

Testimony

Bill 34 (2021)

For October 21, 2021 meeting

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha Kakou, and Mahalo for serving the people of Hawaii, Parks and Recreation Council members and to the Public concerning Bill 34. I believe there is a solution to govern the use of city and county parks and stop the traffic along Kamehameha Hwy. I believe there is a way to resolve the problem! First there needs to be cooperation and consideration of the public and the commercial activities taking place! I understand that not everyone on the North Shore is tourist employed but there are many who do need the tourist buck to make a living! If the city gets this resolved correctly they will have more money to handle their losses and lawsuits that have recently happened, I believe the the record now is \$20,000.000.00 and who do you think is paying this? Tax payers of course! Back to the subject there is always a solution to make everyone smile! Part of the problem is that only complaining and not looking for solutions is selfish! People have found a way to make some money off of the tourists looking, swimming with turtles and they did not think about the impact on the community and environment of the North Shore! Now surfing lessons happened to be thrown in as part of the nuisance Bill 34! This should not be because 1.) Our grandfather of surfing Duke Paoa Kahanamoku started teaching surfing and went around the world sharing surfing! As a surfing school operator on the North Shore I believe we are all ambassadors of Aloha, and following what Duke wanted! I know Heidi is looking out for the Community and that's her job! But there is always a solution! My suggestion with all due respect is to put a stoplight by Laniakea or by Chuns reef because cars drive too fast there anyways! No Buses stopping at Laniakea or Haleiwa Beach Park, Puaena pt. There needs to be a place like Polynesian cultural center and have some turtles like in the zoo, that way no-one can bother the turtles anymore! This is all money for the state, city and county! A tourist or visitor industry is like herding cattle to where they spend their money and we should look at that as revenue! I would not allow anymore surf school permits and not give any until someone quits, sells or goes out of business! I would not mind paying a tax to the city and county as we do the state to help out with signs, workers, maintenance, etc.! As for the complaints about it being crowded in the surf lineup and I don't think they are talking about pipeline or sunset and

Waimea that are crowded with visiting surfers for the big contests. The north shore spots the beginners go to are not a threat to anyone! But whoever approved certain beaches to teach surfing like Makaha, Pupukea, Ehukai and Sunset and Haleiwa Alii Beach Park, Waimea Bay. No-one will teach at these surf spots because they are too dangerous! And the locals would have a fit and then you will have more problems! So if we all get together and put our minds together unselfishly we can win! But please do not pass this Bill 34, and look for a solution that everyone can be successful! All of the surf schools on the North Shore work hard at keeping visitors safe and have fun! And most of all this our livelihood! How would you like it if someone tried to take away your livelihood? I just recently watched a movie with Augie Tulba (Aloha Surf Hotel) and it says a lot about politicians and leaders of our community with money, sometimes our leaders need to listen to the public (opposers and supporters) and think hard to make a tough situation not so tough and make some money at the same time! Mahalo for your time and Aloha

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Written Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34 and Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Affordable Weddings of Hawaii

Aloha,

I am an East Oahu resident and I am STRONGLY AGAINST both Bill 34 and Bill 38. I am writing to ask you to oppose Bill 38 in consideration of the facts of the wedding situation at Waimanalo which, in my opinion, has been completely misrepresented by proponents of this ban.

DLNR has issued an average of 4.26 permits per day for weddings from January 1 to September 30th of this year.

The average attendance for each wedding is just 10.8 people, including staff.

That means an average of just 46 people a day are attending weddings the whole day at Waimanalo beaches.

Written Testimony That is not "inundating" the beaches of Waimanalo as has been falsely claimed. The 46 people at Waimanalo beach gathering at the same time in the same spot would take up a total of 7,10 thousandths of 1% of Waimanalo beach. This is a FACT.

While there have been some questions about what exactly is allowed by a C&C park or DLNR permit, NO one has been cited for anything and everyone, as far as we are aware, had the proper permit.

Only about 1 out of 5 beach weddings use a limo service, so not even one a day. And yet people are hysterically claiming that the neighborhoods are "flooded" with limos and tour buses.

The real issue is tourism which is a challenge for Waimanalo as it is much for most of our state.

But according to the City Council's study on the impact of tourism in Kailua and Waimanalo, The average number of people attending weddings at Waimanalo beaches is less than 1.4% of the daily visitors to Waimanalo. And about 1/3 of wedding attendees are local people. How can 1.4% of total daily visitors be responsible for all the terrible things being claimed by proponents of this ban?

We may not all be from Waimanalo but we believe that our local representatives have an obligation to protect the rights of residents of non beach neighborhoods from those who live in those neighborhoods and consider the beaches to be all theirs.

Hawaii's beaches are for everyone and no one should have special treatment or entitlement just because they are fortunate enough to live in a beach neighborhood. What happens when neighborhood after neighborhood claim all beach rights to themselves? We ask that these decisions be made based on facts and fairness and not false and erroneous claims and a sense of entitlement. A ban on weddings will not solve the problems of Waimanalo because weddings are not the problem.

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Written Testimony

I have been a florist here on Oahu for 35 years. I live and work here on East Oahu. I take care of many wedding and vow renewals flowers, simple beach decor and more! Hawaii is the most beautiful place on earth. My business relies on beach weddings. Couples order their leis, bouquets, haku's and small arrangements through my business. If you pass Bill 38, I fear my business will not survive. After COVID shutdowns, the wedding and flower industry has been nearly demolished. I am one of the lucky ones to have survived and now this. I beg of you to not pass this bill. We are a hard working industry that leaves no footprint on our beaches. We care for our beaches as we do our own homes. A ban is not an answer. Let us work on solutions that work for everyone. Thank you for listening.

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Written Testimony I OPPOSE BILL 34 and BILL 38. I live and work here on East Oahu. I have been a florist for 25 years. My business relies on beach weddings. Couples order their leis, bouquets, haku's and small arrangements through my business. If you pass Bill 38 and Bill 34, I fear my small business will not survive. After COVID shutdowns, the wedding and flower industry has been nearly demolished. I am one of the lucky ones to have survived and now this. I beg of you to not pass this bill. We are a hard working industry that leaves no footprint on our beaches. We care for our beaches as we do our own homes. A ban is not an answer. Let us work on solutions that work for everyone. I implore you to not let these bills continue.

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
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Organization

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization University Flowers

Written Testimony

I OPPOSE BILL 34 and BILL 38. I live and work here on East Oahu and on Waimanalo Beach. I work for a small business that has been around for over 30 years. My job relies on beach weddings. Couples order their leis, bouquets, haku's and small arrangements through my business. If you pass Bill 38, I fear my job will not survive. After COVID shutdowns, the wedding and flower industry has been nearly demolished. I am one of the lucky ones to have survived and have a job still and now this. I beg you to not pass these bill. We are a hard working industry that leaves no footprint on our beaches. I care for our beaches and ensure I leave nothing behind. A ban is not an answer. Let us work on solutions that work for everyone. I implore you to not let these bills continue.

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Affordable Weddings of Hawaii

Aloha,

I have been in the wedding industry for over a decade. I oppose Bill 38 as it is written. As a resident of East Oahu and a wedding coordinator of a wedding planning company. I take wedding ceremonies very seriously as by they are required by law to be legally married! Our state beaches are for everyone and a ban is not an answer.

Our industry employs so many locals from those who work in the hotels, to hair and makeup artists, to florists, to officiants, to drivers, musicians, photographers, videographers, designers and more.

Written Testimony While I understand the need to consider how commercialization impacts Hawaii, I do not believe the wedding industry is threatening to Waimanalo. It employs kind-hearted, loving, hard workers who want to work WITH and WITHIN our communities to create opportunities to continue working and marrying couples.

My recommendation would be to truly understand the issue. The beach is nearly empty when we are there. Approximately only 4.3 permits are issued each day by DLNR at Waimanalo with an average of 10 people per permit. How can weddings be such a nuisance? They aren't! I urge you to go see for yourselves.

I implore you to continue allowing us to serve our couples, both locals and visitors through our beautiful industry in Waimanalo.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha and thank you for your time. I oppose Bill 34 and Bill 38. I am a photographer and resident of East Oahu. I was born and raised here and proud to get to work in my backyard. I support my family by capturing beach wedding. I can not see the reason for such a simple, beautiful and environmentally friendly event such as weddings and wedding photography to be accused of being such a threat. I leave no footprint! I capture the most meaningful day of peoples lives on an empty beach and it brings so much joy to everyone. In a world filled with chaos, hate, COVID destruction, weddings are brining new life and hope and happiness to a saddened state. A Ban is NOT and answer. Don't threaten more jobs and livelihoods. Research and see what is truly the issue here? Have you been to Waimanalo? The beach is clean after a wedding but trashed by homeless and yet we are the ones you want to take it from. Limos and small vans help reduce traffic. Do they really want more cars taking up more spaces? How does this even make sense? This is a HUGE deal and should not be decided on by a few loud voices in nalo. I beg you to reconsider these bills.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I oppose Bill 34 and Bill 38. As a Kaneohe resident and frequent visitor of Waimanalo Bay, I can not support this ban. The wedding couples I see at the beach do not bother me or anyone with me. Weddings are beautiful! I do not have issues with parking other than the normal weekend population. When I see limos, they drop off the couples and leave. I am not sure why this is bothering anyone but I would hate to see a ban in place for something so special with no impact on the environment or public. I do see homeless at the beach and that bothers me. Is there a ban for homeless that can be replaced with this instead?

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I OPPOSE BILL 38 and BILL 34 as it is written.

Written Testimony

The real issue is a select group of people who do not want tourist or any other people coming to there community beaches to enjoy what they feel is privileged to only them. The objection are 90% false. Traffic in Waimanalo is not tourist traffic. It is local traffic. Waimanalo is the travel route for many Kailua residents to and from Hawaii Kai Costco and Sandy Beach. Limos do not cause traffic. A few weddings a day does not cause traffic jams in Waimanalo. Rubbish pick up in the park area is 95% from the homeless community which lives in the bushes. Humans create trash from their daily survival of food and drinks.

There are numerous horseless people creating trash at Waimanalo but those who object to weddings do not object to the house less people creating all the trash that has to be gathered weekly.

The real issue is not really where we do the weddings on the beach but instead a select few people who are stirring the sentiment of the resentment of a wounded community who feels frustrated because of joblessness, homelessness, drug abuse, poverty, Hawaiian sovereignty, and sense of entitlement to Waimanalo beaches.

Most of the objections that are posed to weddings in Waimanalo have nothing to do with environmental impact. Please look at the facts and do not ban hard working businesses from their lifes work.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha and thank you for listening to my concerns. I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34.

History repeats itself so you must be reminded:

Written Testimony The 9th circuit Federal court of appeals, Kaahumanu versus State of Hawaii DLNR:
“We have no difficulty concluding that wedding ceremonies are protected expression under the First Amendment.” You can not ban weddings as the state is required by federal law to provide land for couples to unite. A ban is not an answer.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Affordable Weddings

Written Testimony Aloha and thank you for your time. I OPPOSE Bill 34 and Bill 38. I am a resident born and raised here on East Oahu. Waimanalo is my beach! I have taken many family photos here and attended friends weddings here. I do not believe a ban is the answer. Let the industry and the community work together to find solutions bus listening to a loud handful or people will impact my life and hundreds more. I URGE you to OPPOSE these bills and listen to more than the loud few.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 34
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Organization Rainbow Watersports
Written Testimony	I oppose Bill 34 as it reads currently, and request that more time be given to work out a compromise with surf and water sport organizations.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony
Aloha
I strongly support Councilmember Tsuneyoshi's efforts to reclaim North Shore public parks for non-commercial, resident focused activities. This includes the several "un-improved" park parcels located throughout the area.
I would also like to recommend that the NE boundary be extended to include Kawela Bay and all the public land between Sunset Point and Kawela Bay.
Sincerely,
Larry McElheny

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Oppose Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

There are many reasons I oppose Bill 34 but I am going to address in my opinion the most important reason. Safety. The North Shore is a popular location for people wanting surf. The North Shore is also a very dangerous place for people wanting to surf. Stopping the surf schools will not stop visitors from attempting to surf the North Shore it will just make it much more dangerous and overwhelm lifeguards and EMS. If people are unable to take surf lessons they are just going to rent or borrow boards and get swept out to sea. It sounds like this proposal was not properly thought out and all the parties involved have not voiced their opinions and concerns.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Comment
Representing Self
Organization

Respectfully this bill, as written, will end surf schools ability to operate on the North Shore for three quarters of the year. Please allow us the opportunity to work on a comprise with the community.

Written Testimony

With Aloha,
Carol Philips

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Both My niece and my son are part Hawaiian. They both have had jobs as surf instructors.

Written Testimony Working as a surf instructor helped them develop a positive work ethic and awareness of ocean safety as it pertains to others in the water with them.

My son is currently in college to become a paramedic

Sincerely a proud Mother and Aunt

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Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony This Bill affects many of us who live on the North Shore. We pay enough taxes to use our parks and to restrict park usage is a slap in the face to the community. I add to my low income right now, especially with covid restrictions happening, by meeting people for photos in beautiful park locations and sometimes help with surf instruction. Please reconsider this bill for our community it is too restrictive.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Organization
Haleiwa surf school LLC
ALOHA! I'm writing in opposition to bill 34. I'm asking for a compromise in the bill.

Written Testimony I myself and many people in the community around me rely on surf lessons for a full time job. Restricting these activity's at said beaches would destroy our livelihood and leave us with nearly no options to run our local small buisness. Please consider compromise for bill 34.

Sincerely, a concerned resident

Chance king

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

My name is Kyler Kwock. My wife and I have owned and operated Kai-Photo Hawaii since 2005. I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach.

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is needed to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently, City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit, which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

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- Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.
- Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.
- Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

I truly believe that a complete ban on commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses and the Waimanalo residents and community.

As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on Waimanalo beach is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I commit to cleaning up anything I brought with me.

I believe working at Waimanalo Beach can be a true WIN-WIN, and I am committed to doing my part. I am not opposed to better management and enforcement of commercial activity on Waimanalo Beach. However, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38.

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I truly believe that a complete ban on commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses and the Waimanalo residents and community.

As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on Waimanalo beach is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I commit to cleaning up anything I brought with me.

I believe working at Waimanalo Beach can be a true WIN-WIN, and I am committed to doing my part. I am not opposed to better management and enforcement of commercial activity on Waimanalo Beach. However, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 7:55 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Brandon Smith
Phone	
Email	basmithphotos@gmail.com
Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38 and 34
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	This is my livelihood. I've worked hard to reach a point in my life where I can make art and survive. Removing the one place, the beach, that people come here to shoot is insane.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:05 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Natalie Christensen
Phone
Email natalie@alohabc.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization Aloha Bridal Connections

Written Testimony

Aloha Councilmember, [SEP] I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park. [SEP]

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Here are some possible solutions we'd like to offer:

1. Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage. [SEP]
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4. Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.
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Sincerely,

Natalie Christensen

Aloha Bridal Connections
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:33 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Joseph Esser
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Email Josephesserphoto@gmail.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha City Council,

Written
Testimony

I am submitting written testimony in opposition of both Bill 38 and Bill 34. The City and County of Honolulu has a permitting process in place that allows local small businesses the ability to access and work in public places, parks, and beaches as well as the ability to regulate what is and is not permissible. When permits are conducted and enforced, commercial activities such as small beach wedding or family photo shoots are not a nuisance. As a member of the wedding industry and a consistent of district 3, a ban on all commercial activities would prevent myself and may of my neighbor businesses from being able to work in our own community. The solution isn't a blanket ban but rather better enforcement of the current permitting process as well as tightening up rules in the permitting process as to what is and what is not allow. Please oppose this total ban on all commercial activities in my district and district 2. We need better enforcement and clarity between City and State agencies. Please consider modifying the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit.

Sincerely,

Joseph Esser
Owner of Joseph Esser Photo & Video

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:08 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	David Cordeiro
Phone	
Email	onedcordeiro@gmail.com
Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	34 and 38 bill
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	<p>My families livelihood depends On these bills not passing. I have Kaimaina Hawaiian roots. My grandmother is Kekipi Kaumakahokulani.</p> <p>I respect the Hawaiian culture and values. However, banning commercial weddings and photography is not the answer. Weddings are a way of passing our culture to others through language and dance. The wedding industry only helps our community by provide jobs and sharing Aloha.</p>
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:44 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Glen Werneth
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Parks and Community Services
Committee
Agenda Item Bill ³⁴~~43~~ Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha, my name is Glen Werneth and I am married with two children. My wife and I make a living doing photography for families and couples here on Oahu. Our clients have saved for months and are overly excited to have a moment captured on this beautiful island. Our clients and ourselves believe the east side of Oahu is so beautiful. We show many locations to our clients but our clients believe the east side has so much to offer. We always respect beach goers and the land. We stay far away from anyone trying to enjoy the beach and respect the land by picking up scattered trash when we see it. We also tell clients a little about the history of the land for each location of our shoots. These locations give our visitors a cherished memory they can share with their families for years to come. Sharing the beauty of our island also shares our Aloha. Thank you so much for reading

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:23 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Mike Parillo
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 & Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony Please allow us to continue to use the public beaches.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:22 AM
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Written Testimony

Name	Michelle Snyder
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Email	michelle@laflorevents.com
Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38 & Bill 34
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please allow us to continue to use the public beaches
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:20 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	La Flor Events
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Email	info@laflorents.com
Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38 & Bill 34
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Organization
Organization	La Flor Events
Written Testimony	Please allow us to continue to use the public beaches.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:18 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Vanessa Olsen
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Email vanessa@laflorevents.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 & Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony Please allow for the use of the public beaches.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:42 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Nate Burgoyne
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Email nateburgoyne@gmail.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38 and Bill 34. as they are currently written. These bills would be the nail in the coffin for families like mine who are small business owners doing our best to grasp for air in the wake of the covid pandemic.

Written
Testimony

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. We always leave the beaches better than we find them. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,
Nate Burgoyne
M: (808) 777-8150

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:42 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Susan O'Donnell
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bills 34+38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha,

I am writing to you in opposition of Bill 38, as they are currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I am committed to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and follow all City and State rules. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

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Oahu Wedding Association

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October 20, 2021

Councilmember Tulba
Parks and Community Service Committee Chair

Re: Opposition of Bill 34 and Bill 38

Aloha Councilmember Tulba,

On behalf of the Oahu Wedding Association, we are writing to you to formally oppose both **Bill 34** (BILL034(21), Proposed CD1-HT2) and **Bill 38** (BILL038(21)) as currently written. They both propose an overreaching ban of commercial activity at parks and beaches, which will directly hurt many local businesses in our industry.

This has been an ongoing topic within the beach communities and our businesses due to inconsistent enforcement of the rules for both the City and County of Honolulu Parks Department and the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources.

In 2010, **Bill 10** passed, banning commercial activity at Kailua, Lanikai and Kalama beaches. The result of this action was the reason for our opposition to Bill 10, as it is the reason for our opposition currently for Bill 38 and Bill 34 - when you ban these activities from one area, they will move to another.

In 2015, **Bill 8** passed, limiting commercial tour operators in specific areas from Makapu'u to Bellows, through a permitting system to be created by the Parks Department. The result of this action leads us again to the opposition of Bill 38 and Bill 34 - more enforcement, not complete bans of commercial activity, is needed.

In addition, there is confusion regarding which department has jurisdiction over certain areas of Waimanalo beach - the City and County of Honolulu Parks Department or the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources. There are different allowances for structure setups, time limits, and guest counts, which leads to an almost impossible situation for the company trying to follow the correct permit, and for the enforcement division trying to enforce the rules.

Instead of a total ban of commercial activity, which would directly hurt many businesses that are correctly following the rules from both the City and County and the State, we'd like to suggest the following solutions:.

Oahu Wedding Association

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1. Propose the City & County permit for weddings on Oahu align with the State DLNR Right of Entry permit, allowing up to (2) hours usage, no structures at all (chairs, arches, etc)
2. Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.
3. Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

A complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. We believe there are workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. We support consistent rules and guidelines, better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, we oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan O'Donnell".

Susan O'Donnell
Vice President

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:57 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Tessa Gomes
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34 and 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Councilmembers,

Written
Testimony

My name is Tessa Gomes and I am the owner of Fred and Kate Events. My business is a local, small business based here on Oahu. I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Sincerely,

Tessa Gomes

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 6:56 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name: Mona L. Hirata-Sung
Phone:
Email: mona@neuevents.com
Meeting Date: 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee: Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item: Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter: Oppose
Representing Organization: Self

Aloha Councilmember Tsuneyoshi,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

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1. Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.
2. More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.
3. Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for

businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

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Sincerely,
Mona L. Hirata-Sung
neu events
LeiAloha Planners
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:11 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Stephanie Le
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Esselle Weddings & Event

Written Testimony

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enforcement.

4) By banning ALL commercial activities, you're also depriving local residents of the opportunity to take:

-Professional photos with their families for holidays, family portraits, or to just memorialize a moment in time.

-Experience activities with their Ohana (like professional swim and surf lessons!) Where will the keiki learn to swim in the ocean with a professional instructor if this is all banned?

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:16 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Toshi Nakasone
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmember

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

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Sincerely,
Toshi Nakasone

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Aloha Councilmember

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Sincerely,

DJ Troy Michael
808.256.2003

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:22 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Kristen R.
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmember Kia'aina,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written
Testimony

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

- provide a clear permitting system, modify the permit schedule to weekdays only or something, chairs and decor setup in City park grounds only.

Do you know how many small businesses this is going to affect in Hawai'i? I truly believe that putting all of the energy into banning commercial activity at these beaches is not a good solution. During such a hard time with the pandemic, don't you see how losing tourism affects our economy, this is a tourist state hands down and no questions asked. We should be catering to tourism, if people don't like living in Disneyland they should move out of Hawai'i. I love my home, I LOVE my job making people happy with BEAUTIFUL imagery. I have worked my ASS off to create a strong business for the past 11 years to help support my family, pay my bills on time, never late on credit card payments but for you to take my livelihood away is NOT ALOHA by any means. Now let me ask you....what would you do if

you were out of work and had no job? How would your family be? That is the shittiest thing a STATE can do to someone and their family. If you are looking to shut down commercial activity then I think you should be shutting down waikiki, shut down the military, shut down all of the small mom and pop business who rely on tourism, shut down commercial fishing, shut down all of it because each and everyone of us who uses products and aren't living off of the land are destructing our beautiful home. Maybe we all need to be on Welfare, because it sounds like this is what you want for all of us. I have said my PEACE. I think the only solution is to have rules in place for permitting. Think Aloha and live Aloha. Thank you.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34 & Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I am opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written
Testimony

1. Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.
2. More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

1. Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.
2. Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.
3. Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.
4. Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and

communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmember Elefante,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony While I understand there are some concerns should be addressed. It would be wise to take time to specify these concerns rather than taking a broad stroke by banishing ALL commercial activity.

The actual weddings that take place on the beach have little to no impact on the community or the land itself. Let's look at more specific aspects...such as tour buses or large party setups. I can see how that would be intrusive. So let's address that rather than a wedding celebration. The ceremony, a photographer, a musician or maybe a hula dancer does absolutely NO harm. In fact, it adds CHARM to our community. Each and every time I have done a public wedding, the people around us watch with enjoyment and cheer when it's over.

So please...consider this as you all cast your votes. Keep the beach available for all to enjoy and celebrate life. Life celebrations should not be made illegal when they do not impose or impact the area.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

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Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

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Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

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Sincerely,

Jon Lagon
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38 bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmember Andria Tupola,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

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Sincerely,
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Written Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony As a small business owner working in the wedding industry we have faced challenge after challenge over the past 2 years due to Covid-19. Banning commercial activity at these locations would be another devastating hit to our industry and make it that much harder for us to make a living and to provide for our families. We are pleading with our city council members to continue to allow us to work in these areas. Thank you.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

When my friend from Japan was at a Ko Olina hotel, she was told by the hotel staff, "Have you been to the North Shore? It's so beautiful. You should go." This is exactly the problem. The hotels (and vacation rentals) promote their businesses, promise a great time, and charge a lot of money. When guests arrive, they are sent to the North Shore beaches, as if it is part of the hotel experience.

Written Testimony Many of them, who come in tour vans, stop at Laniakea to take close-up pictures of the sea turtles. The infamous Turtle Traffic is not the only problem. The wall of tourists prevents the turtles from coming up to the beach to rest, and the footsteps of half a million tourists per year accelerate the erosion of the habitat of this federally protected species.

The extensive commercial use of public beaches on the North Shore should be regulated and closely monitored.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmember,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

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Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

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Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,
Nolan Hong

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 34 Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Councilmember
Esther Kia'aina

The reason I am reaching out to you this morning is to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony Banning all commercial activity is the equivalency of throwing the baby out with the bathwater . My wife and I live in Kailua, she was raised here, went to the mainland and got her degree in photography and now is making a living utilizing her skills and passion right here on the very beach as we are trying to ban Commercial activity from. This will significantly harm hers as well as many of her cohorts ability to make a living and continue living in this place we all love and call home.

It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

I believe we need to figure out how to keep the small businesses thriving, not choke them out. If this bill passes I fear it's a slippery

slope for many other beaches to be banning the same commercial activity.

That said, more clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers. This may have the effect of the harming the legitimate businesses that pay taxes and help support our economy while the not so honest rule breakers will do it anyway. We've seen this very thing happen with the kayak rentals, kite surfing and surfing instructors where the rule breakers keep breaking the rules without consequence while the legitimate businesses pay the price.

Perhaps we can Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

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Sincerely,

John Reyno
Hawaii Modern

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Councilmember Kia'āina,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38 and Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (castle point). And also oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony

I am a Mom of 4 children. They are all hard workers. Two children own their own small businesses, my husband does also.

We are devastated by the acts of the government trying to interfere with every move these entrepreneurs make to try better their lives for themselves, locals, and for people who want to visit this beautiful island creation! All those who contribute to the welcoming Aloha offered are what makes everyone's lives better, no matter the act of kindness offered. Some people save up for a lifetime to come here, get married renew vows, honeymoon or have a retirement trip of a lifetime. Others enjoy doing all the sports we have year-round. The photographers work hard to capture the essence of love and beauty. They have to have permits to do so on the beach, most all comply and follow rules.

I don't understand the problem. We need to spend more time on the fishing of which can deplete the ocean so severely for all we can see

are sharks. The food chain is messed up. Lets focus on teaching people how to cross the street, ride bikes where there is no place to ride in an ill-planned city without side walks and newly painted street lines and safe cross walks. Teaching people to look both ways and to make eye contact with driver. Walk bikes across the streets and skate boards too, instead of darting out in front of cars. These things save lives. Business owners are trying to make a life for themselves while helping the #1 industry, tourism. Our Governor needs to praise these people for doing their part, instead of telling tourists not to come here. Two of our mainland friends commented on how he told people not to come here to visit. Where is the Aloha and what is it supposed to be if we can't share God's creation without causing a stink about it. Sure, and all this during a pandemic when the human race needs extra care and hospitality.

Please reconsider what you are doing. Shutting down businesses your way is not working.

Because we care,

The Hook Family

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

I fully support Bill 34. Hawaii State law says there shall be no regular or extensive use of public property for private gain. DPR states that Oahu parks are for the people of Oahu, not the commercialism and not the businesses. If you must allow some commercialism, surf schools at Puaena Point with management could work. Thank you for acting to control some of the over-tourism on the north shore.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 & 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony

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Sincerely,

Michael McDermott

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Aloha and Mahalo for today hearing. My name is Zoraida Pagan I am a single mom from Puerto Rico that after Hurricane Marias 2017 got hired over seas to work in Oahu as a surf instructor. I left everything behind to provide a better quality of living. A year after I did my own permit. Learning Kaiaka beach cause is a very weak wave perfect for kids to learn how to surf . Since I am a mom I focus on teaching kids to learn how to surf and Kaiaka is the softest wave for them in the NS.

In the years I had being teaching surfing in Kaiaka I had only see 3-4 people that had being going there to really surf. Is a shallow are with lost of rock not suitable for swimming either. Is an empty beach totally empty (outside of surf lessons) from Monday to Friday. The days that are full of public are holidays and sometimes weekends. I had work there weekly on the small season of waves for the last 4 years and I assure you that the people that goes there are to get a surf lesson by the companies providing surf lessons. Public doesn't go or barely go on week days . There is nothing FALSE on my testimony.

Kaiaka Beach is the safest spot to teach kids on the NS. Is an easy wave to help kids to loose the fear of the ocean since Pacific Ocean can be intimidating .

I teach local kids and tourist helping them have the fundamental skill for developing a skill for their rest of their life's. Taking out Kaiaka Beach will let Keikis exposed to Chuns Reef full of adults with bigger waves that could not be as enjoyable and safe as Kaiaka Beach.

Families are whiling to adjust their surfing experience to a more softer

wave when is safer for their kids. Keeping Kaiaka available will be safer for local and tourist to benefit from it.

Me as a single mom this Bill 34 is harming me and my daughter. Putting my economies is a critical situation not having a safe place to teach surfing cause Kaiaka was my main spot to be able to provide for my ohana.

Solution to this could be giving priority to the surf schools with 10 years or more . Letting them teach in the morning hours and then the others the afternoon hours . This could be something that could be implemented at Pua'ena Point also. Another solution keep group lessons to a maximin of 6 -8 people per school . Only letting one group surf lesson per school on the water . Not multiple group lesson from one surf school at the same time in the water. This for all surf spots where surf lessons are available . So if the times are divided giving priority in the morning ,the busiest hours , to the older surf schools with seniority and the rest in the afternoons and not allowing multiple group lessons from the same company in the water. Establishing a maximun number of people on a group lesson would reduce the crowds by more than half. I asume 3 times less crowds

Also another option could be keeping comercial activities at the beaches only Monday to Friday like Maui . Leaving weekends and holidays without surf lessons .

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity and letting me speak today at the hearing. I am really great full being able teach surfing in the Mecca of Surfing Hawaii.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
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Aloha Councilmember Calvin Say,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

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found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 2:41 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-201y
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony Banning all commercial activity is not the solution and doing so would negatively affect many local businesses. What we need are clear rules and guidelines. We are happy to get and pay for permits, limit guest counts and abide by rules but limiting access completely would be devastating.

As a small local business we only do a few weddings here and get all necessary permits. Can we not just allow a limited number of weddings with minimal guest counts on a first come first served basis? These ceremonies are literally only 20 minutes long and we clean up the beach before and afterwards, leaving it cleaner than when we arrived.

Additionally, more clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area

vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

We are fine with zero decor (including archways, chairs, etc.) but banning all commercial activities completely makes it extremely difficult for our small local business to survive. Additionally, is it not possible now to take Christmas photos on these beaches?

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage,

Limit the number of events, allowing less events means less commercial activity all around.

Also, you could limit the number of beaches, and only allow certain specific beaches on this coastline.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a local business owner, I believe in following the rules, and we have been for nearly a decade now. It is an honor to share this beautiful island with others but we completely understand that we must be gracious towards the community as well and those of us who are professionals want to follow all rules and abide by them. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,
Nicole Salmoiraghi

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony I oppose Bill 38/ Bill 34 because I am a self employed videographer and need to be able to shoot weddings freely on the beach as part of my main income on Oahu. This is my lively hood and if one or two beaches or areas close down for weddings more will close down in the future and will hurt our industry and everyone else attached (planners, makeup artists, photographers, videographers, officiants, etc)

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Councilmember,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees,

tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 9:24 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Anastasiia Ahafonova
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Meeting Date 02-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha!

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony

- Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

- More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

- Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not.

Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

- Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.
- Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.
- Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.
- Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

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Sincerely,

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I support Bill 34 but it should be amended to include prohibiting commercial activity in Hūnānāniho. It shouldn't be the only place allowed from Makapu'u to Mokapu.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name William Howes
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Meeting Date 08-26-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34 "Relating to Commercial Activities at Public Parks"
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization Kolea Farm

I hereby support Bill 34 relating to commercial activities at Public Parks, especially as it relates to tour bus companies dropping off tourists at Laniakea Beach park also known as "Turtle Beach" on O'ahu's north shore.

Hundreds of tourists are dropped off at this beach every day by tour bus drivers. Bus drivers and tourists seem to be unaware of or do not care about the damage they are causing to the beach and to the turtles and that touching turtles is a Felony.

Written Testimony This activity is creating a hostile environment for the turtles and is also causing traffic to backed up for miles in both directions of Kamehameha Hwy.

Strongly support Bill 34.

Thank you!

William Howes
Pupukea Resident

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 11:25 AM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

The exception of Hunaunaniho Beach Park as the only park with commercial activity is a big problem in our community. We see weddings stacked up as 3 couples and even more wait in an actual line for their ceremony, fake and expired permits, limos lined up and parking illegally in our neighborhoods, and confrontations with residents and wedding vendors that are angry scenes. We are changing quickly into a tourist trap like Kailua and are experiencing large crowds like never before. The permitting system is full of flaws, there is nobody to enforce the rules, and it is unfair to Waimanalo to be saddled with the responsibility of calling HPD on commercial activity while the rest of Windward Oahu shoreline enjoys protections. The loopholes present opportunities for abuse and wedding companies are organized and actively taking advantage of this exception here in our park. Simply include us in the ban on commercial activities like all the other parks. These businesses are making big profits and do not contribute anything to our community. The limos and vendors add to congestion and traffic that is already happening in our small town. Time to be fair and do what's right for Waimanalo. Mahalo

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