

**BILL019(23)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 119**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Mar 15, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 3

Oppose: 68

I wish to comment: 6

Name: Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Email: waianaenb569@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 11, 2023 @ 03:52 PM
Testimony: I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry SUPPORT BILL 19(2023).		

Name: Mialisa Otis	Email: mialisa808@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 10:38 AM
Testimony: I will be testifying on person this Wednesday on bill 19		

Name: Malia Marquez	Email: maliamarquez71@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 07:42 PM
Testimony: Aloha kkou, My name is Malia Marquez, I'm from Maunaloa, O'ahu. I'm very surprised seeing BILL 19 introduced by Chair Tommy Waters. I'm usually on the same side as Chair Waters but this time we will have to agree to strongly disagree. I don't understand why you would want create a new bill pertaining to commercial activities on our beaches, while Waimanalo, Kailua and North Shore communities worked tirelessly to provide protection for our parks and beaches. It seems as if this new bill is to erase their hard efforts for such vital protection. There's some things we need to prohibit, limousines, recreational stops, commercial photography? How far is too far? I strongly oppose Bill 19, for the sake of 'ina. Please oppose Bill 19. We don't need to provide commercial activities across our entire island for tourists attractions. Mahalo for your time on this serious matter.		

Name: Heidi Kreul	Email: hkreul@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 11:11 PM
Testimony: Aloha, Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony opposing this bill. As a kama'aina born and raised in kailua we have fought to get control of the commercial activities taking over our community. Our city and county parks should be a resource for all to enjoy with out the over commercialization and profiteering by greedy businesses. Please put the residents concerns over the people who profit at our expense. We need balance, a place of peace where we can rejuvenate. Over tourism and the exploitation of all our natural resources is stripping Hawaii of it beauty. Mahalo Heidi		

Name: Lisa Marten	Email: repmarten@capitol.hawaii.gov	Zip: 96734
Representing: State House District 51	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 13, 2023 @ 11:27 PM

Name: Carey Johnson	Email: quarkcsj@hotmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Custom Island Tours, LLC	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 03:25 AM
Testimony:		

The bill is coming from the Parks Director. It would prohibit commercial activities and tour companies from stopping at any park, beach park, beach support park, unimproved park lands, or beach right of ways, managed by the department of parks and recreation, for any amount of time, unless they have a permit. According to this new bill, the Parks Department will not give permits for certain parks based on capacity and environment factors, and will limit the number of permits given, and may charge a fee for the permits to help maintain the parks, and the cost of ensuring compliance with permits and regulatory conditions. The lack of enforcement of existing laws has been a major problem that has lead to laws that created an all out ban of commercial activities and commercial stops at specific beach parks and entire swaths of coastlines, 10 miles on the East side, and 9 miles on the North Shore. If the existing laws about permits etc. had been enforced, there would have been no need for these laws. It is my hope that this bill will lead to common-sense solutions, and the enforcement of the rules. Despite the years of acquiring permits to allow my company to make stops at beach parks, in the 11 year history of my company, not once has an official asked to see my permit.

Name: Ryan Ozawa	Email: ryan@hawaiihi.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 05:13 AM

Testimony:  
A robust permitting process that prioritizes public access and maintenance across all city managed shorelines is vastly preferable to the piecemeal carving out of supposedly extra special parks. All our beaches are gems that must be protected.

Name: Michael Waters	Email: mlwaters86@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 05:37 AM

Testimony:  
Pro Tip: change the sheets before you have us over to what you clearly feel is your house on Wednesday. You guys dropped a doozy this time.

I will be advocating for the same plan I have been since 2019 with two additions.

1. Remove Director Thielen immediately
2. Defund and dismantle the HTA

See you at the show on Wednesday,.

Name: Meghan Debouk	Email: meghandebouk@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 07:45 AM

Testimony:  
When commercial activity was allowed it spoiled the beachparks for everyone. There is very limited parking, which the vendors took up. They took over the main areas filled them with their products. The over use will contribute to more erosion, pollution, and inconvenience for residents. Food trucks are terrible, because of all the added trash in addition to taking the parking spaces. Dont allow commercial use!

Name: Alfred Keaka Hiona Medeiros	Email: alfredmedeiros@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:38 AM

Testimony:  
Aloha council and Mayor...I fully oppose Bill 019 as it'll go against everything that many people have worked hard to achieve to protect the beaches and sacred places from over commercialized tourism that harms more than it benefits. The public and people of Hawai'i have been burden with so much and this bill will only contribute to the problems and issues that the local communities already deal with on a daily to protect their homes and places they frequent regularly. Please do what is right and listen to the

people of Hawai'i and not cater to those not from here, as that seems to be the big issue in all of this...we the people of Hawai'i are forced out of our own homes daily and need to be helped more and acknowledged more. Mahalo for your time and please do what is right for the people and all of Hawai'i.

Name: stephanie frazier	Email: alohasteph@mac.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 02:20 PM

Testimony:  
I oppose this and request an exemption for Kailua.

Name: Melissa Lawrence	Email: mlawrence808@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 02:29 PM

Testimony:  
I oppose Bill 19. I have been a resident in Kailua for over 40 years. The changes to this town and neighboring Waimanalo have been overwhelming.  
Please limit commercial activity on our beaches and parks. We are already over-crowded and the damaging effects are not easily undone. Our Aina and the community should be the priority !

Name: Rick Nelson	Email: rcknelson@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 02:39 PM

Testimony:  
Please do not pass this bill. I live in Lanikai and this bill will override the laws that have been put in place to not allow businesses to operate in Lanikai and Kailua Beach Park. We are already overRun with tourists. Letting businesses operate here would bring tourist vehicles and water sports rentals and cause a lot more problems by inundating the beach areas and roads way more than can be handled.

Every beach area is different and should be treated differently.

Rick Nelson

Name: Kamalani Keliikuli	Email: Kkeliikuli5@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 02:46 PM

Testimony:  
I'm in opposition of this bill our parks and beaches should remain protected from all commercial and tour activities. Our beaches and roads are becoming run down and eroding at a fast rate. No more

Name: Shayna Dabis-Tom	Email: noelanidabis@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 02:59 PM

Testimony:  
I strongly oppose Bill 19. Mahalo piha.

Name: Catherine Orlans	Email: corlans@outlook.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 03:03 PM

Testimony:

Our county should have an island wide approach to managing and enforcing illegal commercial activity while permitting legal commercial activity in a way that lessens impacts to residents looking to use our recreational beach parks while also allowing residents a way to take their graduation photos, engagement and wedding photos at these special locations. The problem with bans in only certain areas like at Kailua, North Shore and Waimanalo beach parks, is that it is very much a "not in my backyard" policy and just pushes these problems down the road into another community. This bill seeks to address that issue but I hope the council sees the need for small businesses to be able to operate in our economy and avoids an all out commercial activity ban. The taxes from these businesses still go to our county for improving our islands parks. Please pass this bill because these piecemeal bans are not a great solution for our island. If bans were a solution for everything, then the people of the west side should have the right to ban all other communities from driving on the H1 during rush hour traffic or banning other communities on island from being able to use the dump on our side of the island. Sounds a bit ridiculous right? So does an all out commercial activity ban. I hope the city council sees the need to reverse these current bans and come up with a better solution for us all.

Name: Ann Alisa	Email: annzalisa55479@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 03:04 PM

Testimony:

I oppose Bill 19, which would cancel Bill 48, the bill closing Kokololio Beach Park to commercial activity. There was a good reason why Bill 48 was passed. According to testimony of a Honolulu City Council member, Honolulu Parks and Recreation have been working an island wide program to regulate use of our beaches for over 10 years. While the Representative from Parks and Rec said they needed 6 months - 1 year to come up with a plan, their plea was shot down, and Bill 48 was passed to close Kokololio to tourist buses. The buses and their quests have been obtrusive to our special community, with tourists walking through parties, gathering and camps with no care to the locals. They leave trash, use soap at the showers, overburden the small bathrooms at the beach. We cant handle this! Please come up with a plan first, then we can talk! Bill 19 is premature! We don't want this in our front yard, our back yard! This land is family, it has history, it has kupuna deeply involved. Please stop Bill 19!

Name: Mialisa Otis	Email: mialisa808@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 03:28 PM

Testimony:

I will be testifying in person, but here is my testimony for the record.

I am VERY disappointed to see Bill 19. I fought commercialism in Waimanalo for FOUR years. I oppose Bill 19 because it goes against what Waimanalo, Kailua, Kokololio, and North Shore want. Just reading the first paragraph, it says "to serve the recreational needs of the public and preserve the natural, historic and cultural resources of public parks for future generations."

Hunananiho is a very sacred cultural site and we've fought hard to protect it with the help of our council member Esther Kia'aina. It is the first landing with bones and artifacts dating back to 800ad. We created Bill 38 into Ordinance 22-3 to protect ALL of Waimanalo. Before this, you could see 13 limos in the park and revolving weddings, and other money makers like commercial picnics, unsafe parties, and tour buses. This bill encroaches on our personal space - by allowing access to our neighborhood backyard beach right-of-ways. How is commercialism preserving this? It's EXPLOITING it! Waimanalo is NOT for sale.

Back when you gave out permits, there were companies that wanted to help fix bathrooms or facilities, but they had their hands tied. The city made a LOT of money with the permits and didn't take it upon themselves to fix anything in our parks. Our parks STILL need to be fixed.

The laws that passed last year to protect Waimanalo, Kailua, Kokololio and North Shore are working. Majority of companies are respecting the law and don't operate in our communities. We still need consistent enforcement from HPD. Maybe you could organize a training, because I called over 50 times and only saw 3 citations all these years! What would be most helpful is the ranger program, hiring someone with knowledge of the law that can enforce for the benefit of the people. We also need SIGNAGE, so there's no confusion and it's enforceable. Also, the city needs to do a training on jurisdiction, so DLNR and HPD can stop passing the buck and nothing gets done. I even had to show officers laws printed, and still nothing was done. Permitted commercial activity is UNACCEPTABLE in our communities.

I understand your reasoning for having a blanket law, but each community has different needs and wants. Allowing PUCs, commercial photography, and recreational stops would cause more confusion when you JUST passed a law restricting it. Save the existing ordinances AS IS. Don't silence the voices of Waimanalo, Kailua, Kokololio and North Shore communities.

So I call on the committee of Parks:

Augie Tulba

Val Okimoto

Radiant Cordero

Andria Tupola

... DPR deputy director Laura Thielen

and Mayor Rick Blangiardi...

DO NOT delete ordinances 22-3, 21-34, and 22-34.

Losing the trust of communities will make your job more difficult.

Please put COMMUNITIES over COMMERCIALISM.

and the PEOPLE over PROFIT.

Mahalo.

Name: Virginia Enos	Email: ginienos@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 03:29 PM

Testimony:

As a 28 year resident of Kailua, former Kailua Neighborhood Board member, and frequent user of Kailua Beach park I strongly oppose this or any other changes to the current laws that would further degrade the traffic and user experience. Encouragement of commercial activities will certainly do both. Please vote NO on Bill 19. Thank you.

Name: Evan Weber	Email: evanlweber@me.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 03:46 PM

Testimony:

While I appreciate much of the intent of this bill, I write in strong opposition to the repeal of the ban on weekday commercial activity in Kailua and the North Shore. As a lifelong Kailua resident, what I want to express and impress upon you all is that this is not a matter of inconvenience, but literally a matter of life and death for residents of our communities. We simply do not have the infrastructure to handle the current amount of tourist and commercial activity we have and go about our daily lives, let alone additional. This is currently compounded in both communities by construction and environmental hazards, making traffic worse.

At the end of last year, my mother had a stroke, and had to get escorted by emergency vehicles to the hospital for lifesaving procedures. We were "lucky" that this occurred the day after Thanksgiving, if it had happened just two or three weeks later at the peak of holiday tourist traffic and the poorly managed C&C construction project that began in Kailua then, she might have died because the emergency vehicles would not have been able to reach her in the bumper-to-bumper hour-long traffic. In the weeks that followed, I did get stuck in treacherous situations like this going to and from the hospital many times. Many of us have foregone important critical appointments and some even forgone wages or livelihoods as a result of these incidences over the years. Loss of life and livelihoods are not about "inconveniences" or "special treatment" for our communities; this is about defending our core human rights.

I get wanting to treat all communities fairly and evenly, but to not acknowledge the differences in communities in our laws does no disservice, and the truth is that East and North Shore issues tend to be underrepresented in the Council due to our smaller populations relative to the urban core.

A better way to treat all communities fairly and forego a piecemeal approach: ban commercial activity at ALL beaches other than Waikiki and other resort zones.

If instead this bill passes as is and commercial activity resumes near previous levels, the compounding issues in our North and

Eastside communities may literally result in loss of life and livelihoods and the Council will have blood on its hands. For what? Who benefits? Leave good enough be. Mahalo for your consideration and kokua.

Name: Nadine Sefronio	Email: nadinesefronio@yahoo.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 03:56 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill. As it is taking away from the locals & all we have done to protect the ina & all burials there are. Tourists will not respect all we have done. Taking them by the bus load is totally wrong & disgraceful.

Name: Lourdes Millan	Email: millan.lourdes1@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 04:01 PM

Name: Lisa Cates	Email: lisa.k.cates@gmail.com	Zip: 96734-3411
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 04:15 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Water, Vice-Chair Kia'aina, and members of the City Council,

I would like to provide comments on Bill 19.

Director Thielen is taking on a big task of cleaning up years of amendments to ROH Chapter 10. Illegal, unmanaged, unregulated commercial activities have been one of the most contentious issues island-wide.

However, while discussing Kailua and Waimanalo beach parks, this Council should be aware of the background and historical context which these parks were created and how it affects/prohibits commercial use of these resources.

1) Kailua beach park was created from private, condemned land and many families were displaced under Executive Order by Governor Farrington in 1922.

In the late 1990's, the park gained additional private land when expanded to it's current footprint. At that time, the City was required to conduct an Environmental Assessment. Conditions of the EA stipulate no tour buses and no commercial activity will be allowed at Kailua beach park.

2) Per Department Administrative Rules, no new commercial activity can be permitted until the activity is granted through the "authorized activity designation" process. Although it is reasonable to allow the director to assess fees for permits without recommendations by the city council, new activity designations warrant public input.

3) Waimanalo beach park, Kaupo, Makapu'u, and Makai Pier are located on Hawaiian Homelands under the management of the city. Per the lease agreement (that was recently extended) between the City and DHHL, commercial activity is prohibited with the exception of some community events and commercial film activities. Permits, including those for recreational stops, will violate conditions of the lease agreement. Note -- Commercial Recreational Stop permits issued by the city exclude Waimanalo beach parks listed above and Nanakuli beach park and is printed directly on the permit.

While it may be easier to establish basic standards for activities within city parks, all parks are unique to their neighborhood, types of activities, accessibility, parking, facilities, carrying capacity, etc. especially when considering ocean and beach activities conducive to each beach park. Not every beach park will offer safe swimming, good snorkeling, or sand for sunbathing, and rules cannot be written the same for all parks. Codify primary purposes of parks, however, park uses, types of permits, and rules can be park-specific through the permit system and amended rules and regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

When codifying the primary purpose and use of parks, please consider the hours of public hearings and testimony heard by your predecessors.

Mahalo,  
Lisa Cates

Name: Barbara Mayer	Email: bamayer@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 04:20 PM

Name: Kekela Miller	Email: kekelamiller6@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Koolauloa Hawaiian Civic Club/La'ie Kupuna Council	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 04:28 PM

Testimony:  
My name is Kekela Miller  
I oppose Bill 19: we need to stop this tourism on our public beaches. Because they take up the spaces that we need when our Ohana comes to enjoy the beach, Kokololio has always been a Park for us here in the Koolauloa District. Please do not pass this bill,  
Mahalo nui loa  
Aunty Kekela Miller

Name: Ingrid Peterson	Email: irpmailbiz@icloud.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 04:28 PM

Testimony:  
Aloha, Councilmembers!

My name is Ingrid Peterson. My family and I have been residents of the Kalama area of Kailua since 1963. My husband is 3rd generation Kailua. We live in my childhood home. Decades ago my mother Elisabeth (Tess) Peterson helped in the creation of Kalama Beach Park for the enjoyment of all O'ahu residents when she was on Kailua Neighborhood Board.

My husband Doug Seelig and I strongly oppose Bill 19(23) unless it is amended to return Waimanalo, Lanikai and Kailua Beaches to being exempted from commercial activity which is mostly aimed at tourists. These beaches are so popular with tourists that the commercial activities aimed at them would once again overrun them with overtourism, depriving Hawaii residents from enjoying our beaches and ocean in the manner we deserve.

Commercial activities aimed at tourists should not be allowed at these beaches or beach entrances. Also, commercial vehicles for tourists, even those carrying less than 12 passengers, should not be allowed to stop at these beaches or beach entrances, commercializing our natural resources. An additional problem for residents of the dead-end Lanikai neighborhood would be not being able to drive in or out of their neighborhood in a timely manner due to the traffic jams caused by the small commercial busses carrying tourists. Don't bring back that nightmare!

We fought hard for these exemptions in 2012. Don't take away these protections! People are extremely upset about the impacts of overtourism to our ability to enjoy our beaches!

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Ingrid Peterson

Name: Tupu Wheeler	Email: tupu00@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 04:44 PM

Testimony:  
To whom it may concern:

My name is Tupu Wheeler and I have lived in this area since the late 1970's. Kokololio is a beloved spot for our local families. Especially when there are family gatherings, the space is essential to accommodate extended family. This need is a common occurrence. Last Saturday there was not a single parking space open many times during the day. It's wonderful to have an unadulterated open space since so many of us live in high density housing. It would be extremely detrimental to our community and the ecology of Kokololio to allow tour companies to continue to come several times a days by the bus loads and reap havoc on our fragile ecosystem. The 'aina can not take the extra pollution and overcrowding. The tourist industry is getting way out of hand and they are forgetting that they are guests, not entitled to everything we have to offer. Truthfully we as a state should only allow half the tourists and require twice the price to combat all the destruction. Kokololio should strictly be off limits.

Thank you for you time and attention to this matter. May wisdom be your guide and not corporate greed.

With warm aloha,

Tupu Wheeler

Name: Eileen Nelson	Email: emnelson88@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 04:51 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

It seems that treating commercial activities with an 'island-wide' approach only makes it easier to manage for the administration. It fails to appreciate how each local area, all very different with different capacities for tourists and resultant traffic/parking/noise/litter will be impacting the local community. In Kailua, this issue has been debated many times before and residents have been very vocal in support of maintaining their neighborhoods for all to enjoy without over commercializing its offerings. Please don't pass this amendment.

Mahalo,

Eileen Nelson

Name: Melvin Ah Ching	Email: macpro3000@yahoo.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 05:25 PM

Testimony:

I oppose reverting this beach back to commercial tour groups.

Name: Jody Green	Email: jmelanigreen@hotmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 05:26 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

We are again still against commercial activities occurring at our public parks, as you are all aware. We fought against it before and will again and again to prevent our neighborhoods from turning into another Waikiki. Our traffic situation and infrastructure is not capable of handling more crowds than we have now. We are very upset this issue is being brought up yet again, and that we must go and protest yet again and testify yet again because the powers that be refuse to hear us. The beauty of our beaches will continually be under attack all for the almighty dollars. Seems the City is putting the cart before the horse, when we don't even have the park ranger enforcement program up and running here in Waimanalo.

We tried the permitting and there were many who took advantage of it by forging documents in order to do business on our beaches. Many could not even post the permit on their windshields. We marched down to city hall with our neighbors, we held space, did interviews with the media, and we all made our testimonies against commercial activities on our beaches. We sign-waved on the highway along with our Windward representatives, who support our efforts.

The lack of enforcement fell on the HPD officers, taking up their time and presence, and on the community members who watched lines of limos after limos drop off their wedding parties for beach weddings.

Why is Hunaunaniho even being considered when it is a nationally recognized historic landmark? The community has fought to keep it a sacred space to the point of being arrested and taken to jail.

If Bill 19 passes (and it is so poorly written that one can imagine the abuses already!), the companies and limos will return to make their profits. The tour buses will return with their loads of tourists. This is unacceptable in our small communities, and unwanted by the residents. How this issue has risen again in the face of communities' objections is an outrage, and tells the people you don't care about our voices and needs.

It seems Waimanalo is coveted from mauka to makai with the greedy trying to come in and use it for themselves, but giving nothing back in return. How will the DPR give back to communities? By the commercialization of our parks? Who will be watching to prevent all the abuses, payoffs and overuse? For a Department that is already over-taxed and understaffed I look forward to seeing how you expect reversing protections of our parks and not listening to your communities will work out for you (our elected representatives). Who gets the graft? Our neighborhoods and our communities are still NOT FOR SALE!

Name: Cecelia Vaioleti	Email: poppyvaioleti@hotmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 05:52 PM

Testimony:

Yesterday, March 14, '23, was the most beautiful day we've had in a long time, sunrise to sunset gorgeousness! I could not resist taking myself down to Kokololio Beach for the first time in many months. It was peaceful, restful, so stress free, a good book reading day. Then I recalled the last time I'd been there, at about the same time of day, the crowds of people, obviously not locals, all rushing the beach at the same time, all wanting to gather right where I wanted some personal time of crowd relief. I left. I don't know how long they stayed that day, but in the following days and weeks, I learned and saw that it was a regular daily event! I supported the bill to ban tour bus drivers from bringing, dropping off, and often leaving loads of malihini to our country beaches. There are no safety precautions out here for them. They already have unlimited use of our south shore beaches. They don't need the rest of our 'Oahu beaches where locals go for rest, play, and relaxation with family and friends. Then just today I learned that our bill, now Law, to protect our beaches is in danger of being repealed tomorrow! (Bill019(23) It feels like this is a bid to push the needs of big business, along with all its government kickbacks, over the needs of the Public, the very purpose of Kokololio PUBLIC Beach Park! Please vote NO against this repeal effort to cancel the Law the protects and perpetuates this beautiful park for the use of We the People. Mahalo nui.

Name: Tessa Gomes	Email: tessa@fredandkate.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Oahu Wedding Association	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 05:53 PM

Testimony:

We are in support of the intent of Bill 19. The Oahu Wedding Association is in favor of finding a balance between commercial activity and community use of City and County beaches and parks. We support a unified set of rules and regulations for all beach parks that create a system that is fair to everyone. We also support enforcement of said rules, restrictions to prevent overuse, and a universal permitting system that is equitable and balanced.

As a result of multiple community-specific rules, commercial activity and special event filming has been banned, and therefore pushed to other City and County beaches and parks around the island, creating preferential treatment to some areas, but not equitable to all. Our hope for Bill 19 is to allow regulated access to all City and County beaches and parks, removing complete commercial activity bans currently in place.

Much of this commercial activity being pushed out of communities directly affects local residents that live in these communities. Commercial activities such as family photos, graduation photos, weddings, memorials and celebrations of life are all currently banned at some City and County beaches and parks.

In order for us to fully support this bill, we are asking for the following:

We are asking for one consistent rule for all City and County beaches and parks. If every location has a different set of rules, education becomes difficult, and enforcement becomes almost impossible.

We want to be involved in the process as this bill advances through the City Council. It will have a huge impact on our members and entire industry, and we would like to have a say in the process. Trying to push this bill quickly without industry input will be detrimental to so many small, local businesses and a disservice to the community at-large..

We would like clarification on multiple sections of the bill, including permitting for commercial special event filming, accessibility of permits, and general implementation. We want to be a part of the process, and be able to give our professional recommendations.

The Oahu Wedding Association represents small, local businesses on Oahu, and we are very interested in partnering with the City Council and the Parks and Recreations Department to find solutions to allow commercial activities to resume (with regulations) on ALL City and County parks and beaches. We support the education and enforcement of these regulations in order to allow equitable access to everyone.

We're asking the City Council to please allow us, as stakeholders, to be involved in the process as this bill moves forward.

Respectfully,

Tessa Gomes  
President of the Oahu Wedding Association

Name: Breanne Fong	Email: breefong@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 06:56 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

My name is Breanne Fong, and I am submitting written testimony in strong opposition to Bill 019. I was born and raised on O'ahu and over the years have witnessed the degradation of the environment, Hawaiian culture, and community due to the increase in urbanization, tourism, and commercial activities. If Bill 019 goes through, it will be evident that the government values profit over people and communities, as this bill will only perpetuate the problems communities face in terms of allowing more outside entities and businesses to take away from the local community's space and cultural practices. This is not beneficial for anyone but private businesses and those that would make profit off of being able to use the community's space for their commercial purposes. Thus, it is time to take the local community, culture, and environment into consideration.

Thank you for your time.

Mahalo,  
Breanne

Name: Suzanne Reed	Email: hawaiianstunmama@yahoo.com	Zip: 97662
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 07:20 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I live across from our beloved Kokololio Beach Park. I love hearing the keiki play in the park or watching them learn the fire knife dance. Afternoons are filled with parents getting involved with their children's soccer and football training sessions. Weekends are filled with families enjoy camping and celebrating life big events. I love our community. It's been very much a local beach park and we would like to keep it that way. I am not against tourism, but let's not step on the toes of local residents. We need a space of our own. We have practically given Waikiki to the tourists, it is no longer a play ground for locals like the old days. It's unrecognizable and it's sad. So we ask that you leave our rural communities intact. Keep the oceans clear if oil and sunscreen. We still have marine life like Hawaiian Monk seals that beach here because if it's remote location. We don't want our beaches packed with bus loads of tourists. We used to witness them off load, stay for an hour or so, then leave behind their trash and the next bus would come, then the next, it changed our landscape. No additional park workers were added to keep up with maintenance needs. The drivers weren't picking up after their customers. You already have them in Waikiki and Kailua - look how crowded it's become! Don't keep bending backwards and let them infiltrate our pristine beach. Don't Waikiki our Hau'ula!

Mahalo,  
Suzanne & Tanoai Reed

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Alice Bourke	aabourke@gmail.com	96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:07 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Permitting commercial activity to take place at Kailua Beach Park would be a betrayal of the community that fought so hard to ban it. The increase in tour buses, kayak rentals, and other businesses operating at Kailua Beach Park grew so much that it felt like being in Waikiki. But Kailua is not a resort area, it's residential, and we deserve to live in peace. The ban on commercial activity has had a positive effect on our quality of life and it obviously hasn't hurt the many thriving businesses in Kailua. Even so, a lack of enforcement means that tour buses, snack sellers, and exercise classes still break the law without repercussions.</p> <p>Even one permitted business at Kailua Beach Park is one too many. Instead of focusing your energy on helping businesses exploit public resources at the expense of your constituents, please try enforcing the laws that we fought so hard to put in place.</p>		
Name: Kristin Bathen	Email: watergirlkika@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:12 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>All beaches and parks are not the same. Kailua and Waimanalo are SMALL beach communities that have been getting sold out, piece by piece, to benefit mainland investors. Stop selling the sacredness and beauty of our aina to the highest bidder and desecrating the exact thing you are selling. Do you not see how ludicrous this is? How do you sleep at night? Have you tried to go the grocery store or bank in one of these beach communities lately? It's nearly impossible to find parking and if you don't get to the ocean by 9 am, you may as well forget about it. It is packed with tourists, parked half way in the road and now you propose to bus them in now and commercialize activities on the beach? What's next? Cornering off the beach and renting beach umbrellas and charging for canoe rides with surf lessons at flat island? Waimanalo and Kailua will look like Waikiki in a few short years! No respect. AOLE!!!</p>		
Name: Natalie Star Mansfield	Email: nataliestar8@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:13 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in opposition of Bill 19 because it essentially negates all the years and years of community efforts and advocacy of places like Hunananiho, Kailua and North Shore to stop excessive access to these sacred spaces. We all know what Bill 19 REALLY IS, an excuse for folks to do whatever they want, run wedding business, photography ect and continue to exploit aina. You can't "island wide rules" places like Waimanalo and Kailua! Real people live there and fish there. Those places are getting completely overrun by tourists who do nothing but take and extract from this land. All Bill 19 does is puts power back into entitled folks, who aren't from here but want to gain personal profit. Bill 19- ITS A NO FOR ME!</p>		
Name: Kristina Shaffer	Email: kristishaffer3@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:21 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The beaches and ocean already have too much garbage left behind from too many visitors. The reefs are abused and not respected. More people and traffic in congested one way streets make it difficult for residents to travel</p>		
Name: Greg Boyd	Email: boydggb82@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:27 PM
<p>Testimony:</p>		

I oppose the lifting of commercial bans that currently apply to Kailua area beaches. We do not need or want an influx of additional commercialization in or around the Kailua area. If tourists or residents want that it is a very short drive to Waikiki.

Name: Kate Reimann	Email: kate.reimann@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:28 PM

Testimony:  
I oppose — please maintain the ban on commercial activities at Kailua and Waimanalo beach parks. It's what makes our neighborhood so special and unique. Tourism still thrives without it; let this gem thrive without a massive influx of tourism and commercial activities. Detrimental to our community life if this ban is overturned.

Name: Susan O'Donnell	Email: owatreasurer2014@gmail.com	Zip: 96823
Representing: Oahu Wedding Association	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:39 PM

Testimony:  
The Oahu Wedding Association is in favor of finding a balance between commercial activity and community use of City and County beaches and parks. We support a unified set of rules and regulations for all beach parks that create a system that is fair to everyone. We also support enforcement of said rules, restrictions to prevent overuse, and a universal permitting system that is equitable and balanced.

As a result of multiple community-specific rules, commercial activity and special event filming has been banned, and therefore pushed to other City and County beaches and parks around the island, creating preferential treatment to some areas, but not equitable to all. Our hope for Bill 19 is to allow regulated access to all City and County beaches and parks, removing complete commercial activity bans currently in place.

In order for us to fully support this bill, we are asking for the following:

- 1) One consistent rule for all City and County beaches and parks. If every location has a different set of rules, education becomes difficult, and enforcement becomes almost impossible.
- 2) We want to be involved in the process as this bill advances through the City Council. It will have a huge impact on our members and entire industry, and we would like to have a say in the process. Trying to push this bill quickly without industry input will be detrimental to so many small, local businesses and a disservice to the community at-large..
- 3) We would like clarification on multiple sections of the bill, including permitting for commercial special event filming, accessibility of permits, and general implementation.
- 4) We want to be a part of the process, and be able to give our professional recommendations.

We support the education and enforcement of these regulations in order to allow equitable access to everyone.

Name: Nancy Boyd	Email: nancboyd@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:39 PM

Testimony:  
I oppose the lifting of any and all commercial bans that currently apply to the Kailua/Windward area beaches. I feel this community does not want or need the additional commercialization of our area and definitely not our beaches! Waikiki and other tourist areas already offer plenty of activity for tourists on beaches. Keep these beaches natural as possible.

Name: James Fitch	Email: jfitch1@gmail.com	Zip: 96735
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 08:50 PM

Testimony:  
The citizens of Kailua overwhelmingly oppose changing the status of Kailua Beach Park. Prior to the current ban on commercial activity, many Kailua residents were prevented from enjoying their local beach by the rampant commercial activity. Kailua is a residential community. Kailua Beach Park does not have the infrastructure to supply tour groups and other commercial activity.

There is plenty of room for commercial activity in Waikiki. Let us continue to enjoy our town beach without having to fight tour operators and commercial groups for access.

Name: Natasha Griswold	Email: natashaGriswold@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:06 PM

Testimony:  
I really like the Kailua and Waimanalo beaches without commercial activity. Waikiki is great for commercial activity.

Name: Anne Moniz	Email: annymoniz@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:08 PM

Testimony:  
I strongly oppose Bill 19. There should be no recreational stops by commercial tour companies at our beach parks. The beaches are being over run by tourists and the locals are being pushed out. Kokololio has always been a special place for our Ohana. Just like Kailua and Waimanalo it is being overrun and destroyed by tourism. So many tourists are being dropped off to snorkel and there is not even a lifeguard at Kokololio. One of these days somebody is gonna drown. Protect our beaches and way of life. Enough with all the unsustainable tourism.

Name: Mary Finley	Email: maryefinley@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:21 PM

Testimony:  
The beaches of Hawaii should be kept free of business interests. Overriding the original ban of commercial activity in Kailua, by our REPRESENTATIVES, shows that those we elected to help our communities do not have the interest of the citizens at the top of the list. I own a local photography business and have zero issues finding clients and locations to shoot. Please do not approve this overtaking of our beaches and sacred spaces by business owners.

Name: Isaiah Smith	Email: kiichilama@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:38 PM

Testimony:  
Aloha, my name is Isaiah Smith and am a resident of Honolulu. I stand in opposition to City Council Bill 19 as it would negatively impact many communities on the island. There has been a lot of work put into protecting our parks, beaches and wahi pana on O'ahu for so many years and this law would basically undo all the work that communities have put so much work into and prevents other communities to do that same. It should be the communities where those parks, beaches etc, are located that should choose whether or not they would like tourist and commercial activities on their parks and beaches. So many are trying to preserve and restore our shorelines and parks here in Hawai'i, so that this and future generations can perpetuate the local and Hawaiian culture, and conserve the natural, historical and event spiritual resources of these places. Commercial activities (often tourist focused i.e. tourist wedding photos, large tour busses) at the very least hinder our local communities from being able to preserve and restore these places and so that is why I am in opposition of Bill 19, mahalo for your time -  
Sincerely, Isaiah Smith

Name: Denise Lindo	Email: deniselindo77@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:45 PM

Testimony:  
As a Kailua resident I strongly oppose this bill. Kailua beach park should not be allowed to be a revenue stream for greedy outsiders. A park is a recreational area for residents not a place for people to make money. We have fought this battle before.

We should not have to do it again. Who is putting up the money to bring this issue back? We should be told. I strongly oppose this bill.

Name: Rebecca Mattos	Email: rebecca@sustainablecoastlineshawaii.org	Zip: 96816
Representing: Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:48 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I am writing today in opposition of Bill019(23) on behalf of Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i. This morning, I was headed to our educational beach cleanup in Waimnalo, and was stuck behind seven different tour buses going 10 mph in a 35-45mph speed zone. Not only was this holding up the morning commute, and a dangerous traffic hazard, this is a scary foreshadowing of what would happen if the current commercial activity ban was lifted. We work tirelessly to bring our keiki to sacred places like Hnniho, to give back and clean the mess of over consumption and capitalism that has plagued our society. We have seen illegal commercial activity numerous times, and people that carelessly exploit our beaches and communities for personal or commercial profit. The communities of Waimnalo, Kailua, Hauula, and North Shore have spoken up time and time again of the devastating impacts of commercial activity on our beaches. With erosion and climate change taking out our roadways and coastal residences and businesses every day, we cannot afford to allow such commercial activity in our most fragile ecosystems. Our youth are fighting against this as well, with the current case of Navahine V. Hawai'i DOT, and the negligence of our government to allow so much pollution from our roadways, impacting their right to a safe and healthy environment. Bill 019 similarly would create overcrowded tourist playgrounds in the most sacred and culturally significant areas of coastline. We must protect and preserve our keiki's future and invest in them, not in tourist exploitation of our 'ina and Wai. Please know that our keiki deserve and chance to grow up with peaceful beaches, clean waters and coastlines, and communities that invest in them thriving. Our roads are already overcrowded for keiki to get to school, or to even get to beach cleanup field trips. Please stop this Bill and listen to our communities and our future, and continue the Ban of Commercial Activities, especially on our windward and north shore beaches. They are already severely impacted by plastic pollution, and we just can't afford to allow more exploitation at the expense of locals and Kanaka Maoli.

Mahalo

Name: R Reed Glover	Email: rreedglover@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:48 PM

Testimony:

As a lifelong resident of the Windward side, passing this bill with amended ordinances would be detrimental to the local community. This new bill is supposed to remedy impact of vendors by use of permit, but I am skeptical of the enforcement of these guidelines. While some argue there is an economic benefit to cater to the tourist and film industries, the cost-benefit is questionable at best.

The infrastructure available is inadequate to support a high volume of people, especially those who are inconsiderate to the natural landscape. Even without commercial vendors operating, there is notable damage to the beach environment by visitors such as litter, harassing wildlife, damaging reefs, and ignoring hazard warnings. For example, I was at Waimnalo beach recently and witnessed a family snorkeling the inner reefs. At some point, they were standing on the reef in order to talk to one another above water. In that area, I had seen many pieces of coral broken and found a few pieces of floating plastic throughout that day. In Waimanlo parking is getting so desperate people are parking up and down the highway in low-visibility spots.

When tour companies were operating at the Halona Blow Hole, a few people from these tour groups would hike the surrounding cliffs and rocky areas for a closer view. This was also true of the Makapu'u area; ultimately these rules and guidelines are nice on paper, but in practice I am very doubtful of cooperation by visitors even if vendors lay out guidelines for their customers. I say this as someone who has worked at a major cultural institution in visitor engagement for almost 10 years; tourists will only follow directions and rules when it fits into the idea of their vacation regardless of security, safety, courtesy, and/or common sense. The advertisement for these hazardous locations as tourist destinations romanticizes the landscape and can put people in danger.

In Section 5 (b) line 1 "Ensure maximum permissible use of the areas and facilities by

appropriate distribution of users in a manner to manage congestion, to minimize conflicts and maintain the primary recreational nature of the public parks;"

I find it concerning to see that land is viewed as something that must be capitalized on and that it should be maximized. In the long-term preservation of our beaches and repair of our parks should be a priority, while not profitable, it's important to remember that we are the ones who live here, not tourists. We make the decisions that ultimately shape our environment and community. I do not think we should accommodate people to the expense of our community and natural resources. It should be noted again that with the addition of vendors and tour companies occupying these spaces, it would add more people to the number of visitor's we're already experiencing. Anyone who lives on the East Side will already note on how congested this area already is. Our infrastructure isn't organized enough to enforce regulations and manage a greater influx of people, however the city hasn't provided many viable options for people to travel to the East Coast without using a passenger vehicle, which undoubtedly has added to the congestion issue; adding tour vehicles and vendors would compound this problem.

TLDR; I oppose. People aren't going to behave themselves; they already aren't.

Name: Nicole Sharp	Email: quincyhome1@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:58 PM

Testimony:

I oppose the use of Kokololio Beach Park for commercial use. I have been at the park with my children on a normal use day with other local families when a bus load of tourists come. Instead of picking an open area on the beach they entered the water where my children were already playing. They were taking selfies with their thong bikinis literally 4 feet away from my kids. I had to pull my kids from the water and move all our stuff down the beach to get out of the crowd. The roads are already insufficient to support local traffic, the facilities and infrastructure are barely capable of handling the current traffic and use. The North Shore does not need additional stressors to an already strained community infrastructure. Let's fix the roads so trucks don't fall through and water mains don't create sink holes before we add additional traffic through tourism. I oppose the use of kakelas beach park for commercial use because if you give every resource to the tourism industry there is nothing left for the future or the children. Please don't parse away every precious resource in the name of the dollar.

Name: Lindsey Wilbur	Email: wilbur.linz@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:59 PM

Testimony:

This would greatly impact the environment and destroy the quality of life for our community.

Name: Aj Jaeger	Email: beyondthebeach1@mac.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 09:59 PM

Testimony:

Aloha all. Please keep Commercial Activity OUT of Kailua Beach Parks and anywhere in the bay including Lanikai. As residents of Kailua and Lanikai our way of life and enjoyment of our home should not be pushed aside to accommodate tourism. If anything, there should also be an island wide ban on any and all commercial activities on at least one day a week so we get a break from it all!

Name: Sharon Lovejoy	Email: TheLovejoys808@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 14, 2023 @ 10:11 PM

Testimony:

I oppose allowing commercial activity in our beach parks again. Kailua Beach Park was over run prior to the ban on commercial activities. While there is a place for the visitor industry, it should not be allowed to take over the island's parks. Please don't undo

all of the good work that went into banning these activities. There just isn't room for commercial activity, and it changes the character of the park and beach to the detriment of residents.

Name:  
Kimeona Kane

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Representing:  
Self

Position:  
Oppose

Submitted:  
Mar 14, 2023 @ 11:15 PM

Testimony:

Aloha nui kkou,

I am writing in strong opposition of the current effort behind Bill 19, which seems to eliminate previous efforts to protect our community from an inundation of out of control commercial activities. As a community member who has gone through years of advocating for the stoppage of said activities, I am deeply disappointed in this attempt to reverse the work, to cater to businesses who only take what we have for granted. An island wide approach allowing commercial activity, even in the revised idea, still lacks the one thing that will keep the flood gates open, and that is the appropriate level of enforcement. There simply will be none of substance. None that will hold accountability where it is required. None that will maintain integrity of public trust, where communities will again be put in the hot seat, viewed as ruining a visitors vacation or special moment. It is absurd that despite the years of community engagement, following every step, jumping through every hoop, sacrificing time and relationships to be at meetings, to be ridiculed by visitors and business owners who knew they were in the wrong, we again, find ourselves in a situation where it seems that we, the community, must again, yield to business, profit and visitors. Of those who actually pulled wiki permits, how many were visitors? Who is collecting the data of use? How many calls went in and responding officers were there?

How many of those officers wrote citations? How many officers proactively put themselves into these conflict zones? Who has been monitoring the groups that STILL decide not to follow the rules? The burden, again, has fallen on the community. Let the visitors visit places that are designed for them, and in every community, there is definitely a place for them. In Waimnalo, commercial stops have found ways to exist, we see them stopping at the Town Center, allowed to visit, and within a 30 minute time frame, they are off to the next location. Take them to Sea Life Park, where they can enjoy the fresh air and view the beautiful surroundings. Our public parks and beaches are not meant for commercial activities as such, our communities are not built to carry them either. Even with all the rules in place, communities are still burdened, we see it with the overwhelmed Hanauma Bay, which is so highly regarded as a success, yet, continues to fail in various ways, including over crowing and overflow, which then, again, impacts the community. The community should have a say in these things, and they should be heard, respected and listened to, Bill 19, takes that away from those who have done everything asked in years passed, with exception of allowing commercial activity. Bill 19 is taking us backwards, and you must recognize this. Every community is different and requires specific actions, Waimnalo is not Waikk, help us preserve that. The exploitation of Waikk should be the warning we need to slow down the people visiting, yet it is celebrated, funded, and elevated in ways that no other communities are. All while displacing those who truly make Hawaii, Hawaii, likened to an ongoing genocide. We are expanding beyond our capacity, and the people of Hawaii continue to suffer. Please do not move Bill 19 forward, it is a disservice to the communities of Oahu.

Mahalo nui,  
Kimeona Kane

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96734

Representing:  
Self

Position:  
Oppose

Submitted:  
Mar 14, 2023 @ 11:30 PM

Testimony:

The beach parks on the windward side don't have the infrastructure parking or surrounding street access to support commercial activities. In Kailua we are already overwhelmed. Please Don't make it worse!

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Brenda Wong

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96795

Representing:  
Self

Position:  
Oppose

Submitted:  
Mar 14, 2023 @ 11:38 PM

Testimony:

I am a waimanalo home owner and have fought to stop commercial activity on our beaches! This bill would undermine everything

we have fought for over many long meetings and conversations. Each community is unique and should be considered separately. Waimanalo beaches do not need commercial activity and should be for the enjoyment of all without such distractions to the beauty and purpose of our beaches. There are many other places people can go to make money. Respect the sacred history of the waimanalo shoreline where the first Hawaiians settled and their iwi (bones) remain. Commercial activity takes away from the enjoyment of the beaches for the residents

Name: Dylan Madison	Email: dylanbiggs2017@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 05:08 AM

Testimony:  
Kokololio is a place for locals and wildlife. We worked so hard to get it protected after watching the devastation of having hundreds of tourists here every day. We live here, the tourists come in our yard. There is no respect. Nui tours abused the land and treated the locals poorly. This win was huge for the entire community, especially for the Kanaka who have cherished this beach for years. Hawaii needs places that are protected from mass tourism, to keep the land alive and healthy. Please do not pass this bill. Some beaches need to be off limits. Beaches with residents or tons of wildlife need to be closed to commercial tourism. Beaches without residents should be open. This is our HOME.

Name: Cindy Darnell	Email: cindydarnell@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 06:11 AM

Testimony:  
I oppose Bill 19. Allowing commercial activity will increase traffic and clog parking areas. This has a negative impact of residents being able to go to and enjoy our parks and beaches. This bill goes backwards, resulting in our beaches and parks being overwhelmed by commercial activity. Once these activities are allowed, it will only lead to more commercial activity over taking our public areas. The original bill made a huge difference, allowing locals to be able to access these areas without being overrun by tourists. I urge you to prioritize Hawaii residents and their quality of life by voting against this bill. Let residents enjoy their own parks and beaches.

Name: Thomas Ashlock	Email: bashlock808@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 06:35 AM

Testimony:  
for years now Kailua beach has been a place for gatherings of ohana and a place enjoyed by locals and tourist alike. however, allowing commercial activity to be re-instated would not only make it harder for families to gather due to congestion on a single lane road but also put a toll on the ecosystem of Kailua and Lanikai. The windward community will welcome tourist and the tourism industry in however don't mistake our Aloha for weakness. This bill has some good points as it won't allow large busses of over 12 people to operate however it could go south very fast. This land needs to be respected and the local community also needs that same level of respect. Allowing this bill is going to strain an already damaged roadway and hurt local residents with corporations once again batter what windward coast residents fight so hard to protect. There is a way we can share this land in a healthy way for tourist, local residents, and local businesses alike, but this bill isn't the way.

Name: Racquel Achiu	Email: rhachiu@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 07:14 AM

Testimony:  
Aloha My name is Racquel Achiu of North Shore. With regard to BILL 19 as much as i support regulation efforts to protect our public parks and beaches, I am concerned that this BILL could ultimately undo/rescind specific regulation existing restrictions identified in Ordinance 22-3 (Bill 38 (2021)). As you consider this effort I respectfully ask that serious consideration be placed in what has been imposed in Ordinance 22-3 (BILL 38 (2021)) and continue to protect what is already in place, most especially for the specifically named City owned parks and beach parks. Additionally, as we (on the North Shore) have had some successes in "community" enforcement of this regulation, I believe it is critical to move forward with any regulation, with an effective

enforcement plan. I look forward to following and contributing to this effort. MAHALO		
Name: Nicole Mosk	Email: ndecosta808@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 07:39 AM
Testimony: I oppose this Bill.. as a life long resident we do not need tour buses anywhere near our beaches or beach parks or anything else to promote our beaches, social media does that enough.. we already have too much traffic, a huge homeless beach issue that needs to be solved... I oppose this bill		
Name: Jerad Webrand	Email: webrand.jerad@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 07:42 AM
Testimony: I oppose this proposal. Nothing is sacred in the tourism industry and removing this ban would adversely affect our beautiful beaches. This needs to remain in place to protect the community and its natural surroundings.		
Name: Jennifer Mavilia	Email: jleemavilia@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 07:43 AM
Testimony: Ban commercial activity on all Windward beaches! Especially Kailua and Lanikai infrastructure is not designed for the for the amount of tourists that already come in making it difficult for a residents to get to work, drop kids off at school, and go about their normal activities. We already struggle daily with people leaving trash in our yard, blocking our driveways and mailboxes, parking illegally, being loud at all hours, and every single day there are people holding up traffic, dropping off loads of people or picking them up in the middle of the bike lane causing safety concerns for all. This is a residential neighborhood, not a place for commercial activity. There are already people selling food on the beach in Styrofoam containers with plastic utensils that get left behind with no enforcement. And on that note, I'd like to also say, commercial activity on the beach will be no good for the environment or the beaches either. We need someone who is committed to stand up and take action to oppose this bill, clean up our beaches and our aina and this is not the way. On top of this overextended lanikai construction project allowing commercial activity will only add to the burden of the people already suffering.		
Name: Katie Bourke	Email: katiekawailoa@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 07:54 AM
Testimony: I oppose this bill and support the ban on commercial activity at Kailua Beach Park.		
Name: Rani Wee	Email: ranitri@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 08:17 AM
Testimony: I oppose this bill and support the ban on commercial activity at Kailua Beach Park		
Name: Nancy Morgan	Email: namorgans@aol.com	Zip: 96730
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 08:29 AM

Testimony: Aloha,  Private companies cannot be allowed to use our public property in this manner. We need to preserve our beloved spaces for residents. There isn't the resort infrastructure that is needed to support that level of usage.		
Name: Sophie Cox	Email: sophiecox21@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 08:40 AM
Testimony: Oppose this bill		
Name: Sara Penn	Email: spenn1904@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 09:02 AM
Testimony: Oppose our beaches use to be overrun with commercial activity in neighborhoods ...keep it in Waikiki		
Name: Patricia Campbell	Email: ph002@byuh.edu	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 09:10 AM
Testimony: I oppose this bill as it will endanger our precious Aina and what is left of our marine life. We dont need our beach looking like another Waikiki inundated with tourist and an influx of people at the expense of our people who live here. Our sacred lands and beaches dont need this type of tourism that continues to destroy what is left of it. Stop already. This is not the way to bring in revenue for the state and keep our beaches, marine life, and importantly our people safe from this craziness. I oppose this bill.		
Name: Jan Robb	Email: jancrobb@gmail.com	Zip: 96762-1111
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 09:14 AM
Testimony: Please keep our beach free of commercial tourism. Since the ban, the beach has remained so much cleaner, for one. People were literally dumped out and left for a period of time to either wander or snorkel. I have a garage full of abandoned equipment and sand toys and would spend a good portion of my mornings cleaning up wrappers, bottles and other garbage items that were thoughtlessly left behind. The commercial entities do not self regulate sufficiently to maintain the balance necessary to cohabitate our beaches.		
Name: Keoki Nanod-sitch	Email: keokinanod0@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 09:18 AM
Testimony: Aloha! My name is Keoki and I am oppose to bill 19 after experiencing and witnessing all that the waimanalo community had to endure while protecting the iwi in those sacred spaces from commercial activities im afraid an island wide approach will take away the protection that is already set in place for waimanalo.		
Name: Bryndee Harris	Email: lafeandbryndee@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 09:18 AM

Testimony:

Keep the tourism in the tourist sector and zone resort areas.

Kailua as with all windward, leeward and north shore - the infrastructure is not there. Many communities have hundreds of visitors a day but escalating that is going to do damage to our neighborhoods and the aina. Please vote against this. Protect Hawaii. She deserves it.

Name: Barry Howlett	Email: howlettbarryj@gmail.com	Zip: 96762-1111
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 09:30 AM

Testimony:

I oppose this bill. Like other quality beaches that stop commercial tourist groups to access the beaches.

Commercial tour groups current practice leaves litter and abandoned beach gear that local residents have to clean up and dispose off.

Name: Senator Kurt Fevella	Email: senfevella@capitol.hawaii.gov	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 09:48 AM

Name: Moanike'ala Nanod-Sitch	Email: moani.sitch@intervarsity.org	Zip: 96734
Representing: Ka 'Ohana o ke Aloha	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Mar 15, 2023 @ 09:54 AM

Testimony:

Aloha mai kkou,

I am writing as a very concerned resident of Ko'olaupoko who also has had the blessing of standing with the Waimnalo community for the protection of our 'iwi kpuna & scared 'ina at Hnniho. As a Kahu & knaka 'iwi o Hawai'i, I strongly oppose Bill 19, as it may reopen the doors yet again for the flood of commercial activity to overrun our community & disrespectfully opposes what so many have worked & sacrificed to secure. Bill 38 finally put people before profit & for that we are grateful to the City Council members who voted to pass it & to Mayor Blangiardi who considered the concerns of a multigenerational group of active leaders of Waimnalo and council member Esther Kia'ina (who has compassionately worked to advocate for the people's leo to be heard), and support and passed Bill 38 for the protection of our 'ina & the respect & respite for our community.

After Bill 38 passed, the community finally experienced rest & the ability to enjoy their beaches & sanctity of these ancient resting places of our earliest ancestors in peace. After decades, there was finally the ability to hold others accountable who have profited from commercial activity in their land who formerly could go & do their work for profit as they pleased at any time, every day if they wished, with little to no revenue going back to the Waimnalo community. We must also remember that most of Waimnalo is crown lands & the knaka 'iwi o Hawai'i (the Native first peoples of the land) at large are not benefitting from the use of the land that our ali'i intended for the good of our people.

Over the many years Waimnalo is increasingly and disproportionately used for commercial activity. Please help reassure the people that they are seen and heard and that Bill 38 was not just an attempt to appease them temporarily, but that the real concerns of the community are taken seriously & heeded to preserve the natural, historic and cultural resources of public parks such as Hnniho for future generations while serving the recreational needs of the public. May you please also consider the difficulties faced with enforcement to limitations as you seek to establish island wide standards, limitations and procedures by which certain commercial activities may be permitted within the city's public parks. It may sound fine within the walls of a meeting today, but on the ground & in the 'ina every day is our reality.

With that being said, we also support the process for finding what is good for every community island wide & we ask for your consideration of the potential hinderances to the progress made thus far in Waimnalo (& Kailua).

Mahalo NUI a ke Akua p,

Moanike'ala Nanod-Sitch

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Cindy Tutor

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Representing:  
Self

Position:  
Oppose

Submitted:  
Mar 15, 2023 @ 09:56 AM

Testimony:

I fully oppose Bill 19! It will reverse the protective effects of Bill 48. The park facilities cannot support the numbers of tourists that are dropped off to swim and snorkel. Campers pay for permits to use the facilities while tourists use up all the toilet paper and leave the restrooms a sandy mess. Tour companies are making money off the tourists, while inconveniencing locals. This CANNOT continue to happen.



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Hale o nā Luna Makaʻāinana*

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 13, 2023

Aloha Chair Waters and City Council members,

I am writing with concerns over the administration Bill 19 concerning commercial activities at Beach Parks. I understand they want to keep it simple by having one set of rules for all beach parks on the island. However, as you well know, our communities and the challenges they face are not uniform. The communities in Kailua and in Waimānalo fought very hard to ban commercial activities that overwhelmed them at their beach parks. This would undo that work of both the community and the City Council members of that time.

I ask that you exclude Kailua and Waimānalo from Bill 19.

If you have any questions or concerns, I would be happy to speak with you at any time.

Mahalo,

Lisa Marten  
Representative District 51  
Kailua and Waimānalo

I am VERY disappointed to see Bill 19.

You are once again putting the cart before the horse.

Just reading the first paragraph, it says “to serve the recreational needs of the public and preserve the natural, historic and cultural resources of public parks for future generations.”

Commercial isn't going to meet the recreational needs of the public and it most definitely will not preserve the natural resources historic and cultural

What would be most helpful is the ranger program, hiring someone with knowledge of the law that can enforce for the benefit of the people. We also need SIGNAGE, so there's no confusion and it's enforceable. Also, the city needs to do a training on jurisdiction, so DLNR and HPD can stop passing the buck and nothing gets done. Permitted commercial activity is UNACCEPTABLE in our communities.

The laws that passed last year to protect Waimanalo, Kailua and North Shore are working. Majority of companies are respecting the law and don't operate in our communities. The aina is not for sale.

I understand your reasoning for having a blanket law, but each community has different needs and wants. Allowing PUCs, commercial photography, and recreational stops would cause more confusion when you JUST passed a law restricting it. Save the existing ordinances AS IS. Don't silence the voices of Waimanalo, Kailua and North Shore communities.

So I call on the committee of Parks:

Augie Tulba

Val Okimoto

Radiant Cordero

Andria Tupola

... DPR deputy director Laura Thielen

And Mayor Rick Blangiardi...

DO NOT delete ordinances 22-3, 21-34, and 22-34.

Losing the trust of communities will make your job more difficult.

Please put COMMUNITIES over COMMERCIALISM.

And the PEOPLE over PROFIT.

Lourdes Millan

Waimanalo Neighborhood member and resident

Testimony for the City Council; Honolulu, HI; by Barbara Mayer; Tuesday, March 14 2023:

My name is Barbara Mayer, retired teacher, and year-around resident of Waimānalo since 1976. I'd like to offer some thoughts on my position, as of now, in regard to Bill 019(23) relating to commercial activities at public parks & beaches.

I am opposed to Bill 19, until we can write a smooth transition from the specific and existing commercial prohibitions and restrictions at City-owned beach parks in Kailua and Waimānalo, which are codified in the [Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 2](#) to **island-wide commercial restrictions for all beaches**. I do not want to lose the protections that we have until we have all beaches protected from commercialization.

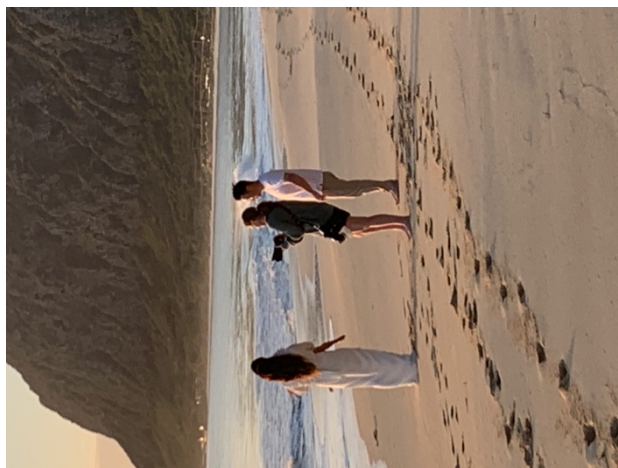
A beach is a beach is a beach, whether it's under one jurisdiction or another

Beaches are for families & friends to visit and enjoy, not to serve commercial interests.

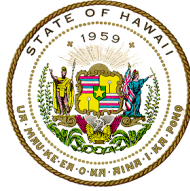
While people can buy beach-front property to build private homes or businesses, depending upon zoning restrictions, the beaches themselves cannot be bought.

Hawaii's beaches are not for sale.

Here are some photos I took on Sat., Mar. 11 of a commercial photographer on the beach in the Waimānalo beach lots area, between Hūnānāniho Beach Park and Waimānalo Beach Park. We need to ban commercial activity in this and similar areas. Otherwise, the beaches will become commercialized exponentially over time.







March 15, 2023

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

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

Subject: Bill 19 – Commercial Activities in City Parks

I am writing to voice my opposition to the above-referenced bill that proposes to establish island-wide standards, limitation and procedures for commercial activities at City public parks. There are a number of city parks that already have restrictions on commercial activities in place. For example, just last year, Bill 38 (2022) was enacted to ban most commercial activities at East Oahu city beach parks from Waiamanalo to Makapuu. These commercial bans were established based on public input, specific impacts unique to the area community, and following public hearings before the City Council.

Bill 19 (2023) has the potential to take a backwards step for communities who have made progress in controlling commercial activities at our parks. Why fix something that is not broken. But what I am most concerned about is this bill has the potential for allowing more commercialization at City parks that currently enjoy the peace and enjoyment without someone trying to make an extra buck. This island-wide approach to commercial activity proposed by Bill 19 may allow for more profiteering activity in areas where these issues do not exist.

I ask the City Council to oppose this bill and work with the State to find more responsible solutions to improve our natural and cultural park assets.

Sincerely,

Senator Kurt Fevella  
State of Hawai'i, District 20  
Minority Leader

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March 15, 2023

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