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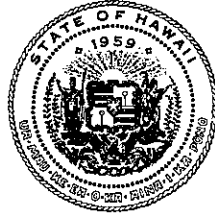
Attached is testimony on HB 2872, SD1 - Relating to Public Lands to be heard before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means on Thursday, March 27, 2008, 9:45 a.m. in Conference Room 211.

Should you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

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On House Bill 2872, Senate Draft 1 – Relating To Public Lands

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS**

March 27, 2008

House Bill 2872, Senate Draft 1 allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to conduct a public auction for the disposition of the recreation-residences at Kōke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks, Kaua'i, providing the most recent occupant the right to match the winning bid. These leases expired on December 31, 2006 and use of the cabin is on month-to-month revocable permits until a public auction, authorized by the Board of Land and Natural Resources, is conducted for the long-term disposition of these leases. The Department appreciates the inclusion of provisions of eligibility for bidders, such as the request for bidders to be full time residents of the State of Hawaii. However, as a matter of principle, the Department does not support allowing current tenants to match the winning bid in an auction. This would have a chilling effect on bidding.

The Department takes this opportunity to note that our principal concern is with the sub-accounts as proposed in Senate Bill 2528, Senate Draft 2 and House Bill 2874, House Draft 1. The creation of sub-accounts will have a far greater negative effect on the operation of the State Parks statewide.

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