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Dear Chair Kobayashi and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 75 (2014)

The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services is opposed to Bill 75 (2014), which creates a Central Oahu Regional Park fund (Fund). The Fund would receive deposits of all revenues generated from the Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP). Monies in the Fund would be expended for the improvement, maintenance and repair of the Central Oahu Regional Park.

The General Fund pays for expenses of City parks, including CORP. Fees charged at the parks should be used to help cover the costs associated with the parks. Currently, the General Fund receives the fees charged for use of CORP, but the revenues are far less than the costs of maintenance, repair and improvement of the park.

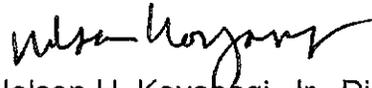
Based on the current fee amounts for use of CORP, the Fund would be very small. Fiscal year 2015 budgeted revenues for all District V parks was \$252,900. The revenues for CORP alone would be less than this amount because the District V revenues also include fees collected at two other District V parks. Unless fees are substantially increased, which could discourage park use, the amount of monies collected does not justify creation of a separate fund.

The Fund would also result in significant administrative costs in order to properly record, track, report and audit the revenues and expenses of the Fund. These costs would likely be borne by the General Fund.

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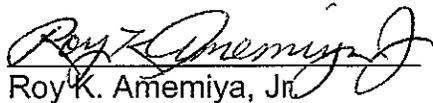
If you have any questions, please call me at 768-3901.

Sincerely,



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