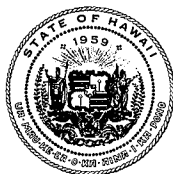


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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March 13, 2008

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The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Russell Kokubun, Vice Chair &
Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

RE: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT—GM 487** Confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, LORI LEIMAMO BUCHANAN

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Kokubun & Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM 487 which gives consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Lori Leimamo Buchanan.

I strongly support the confirmation of Ms. Buchanan to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission because she has the experience and knowledge of our land use laws. She served as the Chair of the Moloka'i Planning Commission and dealt with many difficult and controversial issues.

In her current capacity, Ms. Buchanan has experience and the passion to conquer the war on invasive species. She knows the importance of preserving Hawaii's important agricultural lands as well as protecting our natural resources and pristine environment.

An excellent researcher and diligent worker, Ms. Buchanan has a proven record for building consensus and has demonstrated extraordinary leadership. Her commitment and dedication to the community has afforded her the opportunity to make a difference tremendously in many people's lives.

It takes a special kind of person to sacrifice their time and talent in serving their community with the utmost integrity. Lori Buchanan is this person and I know that should she have the opportunity to serve on this commission, she would be an asset to us all.

Please support GM 487 which confirms Ms. Lori Leimamo Buchanan to serve as a commissioner on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

MELE CARROLL
House District 13
State House Representative

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From: Karen Tilley [forkarentilley@hotmail.com]
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. Pervse our natural places.

Thank you.

Karen Tilley
Jay Dorrance
Elia Tilley-Pahad

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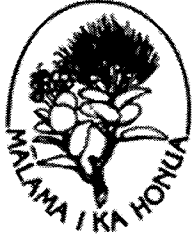
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From: patricia blair [cris6369@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:46 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2873. WTL,3/14/08 at 2:45PM, Conf.Room 414

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.

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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
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2873. WTL, 3/14/08 at 2:45pm, Conf. Room 414

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]
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 8:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2873. WTL, 3/14/08 at 2:45pm, Conf. Room 414

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
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To: testimony
Subject: Support of H.B. 2873

Attachments: Kokee testimony



Kokee testimony
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March 13, 2008

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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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From: Andy Parx [andyparx@yahoo.com]
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Please do not commercialize Koke`e.

Thank you,

Andy Parks, Kaua`i

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