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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1123
RELATING TO KEKAHA KAI STATE PARK**

Senate Bill 1123 proposes to appropriate funds for the employment of lifeguards and for life-saving equipment at Kua Bay within Kekaha Kai State Park on the island of Hawaii under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). **The Department supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact our priorities requested in the Executive Budget.**

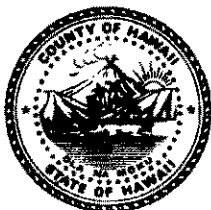
Lifeguards serve an essential function in a state surrounded by the ocean. Due to the increasing popularity at Kua Bay, it has come to the attention of the Department that there is a growing need for lifeguard services based on the increase in water safety incidents. The State does not have its own lifeguards, and contracts with the counties for those services at selected State Parks beaches. Currently, each county provides lifeguards at one State Park beach.

Two of the lifeguard contracts come out of the existing general fund allocation to State Parks and the other two contracts are paid for out of special fund income. Therefore, it is essential that any new lifeguard contract receive a new and general fund appropriation.

| ISLAND | LOCATION | Current Annual Amount | MOF |
|--------|--|-----------------------|---------|
| Oahu | Keawa'ula Beach @ Kaena Point State Park | \$584,216 | Special |
| Hawaii | Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area | \$465,785 | Special |
| Maui | Makena Beach State Recreation Area | \$606,469 | General |
| Kauai | Ke'e Beach @ Haena State Park | \$200,065 | General |

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

Harry Kim
Mayor



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February 10, 2017

Senator Karl Rhoads
Water and Land
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and members:

RE: **SB 1123**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 1123.

Kua Bay is one of the most beautiful locations in the islands, but its hidden hazards can prove deadly. It is now easily accessible, so for the sake of locals and visitors alike, a lifeguard at that location is definitely warranted and would be much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Kim".

Harry Kim
Mayor



February 14, 2017

Testimony in Support of SB1123

Members of the Hawaii State Legislature:

The Kohala Coast Resort Association (KCRA) is in full support of SB1123, providing for lifeguards and lifesaving equipment at Kekaha Kai State Park and Kua Bay. As our visitation continues to grow on Hawaii Island, we are seeing an increase in use of this beautiful bay, and believe that it should have lifeguards to help both residents and visitors enjoy the ocean safely.

KCRA is a collection of master-planned resorts and hotels situated north of the airport which represents more than 3,500 hotel accommodations and an equal number of resort residential units. This is approximately 35 percent of the accommodations available on the Island of Hawai`i. KCRA member properties annually pay more than \$20 million in TAT and \$20 million in GET.

We encourage your support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Donoho
Administrative Director

Patrick Fitzgerald, Hualalai Resort
Kelley Cosgrove, Fairmont Orchid, Hawai`i
David Givens, Hilton Waikoloa Village
Steve Yannarell, Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa

Scott Head, Waikoloa Land Company
Robert Whitfield, Four Seasons Resort Hualalai
Rodney Ito, Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows
Craig Anderson, Mauna Kea Beach Hotel and Hapuna
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| Douglas Perrine | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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