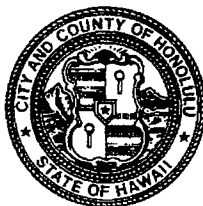


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October 31, 2022

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 48 (2022) – Relating to Commercial Activities

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) appreciates the intent of Bill 48 (2022). DPR supports the ultimate goal of regulating commercial activities at City parks.

Earlier this year, the Administration committed to working on an island-wide approach to commercial activities in public parks. We have a draft bill prepared and are working through the final amendments. We anticipate submitting the bill to Council in early 2023. Subsequently, we ask that the Council defer Bill 48 (2022) in anticipation of receiving a preferred island-wide approach that is clear and equitable.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,

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Laura H. Thielen
Director

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