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Senate Moving Bills to Improve Diamond Head

The Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs passed two bills on Wednesday that could significantly alter the future of Diamond Head.

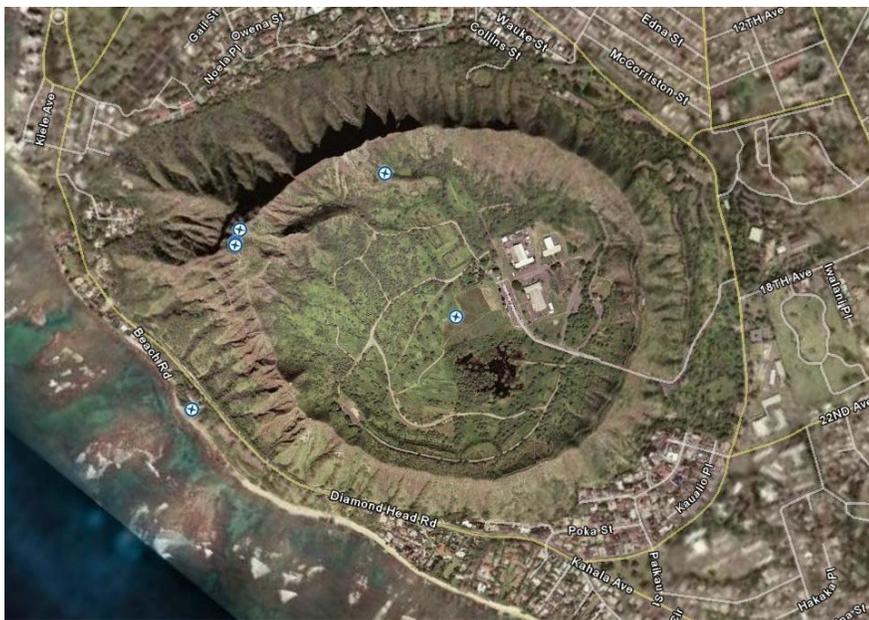
SB 138 SD1 mandates that 55% of revenues generated by the park be used to staff and maintain it. SB 1090 SD1 appropriates \$4 million over the next two fiscal years to make improvements to the parks trail system. Both received strong support from Chair Russell Kokubun and members of the committee.

Rick Egged, president of WIA, said that throughout the world Diamond Head is the single most acknowledged symbol of Hawaii. He lauded the legislative action as an important step in changing the woeful condition of the Diamond Head State Historic Monument.

Over 900,000 people visit Diamond Head each year. Park revenues from entry fees and concessions were more than \$900,000 in 2006. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs receives 20% of the gross and the balance of \$729,000 went to the State parks fund, of which \$307,000 came back to run and maintain Diamond Head.

For decades there was very little done to care for Diamond Head but in the last five years that began to change. Capital improvements from 2001 to 2006 have come to around \$2.2 million including over \$500,000 from the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

SB 138 SD would allow more of the revenues produced by the monument to be retained to improve the operations and maintenance of the park. SB 1090 would improve the trail system, addressing safety concerns as well as enhancing the recreational aspects of the park. This would make an important contribution to fulfilling the vision as presented in the Diamond Head State Monument Master Plan.



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Diamond Head State Monument Expenditures and Revenues

Category	Calendar Year				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Expenditures:					
Entry Fee Collection	N/A	\$80,747	\$78,997	\$78,997	\$84,999
Staff	\$128,873	\$128,873	\$102,795	\$102,795	\$102,795
Utilities	\$87,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$89,400	\$89,400
Supplies	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Brochures	\$17,366	\$14,540	\$14,012	\$22,115	\$22,794
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Costs:	\$241,239	\$320,160	\$290,804	\$300,307	\$306,988
CIP/Facilities Improvements:					
Visitor Info Booth (1999 \$93,604)					
Interpretive Signs (2000 \$15,719)					
Summit Reconstruction (2001 \$323,100)					
Toll Booth	\$18,000				
Parking Lot Improvements	\$261,524				
Summit Trail Lights		\$225,419			
New Restrooms and Buss Shelter				\$619,788	
Linear Park					\$307,500
Rockfall Mitigation					\$244,980
Summit Trail Improvements					\$200,000
Revenues:					
Entry Fees (minus 20% OHA)	\$453,893	\$618,462	\$621,738	\$633,744	\$632,355
Vending Machines (minus 20% OHA)			\$10,880	\$40,156	\$18,795
Lunch Wagons (minus 20% OHA)				\$45,965	\$78,797
Total Revenues:	\$453,893	\$618,462	\$632,618	\$719,865	\$729,947

Source: Data presented by DLNR to the Diamond Head Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Outrigger Brings Disney's *The Lion King* to Honolulu

Special Room & Ticket Packages Available Exclusively Through Outrigger

It's coming! Broadway's award-winning musical Disney's *The Lion King* is coming to Honolulu — and Outrigger Enterprises Group is helping to make it happen. Outrigger Enterprises Group is partnering with WestCoast Entertainment to bring the premier engagement of the blockbuster, highly acclaimed *The Lion King* to Honolulu. The multiple-week limited engagement begins September 15 and will run through October 28 at the Blaisdell Concert Hall.

"It is exciting to have a show of this tremendous caliber here in Honolulu," said David Carey, president and CEO of Outrigger Enterprises Group. "We're delighted to help bring one of the most spectacular musicals ever to appear on Broadway to our State, and we expect both Hawaii residents and visitors will jump at the chance to see *The Lion King* this fall."

As part of Outrigger's sponsorship of *The Lion King*, the company is offering exclusive hotel and ticket packages for the entire Honolulu engagement, allowing guests the opportunity to secure premium seats prior to individual tickets going on sale in April.

To purchase a hotel and ticket package, simply call the special TOLL-FREE number 1-866-721-4221 and book any available room rate at any Outrigger or OHANA hotel on Oahu. The offer is also available for stays at the following Outrigger-managed hotels on Oahu – the Ala Moana Hotel and the new Embassy Suites®-Waikiki Beach Walk™. Guests can then purchase show tickets up to the number of guests registered in the room.

During the call, the agent will confirm the room and number of tickets purchased. Actual seats will be assigned within 48 hours with a confirmation emailed to guests within 72 hours.

All charges for one night of the stay plus the total cost of tickets will be charged immediately to the guest's credit card. These charges are non-refundable, non-changeable and non-transferable following the purchase. Any additional room nights are subject to normal change and cancellation rules.

Tickets available through the Outrigger hotel and ticket package are priced at \$86 per ticket for Orchestra Weekday seating; \$91 per ticket for Orchestra Weekend seating; and \$156 per ticket for the Premium Ticket Package. Prices quoted are inclusive of all applicable facility fees.

The Lion King is the winner of six Tony® Awards, including Best Musical, as well as nearly 40 other major awards. The original production is now celebrating its tenth sensational year on Broadway,

and the two national tours have been doing sell-out business since the tours began in April 2002 and April 2003. Internationally, the show has been seen in Fukuoka, Melbourne, Nagoya, Osaka, Shanghai, Sydney, Toronto . . . and now Honolulu!

"Outrigger is proud to be a part of such an important event for our city," said David Carey. "2007 marks our company's 60th anniversary of delivering the highest quality hotel experience for our guests, both here in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific. Being associated with *The Lion King* is one of the many exciting things we are doing to celebrate our 60th year in operation.

"The show reinforces our company's commitment to providing quality, family-oriented experiences for our residents and visitors," Carey added. "It also is another step toward making Honolulu a true world-class city, which we deeply support with ventures such as our newly-opened flagship Waikiki Beach Walk project."



Honolulu Zoo Society Offers Twilight Tours

What's Wild in Waikiki? Take a stroll to the Honolulu Zoo and learn the sort of monkey business that goes on after hours. Learn about the lives of the Zoo's remarkable citizens. Tours are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. *every* Saturday evening! It's a fun evening of education never experienced by day visitors. Special arrangements can be made for large groups. Families are welcome. The tours are appropriate for all ages 5 to 105! Please purchase tickets in advance from the Honolulu Zoo Society (HZZS) by calling 971-7195. Walk-ups are welcome if space is available - meet at the Front Entrance at 5:15pm. See www.honzoosoc.org for info.



Sheraton Waikiki Presents Family-Friendly Comedian Andy Bumatai



Comedian Andy Bumatai joins Sheraton Waikiki's entertainment family with a weekly performance in Esprit Lounge beginning February 2, 2007. Laugh with your family every Friday as Bumatai brings the house down with his new show "Classic Stand-Up Comedy with Andy Bumatai." Admission is \$10 per person and open to the general public.

For nearly 30 years, Andy Bumatai's island-style comedy has provided a humorous perspective on local culture for residents and visitors. Bumatai has opened for Tom Jones, Paul Anka, Kenny Loggins, The Temptations, and Natalie Cole in several Las Vegas showrooms, including Caesars Palace and Bally's.

Following Bumatai's performance, guests over 21 are welcome to stay and dance the night away with live music from Esprit Lounge regular, H2O, an eight-piece cover band specializing in swing, rock-n-roll classics and Motown favorites.

For more information, please call Sheraton Waikiki Concierge at 922-4422. Validated self-parking is available in the Sheraton Waikiki parking garage.



Hilton Hawaiian Village and Mandara Spa Offer Chocolate Lovers a Sweet Deal

The Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa, together with Mandara Spa, is helping couples to literally find love in chocolate with a Chocolate Lovers' Package that gives them a sweet and romantic way to rejuvenate their body and soul.

The package comes with four nights' accommodations in an ocean view room, an Exploration in Chocolate treatment at the Mandara Spa, as well as chocolate-covered strawberries and champagne delivered by room service on the first night. The Exploration in Chocolate is a two-and-a-half-hour spa experience just for two that begins with side-by-side massages in a deluxe twin spa suite. Couples can then embark on their private journey together while discovering the many applications of chocolate with a pot of rich chocolate scrub that is "good enough to eat." The interlude is completed with a custom-prepared aromatic bath.

The package starts at \$1,716 for four nights, including all applicable taxes and gratuities. Additional nights start from \$299 per night for an ocean view room, plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-HILTONS (800-445-9667) and asking for rate code "P2." The package is available through December 26.

For those who want to further immerse themselves into their chocolate escape, the resort's signature



restaurant, Bali by the Sea, proudly features the finest chocolate in its dessert menu. And, the most delightful surprise for any chocoholic is the rich, dark chocolate Diamond Head filled with chocolate truffles, served to all Bali patrons at the end of their meal. For Bali dinner reservations, call the hotel directly at 808-949-4321.





Waikiki Beach Clean-up!

Waikiki Ohana Workforce

Please join the Waikiki Ohana Workforce of the Waikiki Improvement Association for a Waikiki Beach Clean-up on Saturday, February 17, 2007, from 7:00AM to 9:00AM.

*7:00 am: Meet at the Duke Kahanamoku Statue in Kuhio Beach Park for a briefing.
(Transportation will be provided to other clean-up areas.)*

9:00 am: Ends back at Kuhio Beach Park.

- Wear a company t-shirt and have a photo taken!
- All are welcome!
- RSVP 923-1094 ext. 6.

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Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!

Torch lighting, Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily **6:30PM – 7:30PM** at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, near the Duke Kahanamoku statue. FREE. Presented by the City's Office of Economic Development (843-8002) and the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

For the month of February:

Mondays & Tuesdays: "Auntie Pudgie" Young & Hawaiian Serenaders

Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Ka Liko O Kapalai

Thursdays: Val Crabbe and Halau Hula Palena

Friday, February 16: Moana Chang and the Aloha Boat Days Show

Saturday, February 17: Lilinoe Lindsey and Ka Pa Nani O Lilinoe

Sunday, February 18: Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A'o Hula



Waikiki Parade Watch (courtesy of the City)

March 3, 2007 Saturday

7:00AM Starts
11:00AM Ends

9th ANNUAL FT. DERUSSY BIATHLON sponsored by Hale Koa Hotel. The event is expected to have 300 participants. Swim: Out and back course Ft. DeRussy Beach. Run: From swim finish transition area to Saratoga Rd. sidewalk, to Kalia Rd., to Army Museum, to Ft. DeRussy, to Paoa Pl, to end at transition area. Contact: Kelly Hupp 955-9151, Fax: 955-9122, E-mail: huppk@halekoa.com

March 4, 2007 Sunday

7:00AM Starts
11:00AM Ends

STRAUB/KAPIOLANI WOMEN'S 10K RUN sponsored by Straub/Kapiolani Clinic & Hospital. The event is expected to have 1500 runners. The event will start at Kapiolani Park Band Stand at Kalakaua Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Paikau St., to Diamond Head Rd., to 22nd Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Elepaio St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to end at the Honolulu Marathon finish line. Contact: KC Carlberg 946-0346

March 11, 2007 Sunday

7:00AM Starts
11:00AM Ends

JOHNNY FAERBER 10K RUN sponsored by RRCA/Mid Pacific Roadrunners Club. The event is expected to have 300 runners. It will start on Kalakaua Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Paikau St., to Diamond Head Rd., to 22nd Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Elepaio St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to finish at Honolulu Marathon finish line area. Contact: John Simonds 373-3609 For more info, visit their website:

The above is based on the most current information available from the event organizers as of the date of this publication. For more information, call the Department of Transportation Services, 808-527-6009.



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