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Representatives:

I strongly oppose HB1824 Abolishing the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council. This citizens' council needs to remain intact to advise the DLNR on issues relating to Koke'e and to prevent the overdevelopment and commercialization of this very special place. This group is doing very important work to make sure the Koke'e Master Plan protects Koke'e and needs to continue doing so.

Sincerely,

Allison Jacobson

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fern Rosenstiel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Not everything is about quick collection of profits. With the development of something as important as a master plan for Koke'e we need collaborative community input and lets work on improving the advisory group, not getting rid of it. Mahalo!

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January 31, 2014

**TESTIMONY OF GARY L. HOOSER  
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON  
HB 1824, RELATING TO KOKE'E STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Committee on Water & Land  
Monday, February 3, 2014  
9:15 a.m.  
Conference Room 325**

Dear Chair Evans and Committee Members:

I would like to submit this testimony in **OPPOSITION** of HB 1824, relating to the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as Chair of the Economic Development (Sustainability / Agriculture / Food / Energy) & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Councilmember of the Kauai County Council. I am also a non-voting member of the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council.

HB 1824 seeks to dismiss the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council for "failing to carry out its responsibilities," and states that it is "unclear what, if anything, the advisory council has actually accomplished with regard to revising or implementing the Koke'e State Park Master Plan."

I would like to inform the Committee that the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council has in fact invested countless hours in working on the Koke'e Master Plan, advising the Department of Land and Natural Resources and offering valuable community input. This work should not be rushed and is vitally important to provide for proper future management and protection of the resource.

The Koke'e State Park Advisory Council is not only responsible for advising on the master plan, but also advises on many other Koke'e related issues including the management of the Koke'e recreation cabin leases, enhancement of community education and cultural awareness of the park, and participating in the overall protection and preservation of the park's natural and cultural resources.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request the Committee to defer this measure indefinitely. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit my testimony.

Sincerely,

**GARY L. HOOSER**  
Councilmember, Kauai County Council

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Margaret Maupin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Jessica Mitchell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This group is doing very important work to make sure the Kokee Master Plan protects Kokee.

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**Testimony of**  
**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
**Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on**  
**WATER & LAND**

**Monday, February 03, 2014**  
**9:15 AM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of**  
**HOUSE BILL 1824**  
**RELATING TO KOKE'E STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL**

House Bill 1824 proposes to abolish the Kōke'e State Park Advisory Council that was established by Act 223, 2008 Session Laws of Hawai'i. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure.**

The appropriation to initiate a Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Kōke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks was funded under Act 259, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001. The Kōke'e State Park Advisory Council (KSPAC) was established in 2008 to review and assist the State in revising and updating the Master Plan; advise and assist in the management of the recreational cabin leases; enhance community education and cultural awareness of Kōke'e State Park; participate in the protection and preservation of the parks' natural and cultural resources; and advise and assist in the implementation of the Master Plan.

To date, numerous meetings of the KSPAC were conducted and administered by the Department's Division of State Parks staff, who then initiated repeated and numerous revisions of the Master Plan on behalf of KSPAC. The extended planning process has not resulted in achieving a final Master Plan and EIS to present to the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) and has delayed needed park improvements. Further, the Department estimates that an approximate \$300,000 per year in potential entry fees from commercial tour buses and out-of-state visitors has been lost. The Division of State Parks is prepared to now finalize the Master Plan and present it to the Board for approval in 2014.

While the Department extends its gratitude to the members of the KSPAC who served and demonstrated their passion for Kōkeʻe and Waimea Canyon State Parks, the Department strongly supports this measure.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose. Don't shut out residents from decision making of Koke'e!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Miriam Bouret	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please do not remove our Kokee Advisory Board. Kokee must be protected.

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sherrian witt	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Faye H. Reese Brenner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe Koke's State Park Advisory Council is doing a great job in protecting the treasure we have in Koke State Park. Please do not abolish this beneficial advisory council.

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February 1, 2014

TESTIMONY in OPPOSITION of HB 1824 Relating to Koke`e State Park Advisory Council

TO: Committee on Water and Land - Chair: Rep. Cindy Evans & Vice-Chair: Rep. Nicole E. Lowen  
WAL Members:  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen                      Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say  
Rep. Faye P. Hanohano              Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto  
Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami        Rep. Richard Lee Fale  
Rep. Chris Lee                         Rep. Cynthia Thielen

Aloha mai kakou,

My name is Kehaulani Kekua and I am a native Hawaiian born and raised on Kaua`i Island. I am also the kumu hula o Halau Palaihiwa O Kaipuwai - the oldest continuing tradition of hula on Kaua`i. I am writing to provide testimony in OPPOSITION of HB 1824 that is proposing to abolish the Koke`e State Park Advisory Council.

Koke`e is a priceless gem that has provided a mountain haven and respite for countless generations of Kaua`i's families. For myself, my family and my haumana or students of our halau, Koke`e has also provided us access to that sacred realm of the wao nahele and wao akua that is so crucial to the continuation of our cultural practices and lifestyle of ha`a and hula traditions. It is one of the last accessible places on our island where we can still see and gather kinolau - native Hawaiian plants that are considered as sacred and important by traditional disciples associated with the guilds of ha`a, hula, la`au lapa`au, lomilomi, hana no`eau Hawai`i, lua and more. Our halau maintains the tradition of the kuahu or hula shrine that recognizes the Native Hawaiian forest and its mountain regions as the greater kuahu. Additionally, we maintain a kuahu for the halau of which palapalai, maile, halapepe, `ie`ie, `olapa, `ekaha, `ohi`a lehua, koa, pala`a, and mokihana are prescribed plants that are necessary to our cultural life-ways and beliefs. We also uphold ceremonies of connecting the `olapa or dancer to the kuahu and forest through protocols of the halau.

For many years, we have attended countless meetings and hearings to fight for protection of this mountain from commercial development that is pitched by the State as "improvements". We do not want any negative impacts to affect or jeopardize the pristine environment of our beloved Koke`e! The Koke`e State Park Advisory Council have been our collective voice and sounding board that has given selflessly to serve our community. The members that serve on this council are passionate and dedicated to protecting Koke`e and we trust in their excellent representation of our greater island community. Without them in place, advocating for Koke`e's best interests on our behalf, we know that the integrity of this special place will succumb to objectionable decisions to commercialize the park and the popular scenic lookouts of Waimea Canyon and Kalalau Valley. We implore you to hear our pleas to NOT ABOLISH this valuable body of volunteers who have given of their time, energy and dedicated efforts to protect Koke`e in its purest form possible. Please DO NOT SUPPORT HB 1824.

Me ka ha`aha`a,  
This is my humble request,

Kehaulani Kekua  
Kumu Hula, Halau Palaihiwa O Kaipuwai



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Madeline Guyett	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: January 31, 2014 House Committee on Water & Land Representative Cindy Evans, Chairperson Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chairperson Monday, February 3, 2014 9:15 am Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 325 Testimony OPPOSED to HB 1824, Relating to Koke'e State Park Advisory Council The Kokee Advisory Council (KAC) was initiated for the purpose of advising the DLNR on issues relating to Kokee and to prevent the over development and commercialization of Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Park. The KAC acts as a voice for the community and is doing very important work to make sure the master plan protects Kokee and Waimea Canyon and that these special areas remain a wilderness park for future generations. The KAC has been working closely with the DLNR Division of State Parks (DSP) to revise the Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Parks Master Plan since 2009. The KAC has solicited community input on the master plan through numerous public meetings at which staff from DSP have been present and has made revisions to the master plan based on the communities input. There are several revisions for which DSP and the KAC have been able agree on. The plan no longer includes: • a hotel or additional parking at Kanaloahuluhulu meadow • a store at the Waimea Canyon lookout • concessions at other lookouts • full-size buses beyond Waimea Canyon lookout • a parking lot at Porter's meadow • entry fees for residents The KAC was able to work with DSP to increase the budget for conservation and natural resources management and to come up with a solution for renovation or replacement of the buildings at the Kanaloahuluhulu meadow, including limited expansion of the lodge and museum buildings. There are items that KAC and DSP have agreed to disagree on such as the entry station as there is strong community opposition to the entry station. The council provides ongoing opportunities for the Kauai community to review DLNR proposals and provide counsel to the state as it makes decisions that affect the mountain wilderness into the future, most irreversible. During 2013, the KAC conducted quarterly meetings, all of which were well attended by the general public. These meetings were re-broadcast on public access television. The current Permitted Interaction Group, appointed to review master plan, has had numerous additional meetings, including meetings with the State Parks and the DLNR Planner. The council's next meeting is scheduled for March 29th and it is anticipated that the master plan will be finalized at this meeting. Many additional issues related to Kokee and Waimea State Parks will need to be addressed after finalization of the plan. I oppose this bill and feel that we need the KAC so the voices of the community is heard, both sides! I am a Kauai resident that frequently spends time in Kokee with my ohana, hula halau, and friends. It is my spiritual sanctuary, a place where we raised our son to appreciate the beauty and mountain lifestyle, a place for practicing Hawaiian culture and lei making, and a place to share with our visitors so they can be in awe of Ke

Akua's many gifts. Please keep the Kokee Advisory Council! Their job is not done! Mahalo for your consideration! Aloha Piha, Madeline Guyett

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joan Levy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To eliminate the Kokee Advisory Board leaves Kauai residents and environmental considerations out of the picture and gives all the power to corporate profit. That Aston is now owner of the lodge and cabins is just the beginning of the downfall of an important recreational public area turning into for profit business as usual. The only advantage to dismantling the Kokee advisory board is to allow for profit corporate business to take over our beautiful Kauai land treasure. Do NOT let this happen, please. Thank You, Joan Levy kapaa resident

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Makaala Kaaumoana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to the dissolution of the Koke'e Advisory Council because I believe this action is premature and may have implications and unintended consequences for the planning of Koke'e State Park. Please kill this bill for this session and solicit a report from the Kok'e Advisory Council when their work is pau. Makaala Kaaumoana, Kauai resident

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February 1, 2014

House Committee on Water & Land  
Representative Cindy Evans, Chairperson  
Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chairperson

Hearing date: Monday, February 3, 2014  
9:15 am Hawai'i State Capitol  
Conference Room 325

**Testimony OPPOSED to HB 1824, Relating to Koke'e State Park Advisory Council**

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony opposed to HB 1824.

The Koke'e State Park Advisory Council (KAC) was established to review and assist the State in revising and updating the Koke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks Master Plan, advise and assist in the management of the Koke'e recreation residence leases, enhance community education and cultural awareness of Koke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks, participate in the preservation and protection of the area's natural and cultural resources, and ***advise and assist in the implementation of the Master Plan recommendations***. It has been of great value in revising and updating the master plan consistent with community values, and will continue to provide great value in the implementation of the plan recommendations into the future.

I was an initial senate appointee to the council in 2009 and spent several years (prior to my appointment to the Board of Education) working with other council members to bring the concerns of the state to the community and vice versa. During this time, I served on two Permitted Interaction Groups charged with reviewing and reporting out the areas of the master plan that were inconsistent with clear, consistent concerns of the larger community. After leaving the council, I continued to work closely with the current Permitted Interaction Group (see below\*). I have personally spent hundreds of hours in reviewing the master plan, preparing reports and communicating with the state and the community.

I find that the language in this bill is transparently false. One reason stated for abolishing the council is that it has been ineffective and the second is that the council is to blame for the state losing \$300,000 in projected revenue by delaying the master plan. Both of these statements are simply untrue and reflect a lack of understanding and appreciation of the significant and extraordinarily effective work that the council has done on behalf of the Koke'e and Waimea Canyon state parks at virtually no cost to the state.

With respect to the latter, the council has been informed by the DLNR throughout its tenure that the DLNR has already approved charging admission for entry or parking at seven parks statewide and that no further approval was needed. The community on Kaua'i is, admittedly, strongly opposed to an entry station charging fees to enter Koke'e, but the apparent *reason the state has not implemented the entry station is simply that no tolls may be collected on DOT roads and the DLNR does not have jurisdiction of this DOT road to Koke'e. This has nothing whatsoever to do with the work of the council.*

The following history is offered to provide context and background for your consideration in this matter:

Ten years ago, the Kaua`i community was given notice that public meetings would be held to review several proposed master plan approaches for Waimea and Koke`e State Parks. The notice provided four options: status quo; remedial; conservation; and development. At the meeting the “status quo” option was taken off the table, though this option was the strong preference of the community. As a result, the community overwhelmingly chose the “remedial” approach.

Three years later, when the consultant and the DLNR sought an EIS for their plan, the community learned that the master plan included significant development: a hotel at the Kanaloahululu meadow, extending the parking lot at the meadow by not less than 72 parking spaces, multiple additional buildings at the meadow, widening the road to Kalalau to accommodate full-size buses, multiple built-out lookouts along the Waimea Canyon road, a store selling “souvenirs” at Waimea Canyon lookout (and concessions at other lookouts), an entry station at mile 7 that would collect entry fees from those travelling up the mountain, paving over Porter’s meadow to extend parking at a nearby lookout, zip-lines, virtually no funding for conservation, and other proposals focused on maximizing revenue generation.

In response, a large contingent of Kaua`i Living Treasures travelled up the mountain to speak—in pouring rain-- of the urgency of protecting the mountain from commercial development. Over a thousand showed up at a meeting held at the convention center to provide testimony regarding these proposals and the testimony was overwhelmingly opposed to the plan to develop the mountain. The state did not revise the plan in response to the tremendous community input.

In 2009, the Koke`e Advisory Council (KAC) was created by the legislature, its members appointed by the governor, senate and house. Ex-officio members include a representative from the Kaua`i County Council, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and DLNR DOFAW and DSP.

*The members of KAC are all volunteers and no funding or support was provided by the state to sustain the work of the council.* Nevertheless, the council has worked with the county, schools, and non-profit organizations (including National Tropical Botanical Gardens) to find meeting spaces. A KAC website was established and maintained by a community volunteer, the meetings are videotaped and archived by a community volunteer and broadcast on our public access television station, and hundreds of hours have been spent by council members in reviewing the master plan, reporting out findings based upon community input and council research.

When the council first began its work in 2009, the master plan was in constant revision by the state. Council members requested that they be provided a current copy of the master plan. A copy was eventually provided on a protected disk that could not be red-lined and the council was told that it could not be shared with the community.

Although the state relented on the last point, a Permitted Interaction Group, a committee of 3 members of the council charged with reviewing the then-current status of the master plan, had to report its findings in a multiple page document that was footnoted and cross-referenced as the council’s proposed changes could not be red-lined. This resulted in delays and additional meetings. Finally, over a year later, the state allowed the council to use a copy of the master plan that could be red-lined and the work began again, requiring that

another \*Permitted Interaction Group of the council be appointed to start over. These delays were caused by the state, not by the council.

The current master plan is significantly improved as a result of the hard work that the council has done. The plan does *not* include a hotel or additional parking at Kanaloahuluhulu meadow, a store at the Waimea Canyon lookout, concessions at other lookouts, full-size buses beyond Waimea Canyon lookout, a parking lot at Porter's meadow, or entry fees for residents. The council worked diligently with the state on a solution for renovation or replacement of the buildings at the meadow, including limited expansion of the lodge and museum buildings. The plan does not now include plans for zip-lines through the forests and does have a budget for conservation work on the mountain.

The council provides ongoing opportunities for the Kaua'i community to review DLNR proposals and provide counsel to the state as it makes decisions that affect the mountain into the future, most irreversible. During 2013, the KAC conducted quarterly meetings, all of which were well attended by the general public. These meetings were re-broadcast on public access television. The current Permitted Interaction Group, appointed to review and red-line the master plan, has had numerous additional meetings, including meetings with the State Parks and the DLNR planner. The council's next meeting is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> and it is anticipated that the master plan will be finalized at this meeting. Many additional issues related to Koke'e and Waimea State Parks will now be able to be addressed.

The collaborative work of the KAC on behalf of the Koke'e and Waimea Canyon state parks has resulted in a stronger master plan, one that respects the mountain and the community. The state has benefitted by the expertise brought to the table by its committed community volunteers, who have provided hundreds of hours of volunteer time in the effort to work toward a shared solution to sustain our cherished parks.

After hundreds of hours of work, the KAC is in a position to look forward, working with the state to implement the master plan in the coming years.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to table this bill

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 1824.

NANCY J. BUDD  
Attorney at Law  
Former member of the Koke'e State Parks Advisory Council



**To: House Committee on Water and Land  
Rep. Cindy Evans, Chairperson  
Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chairperson**

**Subject: Testimony OPPOSED to HB1824, Relating to Kokee State Park Advisory Council**

Dear Ms. Evans,

I am an ex-officio member of the Kokee Advisory Council serving on behalf of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). I am providing testimony as a citizen of Kauai and am not speaking on behalf of the USFWS.

The Kokee Advisory Council (KAC) was initiated for the purpose of advising the DLNR on issues relating to Kokee and to prevent the over development and commercialization of Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Park. The KAC acts as a voice for the community and is doing very important work to make sure the master plan protects Kokee and Waimea Canyon and that these special areas remain a wilderness park for future generations. The KAC has been working closely with the DLNR Division of State Parks (DSP) to revise the Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Parks Master Plan since 2009. The KAC has solicited community input on the master plan through numerous public meetings at which staff from DSP have been present and has made revisions to the master plan based on the communities input. There are several revisions for which DSP and the KAC have been able agree on. The plan no longer includes:

- a hotel or additional parking at Kanaloahuluhulu meadow
- a store at the Waimea Canyon lookout
- concessions at other lookouts
- full-size buses beyond Waimea Canyon lookout
- a parking lot at Porter's meadow
- entry fees for residents

The KAC was able to work with DSP to increase the budget for conservation and natural resources management and to come up with a solution for renovation or replacement of the buildings at the Kanaloahuluhulu meadow, including limited expansion of the lodge and museum buildings. There are items that KAC and DSP have agreed to disagree on such as the entry station as there is strong community opposition to the entry station. The council provides ongoing opportunities for the Kauai community to review DLNR proposals and provide counsel to the state as it makes decisions that affect the mountain wilderness into the future, most irreversible. During 2013, the KAC conducted quarterly meetings, all of which were well attended by the general public. These meetings were re-broadcast on public access television. The current Permitted Interaction Group, appointed to review master plan, has had numerous additional meetings, including meetings with the State Parks and the DLNR Planner. The council's next meeting is scheduled for March 29th and it is anticipated that the master plan will be finalized at this meeting. Many additional issues related to Kokee and Waimea State Parks will need to be addressed after finalization of the plan.



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**Testimony of:** Chipper Wichman, Kaua'i resident and KSPAC Member

**Opposing HB 1824** - RELATING TO KOKE'E STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

**House Committee on Water & Land**

Representative Cindy Evans, Chairperson

Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chairperson

Monday, February 3, 2014

9:15 am Hawai'i State Capitol

Conference Room 325

Dear Chairperson Evans and Committee members,

**I am testifying today in strong opposition to HB 1824.** I will not be able to testify in person due to speaking engagements on the mainland so I hope that you will take the time to seriously consider my written testimony.

First off, as a resident of Kaua'i that cares deeply about protecting our 'āina and perpetuating our cultural and natural resources, and as someone who has served on the Kōke'e State Park Advisory Council (KSPAC) since its inception (appointed in 2008 and reappointed in 2013), I take strong exception to the language used in HB 1824 and find it to be false and misleading.

Particularly offensive is the section that reads: "*...it is unclear what, if anything, the advisory council has actually accomplished with regard to revising or implementing the Koke'e state park master plan ...*" and the second statement: "*The State has lost potentially \$300,000 in annual revenues from user fees because the master plan has not been adopted and implemented*".

I have no idea how anyone that is knowledgeable about the Council could imply that the Council has not accomplished "anything" related to revising the Master Plan. I ask this Committee to call upon State Parks Administrator Dan Quinn to validate that in fact the Council has worked tirelessly for years on revising the Master Plan and that by working together we have created a revised Master Plan that is scheduled to be approved by the Council on March 29, 2014.

To back up my statements I can provide details (including dates and hours) of the many meetings we have had over the years including all of the correspondence we have had with State Parks staff. To say, "*it is unclear what, if anything, the advisory council has actually accomplished with regard to revising or implementing the Koke'e state park master plan*" simply means no one bothered to ask the Council or the staff in State Parks who is working with us on the revised Master Plan what progress we have made on revising the Master Plan.

As an example of the depth of work we have undertaken, I have included as an addendum to my testimony the report to from the PIG dated 17 September 2013 and which was formally adopted by the full Council and transmitted to State Parks. That report contains a detailed record of meetings the Council has had since being reappointed, and the progression of the review and revision process for the Master Plan.

I am surprised and very disappointed that this document was not reviewed before this legislation was drafted as it completely dispels the notion that the Council has not done anything. The September 2013 report resulted in State Parks producing a revised Master Plan document that was transmitted back to the Council on 18 December 2013 and which was reviewed by the PIG and final comments given to State Parks in a meeting on 22 January 2014 (just two weeks ago). DSP has pledged to send a revised draft of the MP back to the Council in the next two weeks so we can finalize the MP and send it to the BLNR for final approval. How can all this activity be interpreted as not accomplishing anything?

I would like to now turn my testimony to the second statement in the bill that states: *"The State has lost potentially \$300,000 in annual revenues from user fees because the master plan has not been adopted and implemented"*.

This statement is completely false. The primary new fee-generating potential of the MP is the entry station. As I am sure this Committee knows, the Department sought and obtained approval from the Board of Land and Natural Resources to in 2010 to establish entry fees or parking fees at seven different State Parks on several islands. Kōke'e State Park and Hā'ena State Park were the two parks on Kauai that were part of this approval from BLNR. Dan Quinn has told the Council many times that he does not need the approval of the Council or the adoption of the Master Plan to proceed with establishing an entry station and start collecting fees for KSP.

What has limited DLNR's ability to do so is the fact that the road belongs to DOT and will have to be transfer over to DLNR. In the case of KSP that means DLNR will have to maintain miles and miles of road ways unless they move the entry station up the mountain (KSPAC's suggestion that was rejected) from where the consultant proposed to put it.

The Master Plan itself states: *"DSP jurisdiction over the road system is a prerequisite for developing a park entry station and entry fee program. State DOT will not allow DSP to collect a fee on a road that they own."*

The Master Plan further states: *"Incorporate Kōke'e Road and Waimea Canyon Drive into Kōke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks. The Division of State Parks should assume management authority over the roads within the parks provided DSP receives a portion of the State fuels tax to support operations and maintenance of the roads. Fuels tax revenue will be used for personnel, equipment, and materials."*

So, the real reason that DLNR has not implemented an entry-fee system at Kōke'e State Park is not because of the Council not adopting the Master Plan, it is because the DLNR has not secured

a portion of the State Fuel Tax which is what they need to fund the long-term maintenance of the many miles of Kōke'e Road and Waimea Canyon Drive.

As this Committee ponders this dilemma, they should also consider that DOT has the expertise to build and maintain our state roads and they have the equipment needed to do so because they maintain hundreds of miles of roads. It makes no sense for DLNR to take on this responsibility – that is not what DLNR has expertise in. Proceeding in this manner is ludicrous and will result in poorly maintained roads within Kōke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks.

And finally in closing my testimony today, I ask that you consider what you feel the responsibility of the State is to the public – the thousands of individuals who have testified in support of a revised Master Plan over the years. Listed below is a summary of the public comment process that was the genesis of the KSPAC.

1. Ten years ago, the Kaua'i community was given notice that public meetings would be held to review several proposed master plan approaches for Waimea and Koke'e State Parks. The notice provided four options: status quo; remedial; conservation; and development. At the meeting the "status quo" option was taken off the table, though this option was the strong preference of the community. As a result, the hundreds of community member who participated in the process overwhelmingly chose the "remedial" approach.
2. Three years later, when the consultant and the DLNR sought an EIS for their plan, the community learned that the Master Plan included significant development: a hotel at the Kanaloahululu meadow, extending the parking lot at the meadow by not less than 72 parking spaces, multiple additional buildings at the meadow, widening the road to Kalalau to accommodate full-size buses, multiple built-out lookouts along the Waimea Canyon road, a store selling "souvenirs" at Waimea Canyon lookout (and concessions at other lookouts), an entry station at mile 7 that would collect entry fees from those travelling up the mountain, paving over Porter's meadow to extend parking at a nearby lookout, zip-lines, virtually no funding for conservation, and other proposals focused on maximizing revenue generation. This made the Master Plan a hot button issue for the island as the DLNR had clearly ignored the input received during the public scoping process.
3. In response, a large contingent of Kaua'i Living Treasures travelled up the mountain to speak – in pouring rain – of the urgency of protecting the mountain from commercial development. Following this, over a thousand members of the public showed up at a meeting held at the War Memorial Convention Hall to provide hours of impassioned testimony regarding State's proposed MP. The testimony was overwhelmingly opposed to the MP and its clear intent to develop the mountain as a revenue generator for the State.

The DSP did not revise the Master Plan in response to the tremendous outpouring of community concern so the ground was laid for legislative intervention. This was the context that generated the creation of the KSPAC in 2008. Act 223 of the Regular Session of 2008 established the Kōke'e State Park Advisory Council (KSPAC) within the Department of Land and Natural Resources with the mandate to: 1) review and assist the State in revising and updating the Kōke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks Master. It was the hope of the Legislature and the community that the Council could bring the right balance to the Master Plan.

While it has been a long process, the Council has done just that. We are now waiting for what we hope will be a final revision to the Master Plan. State Parks staff have promised the Council the new draft in mid-February and the Council has scheduled a meeting for March 29 to review and approve the Master Plan and send it onto the BLNR.

To abolish the Council now, after all the years of hard work and all that we have accomplished seems short sighted and will be perceived by the larger community as State once again wanting to ignore the voice of the people in the planning process. There is a lot to lose and nothing to gain by approving this bill. I strongly urge you to kill HB 1824 now and allow the Council and State Parks to finish the collaborative process that we are engaged in. We need to show the community that we can work together and come up with a Master Plan that meets both the needs of the State and the desires of the community.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chipper Wichman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chipper Wichman

Attachment: KSPAC PIG Report-9-17-2013-FINAL

# Kōke‘e State Park Advisory Council

Established by Act 223 of the 2008 Legislature  
Within the State Of Hawai‘i  
Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Division of State Parks

To: Mary Buza Sims, Chair, Koke‘e State Park Advisory Council  
CC: Lauren Tanaka, Planner, Division of State Parks  
From: Chipper Wichman, Erik Coopersmith, and Katie Cassel - Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)  
Date: September 16, 2013

## **Subject: Formal Transmittal of the Results and Recommendation from the PIG’s Research and Meetings Regarding the Pre-final Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Park Master Plan**

Dear Chair and members of the Koke‘e State Park Advisory Council (KSPAC),

This report conveys to the full Council the work of your Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) that was created at the June 12, 2013 meeting of the KSPAC. Your PIG was given the task of reviewing the most current version of the Pre-final Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Park Master Plan (here after referred to as the Master Plan) and making recommendations back to the Council on what issues remained to be discussed with DSP at our next meeting. We have worked diligently over the past several months and are pleased to provide this report for your review. We look forward to discussing it at our next meeting on September 24, 2013.

### **Background Information and Timeline of PIG Meetings/Actions**

- From 2010 to 2012 a PIG formed by the first KSPAC met regularly and produced a redline-strike through draft of the Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Park Master Plan.
- At the KSPAC meeting on November 19, 2012, the Council voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation made by the old PIG and approved transmitting redline-strike through draft of the Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Park Master Plan to the State Parks Administrator Dan Quinn.
- On January 14, 2013, Council Chair Mary Buza Sims formally transmitted the redline-strike through draft of the Master Plan to the State Parks.
- On March 11, 2013 the Council approved focusing on Chapter 7 since the whole Master Plan was so long and complex. Because it was very difficult to understand the redline draft transmitted to State Parks in January, Council member Val Tsuchiya requested that the State accept the changes that they thought were reasonable and send back to the

Council a “clean” copy of Chapter 7 so we could see what State Parks was willing to accept of the changes requested by the Council.

- On April 8, 2013, a “clean” copy of Chapter 7 was sent by email to the Council by Lauren Tanaka for review and discussion at the April 22 meeting. That document was reviewed at the Council meeting on April 22 but there was no quorum and no action was taken by the Council.
- On June 12, the Council met to review Chapter 7 and 27 members of the public attended the meeting providing input on various aspects of the document. It was at this meeting the Council voted to create a new PIG to review all important chapters of the Master Plan and to discuss proposed changes with State Parks staff.
- On July 8, the PIG met and reviewed Chapter 7 in great detail. The PIG noted at that meeting that chapters 1, 2, 5 and 6 were also important to review and requested Lauren to send these to us for review. Lauren emailed these chapters as PDF documents to the Council on July 10, 2013. We want to note that this was a very quick response and we appreciated it.
- On July 18, the PIG met to discuss the chapters transmitted by Lauren on July 10.
- On July 19, Chipper met with Lauren at the State Park’s office in Honolulu to review the comments and suggestion of the PIG. This was a very productive meeting and indicated a strong alignment between the PIG’s recommendations and what State Parks was willing to accept. The primary issue that appears to be unresolved is the Entry Station.
- On September 16, the PIG met to finalize our recommendations and to determine what should be included in this report to the Council.

## **Report and Recommendations of the PIG**

The PIG made up of Chipper Wichman (Chair), Erik Coopersmith and Katie Cassel met three times on 7/8, 7/18, and 9/16. Nancy Budd and Michelle Clark, who are members of the public and thus allowed to interact with the PIG participated in all meetings. The PIG designated Chipper as their Chair and authorized him to meet with Lauren Tanaka on 7/19 to discuss proposed changes and as well as others not found in this document. The following Recommendations begin with Chapter 1 and end with Chapter 7.

Over all it appears that State Parks has accepted the majority of the changes made in the redline draft completed by the old PIG and transmitted to Dan Quinn on January 14, 2013. DSP staff informed the PIG that they had a mandate to increase earned revenue and that removing the entry station from the Master Plan was not an option. In view of the overwhelming public support against an entry station the PIG has taken the position it should be removed and the following

report will reinforce that position. Other than the entry station issues, the meeting with Lauren Tanaka on July 19, 2013 indicated a strong willingness by DSP to understand and accept the recommendations that follow. The PIG expects that Lauren will come prepared to discuss each of these issues and indicated if DSP will accept or reject each one. The members of the PIG want to acknowledge the great attitude and responsiveness that Lauren Tanaka has displayed – she has given us all of the information we have needed in a timely manner and been open minded in understanding our concerns.

The following are the suggested changes the PIG would like to recommend to the Council for discussion at our meeting on September 24, 2013. We have started with Chapter 7 as that was the most important chapter and the one we spent the most time working on. Following comments on Chapter 7 we then went through other chapters to try and make them consistent with the changes we made to Chapter 7.

## **CHAPTER 7 – MASTER PLAN**

Page 7-3 –

- Figure 7-1 (master plan topo) needs revising to be consistent with the changes

Page 7-11 –

**7.3 Access and Circulation ◆ Entry Station** – The PIG is proposing to remove all references to “entry station support building” in Chapter 7. The PIG has made this recommendation based on consistent strong community testimony over the past 10 years that the Master Plan should be sent to BLNR with a recommendation that the entry station not be included in the MP. DLNR has already indicated that they have approval from the BLNR to proceed with an entry station at Kokee and several other parks around the state so the PIG interprets this to mean they do not need the entry station to be approved as part of the Master Plan.

The PIG is recommending against including the entry station for the following reasons.

1. This is the number one issue that the community has consistently opposed with over the past ten years. The PIG feels we have an obligation to the community to represent their voice in discussions with DSP and with the BLNR.
2. Funding for State Parks is an obligation of the State of Hawaii and should come from tax revenue and not "user fees". This is a public trust issue and the State government needs to step up and take responsibility for funding our parks at acceptable levels.
3. Increasing funding via "user fees" will result in less funding from the legislature over time and will not increase resources for Kokee or other State Parks under DLNR management.



4. Depending on "user fees" and other "earned revenue" sources to fund park management will lead to more and more pressure to commercialize the Kokee and other State Parks.
5. Kokee already generates more revenue from cabin leases than is used in the management of the Kokee and Waimea Canyon State Parks.
6. An entry station that generates revenue will create an incentive to increase park visitation over time to generate more revenue. This will ultimately negatively impact the resources in the Park.

Page 7-12 –

- Remove Figure 7-2 (park entry station)

Page 7-13 –

- ◆ Roads – delete the last bullet in the section under Arterial Roads

### **Ownership and Management of Kokee Road and Waimea Canyon Drive**

The PIG feels strongly that accepting management of these important roads is not in the long-term interest of the Parks. The MP states that this option is conditioned on “funding support” and in KSPAC meeting discussions DSP staff gave more details of the actual source of funds that would be used to maintain these roads. As we have all seen over the past five years (and more) dedicated funding is difficult or impossible to ensure as the Legislature can raid any fund if it feels it needs the money to balance the budget. DOT has the expertise and equipment to maintain and manage roads – that is what they do. The PIG feels strongly that if DSP were to take over the road management that will make DLNR responsible for a critical asset that they have no expertise in managing. The miles of roads under discussion are significant and removing this from the MP will not impact the ability to improve turn outs and improve views along these roads.

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- 7.4 Open Space ◆ **Significant Trees / Forestry** – revise 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bullet to acknowledge that a Timber Management Plan was developed by DOFAW and adopted by the BLNR in 2005. The PIG has some concerns about planting and harvesting of native trees for commercial purposes, but since this Plan is already in place and thus outside the scope of the Master Plan, has chosen to not address these concerns here.

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◆ **KANALOA HULUHULU MEADOW** – the PIG is requesting that this section of the Master Plan clarify that all buildings at Kanaloahuluhulu Meadow will remain one-story.

Page 7-20 –

Figure 7-4 should show 2 buildings (lodge and museum) with no more than 33% increase in footprint and no encroachment toward meadow as clarified on page 7-23 under “parking improvements”.

Page 7-24 –

◆ Lookouts – **Waimea Canyon Lookout** – The PIG is in agreement with the concept for WCL as presented in the “Prefinal Chapter 7” subject to the following changes:

1. The description of the concept plan should be “restated” so that the improvements do not increase the footprint of the existing WCL by more than 20-30% and do not require extensive modification to the land form that exists there as this will be expensive and increase environmental impact. All efforts should be made to leave the current footprint and land contours as is, with no more than 30% increase in land use.
2. Since many visitors never go beyond this point, the structure envisioned for the new WCL should be developed as an “unmanned” interpretive center that is located at the “plaza” and which will feature educational information on the history, geology, and environment of both Waimea Canyon and Kokee state parks.
3. The “refreshments” sold at the concession should be limited to zero waste snacks that feature locally produced fruits and products. The existing snack truck sells products that are a good example of this.
4. Minimal signage should be placed up at the actual lookout area so as not to intrude into the views of the Canyon.

Page 7-25 –

- Revise figure 7-5 to align with Waimea Canyon Lookout plan described above.

Page 7-42 –

7.8 **Implementation Strategies** ◆ Recreation Residences – insert new bullet at the end of this section to read: To improve public opportunities for access and use State Parks shall open up at least 10 additional vacant lots via auction to be developed as recreational residences and or camping facilities.

◆ **Phasing** – modify Table 7-10 so that Natural Resources line item is increased up to \$1.8 million total with \$675,000 in 2007-2010 and \$375,000 for each of the subsequent phases. This funding is essential to protect the unique natural resources found within the 6,000 acres that make up the Park and will be spent as detailed in the Natural Resources Protection section on page section 7-33. Included in the first phase is \$300,000 for the Waineke Storage Building renovation/replacement for KRCP use in alien plant removal.

**COMMENT ON DISCOVERY CENTER** – The PIG noted that there were only a few mentions of the Kokee Discovery Center in the whole Master Plan. There were no details regarding its future expansion. The PIG wanted to know if the MP should address its future expansion with a native plant nursery and small restoration area. The PIG is in strong support of this expansion and would like the MP to recognize that while this is a DOE facility its expansion with a small nursery and restoration area are complimentary to the MP.

## CHAPTER 1 – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

\* Please note that page numbers have to be added manually by hand to this chapter

Page 4 –

- ◆ **Plan Selection and Refinement** - Fix confusing language. Remove reference to Park Enhancement Plan (which was rejected by the community) so this is consistent with Chapter 6. Add to last sentence to say that “full details of the MP can be found in Chapter 7”.

Page 6 –

- ◆ **Park Entry Station** – remove this whole section.
- ◆ **Roads** – remove last bullet about taking over Road management.
- ◆ **Trails** – remove bullet for canopy walk

Page 7 –

- Bullet - Ensure that reconstructed buildings and new structures meet Kokee vernacular architectural design standards. The PIG recommends that we add language that limits the expansion to 30% of the original footprint.
- Bullet – Realign the road entrance at Kanaloahuluhulu Meadow to direct vehicles to the lodge and the museum area. Create a T intersection for continuation of Kokee Road to the

Park. The PIG recommends that we remove this change as it will create too much traffic into the Meadow area.

- **◆ Lookouts** – General section last bullet: Concessions – remove “and retail” from this bullet to make it consistent with Chapter 7.
- **◆ Waimea Canyon Lookout** – make the language in this section consistent with Chapter 7 language.

Page 8 –

- **◆ Kalalau Lookout** – The PIG does not think we should create a T intersection that drives visitors into the Kalalau Lookou. Traffic should continue unimpeded towards Puu O Kila Lookout, as it does currently.
- **◆ Lower elevation turnouts** – remove restrooms as this will transform them into lookouts and require infrastructure, maintenance, parking and result in traffic congestion.

Page 9 –

- **◆ Educational / Interpretive Programs** – Bullet - *Use the CCC Camp facilities to conduct educational programs on cultural activities in Kōke‘e, including traditional Hawaiian practices as well as cultural practices of Kaua‘i’s other ethnic groups.* The PIG wants to add language to the CCC camp bullet so that it includes “programs that will enhance the conservation and stewardship of the forest”.
- **◆ Public Service** – Bullet – *Establish a uniformed ranger / docent presence in Kōke‘e and Waimea Canyon State Parks to reinforce the parks’ identity and to deter illegal activities.* The PIG would like State Parks to clarify the role of the Ranger. Is this position really to deter illegal activities or is it primarily to act as a docent/interpreter. Lauren is this the Interpretive Tech position?

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- **◆ Revenue** – Table 1-3 - The PIG would like to remove the entry fee revenue projection and recalculate concession revenue and check other charts throughout the documents.

Page 12 –

- **◆ Recreation Residences** – add a new bullet that will direct State Parks to lease vacant lots for residential development or camping. Lots should be leased via the auction process described in this section. This will serve the State’s revenue needs as well as the community’s desire for increased access to Koke’e cabin/camping sites.

Page 13 –

- Remove revenue generation bullet – to avoid confusion over the purpose of the MP

Page 14 –

- **Table 1-4** – change title of table to be consistent with Table 7-10 in Chapter 7 – Master Plan Capital Improvements Projects Cost Estimate and Phasing.
- **Table 1-4** – Increase Natural Resources line in table 1-4 up to \$1.8 million total with \$675,000 in 2007-2010 and \$375,000 for each of the subsequent phases. This funding is essential to protect the unique natural resources found within the 6,000 acres that make up the Park and will be spent as detailed in the Natural Resources Protection section on page section 7-33.

## **CHAPTER 2 – INTRODUCTION**

The PIG did review Chapter 2 but had no suggested revisions.

## **CHAPTER 3 – FACILITY INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT**

Due to the nature of this chapter the PIG did not review Chapter 3

## **CHAPTER 4 – EXISTING CONDITIONS AND ASSESSMENT**

The PIG did not have time to review Chapter 4

## **CHAPTER 5 – ANALYSIS**

The PIG did not review Chapter 5

## **CHAPTER 6 – ALTERNATIVES**

The PIG had limited time to review this Chapter. We are concerned about confusion over what the Preferred Alternative Plan is and where it came from. It appears to be based on the Remedial (#2) Plan but has elements from other plans. Please clarify if this is correct.

Page 6-13 –

- 6.6 ♦ **Preferred Alternative** – At the end of the first paragraph add “As set forth in Chapter 7”.
- ♦ **Thematic Approach** – remove language middle sentence about revenue generation.

Page 6-14 –

- ♦ **Features of the Plan -** Add Preferred Alternative to this section title
- Replace the lead in sentence with the following: Notwithstanding any provision of this or prior chapters of the Kōke‘e and Waimea Canyon State Parks Master Plan to the contrary, the terms and provisions of Chapter 7 constitute the final master plan and shall control in the event of ambiguity or conflict. It is specifically noted that the discussion of alternative 2 in section 6.2 (Remedial Improvement Plan) above, does not represent the terms of the preferred alternative or final master plan.
- Components selected to be in the Preferred Alternative include: - Add to this sentence so that it reads: Components selected to be in the Preferred Alternative include the following, and are more specifically and accurately described in Chapter 7.

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- ♦ **Park Entry Station** – Remove this section

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Comments: I strongly oppose the elimination of the Koke`e State Park Advisory Council! This is another action designed to suppress home rule in the counties and allow the state of Hawaii to "exploit the neighbor-island resources for revenue." Last year, the people worked hard to revoke the Public Land Development Corporation for the monumentous "taking" that it was. This is a fresh grab. The Koke`e State Park Advisory Council manage to create a plan that was refreshingly acceptable to the people. The Agribusiness Development Corporation certainly appears to have its hand into this issue. This bill is removing the decision making for the best interest of Kaua`i from Kaua`i and giving it to the financial interests of Honolulu. I say NO, and shame on those from Kauai making this proposal.

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Submitted on: 2/2/2014

Testimony for WAL on Feb 3, 2014 09:15AM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mel Rapozo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Kauai needs this Advisory Council to ensure the protection and preservation of Kokee State Park. Kokee is special to Kauai's people. Please do not allow this bill to pass.

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Bryna Storch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. I am a commercial food farmer in Waimea, a member of Hui o Laka, a Kokee park volunteer steward, a laau lapaau practitioner, and a voter of West Kauai. I oppose this bill in everyway. We need and want the Kokee Advisory Council and greatly respect and appreciate the work they have done thus far-- and will undoubtedly continue to do so if not derailed for purely private corporate and political interests. The community has seen through the smokescreen and lies respresented in this bill , which effectiv ely lowers the standards of state legislation of public resources and the democratic and honest duty of public process, and it may effectively cost its local introducer her now tarnished political career. TO BE VERY CLEAR- We do not want our local land and resources to be administered in Honolulu. Please do not pass this bill or any other attempts at preempting home rule of public resources.

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Christopher Dean	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Democracy. That's the greatest gift we've been given by our founding fathers. Democracy requires open information to work. The people as a whole express their dreams and desires, their fears and concerns; not just a few people who stand to gain but ALL the people. Any legislation that attempts to obscure or withhold information from the general public, is legislation that is contradictory to the very fundamental idea of democracy. Corporations continuously attempt to keep their operations a secret from society. Why is that? It's because they know they're doing something that the people of the community are going to be upset about, but this country, state, community is about more than making money. It's about creating a more "perfect union". The people who want to develop Koke'e, or any part of Hawaii, don't see the picture as a whole, they only see their perspective and to be honest they may actually believe that they are doing a good thing, providing jobs, amenities and making an honest living. What they fail to realize is that the seven billion other people in the world don't have a dream of vacationing in an urban sprawl, they have a dream of walking down a deserted white sandy beach with the person they love. Look at any advertisement for Hawaii. When you see a couple walking down the beach, are they on Waikiki beach? No, the picture is of a beach with no other people and no development whatsoever. The same is goes for our lush and spectacular valleys and waterfalls. Do you see brochures with valleys that are sprawling with houses? NO you don't. Every time a beautiful place gets developed, you take that away from what makes Hawaii a viable tourist destination. You're giving away the goose that lays the golden egg. There's room for people to live in Hawaii in-land and places that are already developed. We better get a grip, our these islands will be ruined forever. I strongly urge you to reject HB 1824. Let the people of Koke'e know what's being planned for their community well before a corporation or individual invest any capital, that way you'll save corporations money and time and preserve the integrity and joy of the community, and your job.

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Christina Martiney	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please keep the Koke'e Council in tact. We on Kauai, want a voice on what decisions are made in regards to our treasure. The council is the best way to have a say in State plans. You are not giving the citizens of Kauai enough time to respond to this bill. At least continue this and allow Kauai residents more opportunity for testimony.

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todd	Individual	Oppose	No

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