

**BILL048(22)**  
**Testimony**

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PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

## **PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES Meeting**

Meeting Date: Oct 20, 2022 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 5

Oppose: 40

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Name: Kathleen Pahinui	Email: pahinuik001@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 16, 2022 @ 01:29 PM
Testimony: I support Bill 48 with the recommended amendment.		
Name: Greg Arndt	Email: greg@privatetourshawaii.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 17, 2022 @ 12:54 PM
Testimony: Aloha everyone. I work for a small company that provides custom tours for small groups. As a 48 year resident who loves Hawaii and it's people I would never do anything harmful here for personal gain. Our tours are small, are part of the regenerative tourism model, and we feed back to the local people and community and family businesses all along our route. People on my van learn about this place and it's people, would never disrespect a turtle or a local's personal space. 100% of all the money from our company and guests stays in Hawaii. Where I go on my day off (hiking, Sandy Beach, etc.) is not ruined or overrun by visitors. Most visitors want to do the right thing and are not evil people. I do not live on the north shore where there is only one road, with Sunset Beach, the Pipeline, Sharks Cove and Three Tables, Waimea Bay, Waimea Falls Park, and turtle beaches are all clustered together. I understand the frustration. If you physically study Laniakea traffic you will see that less than 2% are tour vans. Yet the "answer" is to close us down and ban us 100% from the entire coastline. It is not a true answer, just an easy target to vent frustration instead of actually coming up with a true win-win situation. All these bills are flawed with no studies, no discussions with the people and businesses actually affected, no attempt at a true solution. Just a 100% ban that in effect will close kamaaina businesses, push all that money to rental cars, and actually make the situation worse. It doesn't have to be this way. I refuse to be pitted against my fellow citizens, an "us against them mentality".		
Name: Carey Johnson	Email: quarkcsj@hotmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Custom Island Tours, LLC	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 18, 2022 @ 08:05 PM
Testimony: There are already rules in place about commercial activities at this and all beach parks, however they are not being enforced. So a couple of bad actors is ruining it for everyone. The Parks department just passed new, ever more restrictive rules in September of 2020. For tour companies to be able to make commercial stops at the beach parks, they are supposed to get a permit from the parks department. That permit allows 1 van per tour company to be in a beach park within 1 of the 5 districts, and that van can't exceed 15 passengers. The problem that prompted the complaints about Kokololio beach park was that one company was parking 3 tour buses that were each 25 passenger buses, at the same time. This is in clear violation of the rules, but instead of citing them for breaking the rules, now they want to punish everyone by banning all tour companies from this beach. So what happens when this law is passed, and people break that law? Probably nothing, because nobody was even enforcing the laws that already exist. Tour companies are already banned from 10 miles of coast-line on the East side of Oahu, and now they are also banned from 8 miles of the North Shore. They are also banned from all State parks, so this includes Ka'iwi State Wayside (Makapu'u lighthouse trail, and Allan Davis beach), Malaekahana State beach, Ka'ena State Park, both on the North Shore, and at Yokahama Bay, Pu'u Ualaka State park (Tantalus lookout), etc... They are also banned from 2 of the botanical gardens that the City manages, the one in Koko Crater, and the one in Kaneohe. Tour companies are banned from so many places that you could create a 3 day tour with over 50 stops, just from the places that the normal public can go to, but tour companies can not. This is encouraging tourists to go out on their own, in rental cars. Most rental cars have 2 to 4 people in them, so an average of 3 people per rental car. So for every 15 passenger tour van that you ban, you add 5 rental cars to the roads, and beach parking lots. So you're actually making the problem that you're trying to solve, worse. Tourists who go out on their own are more likely to get into trouble and possibly die, at the beaches and hiking trails. And they are more likely to have an accident because they are looking at the scenery while driving on unfamiliar roads, especially if they're from a country where they drive on the other side of the road like		

Australia and Japan. These tourists also won't have a guide, not only to keep them safe, but to make sure that they don't damage sensitive cultural sites, and that they learn the history, legend, and culture of Hawaii. The HTA says that they want the tourists to be immersed in the Hawaiian culture. How are we as tour guides supposed to do that when we have been banned from most of the places where we would normally introduce them to these things? If anything, it should almost be mandatory that if tourists venture outside of Waikiki, that they should have a guide with them, to keep them safe, and make sure that they don't do anything they shouldn't, like leaving trash, or getting too close to large surf. Imagine how many jobs that would create for locals... and how many jobs that these laws are killing... jobs = taxes Tour companies pay taxes, State, Federal, PUC, and GET.

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Name: Alex Wilson	Email: andercw@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 11:19 AM

Testimony:  
Aloha,

Banning another beach park is not the answer. This is a waste of tax payer time and money. Come up with a better solution for both parties.

How long is this "chase the tours away" going to last?

Name: Adam White	Email: awhite4000@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 02:48 PM

Testimony:  
Aloha.

I oppose this bill. BILL048(22) adds another area on Oahu that local tour guides can no longer guide our visitors. Adding Kokololio to the areas that we can no longer legally share with our visitors, will just push more visitor traffic to the last few remaining legal areas. This does not solved the underlying issue. I absolutely agree that both locals and visitors should have access to our public areas. If Tourism is going to remain an industry here on Oahu, then I support having respectful/well-trained/locals to serve as hosts to as many visitors as possible. If this task is completed effectively, then, in theory, we should be able to achieve a balance between locals and visitors around the island.

In addition, the more we steer our visitors away from local tour companies, the more we put them into rental cars. This not only puts more vehicles on our roads, but also sends more money back to US Mainland-based organizations. I would rather support local businesses whenever and wherever we possibly can.

Finally, we are currently averaging 25,000 visitor arrivals on Oahu each day. The average stay is 5-7 days. This equates to approximately 100,000-150,000 additional humans on this island on any given day of the year....this topic (maximum capacity for Oahu) has been debated since the 1960's. Nevertheless, in 2022, we are still looking for answers. In my humble opinion, until we can limit the number of visitors that arrive at the HNL Airport (this is currently unlawful under Federal Law) our capacity problems should persist. Otherwise, our leaders MUST get involved with REAL research at our public spaces and create a game plan(s). It is difficult to please everyone. However, there are solutions that will return the balance to the island.

Our Government was designed to allow the public's voices/opinions to be heard. This is a privilege that many citizens of the World do not have. I am so incredibly grateful for this opportunity to share my opinion. Now, as our leaders, please listen to our voices.

Mahalo Ke Akua.

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Matthew Sebay-Abordo	kehuasebay@gmail.com	96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 06:17 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This new bill only affects tour companies as bill 38 already cuts off our access to the beaches. As a tour guide I would prefer that we tour companies take tourist to the beach to watch and teach tourist the correct ways to care and respect the aina while giving them a good time. Taking away public beaches just gives less information to the tourist, and more opportunity for them to cause harm to our aina because of the lack of in person lessons a tour provides. It also takes away from safe environments that tour companies are able to show them because if the tour doesn't take and show them the spots, these tourist go and find beaches themselves leaving them vulnerable to injury and losses.</p>		
Name: Jamal Mamalias	Email: jamwatts808@gmail.com	Zip: 96743
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 06:28 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Our Tourism Industry will thrive when the tourism industry is enabled to use public parks in the same fair and legal manner as all else.. Thank You - Jamal Mamalias</p>		
Name: Healani Thompson	Email: healanithompson@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 06:36 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Hawaii is very dependent on tourism and north shore plays a big role in the tourism industry here on Oahu. This bill would also cause a lot of loss jobs which would include myself.</p>		
Name: John Drago	Email: 808friendsinhawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 06:38 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>It's my understanding that our primary sources of income are the military and tourism. This bill would shatter and literally crush tourism industry where people come to enjoy the beautiful island of Oahu. I strongly disapprove! We're trying to build back from Covid lockdowns and restrictions. This will wipe out our industry!</p>		
Name: James Goodson	Email: goodson.james@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 06:39 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>I have worked in the tourism industry for 17 years here in Hawaii and completely shutting down island tour operators at PUBLIC beaches is a really poor choice by this council in my opinion for many reasons. The first would be that this is going to affect an already struggling tourist fed local economy existing around the island and around all these locations from the drivers, to the food stands, and the tour guides and tourism dollars that feed families all around the island. Tourism which is already suffering due to a complete lack of government assistance with the drug epidemic that's sweeping our islands. Why haven't we done more to clean up our parks and get drug treatment centers set up but that's another topic. Yes some of these parks might need stricter Parking specifically for tour shuttles and specific time zones, but they could in turn help make some of the beach parks better. If you look at the state of our parks and recreation it's really a sad state and instead of kicking out these companies use them as a revenue source to help fix and maintain the infrastructure and grounds that are being used. In conclusion I believe this is a rash bill submitted by power hungry candidate running for governor without any hindsight or foresight in the real problems and rather than dealing with the issue like a real leader just wants to completely restrict. This is bill of leadership that has the interests of</p>		

everyone involved in the interests of the PUBLIC not private beaches.

There may be issues that need addressing here but this is not the way. Passing a bill like this would be another falling by this council in many of your constituents minds. Do the right thing and look at the bigger picture!

Name: Kymani Ramos	Email: kymani44@icloud.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 06:44 PM

Testimony:

By enabling bill 38 you get rid of tour companies from accessing the shores of Hawaii. By doing so it allows tourists to come on their own time with no knowledge and/or respect they need to have for the beaches (as-well as the land). Tour companies grant them that knowledge and respect by teaching them to take care of the area, marine life safety for both themselves as-well as wildlife and stories about both Land and Sea. Tour companies play a very important role in teaching tourists to respect and love Hawaii as much as us locals have. Mahalo Nui for you time

Name: D.A. Jaimez	Email: dinoparrottdise@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 06:51 PM

Testimony:

I oppose subject bill as it would deny our visiting tourists the opportunity to experience & enjoy our beautiful beaches via tours as many do not want to &/or cannot rent vehicles to explore our island & beaches. Keep the aloha, stop being selfish I say to those supporting this terrible bill. Aloha !!!

Name: jake Miller	Email: jakemiller119@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 06:56 PM

Testimony:

I Jake Miller herby formally oppose bill 48 due to it's unfair nature. This bill unfairly targets the tour bus industry and will not remediate the problems it seeks to solve. The main problems associated with tourism are largely due to overconsumption of resources and ignorant behavior. The problem of overconsumption of resources is persistent and much larger than the tour bus industry. The tour bus industry serves to protect communities from ignorant behavior. I work in this industry and can personally attest to the fact that my customer act with much more respect for AINA and KANAKA than your average rental car driving, ticktock watching tourist.

Name: Jeremy Soares	Email: jersoares88@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 06:59 PM

Testimony:

Aloha.

As kamaaina and a tour guide for Nui Tours i see first hand the results of allowing visitors to roam free. We as tour companies are the first line of defense for our Aina. Without us there is no education for the visitors. We enlighten them on the history of hawaii, it's fragile ecosystems and it's deep rooted communities. Cutting off access to North and East facing shorelines will massively affect our value thus turning visitors to seek their own access. Unattended and uneducated they will cause much greater damage and problems for our ecosystems and community.

Mahalo for your time

JEREMY SOARES

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Name: Dylan Sapp	Email: papanomaru@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 07:01 PM

Testimony:

I feel that parks are for the public and tourists. Everyone should be able to enjoy them and if people are on a tour or doing some kind of activity that should not dictate their access at anytime. Also public access to beaches is a sacred right and access through parks is a main thoroughfare. Whether or not the people are on free time or participating in a paid for activity should never dictate their ability to access something meant for everyone.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Oct 19, 2022 @ 07:07 PM

Testimony:

There isn't anyone from the island that doesn't understand the concerns that come from tourism in the north side. However, it shouldn't push us towards segregating discriminatory racism towards our guests of our island. Not only do people around the world want to see Hawaii, just as we want to see and explore the vast world. We are dependent on their very desire to come and visit. We should not be descaling but rather expanding on resources towards making improving roads and traffic space. So that we can provide more job opportunities as the minimum wage in Hawaii is not sustainable and will be needing to further go through reevaluation. How will cutting out businesses from basic rights we have as citizens of this country going to benefit the locals' livelihood towards a means of living.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Oct 19, 2022 @ 07:20 PM

Testimony:

It's my understanding that our primary sources of income are the military and tourism. This bill would shatter and literally crush tourism industry where people come to enjoy the beautiful island of Oahu. I strongly disapprove! We're trying to build back from Covid lockdowns and restrictions. This will wipe out our industry!

Name:

Jack Gonya

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Oct 19, 2022 @ 07:20 PM

Testimony:

Aloha, It is obvious and is proven time and time again that UNSUPERVISED visitors with rental cars and no prior education of the islands can have a MUCH MORE HARMFUL effect on the islands ecosystems, wildlife, and local population. TOUR BUSES ARE THE MOBILE CLASSROOMS OF HAWAII. Look at the traffic now, if we did away with tour busses the island wouldn't be able to sustain the same volume of tourism, without causing serious adverse effects to the islands environment, ecology, and its local populations.

Name:

Tim Gabalis

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Representing:

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Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Oct 19, 2022 @ 07:30 PM

Testimony:

To whom it may concern I am a driver of a tour company I drive tour bus And by passing this bill is like taking food for my family first corona we're out for a long time and me and my family were struggling now we finally get back to work and you guys trying to prohibit us from bringing a tourist down to the beach where they can see Hawaii without that without the tourist coming down and supporting us it is again once again taking away food for my family.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Oct 19, 2022 @ 07:52 PM

Testimony:

Public park should not be limited to commercial bus. The limitation also taking away the rights and joy from tourists who fly thousands miles in order to visit Hawaii. They should be able to enjoy the beautiful parks we have in hawaii and get to share the aloha spirits.

Name: Michael Madali	Email: mikemadali@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 07:53 PM
<p>Testimony: Testimony of Michael Madali Against BILL048(22)</p> <p>My name is Michael Madali, I am a tour bus driver/guide, and I am against the proposed BILL048(22).</p> <p>I've been in the tourism business driving bus for over 40 years, most of my life. I enjoy my job and love what I do and the main reason why I do it is because I love to see the visitors amazed by what Oahu has to offer.</p> <p>By providing these shuttled tours, visitors get full advantage of seeing what our island offers, learn some of our culture and most of all to see and experience our beautiful beaches and costal lines. By providing services such as this, this eliminates traffic while traveling around the island or anywhere on the island, free up parking stalls at beaches (parking is already limited and slim to none at most beaches) and supporting local vendors on the way by purchasing island made products.</p> <p>Again, I am Michael Madali and I am Against BILL048(22)</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written testimony.</p> <p>Mahalo, Michael Madali</p>		

Name: Jack Gonya	Email: alexmillier7.am@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 08:10 PM
<p>Testimony: This bill obviously only serves to benefit upper class, non local residents that wish to privatize the beaches along the east and north shore. This bill in no way benefits the island or the local people of Hawaii. It is sad and absurd that it has even been proposed!</p>		

Name: Myong Yi	Email: somasview@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 08:14 PM
<p>Testimony: I believe this bill will have a lot of negative effects in overall Hawaii. Please do not pass this bill.</p>		

Name: Deroy Lupica	Email: delupica808@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 08:29 PM
<p>Testimony: Aloha I'm am born and raised here on Oahu I am a tour guide for nui tours also a first responder of 10 years. Guided tours of Oahu is the one of the safest way in my perspective to help our guest see the island and understand how to persevere it. I have seen first hand how unguided tourists can cause a lot of damage to our land and natural resources as well as themselves and or other around them. I have done more incident prevention, water rescues and even CPR situations for the general public, and unguided tourists more then the guest on the tours. Reason for that being is that we are there to educate and to prevent it before it even happens. The tourists will find a way to those beaches with or without us. We just provide a safe way to do it also keeping all</p>		



the renal cars off the roads and not loaded up the beach parking lots. Please take us all into consideration mahalo

Name: Cherrelle Loa	Email: cherrelleloa@yahoo.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 08:54 PM

Testimony:

I am a Native Hawaiian from the Hau'ula district and i strongly oppose this bill, there is serious problems in our community and tourism is not even in the top 10. I also recently discovered a local tour company just adopted a beach park in my community to begin beach cleanups and native plant restoration with the guests on the tour which i thought was fantastic! Malama Pono!

Name: Andrew Riley	Email: colinriley4924937@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 08:56 PM

Testimony:

My name is andrew riley i work in the tour industry this will ruin my life i will have no job and cannot live without these options for tourists.

Name: Darian Wyman	Email: darianwyman@icloud.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 09:06 PM

Testimony:

Aloha! My name is Darian. I'm a aloha ambassador with Nuitours. As a aloha ambassador and working with tourist's, here on the island of Oahu. I can see how problematic this can be, for tourist's to understand, Learn and have the proper guidance on the island's. Without Professional Aloha ambassador's sharing not just the knowledge of the island's but also the love, of the Aloha spirit! That we as people should share with the public to keep its Aloha when they arrive. Because true Hawaiian's and Polynesian's show that aloha to keep sharing the knowledge to keep our culture strong and beautiful.

Thank you.  
Darian.

Name: Justin Alhambra	Email: Keliialhambra@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 09:08 PM

Testimony:

Ok ;  
We are an island that is based off of tourism.

As a local I don't like a lot of the things about tourism.

Most of the part that everything is restricted or not having locations for them to go too. So they end up breaking the rules and making it worst for our home and environment.

We need the income form the tourist so why not make it a safe an better place for locals an tourist.

Making it illegal an not allow the tourists company's to guide them will only make to is worst for the locals an areas they are trying to stop us from using.

Bc with company's taking them they at least guide with keeping them in line with knowing understanding of our Community and culture.

Instead of not being about to get a tour and them renting a car and going to unsafe locations or finding places they are not allowed

to be in with no one guiding them .

Witch in the long run will only make matters worst.

It's not like most of these parts an shore lines are being taken care of anyways

Us locals barely use some of these locations bc of the lack of care and attention our city an county dose not even maintain.

Allow tourist to come should be a good thing. For the company's and Community.

Name: David K. Kaawa	Email: kawika1224@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 09:13 PM

Testimony:

Aloha, I for one, is LOCAL MALE ADULT, Born and Raised here on this Island of OAHU, I have been a Tours Bus Driver, from early years of 20, I have also served as a CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ( OAHU ).

I've seen many things happen through out my Life Time, here, When our ECONOMY WAS, SUGAR CANE- PINEAPPLE-OUR MILITARY AND OUR TOURIST, and our TORIST INDUSTRY DEPENDS ON OUR SERVICES, they are and is our ECONOMY, and you're trying to take this, our livelihood that puts food on my Table, That Feeds my family and provides a ROOF OVER MY FAMILIES HEAD.

Shame on all of You, and you know who you are, PLEASE TAKE A GOOD LOOK IN THE MIRROR TOMORROW MORNING, before you leave your house and SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND LET YOUR HEARTS BE WITH YOU ALL , BEFORE YOU VOTE, TO TAKE OUR LIVELIHOOD AWAY FROM ALL US TOURIST INDUSTRY, AND MAY ALL THE HAWAIIAN GODS BE WITH YOU ALL.

Name: Andrew Kepoo	Email: 1420kepoo@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 09:32 PM

Testimony:

Humbly addressed to whom it may concern,

Aloha, 'o Andrew Kepo'o ko'u inoa. I have been showing visitors to O'ahu around ever since my elementary childhood days. The ability to see people in awe when seeing places around this island for the first time, always provided me with a great source of pride and joy.

I feel honored to be able to showcase, highlight, and share the unique beauty that can only be found here in Hawai'i with visitors in a manner that promotes an education towards stewardship and responsibility. I have lived off-island (Los Angeles County/Orange County, CA - Tarrant County, TX - Citrus County, FL ) for almost a decade, and I have not yet experienced a sense of responsibility to stewardship towards every aspect of existence, with the same high fervor that our culture cultivates, here in Hawai'i.

I do strongly feel that sharing our value of responsibility with visitors, promotes a level of respect that commands, rather than demands, an utmost care towards all people, places, and things (both foreign and domestic). I feel a sense of duty, through this sharing of my culture and homeland, that inspires me towards feeling a sense of fulfilment towards a legacy of Hawai'i that my beloved Queen, Her Majesty Queen Lili'uokalani, spoke of in regards to her brother - my beloved King, His Majesty King David Kalakaua in this quote:

"Kalakaua valued the commercial and industrial prosperity of his kingdom highly. He sought honestly to secure it for every class of people, alien or native, in his dominions, making it second only to the advancement of morals and education." - Her Majesty Queen Lili'uokalani

I humbly seek to remain a steward of this 'aina, for I feel none other than Akua can deny access to anyone in places that I may freely visit as a citizen of Hawai'i, and share with hoa'aloa in a legal and lawful manner. U'i i ke kalo, and such a blessing to be able to share a vision of not being an owner or profiteer of Haloa (although I have the ability to harvest taro plants), but rather an entity capable of advancing my understanding of how to co-habitate harmoniously and responsibly with every aspect of creation.

I seek the advancement of morals and education through my opposition of this bill. I do so in Aloha, with utmost respect and gratitude, towards all who have an affect in how we receive visitors to our Kula'iwi, ko Hawai'i pae aina. May everyone who is a steward of these islands; maintain vision of our opportunity to make an affect on the outside world through teaching and showing others what we are raised to be responsible for; stewardship. I feel stewardship is obligated to extend to responsible sharing with others before a complete denial of an experience. Mahalo nui for your time. Malama pono, kakou. A hui hou

Name: Chase Loesch	Email: cjloesch89@gmail.com	Zip: 98615
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 09:53 PM

Testimony:  
I strongly oppose the passing of this Bill. In fact the very temerity of this proposition is astounding. Oahu is known for these beautiful beaches, in which tourist travel from all over the world travel to see these locations. Passing this bill would be nothing short of "shooting ourselves in the foot" These beaches have been public for years, and hold weight as to one of the main reasons this whole island was able to sustain though the uncertainty caused by the pandemic of the years prior. These beaches are to be cherished not only by the people fortunate enough to live here, but also by the people who want to respectfully visit them on their vacations to Hawaii. On behalf of me, my family, and all the other families that this bill would be threatening the very Livelihood and freedoms of; I beg you to reconsider! The passing of this bill would cause us all to lose, some of us more than others. There's a Hawaiian phrase "Oni pa'a" meaning "immovable," "steadfast," "firm," "resolute" we need to stay firm in not letting this bill pass for the love of our island and it's fragile yet strong tourism industry!

Name: Tiarie Southon	Email: tiarie.southon@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 09:59 PM

Testimony:  
Aloha,  
My name is Tiarie Southon and I am against BILL048(22).

I am fully against BILL048(22). I have family that's been providing these island tours to visitors for a long time. It's my family's passion to educate our visitors through narrative tours along the coastal lines while traveling parts of the island. While on the tour, visitors learn a lot about the culture, the stories, the history and why our state is so precious, they soak up this information that is passed on and with this they appreciate the island more and respect it. This tour also stops at certain spots which supports local vendors by allowing visitors to purchase souvenirs to try and take home to share. Finally, our beautiful breath-taking beaches. The guides on the tour also educate the visitors about our sea animals where they get to experience these animals occasionally on land and if they're lucky they will know how to avoid the situation and stay away. Plus too, majority of the beaches on the island are very limited to parking or has no parking at all, by getting shuttled this eliminates traffic in the area. I believe the tour is very educational and gives the visitors the insights on the Do's and Don'ts.

I want to thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony.

Mahalo, Tiarie Southon

Name: Vishaka Jokiel	Email: vjokiel@gmail.Com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 10:27 PM

Testimony:  
To whom it may concern, city policy makers, etc.

If this bill goes through my grand children will not be eating well and going to good schoolS. This will affect many people take away many local jobs, and will be just ingenuous to what we support here in Hawaii, which is tourism. What would Hawaii be without the tourism industry. We bring so much money to this place by giving joy to the people that come to visit. Please do not pass this bill. My family will suffer as we are all very deeply committed to our industry of tourism. Thank you. Sincerely, Vishaka Jokiel.

Name: King Madali	Email: kingmadali@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 19, 2022 @ 11:44 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>My name is King Madali and I oppose this BILL048(22).</p> <p>My father, Mike Madali, has been a tour bus driver for 20+ years. He is the only provider and source of income in our family. This is what my dad does for a living! If this bill is approved he will NOT have a job anymore. He pays the bills and he is also working so he could help pay for my college tuition. Without a job we will all be homeless.</p> <p>The communities are complaining about buses of tourists being in their "area." They need to understand that it is NOT their area. They do not own the beach or public areas. My father is very respectful towards every one in the community. However, he is constantly getting harassed by members of the community. He is just doing his job he didn't do anything to them. The community is complaining about traffic. It is not the buses that is causing traffic, it's the constant construction causing traffic. Hawaii needs to stop building structures and buildings. This is what causing traffic! Also, the areas is a one way I and one way out, many vehicles get stalled. If tourists drove their own cars, imagine all the traffic they will cause and imagine all the cars they rented that will be parked in their communities! So, the tour buses cut down on car rentals which frees up spaces on the road. There is enough cars on the road.</p> <p>I believe that majority of the people that is complaining about the tour bus industry are rich entitled people who are NOT originally from Hawaii. They shouldn't have no right to say who can and cannot come into the community/beaches. Just because they have a lot of money to offer to politics thats why this bill is in review. My dad is Hawaiian born and raised and these entitled people is harassing him by taking away his job! He was on this island first!</p> <p>Also, tourist is what makes money go around and feeds the economy. Without tourists spending money in these communities, you can kiss all these mom &amp; pops stores good bye. Good bye to Matsumotos shaved ice, good bye small coffee shops, good bye small clothing shops. Without the touring buses/industry there will be no businesses. Everyone will be out of a job. With inflation rising and no tourists spending, many jobs are going to crash. Therefore, this is a chain reaction and not just my dad will lose his job, many islanders will eventually lose their jobs to when the economy crashes. When every one loses their jobs, who is going to have to pay for taxes to help poor people? The rich! The rich will have to pay even more because more people will have to go on food stamps, section8, etc. But then again, maybe Hawaii politics is shooting for this to happen because Hawaii is all about money now. The aloha spirit is slowly fading away and thats so sad. Mainlanders are moving here because they have the money and with that they feel like they have the authority to change Hawaii and complain about what is inconveniencing them. SELFISH &amp; ENTITLED PEOPLE.</p> <p>Mahalo, King Madali</p>		
Name: Matthew Nakamoto	Email: nakamotomatt@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 12:13 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill</p>		
Name: Dayna Fiorentino	Email: Kusha.iskcon.hawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 01:34 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>We,Hawaiians, have a God given and legal right to access all parts of the Aina in relation to our survival. We make our living sharing its beauty and bounty of Aloha. Why do rich foreigners now dictate that we are nit entitled to make a living accessing the</p>		

shore? Because they are trying to possess the beauty for their exclusive pleasure. That is not fair. The shoreline and parks are for the public aloha. Please let us keep sharing it to live and live/live to share it.

Name: Cheryl Buckman	Email: alohacutie77@icloud.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 05:59 AM

Testimony:  
Surely in the spirit of being "Pono" a compromise can be reached for ALL in Hawaii AND the tourists that Hawaii "begs" to visit. Recognizing that Hawaii is now and has been and relies on a tourist based economy that many many depend on for their families livelihood. Please stop trying to "outlaw" our beach and coastal endeavors in totality and recommend compromises that all who truly care for Hawaii can agree on. Search for a "win win". ALL THE PEOPLE(and their honorable professions) count equally!!!!

Name: Stassia Hudson	Email: ahudson0110@yahoo.com	Zip: 46235
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 08:22 AM

Testimony:  
As a tourist, I appreciate the assistance of an organized tour guided by a local person. It keeps us safe and also provides income to locals.

Name: BIANCA ISAKI	Email: bianca.isaki@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 12:08 PM

Testimony:  
Aloha Councilmembers,  
I write in support of Bill 48, prohibiting commercial activities at certain public beach parks. Thank you for taking steps to protect some of O'ahu's defining natural and cultural resources.  
My only criticism of the Bill is that it doesn't go far enough and should include ALL of the North Shore city beaches. Particularly on the stretch beyond Kaiaka Bay to Kaena Point, I've seen increasing commercial activities. The breaks are shallow and dangerous for beginners. I've had to rescue snorkel tour patrons and on occasion, the tour operator. There aren't any real bathrooms. There are native and listed birds that have been returning to the area and nesting since COVID. This is not a region set up for commercial activities and should remain that way. Keep the country, country.  
Yours,  
Bianca Isaki

Name: Jacob Oducado	Email: jacoboducado5594@gmail.co	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 12:17 PM

Testimony:  
It's my understanding that our primary sources of income are the military and tourism. This bill would shatter and literally crush tourism industry where people come to enjoy the beautiful island of Oahu. I strongly disapprove! We're trying to build back from Covid lockdowns and restrictions. This will wipe out our industry!

Name: Charissa Taylor	Email: charissataylor3@icloud.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 12:31 PM

Testimony:  
Beaches should be public to all those who wish to access. We should be able to show all beaches to everyone that visits our beautiful islands

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Chance King	chanceking808@gmail.com	96712
Representing: Haleiwa surf school LLC	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 12:44 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose this bill and I've been fighting this bill for quite some time. Now you've already passed Bill 38, which is directly affected my business and multiple businesses on the North Shore of Oahu. We are a small community with a limited number of surf spots to teach people how to surf without the surf schools on the North Shore. People would go out by themselves and drown. It's unsafe unethical And unsustainable for the community to not be able to teach lessons in the first place of surfing in Hawaii. This bill is extremely detrimental to the community center all who live here and work the tour buses that stop and Haleiwa spent thousands of dollars every day and that money goes straight to our people living in our communities and directly supports them and their families without these tour buses, and these tourists our community would simply suffer , it's absolutely insane that you can allow film cruise to use our public parks and oceans but not the people who live here and surf them every single day. I can't believe that such a bill is being passed. This needs to be reversed and we need to be able to teach our surfnlessons and bring our visitors to a few designated locations on the North Shore in Waikiki they are allowed to do surfnlessons anywhere they want why is it that only on the north shore where the waves are the biggest and most dangerous that you are not going to allow people to teach without the surf lessons and instructors people would drown because they would try on their own and get sucked out to sea. Extremely irresponsible and unfair bill to the community members of the North Shore research schools provide hundreds of jobs in our small community. This bill is taking away jobs directly from the community without my serve school. I would have nothing and nowhere to go maybe take into consideration the fact that you might make some people homeless if you decide to pass this bill Sincerely, an extremely concerned resident of the North Shore.</p>		
Name: Kaleb Acklin	Email: monsterhoods@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 12:59 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Beaches are public venues. Restricting access is unfair. If anyone owns the island it's the Hawaiians not first or second generation ocean front dwellers.</p>		
Name: Fay McFarlane	Email: mauifay@me.com	Zip: 96761
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 01:29 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Mahalo for your consideration of Bill 048(2022). Please amend the legislative language to include all North Shore parks and facilities. Visitors and local residents alike will benefit from protecting these sensitive natural areas from commercial (ab)uses.</p> <p>Fay McFarlane</p>		
Name: Sylvia Craig-Kapu	Email: iroamic@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Oct 20, 2022 @ 01:53 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Chairperson and council members of Parks and Recreation committe.</p> <p>My name is Sylvia Craig-Kapu. I am a member of the Laie community and I am your eyes and ears of this community sounding the alarm. I live directly across Kokololio Beach Park. My family have witnessed the changes at site over 5 generations.</p> <p>I support Bill 48 to prohibit Commercial Tour Buses at Kokololio Beach Park for the following reasons.</p> <p>Commercial Tour Bus companies namely Nui Tours and Memorial Tours often violate park rules by the following</p> <p>*Park more than 15 minutes, sometimes up to 1 hour.</p> <p>*Park in Disabled Parking Stalls</p>		

\*Park diagonally taking up to 4 stalls at a time when offloading or picking up their customers

\*On weekends and holidays when the park is used by the community, there are no room for these buses who often double park and block the parking lot for the public.

\*Nui tours disregard the public by instructing their staff to chain containers to public shower for their customers to wash their snorkel gear.

\*Congestion of the public bathrooms

\*Congestion of the Beach

\*Use of shampoo, soap and sunscreen run off directly into ocean

\*erosion of Sand berns to the beach due to heavy traffic

I urge the committee to please pass this Bill. Protect and Preserve this park for the community and the environment. We already face an uncertain future due to climate change however we can control the human impact placed at Kokololio Beach Park. Please stop Commercial Tour Buses.

Thank you

Sylvia Craig-Kapu

Testimony for Oct. 19, 2022 Council Meeting

Below please find the original letter outlining our concerns and requests from earlier this year.

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July 5, 2022

The Friends of Kokololio Beach Park

55-016 Kamehameha Highway

Laie, Hawaii

**RE: Bill 38 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AT PUBLIC PARKS and its Impact upon Kokololio Beach Park, Laie, Oahu, Hawaii.**

**Dear Council Member Heidi Tsuneyoshi;**

This letter is to address Bill 38 that was recently passed in April 2022. We, the friends of Kokololio Beach Park, are disappointed and surprised that as Ko'olaupia residents we were not made aware of this Bill.

As of November 2021, Kokololio Beach Park has up to 8-11 tour buses, namely the Nui Tours LLC company, offloading tourists in Kokololio Beach Park daily, 7 days a week including holidays. This equates to a range of approximately 200-330 tourists daily or 6000-9,900 tourists monthly. The Friends of Kokololio Beach Park witness on a daily basis this impact (link to a video example is [here](#)). It is obvious that omitting Kokololio Beach Park and other Beach Parks of the Ko'olaupia region of Oahu from Bill 38 is causing significant environmental and cultural impacts. Therefore, we submit this formal letter to you for your office to table and record as the council representative of our district and outline goals for Kokololio Beach park as a result of Impacts for allowing Commercial activity.

**Goals:**

1. **A moratorium of tour buses offloading tourists at Kokololio Beach Park immediately.**
2. **An Environment Impact statement by the City and County of Honolulu for Kokololio Beach Park.**
3. **The formation of a new Bill for Ordinance as outlined in Bill 38 to be drafted and proposed including all Sections of Bill 38 as outlined to include Kokololio Beach Park.**

**Environmental and cultural impacts we observe daily:**

**Ancient Hawaiian Iwi** is documented to be found at Kokololio Beach Park, with more said to still remain there. Local families indigenous to the Koolauloa region know that they are buried along the sand berms at Kokololio Beach Park. The constant additional



high traffic of tour bus tourists walking over the sand berms to the beach cause further erosion to these ancient burial sites and devalue the sacredness of this area.

**Water wastes** through the taking of showers (sometimes showers are left running after tourists depart.)

**Cesspool**; The Park is under cesspool limitations and now requires more than 1 cesspool pumping service a week.

**No Park staff.** Since 2020 there has been no Park attendant posted full time at Kokololio Beach Park to ensure park rules are being followed. As a result there are no park personnel to oversee the higher volume usage of trash and restroom clean up. Equipment is left behind, along with trash.

**Violation of park rules** by Tour Bus companies namely Nui Tours LLC violate park rules:

A. Chaining a container to public showers so that their tourists can wash their snorkeling gear. Leaving their container chained to the Public Showers for more than 1 day.

B. Tour buses frequently stay in the park for more than 15 minutes.

C. Tour buses taking up more than 3 parking stalls. Parking buses diagonally in front of restrooms blocking accessibility to public restrooms.

D. Tour buses also park in the Handicapped stalls.

E. Tour companies do not take these into consideration and often cause traffic build up especially during holidays when the community uses the park

**LifeGuard:** There are no lifeguards posted at Kokololio Beach Park

**Impact to the beach:** Overcrowding, pushing locals and other visitors out of the area.

**Impact to Sea life:** Due to the increased use of non-safe sunscreen we have noticed a diminishment of sea life including fish and Honu. We have witnessed the washing up of three seahorses at Kokololio Beach over the several months along with numerous other fish. Kokololio Beach is also a resting place for Hawaiian monk seals.

**Impact to the community:** Additional traffic congestion inside the park especially on holidays. Beach overcrowding daily between 10:30am to 2pm. Noise from tour buses when reversing in the Park can be heard by residents who live across Kokololio Beach Park. Disturbance of local residences (tourists wandering into local residence yard and noise).

**What we want to happen:**

**A new Bill for an ordinance to stop all commercial activities including recreational stops by tour companies at Kokololio Beach Park as outlined in Bill 38.**

### **Bill 38**

#### **RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AT PUBLIC PARKS.**

*SECTION 3. Section 10-1.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Park rules and regulations"), as amended by Ordinance 21- 34, is amended by amending subsections (h) and (i) to read as follows: '(h) Commercial activities prohibited at parks. fJJ Commercial activities, including*

*recreational stops by commercial tour companies, 0C52021-1095/11412022 8:57 AM 1 22—S  
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(2021). CD2 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE LA1 **Kailua Beach Park; and j Kalama Beach Park.**  
Commercial activities, including recreational stops by commercial tour companies, but excluding  
commercial filming activities and shore water events, are not allowed at any time  
**Waiale'e Beach Park,**  
**Sunset Beach Park,**  
**'Ehukai Beach Park,**  
**Pupukea Beach Park,**  
**Waimea Bay Beach Park,**  
**Haleiwa Ali'i Beach Park,**  
**Kaiaka Bay Beach Park,**  
**Request Kokololio Beach Park to be added to the list***

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. We look forward to your response about how and when you can support us.

Respectfully yours,  
The Friends of Kokololio Beach Park

Sylvia Craig-Kapu  
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