

TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO:

BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
VIA FACSIMILE (808) 587-0455

MEETING DATE: Friday, October 24, 2003

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Kalanimoku Building
Land Board Conference Room 132
1151 Punchbowl St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

FROM: _____, Flying Disc Enthusiast

RE: Agenda Item #22: Conservation District Use Permit application for Koko Head
District Park and Shooting Complex

I strongly and passionately recommend approval of the application with regard to the disc golf course planned, and respectfully urge you to disregard DLNR staff recommendations to deny the planned disc golf course for the following reasons.

The DLNR staff report is concerned with the direct ban of no "golf" courses in conservation districts in the administrative rules (13-5-25, HAR). But disc golf is only like "golf" in the structure of the rules, not the playing field or equipment. Disc golf is an activity that is compatible with conservation uses of the land. It uses the natural topography. It maintains the "scenic area" by keeping natural, scenic, and wildland qualities. It is a Frisbee® game. It could easily be referred to as a "flying disc course."

The disc golf community has participated in the many years of discussion, education, and development towards a permanent disc golf course at Koko Head District Park and has the support of the local community for this flying disc course activity. Please don't let semantics destroy the good work that has happened for this area and the State. Koko Head would be the first permanent course in Hawaii, the only state without a course of its kind. As a flying disc enthusiast, and a member of the general public who recognizes the value of this activity to the community, I ask you to approve the application as presented.

Mahalo.