
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO KOKE'E STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 223, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008,
2 established the Koke'e state park advisory council, which was to
3 be responsible for, among other things, reviewing and updating
4 the Koke'e state park master plan and assisting in the
5 implementation of the master plan. Act 223 did not require the
6 advisory council to report to any entity regarding its
7 activities. Section 3 of Act 223, which established the
8 advisory council, was codified as section 171-8.5, Hawaii
9 Revised Statutes. Although the advisory council has been in
10 existence for over four years, it is unclear what, if anything,
11 the advisory council has actually accomplished with regard to
12 revising or implementing the Koke'e state park master plan. The
13 State has lost potentially \$300,000 in annual revenues from user
14 fees because the master plan has not been adopted and
15 implemented. Accordingly, the legislature believes that the
16 advisory council should be dissolved for failing to carry out
17 its responsibilities.



1 The purpose of this Act is to abolish the Koke'e state park
2 advisory council.

3 SECTION 2. Section 171-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 repealed.

5 ~~["§171-8.5 Koke'e state park advisory council.](a)~~
6 ~~There is established a Koke'e state park advisory council, to be~~
7 ~~placed within the department of land and natural resources for~~
8 ~~administrative purposes only. The advisory council shall~~
9 ~~consist of nine voting members appointed in equal numbers by the~~
10 ~~governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the~~
11 ~~president of the senate in accordance with section 26-34, and~~
12 ~~four ex officio nonvoting members.~~

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

- 16 ~~(1) Education;~~
- 17 ~~(2) Cultural resources;~~
- 18 ~~(3) The environment; or~~
- 19 ~~(4) Native plants, animals, and ecosystems.~~

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

- 21 ~~(1) A representative of the United States Fish and~~
22 ~~Wildlife Service;~~



1 ~~(2) A representative of the department of land and natural~~
2 ~~resources forestry and wildlife division, as~~
3 ~~designated by the chairperson of the board of land and~~
4 ~~natural resources;~~

5 ~~(3) A representative of the department of land and natural~~
6 ~~resources state parks division, as designated by the~~
7 ~~chairperson of the board of land and natural~~
8 ~~resources; and~~

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

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

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

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

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

19 ~~For the initial appointments, the governor, the president~~
20 ~~of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives~~
21 ~~shall designate each of their appointees to serve a one, two, or~~
22 ~~three year term.~~



1 ~~(e) The members of the advisory council shall not receive~~
2 ~~compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for~~
3 ~~expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in their duties~~
4 ~~relating to the council.~~

5 ~~(f) A chairperson shall be elected annually by the~~
6 ~~advisory council from among the council's voting members;~~
7 ~~provided that no member may serve as chairperson for more than~~
8 ~~two consecutive years.~~

9 ~~(g) Five voting members of the advisory council shall~~
10 ~~constitute a quorum to do business and any action taken by the~~
11 ~~advisory council shall be validated by a simple majority of the~~
12 ~~quorum.~~

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

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

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

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

20 ~~(4) Participating in the protection and preservation of~~
21 ~~Koke'e state park's natural and cultural resources;~~

22 ~~and~~



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

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

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

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Report Title:

Koke'e State Park Advisory Council; Abolished

Description:

Repeals the law establishing the Koke'e state park advisory council.

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