

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

LAURA H. THIELEN
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RUSSELL Y. TSUJI
FIRST DEPUTY

KEN C. KAWAHARA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

COMMENTS

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

**Friday, February 5, 2010
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2270
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS**

House Bill 2270 proposes to change the system of selection for recreation-residence use leases in state parks and forest reserves in counties with a population of less than 100,000 from an auction to a lottery. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is not opposed to such a system but points out that lease disposition by lottery will likely result in lower lease rents being paid to the State than through an auction. The Department also notes that this measure has been drafted to apply to only one park in Hawaii, giving the appearance of special legislation.

SUPPORT

Ron Agor

Kauai Member of BLNR

3501 Rice Street, Suite 200A

Lihue, Hawaii, 96766

(808) 651-5764

E-Mail = ron@agorarchitecture.com

February 3, 2010

Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources
State House of Representative

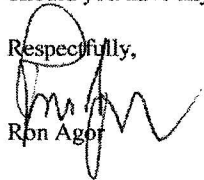
Dear Representative,

This is to express my support for House Bill 2270. I have heard from many local residence who lost out on the opportunity to bid for a Kokee Cabin a couple of years ago, telling me that they wanted a lottery for the disposal of the remaining cabins in Kokee. They feel that if there is an auction, the locals with modest means will have no chance at out bidding the rich. A lottery would give the locals an equal opportunity.

Therefore, I urge you all to support House Bill 2270

Should you have any questions, please call me at 808-651-5764.

Respectfully,


Ron Agor