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Re: SB 2170, SD 1, HD 1

As we discussed in Senator Brian Taniguchi's office on March 31, 2008 with Terence Aratani, this will confirm that your clients, Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii, have agreed to the language contained in SB 2170 and have agreed to remove the HD 1 defective date of 2011, and amend SB 2170 in conference committee to "become effective upon approval," and further to allow the proposed amended SB 2170 to sunset along with the entire Act 82 in 2010.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with the undersigned.

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By: 
HARRISON K. KAWATE

cc: Senate Judiciary Chair, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Esq.
Senate President, Senator Colleen Hanabusa, Esq.
House Judiciary Chair, Representative Tommy Waters, Esq.
House Judiciary Vice Chair, Representative Blake K. Oshiro, Esq.
Speaker of the House, Representative Calvin Say

Hawai'i State Association of Counties

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui and Hawai'i, City & County of Honolulu



Testimony of Council Vice Chair Mel Rapozo
President of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties

on

SB 2170, SD 1 Relating to Public Land
House Committee on Judiciary

March 25, 2008

4:05 p.m.

Conference Room 325

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Chair Waters and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2170, SD1 which is an important measure of concern to the counties.

This measure has been approved as part of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties' (HSAC's) Legislative Package which is comprised of members from each County Council and the Mayors of each county as ex-officio members.

HSAC supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. The bill amends Act 82, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2003, to remove the exclusion of public beach parks in the definition of improved public lands.
2. Public beach parks are an important part of the public park system and should not be singled out from the other types of parks and trails within the State.
3. Deletion of the exclusion would provide the counties with additional immunity in its operation of county parks.

I humbly request your favorable consideration in passage of SB 2170, SD1 Relating to Public Land.

Sincerely,

Mel Rapozo
HSAC President

