

---

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KOKE'E STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the coronavirus  
2 disease 2019 has had a catastrophic impact on the world economy.  
3 The complexities of dealing with a worldwide health crisis have  
4 added additional layers of uncertainty that may increase the  
5 time needed for recovery. Because of this, the State has  
6 implemented the fiscal biennium 2021-2023 program review to  
7 identify ways to:

8           (1) Reduce expenditures;

9           (2) Identify programs, functions, and activities for  
10 possible elimination that, although well-intentioned,  
11 are of marginal benefit, low performing, or of lesser  
12 priority; and

13           (3) Identify cost-saving opportunities in core and primary  
14 programs and services through tightening program  
15 eligibility, reducing program benefits, improving  
16 efficiency, or shifting costs.



1           The department of land and natural resources, after  
2 thorough review and much scrutiny, has determined that the Koke'e  
3 state park advisory council, established under section 171-8.5,  
4 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to review and assist in updating and  
5 revising the Koke'e state park master plan, has fulfilled its  
6 purpose as the Koke'e state park master plan was completed in  
7 2014. The department of land and natural resources reported  
8 that the Koke'e state park advisory council has not met for over  
9 five years.

10           The purpose of this Act is to repeal section 171-8.5,  
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishing the Koke'e state park  
12 advisory council.

13           SECTION 2. Section 171-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 repealed.

15           ~~["§171-8.5 Koke'e state park advisory council.] (a)~~  
16 ~~There is established a Koke'e state park advisory council, to be~~  
17 ~~placed within the department of land and natural resources for~~  
18 ~~administrative purposes only. The advisory council shall~~  
19 ~~consist of nine voting members appointed in equal numbers by the~~  
20 ~~governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the~~



1 ~~president of the senate in accordance with section 26-34, and~~  
2 ~~four ex-officio nonvoting members.~~

3 ~~(b) The voting members of the advisory council shall be~~  
4 ~~Kaua'i residents and shall possess general knowledge of at least~~  
5 ~~one of the four strategic areas listed below:~~

- 6 ~~(1) Education;~~
- 7 ~~(2) Cultural resources;~~
- 8 ~~(3) The environment; or~~
- 9 ~~(4) Native plants, animals, and ecosystems.~~

10 ~~(c) The ex-officio nonvoting members shall be as follows:~~

- 11 ~~(1) A representative of the United States Fish and~~  
12 ~~Wildlife Service;~~
- 13 ~~(2) A representative of the department of land and natural~~  
14 ~~resources forestry and wildlife division, as~~  
15 ~~designated by the chairperson of the board of land and~~  
16 ~~natural resources;~~
- 17 ~~(3) A representative of the department of land and natural~~  
18 ~~resources state parks division, as designated by the~~  
19 ~~chairperson of the board of land and natural~~  
20 ~~resources; and~~



1       ~~(4) A representative of the county of Kauai, as designated~~  
2             ~~by the Kauai county council.~~

3       ~~(d) The voting members of the advisory council shall serve~~  
4 ~~not more than two consecutive three year terms, with each term~~  
5 ~~beginning on July 1; provided that the initial terms of the~~  
6 ~~appointed members that commence after June 30, 2008, shall be~~  
7 ~~staggered as follows:~~

8             ~~(1) Three members to serve three year terms;~~

9             ~~(2) Three members to serve two year terms; and~~

10            ~~(3) Three members to serve a one year term.~~

11       ~~For the initial appointments, the governor, the president~~  
12 ~~of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives~~  
13 ~~shall designate each of their appointees to serve a one, two, or~~  
14 ~~three year term.~~

15       ~~(e) The members of the advisory council shall not receive~~  
16 ~~compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for~~  
17 ~~expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in their duties~~  
18 ~~relating to the council.~~

19       ~~(f) A chairperson shall be elected annually by the~~  
20 ~~advisory council from among the council's voting members;~~



1 ~~provided that no member may serve as chairperson for more than~~  
2 ~~two consecutive years.~~

3 ~~(g) Five voting members of the advisory council shall~~  
4 ~~constitute a quorum to do business and any action taken by the~~  
5 ~~advisory council shall be validated by a simple majority of the~~  
6 ~~quorum.~~

7 ~~(h) The advisory council's responsibilities shall include:~~

8 ~~(1) Reviewing and assisting in updating and revising the~~  
9 ~~Koke'e state park master plan;~~

10 ~~(2) Advising and assisting in the management of the Koke'e~~  
11 ~~recreational cabin leases;~~

12 ~~(3) Enhancing community education and cultural awareness~~  
13 ~~of Koke'e state park;~~

14 ~~(4) Participating in the protection and preservation of~~

15 ~~Koke'e state park's natural and cultural resources; and~~

16 ~~(5) Advising and assisting in the overall implementation~~  
17 ~~of the Koke'e state park master plan." ]~~

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken.

20 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Koke'e State Park Advisory Council; Repeal

**Description:**

Repeals section 171-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, establishing the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council. (SD1)

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

