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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 558, HD1 Relating to Kekaha Kai State Park

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 558, HD1, which would fund lifeguard services at Kua Bay in Kekaha Kai State Park.

Kua Bay is one of the most beautiful locations in the islands, but its hidden hazards can prove deadly. It is now easily accessible, so for the sake of locals and visitors alike, a lifeguard at that location is definitely warranted and would be much appreciated.

Please act favorably on HB 558, HD1, including the recommendations for funding set forth in the WLH Committee report. Please also consider putting the proposed funding in your House version of the State budget. The need for these services has been recognized for years, but never seems to quite make the cut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
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