



**Mālama Kaua'i**  
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RE: SB SB2528- RELATING TO STATE PARKS ON KAUA'I

To: Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs Committee

From: Malama Kaua'i

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2008

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 312  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**Testimony to support SB2528**

Dear Honorable House Members,

I am writing to state Malama Kaua'i's support for Senate Bill 2528. Malama Kaua'i is a Kaua'i non-profit working to raise awareness on the importance of sustainability, to assist in implementing sustainable practices and support sustainable projects beneficial to the community.

Kaua'i residents and visitors from around the world treasure Koke'e's invaluable environmental, historical and cultural resources. Do not allow the DLNR to commercialize Koke'e in order to grow their budget. Hold yourselves accountable to the people of Kaua'i, as we have clearly expressed our strong desire to preserve and protect sacred Koke'e.

With respect,

Andrea Brower  
Malama Kaua'i  
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**From:** Stephanie Frazier [mailto:[sfrazier@hawaiiink.net](mailto:sfrazier@hawaiiink.net)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 6:23 PM  
**To:** WLHtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony

Re SB 2528, SD2, Please use the funds to protect the Kokee park. It is too precious a resource not to do so. Mahalo.

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

From: Janet Ashkenazy [mailto:sweet.thang38@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 6:18 PM  
To: WLHtestimony  
Subject: Support of SB2528 SD2

Attention: Representative Ken Ito, Chair,  
Representative Jon Kiki Karamatsu, Vice Chair,  
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian  
Affairs.

I strongly support SB2528 because it is most necessary that 100% of all funds collected at Kokee and Waimea State Parks be placed into a subaccount for exclusive use to cover repairs and to maintain costs of upkeep in Kokee and Waimea State Parks. 100% of all collected funds for Kokee and Waimea State Parks must be reinserted into this bill effective IMMEDIATELY as the amount required to remain in Kokee and Waimea State Parks NOW!

Kokee and Waimea State Parks require maintenance and repair funds IMMEDIATELY! THESE PARKS MUST NOT BE USED AS "CASH COWS" TO GENERATE REVENUES FOR THE DLNR.

Kokee State Park is a singular pristine gem on our planet. It is truly a masterpiece of nature. It must not be turned into a tawdry commercial development which would ruin it forever just for the sake of generating money. (Any commercial development would be : "tawdry" compared to its current pristine wonders with the many fragile environmental characteristics which would be condemned to ruin otherwise.) There are some places in this world which should never be touched for such obscene purposes. As naturalist Dave Boynton simply commented at a public hearing on Kokee last year, "If it's not broken, don't fix it."

Let us leave the fragile and delicately beautiful Kokee in its pristine and awe inspiring state for generations to come as native Hawaiians have done for millenia. Kokee is a spiritual place for the Hawaiian people and for all people who come to appreciate its God-made wonders. To plunder it for DLNR revenues is an abominable sin.

Sincerely, Janet Ashkenazy

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

From: Joel McDonald [mailto:infinity@communitymail.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:10 PM  
To: WLHtestimony  
Subject: SB 2528, 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  
<WLHtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov?subject=Testimony>

From: Joel McDonald

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.

BUT ... I support that ALL of the funds collected are to be placed in the sub-account and used only for Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks.

AND ... I support the effective date being immediate.

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.

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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"The true value of a human being is determined primarily by the measure and the sense in which he has attained liberation from the self."

Einstein

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**From:** Cindy Campbell [mailto:kauaicin@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:15 PM

**To:** WLHtestimony

**Subject:** Testimony

Kauai is unique-----her beauty and nourishment is sustained through perseverance and committment to to raw nature.....she is the only Kauai there is and will ever be. Save her, her foliage, her beauty, her stories.....her life. Grwoth is essential for all life, but it's purpose is not to destroy others'. Please.....open your eyes and see the truth.

Aloha~

Cindy

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**From:** St. Smith [mailto:sarahkauai@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** WLHtestimony  
**Subject:** sb 2528, SD2

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: Sarah Smith, Princeville, HI

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

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

From: Rocky Riedel [mailto:rocky@bamboohut.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 7:59 AM  
To: WLHtestimony  
Subject: 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?subject=Testimony>

From: Patricia Riedel  
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Anahola, Kauai, HI 96703

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Thank you,  
Patricia Riedel

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**From:** Noreen Flynn [mailto:norrik@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008 8:44 AM  
**To:** WLHtestimony  
**Subject:** Support of S.B. 2528,SD2

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Mahalo, Noreen flynn Kauai