

February 9, 2010

Re: Land Fund

To Our County Commissioners,

Aloha and mahalo for your time.

I am sending this to you requesting that you reinstate the 2% Land Fund for our island. We need to have this money to purchase lands to keep the peace, space, and healthy lifestyle that exists now for us all.

We can see, from examples of the other islands and places on the mainland where every bit of land available is filled with human habitation or industry, how it pits humans against each other for the remaining sparse resources. Every holiday those precious spots of preserved space are filled to capacity with people needing a place to just be.

We needn't go that route to learn the lesson.

I grew up in Colorado where we have many national parks and city parks and open space preserved for nature and enjoying that nature. You can go fishing without feeling crowded. You can go biking without risking life and limb due to the car free bike paths, etc. It's a great state to recreate and it's because the lands were set aside for such purposes over a hundred years ago. As a result of their foresight, the open space of Colorado is currently a great source of income for the entire state from the tourists and ecotourism opportunities. Those leaders knew the value of open land.

I hope you do also.

Again, mahalo for your time and please vote with your heart and for generations to come.

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