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Testimony for WLO 3/19/2010 10:35:00 AM HCR292

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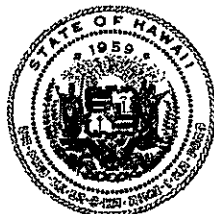
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**Measure Number: HCR 292 – REQUESTING A REPORT AND SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE MAUNA KEA
STATE RECREATION AREA AND THE HAPUNA BEACH STATE
RECREATION AREA TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII**

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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES**

**Friday, March 19, 2010
10:35 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 292
REQUESTING A REPORT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE MAUNA KEA STATE RECREATION
AREA AND THE HAPUNA BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA
TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII**

House Concurrent Resolution 292 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and the County of Hawaii (County) cooperate on the transfer of Mauna Kea State Recreation Area and Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area from the State to the County and provide a report to the Legislature prior to the 2011 session.

The Department believes this issue has merit and should be explored further. The Department will discuss this topic with the County, and will inform the Legislature of the status of these discussions prior to the 2011 session. However, due to staffing limitations, production of a formal report to the Legislature and a resource management plan as outlined in this measure would likely not be achievable.

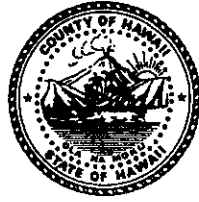
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Aloha,

Attached please find testimony from Mayor Billy Kenoi on HCR 292, which is scheduled for hearing on Friday, March 19 at 10:35 a.m. in Conference Room 325.

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



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March 19, 2010

Honorable Ken Ito, Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Water,
Land and Ocean Resources
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 325, 10:35 a.m.
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**RE: H.C.R. 292 REQUESTING A REPORT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR
THE TRANSFER OF THE MAUNA KEA STATE RECREATION AREA AND THE
HAPUNA BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII**

Aloha, Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to strongly support H.C.R. 292, which will facilitate the transfer of the Mauna Kea State Recreation Area and the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area to the County of Hawai'i.

The Mauna Kea and Hapuna Recreational Areas have the potential to be public treasures, places that can be accessed and enjoyed by far more people than visit those sites today. With the proper public investment, these are places that can offer unparalleled recreational experiences.

The County of Hawai'i has met with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and we are willing to work with the State to take over the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Mauna Kea State Recreational Area and the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area, without the transfer of any state personnel and equipment. The transfer of these facilities to the County will allow the Department to use its limited resources on other parks and state facilities.

The challenging economic climate today requires that we work together to adjust State and County responsibilities to optimize the deployment of our limited resources to improve the operation and maintenance of park and recreational facilities.

Honorable Ken Ito
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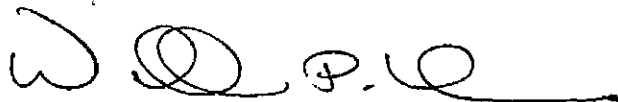
Park maintenance and operations are core County services, and the County maintains other parks in South Kohala near Hapuna including Spencer Beach Park and the County parks at Waikoloa. The County is in an excellent position to take advantage of economies of scale to minimize its maintenance and personnel costs.

I believe this proposal will achieve greater government efficiency and taxpayer savings, and will also result in greater utilization of these areas by larger numbers of people. This is a smart way to realign State and County responsibilities while enhancing the outdoor experience of people who visit these two important public recreational facilities.

This Concurrent Resolution was offered at the request of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We strongly urge you adopt H.C.R. 292.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. P. Kenoi', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR