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Board of Land and Natural Resources
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Re: Testimony in Strong Support of Agenda Item E-3-2, to be heard on 10. January 2020
AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13-146-6, FEES

I strongly support the proposed increase in fees, together with the proposed use of the proceeds to help decrease the maintenance backlog and increase staffing for State Parks. I have been a Hawaii resident for almost sixty years, and a lessee within the Kokee State Park for forty five.

Within the last few years there has been an encouraging increase in staffing and a resultant better condition of the Parks. However, this follows a significant decline in the condition of this and other State Parks. I know that Parks does their best to maintain the lands under their care, but their budget and staffing is clearly insufficient, given the increased number of visitors and the lands under their control.

The renovation of the Hā'ena State Park is a superb example of what can be done, given sufficient funding and staffing. This renovation sets a standard to which we may aspire for all Hawaii's parks. I believe this measure, and the resulting increase in funding, will greatly improve the experience of residents and visitors alike.

Me ke aloha,



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