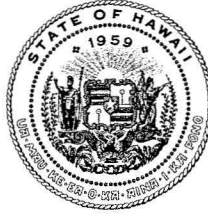


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OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**On Senate Bill 2528, Senate Draft 2 – Relating To State Parks On Kauai**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**March 19, 2008**

Senate Bill 2528, Senate Draft 2 would establish a sub-account under the State Parks Special Fund into which an unspecified % of the proceeds collected from the various fees at Kokee State Park and Waimea Canyon State Park, less any net amounts due to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, will be deposited and used to cover the cost of repair, maintenance, and operation at the Kokee State Park and Waimea Canyon State Park. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) does not support this measure because it would seriously impact the ability of the Department to maintain Hawaii's State Parks for all of Hawaii's residents.

Over the years, fundamental park services once covered by the General Fund, have had to be covered by the State Parks Special Fund. Currently there is insufficient revenue in the State Parks Special Fund to pay for all the positions, repair and maintenance, and lifeguard services intended to be covered by the fund. Restricting the use of funds generated in one park will impact maintenance in other parks even those on the same island, as a few parks generate most of the revenue for the State Parks, and some parks generate no revenue, and have little potential to ever generate revenue. The State has an obligation to provide access and park services to all our residents, regardless of whether they live in urban areas, rural communities, or near parks with high visitor traffic. Accordingly, the Department needs the ability to use funds from the few parks which generate revenue to support our operations statewide.

In order to make the most efficient use of limited resources, and to maximize flexibility, the Department is making a request for a lump sum Capitol Improvement Project appropriation of \$5,000,000 for facility reconstruction and replacement improvements to State Parks. The benefit of lump sum appropriations is to allow us to redeploy cost savings from one project to complete other repair and maintenance projects. Creating sub-accounts defeats this sort of flexibility within the operating budget, and has the unfortunate unintended consequence of making parks statewide less efficient and in poorer condition. A measure passed last session which creates a sub-account for Diamond Head State Monument has already had the effect of hampering statewide operations.

The State Parks Special Fund expenditures in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 amounted to \$3,502,809. Estimated revenue for FY 2008 is \$2,057,815, with Kokee and Waimea Canyon projected to generate about \$300,000. This is expected to increase in future years with the issuance of new leases for cabins and concessions, and will help make up the shortfall. If deposited into a sub-account the shortfall will be exacerbated.

Many parks generate little or no revenue, but benefit from the State Parks Special Fund. If this measure is passed it is likely that recently hired special funded park maintenance personnel will be laid off. In addition, this fiscal year, over \$715,000 in special funds is budgeted to pay for lifeguard services in four parks. Altogether those parks generate less than \$50,000. Creation of sub-accounts for other parks will raise the possibility of insufficient funds for lifeguard services.

While the Department understands the reasoning behind intent of this measure, the Department does not support this bill as it would seriously impact the ability of the Department to operate, maintain, and repair its parks statewide.



**SB 2528, SD 2, RELATING TO STATE PARKS ON KAUAI**  
House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian  
Affairs

March 19, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Room: 312

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS**, S.B. 2528, S.D. 2, which would create a sub-account in the state parks special fund to ensure that an appropriate amount of money is available for the maintenance of Waimea Canyon State Park and Kōkeʻe State Park. The sub-account would be funded with a percentage of the revenues from concessions, leases, and commissions, as well as other user fees, derived from Waimea Canyon State Park and Kōkeʻe State Park.

OHA supports this effort that will guarantee that the unique and precious cultural and environmental resources of Waimea Canyon State Park and Kōkeʻe State Park will be preserved and protected.

In addition, we appreciate that the bill contains specific language that states that OHA will continue to receive its portion of ceded lands revenue derived from these two state parks, in accordance with §10-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

OHA urges the Committee to PASS S.B. 2528, S.D. 2. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

March 17, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
c/o [WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

From: Nancy J. Budd  
Law Offices of Nancy J. Budd

Re: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

This testimony is submitted in **support of S.B. 2528, SD2** which establishes a sub-account for the purpose of directing that funds collected at Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks be used for the purpose of repair, maintenance and operation of these parks.

**During the past several years, the State has become increasingly interested in identifying certain state parks as moneymakers for the entire state park system.** This appears to be a policy shift from protection of our state park natural resources, to exploiting them to raise money for DLNR needs.

We have worked closely with the DLNR and have spent hundreds of hours analyzing the proposals contained in a proposed master plan for the Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks that may be adopted in the next few months.

**There is no question but that DLNR sees Koke`e and Waimea Canyon as a place to commercialize to support DLNR activities throughout the state.** Proposals contained in the proposed master plan include an entry gate, concessions at the lookouts, tearing down the existing historic buildings at the Kanaloahuluhulu Meadow and replacing them with a visitor center and other facilities, identifying the entire area as a “revenue generation center.”

Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks are fragile and contain unique native ecosystems, trails and historic-cultural qualities that are in danger of being compromised by commercialization and overuse. These parks have not been adequately maintained throughout the years and are in need of basic repair and maintenance. The parks’ trails, facilities and infrastructure are in need quality restoration and ongoing maintenance and the parks’ natural attributes need exceptional and vigilant protection.

**Allocating the monies generated within these parks to their repair, maintenance and protection will serve both to maintain these precious places in their natural state for future generations and remove the incentive and pressure for the state to overdevelop and commercialize the parks for the purpose of generating revenue.** Future funding of state park operations should not be dependent upon promoting commercial activities within the parks; these are our last remaining protected natural areas and should remain our gift to our children’s children.



-----Original Message-----

From: silverslev@cox.net [mailto:silverslev@cox.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:52 AM  
To: WLHtestimony  
Subject: IN SUPPORT of Bill SB2528, SD2

March 18, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
c/o WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov  
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From:

Re: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

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There is a strong incentive for the DLNR to use state parks to generate funds for their operations and Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks have been identified as the premier revenue generation center for the DLNR.

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Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Slevin  
P.O. Box #223875  
Princeville, HI 96722

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**From:** Leilani Leigh Durbin [mailto:lldurbin@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:17 AM  
**To:** WLHtestimony  
**Subject:** testimony: SB 2528 SD2 Kokee & Waimea Canyon State Parks

March 18, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

From: Leilani Durbin, register voter  
POB 1536 Kapaa HI 96746  
[lldurbin@hotmail.com](mailto:lldurbin@hotmail.com),  
808-635-7860

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From: dorothy perry [mailto:dorothy.perry@hawaiiantel.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:17 AM  
To: WLHtestimony  
Subject: Testimony

Please support SB 2528; this bill is critical to Kauai. Kokee is our our  
refuge and many locals use this area for week end get aways and have for  
many generations. Please be sure that 100 percent of the revenues  
generated from Kokee go into maintaining this area.

Mahalo  
dottie Perry

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**From:** Jesuriel Senechal [mailto:jesurielenra@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:40 AM  
**To:** WLHtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

March 18, 2008

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From: Janet Senechal

Re: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

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Mahalo and Aloha,

Janet Senechal

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From: roy yamakawa [mailto:yamakawa@hawaii.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:11 AM

To: WLHtestimony

Subject: Support of SB 2528, with amendments.

I am registering my support of SB 2528, however with amendments that revenues collected from Kokee and Waimea State Parks be dedicated 100% for the upkeep and maintenance of those parks, and that the use of these revenues be effective immediately, not in 2050.

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**From:** Margaret [mailto:drawpastels@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:10 AM  
**To:** WLHtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

March 18, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
c/o [WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

From: Stephen and Margaret Cull

Re: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

This testimony is submitted in **support of S.B. 2528, SD2** which establishes a sub-account for the purpose of directing that funds collected at Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks be used for the purpose of **repair, maintenance and operation of these same parks.**

**Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks have been identified as the premier “revenue generation center” for the DLNR. These are our last remaining protected natural areas and should remain our gift to our children’s children; future funding of state park operations should not be dependent upon promoting commercial activities within the parks.**

**Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks are fragile and contain unique native ecosystems, trails and historic-cultural qualities that are in danger of being compromised by commercialization and overuse. These parks have not been adequately maintained throughout the years and are in need of basic repair and maintenance.** The parks’ trails, facilities and infrastructure are in need quality restoration and ongoing maintenance and the parks’ natural attributes need exceptional and vigilant protection.

Please allow 100% as the percentage to be placed in the sub-account.  
Please do**NOT** delay the effective date until July 1, 2050 - to do so would allow 42 years of commercialization and overuse to take place. It is crucial to **PLEASE, MAKE THE EFFECTIVE DATE IMMEDIATE UPON ADOPTION.**

Thank you for this opportunity to give testimony.  
Sincerely,  
Stephen and Margaret Cull

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**From:** Jeanne Russell [mailto:dolphinangel@hawaiian.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:48 AM

**To:** WLHtestimony

**Subject:** Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

March 18, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
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From:

Re: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

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Mahalo,

Jeanne Russell, RA, MS  
Century 21 All Islands  
[dolphinangel@hawaiian.net](mailto:dolphinangel@hawaiian.net)  
(808) 482-1526

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**From:** karlos detreaux [mailto:reluctant\_observer@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:37 AM

**To:** WLHtestimony

**Subject:** Testimony from Talk show host re: Kokee

Aloha,

My name is Karlos deTreaux.

I would normally take the time to write this out, as I believe that it merits a real letter. I do not have time today, but I would like the following entered into testimony.

I feel VERY strongly about this.

I have had a community issues show on KKCR (Kauai Community Radio) for over 10 years, and have covered this extensively.

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Regarding Kokee:

This testimony is submitted in support of S.B. 2528, SD2 which establishes a sub-account for the purpose of directing that funds collected at Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks be used for the purpose of repair, maintenance and operation of these parks.

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Thank you for your community service,

Karlos deTreaux

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**From:** Joan Conrow [mailto:joanconrow@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:06 AM  
**To:** WLHtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

I am writing to ask you to please support S.B. 2528, SD2.

I'm concerned that without this bill, the state will use funds generated at Kauai's Waimea and Kokee state parks not to support those facilities, which already are poorly maintained, but for general DLNR operations.

These parks have been identified as a premier "revenue generation center" for the DLNR. I certainly believe DLNR needs more funding, but it shouldn't be achieved through heavy commercialization of our parks and natural lands.

While I am not opposed to the parks generating some revenue, within reason, I think any money collected in Kokee/Waimea should be used to maintain and preserve the rare ecosystems and watershed lands within park boundaries.

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**Mahalo for considering my testimony.**

Sincerely,  
**Joan Conrow**  
**PO Box 525**  
**Anahola, HI 96703**

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From: annalia [mailto:annalia@hawaii.rr.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:02 AM  
To: WLHtestimony  
Subject: Testimony

March 18, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
c/o WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

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Very Sincerely,  
Annalia Russell, Ph.D.  
Kapa'a Hi. 96746

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In true Aloha, Annalia, Ph.D., D.D.

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**From:** John Tyler [mailto:mysticseaswimmer@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 7:53 AM  
**To:** WLHtestimony  
**Subject:** Support SB 2528, SD2

Please support SB2528 SD2.

As a Kaua'i resident, I strongly value Koke'e and its self funded maintenance.

John Cragg  
Kaua'i

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John Tyler  
toll free 866-530-4117  
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**From:** Andrew Pendleton [mailto:aloha@andrewpendleton.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 7:24 AM

**To:** WLHtestimony

**Subject:** Testimony Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

March 20, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources &  
Hawaiian Affairs  
c/o [WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

From: ANDREW PENDLETON, PRINCEVILLE

Re: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

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PLEASE INSERT 100% AS THE PERCENTAGE TO BE PLACED IN THE SUB-ACCOUNT AND MAKE THE EFFECTIVE DATE IMMEDIATE.

MAHALO FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO OUR BELOVED GARDEN ISLAND,

*Andrew Pendleton*  
*aloha@andrewpendleton.com*  
*808.346.7821*

-----Original Message-----

From: Beryl Blaich [mailto:blaich@aloha.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 6:57 AM  
To: WLHtestimony  
Subject: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

To:

Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

From: Beryl Blaich  
PO Box 14334  
Kilauea, HI 96754

RE: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2  
March 18, 2008

Dear Chairman Ito and Vice Chair Karamatsu,

I support establishing a sub account for the purpose of directing any funds collected at Kokee and Waimea State Parks for use in the repair, maintenance and operation of these parks. This fund should stipulate that 100% of funding generated should go into those parks.

While I understand that the DLNR needs funds for repairs etc. to most of our parks, I question the policy (new and not examined) of commercialization of the big draw parks to fund the whole park system. It will be too easy for a "premier park" such as Kokee to become a Disneyland rather than a natural discovery experience.

Thank you.  
Beryl Blaich



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**From:** Carmela DeMarco [mailto:[carmelademarco@hotmail.com](mailto:carmelademarco@hotmail.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 6:43 AM

**To:** WLHtestimony

**Subject:** Testimony in support of S.B. 2528, SD2

Future funding of state parks should not be dependent on promoting commercial development within the parks. Please support S.B. 2528, SD2, and insert 100% effective immediately.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your kokua.

Carmela DeMarco

P.O. Box 276

Koloa, HI 96756

808-652-5062

[carmelademarco@hotmail.com](mailto:carmelademarco@hotmail.com)

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**From:** c. diamond [mailto:kaimanacd22@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** WLHtestimony  
**Subject:** support for SB2528 SD2

March 18, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
c/o [WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

From: Caren Diamond  
P.O. Box 536  
Hanalei, Hi. 96714

Re: Support of S.B. 2528, SD2

Aloha, Few places on earth are as special as Kokee. My young niece exclaimed she could touch God in the swirling mist. Please **support S.B. 2528, SD2** establishing a sub-account for the purpose of directing that funds collected at Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks be used for the purpose of repair, maintenance and operation of these parks.

**Please do not commercialize our natural resources here.**

Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks are fragile ecosystems, it is inappropriate to promote commercial activities within the parks; these are our last remaining protected natural areas and should remain natural, pristine and non commercial. This will keep the funds generated here available for the needed maintenance and improvements

**PLEASE INSERT 100% AS THE PERCENTAGE TO BE PLACED IN THE SUB-ACCOUNT AND MAKE THE EFFECTIVE DATE IMMEDIATE.**

Mahalo for your support, Caren Diamond

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To: WLHtestimony  
Subject: Support SB 2528

March 18, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
c/o WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

From: Noreen Dougherty

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Future funding of state park operations should not be dependent upon promoting commercial activities within the parks; these are our last remaining protected natural areas and should remain our gift to our children's children.

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**From:** Everett Hulum [mailto:everett@hulum.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 4:37 AM

**To:** WLHtestimony

**Subject:** Koke'e Park Testimony

March 18, 2008

To: Representative Ken Ito, Chair  
Representative Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
c/o [WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)

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It is most discouraging to those of us who live on Kauai and respect the integrity and beauty of Koke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks that we have to continue to fight with those who place so little value on the land, its heritage, its natural beauty, its ongoing contribution to the physical and emotional well-being of Kauai residents and visitors.

These two gorgeous and historic state parks contain, as the Sierra Club and others point out, "unique native ecosystems, trails and historic-cultural qualities that are in danger of being compromised by commercialization and overuse."

If you visit the parks, you will find the roads pot-holed and the facilities poorly maintained. You will also find unparalleled scenery and opportunities for the sort of quiet peace that is so precious in our hectic, harried lives. You will find opportunities for physical exercise as well as opportunities to stand in awe at the amazing vistas that spread before you.

So we plead with you: help us maintain this. Help us improve these opportunities, for residents and for visitors. But help in a way that maintains the integrity and primitive beauty of the land, that respects the gentleness and wildness of the environment: that doesn't turn these parks into Disneyland Hawaii.

Future funding of state park operations should not be dependent upon promoting commercial activities within the parks; commercial activities should be minimized and placed within a proper context. These aren't places for selling souvenirs and shave ice; these are our last remaining protected natural areas and should remain unviolated, our gift to our children's children.

**PLEASE INSERT 100% AS THE PERCENTAGE TO BE PLACED IN THE SUB-ACCOUNT THAT MAINTAINS THESE PARKS AND MAKE THE EFFECTIVE DATE IMMEDIATE.**

Thank you,

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From: Genara Buza Campos  
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**To: Honorable Chair Ito and Committee on Water, Land,  
Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs  
March 19, 2008, 9:00a.m.**

Date: March 17, 2008

Subject: **SB 2528, SD2**

Aloha Honorable State Leaders,

The position of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is that 100% of the proceeds collected from the various fees collected at the Kokee and Waimea Canyon state parks induces the need as well as greed syndrome. The competition for limited resources in the Departments' case, revenues and use of funds, and the Department's needing the funds from the few parks which generate revenue to support other operations statewide, derives from a 12<sup>th</sup> century expression, "to take money from one thing and use it for another." Kokee and Waimea Canyon parks are ceded lands that has no funding, has been neglected, is in poor condition, and is in need of restoration. It is wrong for the State to take all of the money and leave nothing.

Hawaiians reserve the right to proffer and to rise to the highest ideals and accountability in order to preserve their lands. The opinion that the DLNR uses regarding restricting funds will impact maintenance on other parks is one that places the unjust burden on Hawaiians for the State's past mistakes and shortfalls of their operation of lands and natural resources. Hawaiians are not responsible for paying for other's faults nor are they responsible for paying amounts due to OHA from proceeds collected from their own lands.

**I support establishing a sub-account under state parks special fund into which 75% of the proceeds collected from the various fees collected at the Kokee state park and Waimea canyon state parks. I propose a new language to articulate, with no amounts due to OHA, and the percentage above increases as revenues increase, will be deposited and used to cover the cost of repair, maintenance, and operation at the Kokee state park and Waimea canyon state park.**

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**From:** Margery H. Freeman [mailto:freeman@aloha.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 1:26 PM

**To:** WLHtestimony

**Subject:** SB 2528, SD2 - in support with amendment

Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Room 312 3/19 at 9:00am

S.B. 2528, SD2

SB 2528 is an important bill and should be passed with a change. All money received from Kokee and Waimea Canyon Parks should remain on Kauai and be used for the upkeep of these parks. DLNR wants to only keep part of the money on Kauai which will tempt them to try to collect more and more money. The people of Kauai are pleased to keep the parks with little development and little or no fees. However there should be major upkeep of park trails and museum which are in serious need of repairs. Commercialization of the parks is not in the people's or the park's best interests.

Please vote for SB 2528, SD2 with the change of keeping 100% of all revenues on Kauai.

Sincerely,

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Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks are fragile and contain unique native ecosystems, trails and historic-cultural qualities that are in danger of being compromised by commercialization and overuse. As a hula practitioner, I can attest to the state of the trails, having walked them for several decades to gather maile and mokihana to make lei. With the exception of the Discovery Center, these parks have not been adequately maintained throughout the years and are in need of basic repair and maintenance. The parks' trails, facilities and infrastructure are in need quality restoration and ongoing maintenance and the parks' natural attributes need exceptional and vigilant protection.

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Mahalo!  
Lauryn Po'aiaka'ohu Galindo

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From: Claire Mortimer, Kauai resident

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Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

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Rep. Ken Ito, Chair  
Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Vice Chair  
R.E. SB2528 SD2 SSCR2835  
Relating To State Parks On Kaua`i

Aloha kakou and mahalo nui for accepting my testimony.

I am writing in favor of this bill to keep funds collected in Koke`e and Waimea State Parks in the fund for upkeep and repair of those parks.

Over the years I know you have received much testimony favoring keeping Koke`e and Waimea Parks as close to their present form as possible. I have written some and certainly have expressed this sentiment orally to many, many people, both to Legislators and to members of the public. I have been trying to figure out what is the common thread, what is the most basic reason why keeping the parks in their present form and using collected funds for maintenance makes sense.

I have come to the realization that what people love about Koke`e is that it is different. Simply that it is different. It presents a different environment from that which we live in every day on Kaua`i. It is cool in temperature, and sometimes even cold. Much cooler than even where we live which is Wailua Homesteads. It is quiet, much quieter than any town and most neighborhoods. It is very green and presents an opportunity for resting and healing the eyes and brain by taking some much needed time off computers and televisions. Cell phones do not work up there. An opportunity to unplug for a few days. No deadlines. There is minimal traffic. There are virtually no stores, no lines and no shopping decisions. A visit to Koke`e offers an opportunity to live a simpler life for a few days and a way to be better prepared to handle what the rest of the world presents to us. Go to Koke`e, talk a walk, take a few deep breathes, watch a few birds, maybe see a goat, build a fire and feel a sense of renewal of the body, mind and spirit. It is different and I hope it can stay that way.

I am speaking from personal experience. I recently was presented with a health challenge and, after proper care, was very fortunate to spend five days at a friends cabin. This rest and relaxation helped with my recovery. We took tiny walks, had a dinner with friends, fed the chickens, read a little and sat by the fire. It was different and what my spirit needed.

Please keep the funds in the Parks, the jewel of our Islands.

Sincerely,  
Robert Zelkovsky, DC