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Comments:

Please present to full committee.

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Kaena Point Camping

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jarett Kaleo Lum. I am a Hawaiian Studies student and expert attending the University of Hawai'i at Hilo I am in opposition to the legalizing of camping at Ka'ena Point State Park. I feel that the Ka'ena Point area is of significant importance traditionally and in modern times. Ka'ena Point is home to many wildlife species, many native plants, many beautiful beaches, and many cultural sites. It is a place where the spirits of the Hawaiian people used to (and still do) drift. It is an important place for wildlife. Some examples of wildlife that can be found there are: the Hawaiian Monk Seal, ohai, Lysan Albatross, Honu (Hawaiian Green Sea Trutle), Pohuehue (Hawaiian Morning Glory), and other costal dwelling plants. The Lysan Albrotross doesn't nest any where else on the island of O'ahu. I do realize that the area being proposed is not within Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve. But, I also understand and recognize that Ka'ena Point State Park helps support Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve. This means that camping should not be allowed in Ka'ena Point State Park. If camping is allowed, trash could possibly become a huge problem due to careless and thoughtless individuals who may leave their trash around, plant and wildlife may be severely affected due to careless individuals harassing them or stepping on them (this could also have severe effects on the wildlife in Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve), I also fear that four wheel drive vehicles may start coming into the park again which will further damage the natural beauty and wildlife of the Ka'ena Point area. Lastly, Ka'ena Natural Area Reserve's closeness to Ka'ena Point State Park is of serious concern to me. If camping is allowed at Ka'ena Point State Park, this would make it hard to enforce the stricter laws of Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve. This fact could have detrimental effects on the wild life that call Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve home. And, again, to reiterate my central point, it is crucial that we think of the beauty, wildlife, and cultural significance of the Ka'ena Point area and the ramifications of allowing camping will have on it. I respectfully ask you to not approve this measure and to vote no on the day this committee meets.

Aloha,
Jarett Kaleo Lum
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