come and see it!

Lovely words, "protecting" and "preserving" but the proposed changes to these beautiful public parks have nothing to do with "protecting" and "preserving". An unbelievable amount of land, currently covered with flora and fauna, is going to be paved over to construct all of the "improvements" the DLNR wants to make to Koke'e and Waimea Canyon. With everyone on Kaua'i fighting, in the face of massive development, to keep Kaua'i Kaua'i, it amazes me that the DLNR wants to take our most beautiful and cherished natural and historic resources and pave it over. It boggles the mind!

All of our State parks were set aside, in trust for the people of Hawai'i, to protect the fragile gifts they possess into the distant future. Our DLNR has been given the responsibility of that trust. Unfortunately, the language of the current statute is not currently being interpreted by the DLNR as clearly mandating conservation of the natural resources of the state parks over competing efforts to commercialize the State parks to generate income for broad DLNR purposes.

All of our parks, but especially our cherished Koke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks on

Kaua`i, are fragile and contain unique native ecosystems, trails and historic-cultural qualities that are in danger of being compromised by commercialization and overuse. We need to assure that these conservation values are always the predominant concern of our state park system. Once these precious places are compromised, they will be lost forever.

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Please do not commercialize Koke`e.

Thank you,

Andy Parks, Kaua`i

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Aloha Chair Senator Clayton Hee and Vice Chair Senator Russell Kokubun and Committee members,

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PLEASE protect Koke'e: Where there is a conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for use and enjoyment of those resources and values, conservation of those resources and values shall be the predominant concern."

Thank you for giving this bill your full support.

Judy Dalton
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From: Genara Buza Campos
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**To: Honorable Chairman Hee and other Committee members
Senate Committee on Water and Land
March 14, 2008, 2:45 p.m.**

Date: March 14, 2008

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Aloha Honorable State Leaders,

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HB 2873 – Relating to State Parks

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The attitude of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is that 100% of the proceeds collected from the various fees at Kokee and Waimea Canyon state parks has become the leading concern over conservation. Without conservation the nature of the parks will have less value and this will have a negative impact on the economy of these two very unique parks. The very reason of what we are competing for, the history, the life, the makeup, and the natural world wonders of these west Kauai parks, will be defeated by the lust for revenue. The duties of the department must place conservation of the resources and values of these parks on their high priority list. Caretakers of the land cannot fail to recognize that the conservative nature of these parks, built not by the hands of man, is why people come to witness. Without this protection the natural beauty and simplicity of these parks will decay, perish, and ultimately be destroyed by the hands of man. So will these parks' economy. **Make conservation the focus of the Koke'e and Waimea Canyon state parks.**

Respectfully,

Genara Buza Campos
Dedicated member for the voices of Kekaha

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From: Arius Hopman [ahopman@earthlink.net]
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The BEST AND HIGHEST USE of Kokee and Waimea is to PRESERVE AND RESTORE, not develop in any way!!! Mahalo, Arius Hopman, 96716

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HEARD ON 14 MARCH AT 2:45 IN ROOM 414

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We submitted written testimony on this bill to the House Finance Committee--- I would like to add to this testimony:

We strongly support House Bill 2873. Conservation of park resources and values should be the predominant direction for the State Parks Administration.

Aloha MR CHAIRMAN, MR VICE CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

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Warmest Aloha,
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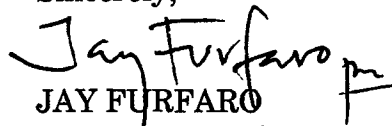
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Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,


JAY FURFARO
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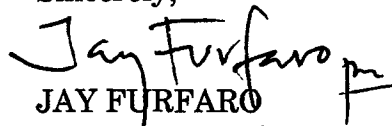
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From: Barb Childers [kekahabarb@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 11:58 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2873

Please support this bill as there is so little open space to enjoy with families, friends or others. We need the natural untouched beauty that nature offers free from commercialization, development and basically what is happening along the south shore.

Mahalo for your support.

Barbara Childers
P.O.Box 1252
Kekaha, HI 96752

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