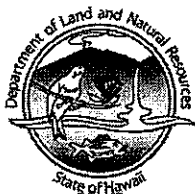


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**Testimony of  
LAURA H. THIELEN  
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**Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, April 07, 2010  
2:00 PM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 182 -  
URGING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
TO OFFER LEASES OF PUBLIC LAND LOCATED IN  
KOKE'E STATE PARK THROUGH A PUBLIC LOTTERY SYSTEM**

House Concurrent Resolution 182 urges the Board of Land and Natural Resources to offer recreation-residence use leases in Koke'e State Park through a public lottery system. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is not able to comply with this concurrent resolution as it requests the Department to take action that is contrary to Act 223, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, which required recreation-residence use leases in locations at state parks or state forest reserves in counties with a population of than 100,000, which includes Koke'e State Park, to be offered through a public auction.

## TESTIMONY FOR HCR 182

From: Erik Coopersmith

Organization & Title: Koke'e State Park Advisory Council, Member

To: House Finance Committee

Date & Time of Hearing: Wednesday April 7, 2010, 2:00pm, Conf. Room 308

Measure Number: HCR 182

This testimony is submitted in support of Resolution HCR 182 which urges the DLNR to offer leases of public lands located in Kokee State Park through a public LOTTERY system. Some of these public lands in Kokee & Waimea Canyon State Parks already have vacant recreation-residence cabins on them, and others are vacant lots that may be buildable with new small cabins.

These lots and cabins were always intended for people of modest means. At auction, the leases will only go to those people with the greatest financial means. Therefore, I strongly feel that a lottery would offer the public the fairest opportunity to obtain a cabin lease and to dispose of these public lands and properties.

I'd like to thank the Kauai Representatives Sagum, Morita and Tokioka for sponsoring this Resolution, in support of Kauai's people and appropriate local access to Koke'e State Park.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

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**Comments:**

Aloha,

thank you for considering HCR 182 .I Support this bill as is with no ammendments. All members of the KOKEE ADVISORY COUNCIL support this bill and humbly ask for it to be passed as is. Preservation of our Aina and protection of our natural resources now so we can teach the future generation how to better manage these lands for tomarrow! Mahalo! Canen Hookano  
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