

TESTIMONY
GM 393/394

Senator Clayton Hee
Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
Members, Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Confirmation to the Kokee State Park Advisory Council for Ivan Nitta
GM 393 and GM 394

Chairperson Hee, members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, I respectfully submit the following information to assist you in my confirmation process.

Kokee State Park is a very special place for me. Being nominated to the Kokee State Park Advisory Council will enable me to share this good experience. I have fond memories of hunting, fishing, and hiking in Kokee State Park. Picking plums, lilikoi, guava, maile, mokihana, and fern shoots are some of the other activities I enjoyed with family and friends. But, can Kokee sustain continued activities like this with increased use of the park? Yes, it can and I think the Advisory Council will play a part in this. As a member of the Kokee State Park Advisory Council I will use my past experiences at Kokee and try to enhance the Kokee State Park experience for people to enjoy and tell their friends and want to come back.

As a member of the first Kokee State Park Advisory Council I will do my best to make Kokee State Park the best in the state and a park that we can all be proud of.

I ask for you to support my nomination to the Kokee State Park Advisory Council.
Thank You. Ivan Nitta

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Testimony of
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Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Monday, February 16, 2009
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES 393 AND 394
"IVAN I. NITTA" GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE
KŌKE'E STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

It is with pleasure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) recommends Senate confirmation of the appointment of Ivan I. Nitta to the Kōke'e State Park Advisory Council.

Mr. Nitta was born and raised in Kekaha and spent a lot of time hunting in Kōke'e and Waimea Canyon, fishing at Pu'u Lua Reservoir, and hiking the trails throughout the park. From 1968 to 1978, he was a power plant operator and involved in facilities maintenance for the NASA Tracking Station, located in Kōke'e State Park. From 1967 to 1973, as a guardsman with the Air National Guard, he also operated the back up power plant at Kōke'e Air Force Station.

For more than sixty years, Mr. Nitta's family has had a recreation residence in Pu'u ka Pele and he recalls the many changes he has seen within the park community as well as the impacts to the natural resources. Environmentally sensitive, he is committed to preservation of the resources and the local lifestyle that he so cherishes.

With these qualities and his personal knowledge of the lands within Kōke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks, the Department is confident that Mr. Nitta will make significant contributions as a member of the advisory council that will serve the best interests of the people of Hawai'i. The Department supports his appointment for a one-year term as well as his reappointment for another three-year term and request that his nomination be confirmed.

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**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009**

February 16, 2009
11:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GM 393 and 394, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
IVAN I. NITTA.**

**TO THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:**

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Ivan I. Nitta to the Kokee State Park Advisory Council (Council).

The Council was established to provide input into the Kokee State Park (Park) Master Plan, assist in the management of the recreational cabin leases in the Park, enhance awareness of the Park, and participate in the protection and preservation of the Park's natural and cultural resources.

Mr. Nitta has been nominated for terms to expire on June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2010. As a well-known member of the community with knowledge of the cultural and natural resources of the Park, Mr. Nitta will be an asset to the Council in its present and future deliberations regarding protection of this Kaua'i treasure.

We ask you to confirm his nomination, and thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

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