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Subject: Support of S.B.2528,SD2

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, let this testimony be submitted in support of S.B.2528,SD2 which establishes a sub account for the purpose of directing funds collected at Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Parks.

Please allow the funds to be used for the purpose of repair, maintenance, and operation of these parks.

Kokee 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.

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. There is a strong incentive for the DLNR to use state parks to generate funds for their operations and Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Parks have been identified

as the premier (revenue generation center) for the DLNR.

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

I emphasize "MAKE THE EFFECTIVE DATE IMMEDIATE"

I am a Kumu Hula, and Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner. I frequent Kokee every month as a steward to our Halau cabin. I implore you to hear my testimony in support of S.B. 2528,SD2.

Mahalo a nui loa, Me Ke Aloha Pumehana

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