

# **Presentation by the Department of Parks and Recreation Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 213**

PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE & THE ARTS (PESCA)

**PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE &  
THE ARTS (PESCA) Meeting**

Meeting Date: May 3, 2023 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 4

Oppose: 34

I wish to comment: 14

Name: Neil Frazer	Email: neilfrazer@icloud.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Frazer-Frantz Family Hui	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Apr 28, 2023 @ 06:54 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Chair and Committee Members,</p> <p>I read Bill 19 with considerable dismay. It appears to have been written by a representative of the tourist industry. It insults every resident of Waimanalo, Kailua, and Haleiwa by repealing the hard-won prohibitions of commercial activity at our beaches and parks. It violates the most important principle of governance (subsidiarity), which is that decisions should be made at the most local level possible.</p> <p>I urge you to either kill this bill utterly, or amend it as suggested by Council Member Kia'ina:</p> <p>Firstly, amend Section 10-1.3(a)(13), which is on the top of page 14, to read as follows:</p> <p>"(13) Recreational stops of any length of time at any beach park or beach support park; except that no permits may be issued for recreational stops prohibited by §§ 10-1.2(h) and (i).</p> <p>And secondly, undo the repeal of ROH, §§ 10-1.2(h) and (i).</p> <p>Mahalo for taking the time to read this comment, and for your unselfish service to our Island.</p>		
Name: Piliialoha Callahan	Email: piliialohak19@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Apr 29, 2023 @ 09:57 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha chair and council members, I am writing to you today in opposition of Bill 19 as it stands today. I have been a part of the long and lengthy efforts to protect my home and keep it as Hawaii as possible for my keiki and the generations to come. When Bill 38 was passed in April of 2022 my community rejoiced in the decline of tour busses driving through our lots, especially with the recent road work and traffic lately. As written I fear that this bill will come in opposition of the most recent passed bill. I urge you to amend Bill 19 and ensure that the ordinances within bill 38 that protect our beaches and parks are paa and there is nothing written that could lead someone to find loopholes and perform commercial activity in spaces the community would rather them not be. Mahalo nui for reading my testimony and I hope to see the changes reflect before Bill 19 moves along further in this proces..</p>		
Name: Michelle Pimentel	Email: shelby774@ymail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Apr 29, 2023 @ 02:22 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I oppose to this Bill 19, as this is homestead land. This is our aina, this is where we are born, it's not tourist land.</p> <p>Mahalo</p>		
Name: Saturnino Pimentel	Email: haumea@yahoo.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Apr 29, 2023 @ 02:26 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>All of Waimanalo is Hawaiian Homestead Lands and does not fall under any other jurisdiction. Therefore, as a born and raised Waimanalo resident I oppose to let any Tour Commercial Vehicle and Private events to be withheld and/or stop at any of our Access ways to our beaches. I also support this for Kailua Beaches too.</p>		
Name: Michelle Pimentel	Email: shelby774@ymail.com	Zip: 96795

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Apr 29, 2023 @ 02:27 PM
Testimony: Waimanalo is land for the Hawaiian people, it is our aina, we were forced to live in these homesteads, and our home shouldn't be open too tourists. And for this reason I oppose to Bill 19 and everything it stands for.		
Name: Barbara Mayer	Email: bamayer@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 09:33 AM
Name: issei watanabe	Email: isseiwa@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Japan Hawaii Wedding Association	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 09:43 AM
Name: Greg Arbdt	Email: gregarndtinhawaii@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 12:30 PM
Testimony: Aloha Everyone, I work as a private tour guide taking small groups around the island based on their interests. Before the 100% bans when I would periodically let my folks see Waimanalo Bay I would notice the lots were almost empty and there was only a smattering of people along this miles long beach. This was weekdays, usually late mornings. Also almost any spot along the north shore such as the Pipeline was not impacted by letting my visitors look at this world famous beach for several minutes. (I would avoid Laniakea due to the crowds, which by the way, were less than 2% tour vans which are now the only ones 100% banned and therefore has had no effect on the congestion still there). There are hot spots which need management but to do a 100% ban from Sandy Beach, all of Waimanalo, all of Kailua, the entire coast, including every beach on the north shore all the way to Wahiawa is the same as closing tour companies. There is only one road and it goes along the coast. Who would come on a tour if they are forbidden to get out and see anything? These past laws are really saying it is a crime to see Hawaii with a local guide and no visitor money can go to local businesses. You must rent a car and be by yourself. In reality I care about Hawaii and am not here to keep my job if I thought it caused harm. I am a resident too, I love my days off. The places I go hiking or into the ocean are not ruined by tourists as so many say. (I am not talking about the north shore which has a two lane road, Three Tables, Waimea Bay, public school traffic, visitors in rental cars, etc., all concentrated in one space). There is a way to let vacationers see Hawaii with a respectful and informative guide, while empowering and not degrading our local communities, and have a win-win situation for all. I hope bill 19 can address that.		
Name: Mialisa Otis	Email: mialisa808@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 02:17 PM
Testimony: I oppose Bill 19 until Bill 38/ Ordinance 22-3 stays in place to protect Waimanalo from commercial activity. I will be testifying on person on March 3. Mahalo		
Name: Jody Green	Email: jmelanigreen@hotmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 03:36 PM
Testimony: Aloha Councilmembers,		

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Bill 19. We have lived in Waimanalo since 1952 and love our little beach town. Since we live right next door to Hunaunaniho, we get many beach-goers and lots of traffic in our area. The City right-of-way at Aloiloi St. and Laumilo St. has always been a popular spot to access our beautiful beach, as well as all the city right-of-ways in our small neighborhood. We get our fair share of crowds down here enjoying the beach with their families and we get plenty of tourists, too. People work hard to keep up with the costs of living and need to recharge and relax in peace without being pushed aside, crowded out, having to share the beach with companies doing their business here.

We all saw what was happening with the permitting system before Bill 38 was finally passed. It was a complete nightmare with fake permits (or none at all) as the wedding and tour industries took full advantage and flooded our neighborhood, our beach parks, and right-of-ways. These powerful companies would bring their customers here to make a buck and treated local residents badly, even aggressively, while swarming our areas to make their profits.

Please keep the protections in place that we fought so hard to get after being bombarded by commercial activities. It is time to stop selling our natural resources for companies' profits and represent the people of Oahu, the constituents you represent. If protections are not kept through Councilmember Kia'aina's CD1, there will be more angry residents' complaints and more distrust in our elected officials.

We get that tour and wedding industries need to make their profits, but designated tourists' spots exist without Waimanalo and wedding chapels were built for the wedding companies---of course, why should they pay for venues when they can break the rules and hold ceremonies on public beaches? Save a buck and impose themselves wherever they want with no regard to local residents. We are already seeing the big and the 12 passenger tour buses have returned to our neighborhoods and there are still smaller weddings every now and then. If our protections are removed, the aggressive limo drivers and tour drivers will return with a vengeance, and the nightmare will begin once more, with Aloiloi Street the hotspot of activities like it was, bringing undue stress to our community. No enforcement will put more pressure on our local police, who are already short on manpower here.

Please support our local communities by supporting the CD1 introduced to protect us from companies profiting off of our public spaces.

Mahalo,  
Jody Green

Name: Chuck G	Email: chuckla808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 08:50 AM

Testimony:  
I oppose Bill 19 2023

People not profit for public parks and beach rights-of-way.

I doubt any Honolulu residents have requested the update to commercialize our parks and beach rights-of-way, other than the overwhelming vendors, who will profit by over running our parks open spaces, and cause even more traffic and congestion to our parks and beach rights-of-way.

Thank you

Chuck Gray

Name: Kekoa McClellan	Email: kekoamcclellan@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Oahu Wedding Association	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:30 AM

Testimony:  
I will be available for oral testimony. Mahalo for providing the opportunity to discuss this measure.

Name: Carey Johnson	Email: quarkcsj@hotmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Custom Island Tours, LLC	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:06 AM

Testimony:

This bill could be good, but not with the CD1 that council member Kia'aina wants to put in that would keep the bans on Kailua and Waimanalo, etc..

This bill would be good for anyone who has an interest in Rental Cars, Augie T., because this will just make tourists rent more cars to go to the places that tour companies aren't allowed to take them to. So there will just be more individual rental cars taking up all the parking spaces at all the beaches. Most rental cars only have 2 or 3 people in them. So one 15 passenger tour van can take 5 rental cars off the road. And then they have a guide to tell them what not to do, to keep them safe, and make sure they don't leave trash, or harm cultural sites, etc..

We should encourage tourists to have tour guides as they explore the island, but these laws discourage that and instead encourages them to go out on their own with no guide.

The next time that your stuck in traffic, look around and see how many of those vehicles are tour vehicles, how many are rental cars, and how many are local residents. And how many are rentals from Turo? That one you can't know, because they are renting them from local residents, so they just look like local cars.

You guys are actually making the problem that you're trying to solve, worse. And you're hurting local businesses and jobs.

From the Civil Beat article.

In an interview, Laura Thielen, Mayor Blangiardi's parks director, said she once "fought for individual communities" but now wants to "fight hard for protections island-wide."

She said it is a simple fact that there are 250 commercial tour buses on the road on Oahu on any given day, "tour buses that will go somewhere," and that if an effort isn't made to address the problem now, tourists could turn to rental cars, adding further to road and park congestion.

Tour companies usually have an itinerary that they're trying to keep to, usually making about 15 stops in the 120 mile circle island route, in about 8 hours. So they don't usually stay at any one spot for long. However if a tourist goes to the beach on their own in a rental car, they're going to pack a lunch, lay out a towel, go swimming, and then lay in the sun, so they're going to be there for 2 hours easy. Meanwhile taking up a parking spot for just 2 people in a rental car.

If Bill 19 passes, it would make it illegal for a tour company to stop even for 2 minutes to take pictures, or risk a citation, or even up to 30 days jail if it were to happen twice within a year. Under this bill, a tour company would have to get a permit from the Parks department to stop at a beach park for any amount of time. However, under the current system, the Parks department is only allowed to give out 1 permit per vehicle, for 1 specific beach park. That would mean that in the course of an 8 hour tour, that vehicle would only be allowed to stop at 1 specific beach for the entire course of an 8 hour tour. Imagine coming to Hawaii, paying for a tour of the island, and then being told that we are only allowed to stop at 1 specific beach. It might not even be a beach that the tourists want to stop at, it's just one of the ones that are not on the long list of places that are banned, or that that company wasn't lucky enough to get a permit for.

One of the problems with congestion of tour vehicles is that they are banned from so many places, that it leaves only a few places that they can go to. Tour companies are banned from ALL state parks, this includes State Beach Parks, such as Kahana Bay, Malaekahana, Ka'ena Point, on both the North Shore, and at Yokahama Bay. They're banned from all State Waysides, like La'ie Point, Ulupo Heiau, and Ka'iwi coastline (Makapu'u lighthouse trail and Allen Davis beach). They're banned from 2 of the 4 botanical gardens manages by the City, Koko Crater botanical garden, and Ho'omaluhia. They're banned from state parks like Pu'u Ualakaa (Tantalus lookout). They're banned from all hiking trails except for 7 for which you need a permit from DLNR, Kealia trail, Hauula Loop trail, Maakua Ridge trail, Maunawili trail, Kuliouou Valley and Ridge trails, Kalawahine trail to Pauoa Flats, Manoa Falls trail.

We now have to pay between \$15 to \$50 depending on vehicle size each time that we stop at the Pali Lookout, and there's not even facilities there.

We now have to pay between \$25 to \$90 depending on vehicle size each time that we go to Diamond Head.

We now have to pay between \$10 to \$40 depending on vehicle size (\$20 for example for 8 to 25 passenger vehicle) each time we stop at the commercial lot in Hanauma Bay, where by law, we are only allowed to stay for 15 minutes, so that's more than a dollar a minute for a 15 passenger van.

And this is in addition to the places that the City Council has banned tour companies from going to:

Kailua Beach Park,

Kalama Beach Park,

Lanikai, and all beaches in Kailua from Lanikai to Castle Point,

All beaches in Waimanalo from Makapu'u to Bellows including:

Makapu'u beach,

Kaupo,

Makai pier,

Kaiona beach park,

Waimanalo beach park,

Bellows Field beach park.

And for Hunananiho (formerly Waimanalo Bay Beach Park) it's \$165 per vehicle, per month, limit to maximum 15 passenger van, and not on weekends or holidays, limit to 5 permits per month.

City Council has also banned tour companies from the beaches on the North Shore from Sunset Point to Kaiaka Point in Waialua, and all beach Rights of ways, including:

Waiale'e beach park,

Sunset Beach park,

'Ehukai beach park,

Pupukea beach park,

Haleiwa Ali'i beach park,

and Kaiaka beach park.

As you can see, there aren't many places left for tour companies to go to, except for private property lots like Dole Pineapple, and the Macadamia nut farms.

If we were to lift the ban on all of these places, the tour companies would be more spread out.

But the underlying problem to this whole deal, has been the lack of enforcement. City Council keeps passing these laws, but then there is nobody out there to enforce them. The good guys follow the rules, and the bad guys that break the rules, nothing happens to them. In the over 10 years that I have been going down to the Parks Department to get these permits that would "allow" me to stop a Public! beach, not once has an official been there to ask to see my permits. When they first proposed the \$165 fee for Waimanalo Bay Beach Park, they originally said that that money would go to enforcing the laws that they had passed banning tours from all of the other beaches for which they had banned in Waimanalo and Kailua, but that obviously never happened.

Get ready for Summer, there's going to be a lot of Rental cars there, and Turo cars.

The tour vans and buses, act like a Shuttle to shuttle the tourists to and from these places instead of taking up a whole bunch of parking spots with only 2 people per car. We are the solution, not the problem.

This is not fair at all that you target one specific type of transportation. Why don't these laws apply to Taxis, Ubers, and Rental Cars?!

Honolulu Councilman Augie Tulba's role in TV commercial raises ethics questions

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2022/01/03/hawaii-news/councilmans-commercial-raises-questions-about-elected-officials-participating-in-advertisements/>

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Representing: Mlama Ppkea-Waimea	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:26 AM
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:01 AM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose Bill 19 as it would allow recreational stops at specified North Shore City Beach Parks where a ban on commercial activity is in place due to proactive City Council action last year.

I support Councilmember Kiainas PROPOSED CD1 - EK1, which would "delete the repeal of §§ 10-1.2 (h) and (i), which relate to prohibitions of commercial activities at certain parks, and makes conforming amendments to ensure new proposed language does not contradict §§ 10-1.2 (h) and (i)."

In addition, it is critical to consider that Bill 19 in its current form will violate important State and City laws protecting access to the shoreline and the coastal environment.

Commercial activity is currently banned at many beloved public parks/beaches.

By allowing commercial activities at these currently protected City sites, Bill 19 will drastically alter (lessen) resident's access to the shoreline and will likely have unforeseen impacts on natural resources.

Before this measure can proceed, the City DPR must conduct the proper environmental planning and permitting processes to better understand (and plan for realistic and viable mitigation for) the negative impacts opening the currently protected public parks to commercial activity will have.

This type of island-wide analysis and planning effort was suggested by former DPR Director Gary Cabato in around 2012 when the commercial bans were first being implemented in Kailua.

Please be aware that supporting Bill 19 without first taking these required steps is a questionable and highly problematic effort.

Thank you.

Take care,

Blake

Name: Tina G	Email: tinagray808@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:07 AM

Testimony:  
Oppose Bill 19

Please keep Kailua's parks and beaches free from commercial activities.

Our community has worked tirelessly for over 15 years to keep our parks and beaches for the families and visitors of Oahu. No one wants our community resources commercialized except for those businesses that want to exploit and profit from this legislation. Auwe! Leave someplace for the folks that live here and pay the taxes that support the parks. Not everything should be about tourists and money.

One blanket set of regulations for the whole island will not work. The Kailua Beach/Lanikai beach is an already overcrowded area within a bottleneck situation. It is primarily a residential neighborhood with a beach.

I am sickened that this administration would attempt to breach this issue again.

One size will not fit all in this unique community. Please exempt any commercialization of this beach park.

Enough is enough! Please don't throw Kailua under the tour bus!

Sincerely,

Tina

Name: Alexandra Richardson	Email: alvalinrich@icloud.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:07 AM

Testimony:

I do not support this bill and believe that tour companies should be allowed to stop at beach parks for the 15 mins and then continue on with their tour.

Name: Teresa Parsons	Email: tapanc06@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:16 AM

Testimony:

Much time and effort went into reduction of tour bus traffic in Waimnalo, Kailua and Lanikai beach parks several years ago. I'm appalled the City Council is considering rescinding all the work of these communities with Bill 19. Councilmember Kia'ina introduced CD1 which deletes the repeal of prohibitions of commercial activities, including recreational stops and certain commercial filming activities, at certain City-managed beach parks, including in Waimnalo and Kailua, and City-managed rights-of-way, and exempts specific City-owned beach parks, including Waimnalo and Kailua beach parks, from allowing commercial activities and recreational stops via permit.

I urge the City Council to support Bill 19, CD1. Protect these beaches from being overrun.

Name: Jodi Endicott	Email: jodiendicott@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:18 AM

Testimony:

Opposing Bill 19

Please keep Kailua's parks and beaches free from commercial activities...

In 1990 I was living across the street from Kailua beach and witnessed the first tour buses empty visitors. These buses grew from a few to many while the visitors numbered a several hundred to thousands. Neighbors testified at neighborhood and city council meetings asking that these commercial activities be banned as we were being inundated with strangers asking to use our household bathrooms, or leave their trash on our beaches and yards. Used diapers were often left along with plastic food and water containers, straws and other debris. As a neighborhood caretaker of Kailua beach I saw firsthand how Hawaii's environment was being trashed. When I spoke out at a neighborhood meeting with Kailua representatives, I was told that "you need to be aware of what side your bread is buttered on." That comment came from a resident who was running many beach rentals. While that was my first introduction to the commercialization of Kailua Beach, his comment saddens me even more today.

Be wary...once the door to commercialization of a natural beach is opened, there is no turning back. Today social media will find a way, in the same way the moneymakers will and have.

In my experience, what started as a few buses and kayaks grew to thousands of people inundating previous environmental areas stomping endangered corals and nests. We saw this happen on Flat Island and the Mokuluas. When the buses were banned, the buses then dropped off their riders in Kuulei and Lanikai. So we had to speak up again to prevent these dropoffs. Then the buses morphed to vans to get around these new restrictions. All this sneakiness to make money off the beaches in neighborhoods where children walk or ride bikes to school and residents battle sometimes hours of traffic to get to work and other regular life moments.

You have the power to prevent these environmental and safety issues occurring on and around the beaches of Kailua and Waimanalo. Use your ability to be a caretaker of our environment and communities. Exempt Kailua and Waimanalo beaches as well as all natural beaches from commercial activities.

Thank you,

Jodi Endicott

Name: Michelle Smith	Email: jaxwoodfiredpizza@yahoo.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:21 AM

Testimony:

My name is Michelle Smith I'm a local restaurant owner in Haleiwa. I own the restaurant Jax Wood fired Pizza. I've been owner and operator for four years and I've seen what tourism can do to business. No bill 19 has been brought to my attention. I myself as a business owner rely on tourism in our small community up on the North Shore. Having controlled tourism by having commercial vehicles is extremely important. I think we forget as a state that we rely on tourism. Having more tourist in individual cars creates more greenhouse, gases, and more traffic on the roads. As you know, we already deal with tremendous traffic on the

North Shore ready. How could taking these vehicles off the road or keeping them from stopping help or traffic control, or our pollution in our own state. Now other than that my restaurant relies on these commercial vehicles to stop and let their tourist enjoy our cuisines on the North Shore. Our business and many others rely on this type of tourism. I know personally, this will affect the entire North shore. And not to mention anywhere else outside of Waikiki. This bill could be devastating to the businesses and all the families that will affect by not having these buyers not visit up north. I know personally, this will affect the entire North Shore. And not to mention anywhere else outside of Waikiki. This bill could be devastating to restaurants, shops, convenience, stores the list can go on and on. By passing This bill it would be completely unethical. We need to support our local businesses and our local tour companies that provide the service to our island. It's important for you all to realize that the services are necessary for tour vehicles to contain the tourist and keep them off the roads. We are one of the biggest travel destinations in the world. With people coming from every country. How would it be effective to have these people on the road? Do what's right for the Island And for the local businesses, family and people here. Bill 19 should be completely opposed. This is unethical are businesses need this type of tourism? You'll get to a point where will not be able to pay rent and yes, I will have a bigger impact than you know. Greatly appreciate you listening to my testimonial. Please consider opposing this bill completely to protect our small business owners on the entire island.

Name: Michael Hoebelheinrich	Email: hoebel83@Yahoo.com	Zip: 95825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:32 AM

Testimony:  
I do not support this bill and I believe tours should be able to stop at the beach for 15 minutes then go on their way, this bill is over kill

Name: Larry McElheny	Email: lkmcelheny@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:28 PM

Testimony:  
Aloha  
I strongly oppose Bill 19 and support Council Member Kiaaina's recommendations (CD 1)  
Mahalo  
Larry McElheny  
(808) 237-9354

Name: Kurt Stevens	Email: kstevens870@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:40 PM

Testimony:  
I wish to oppose this bill due to the fact that it is not written as it should have been. Let the tour companies that provide accurate and informative tours the ability to stop for 15-20 minutes per available and sustainable spots so there is a balance between tour companies and rentals. If a large chunk of money comes from tourism then let the equality of that be shared among the many in the tourism industry. If tours allow for education and raising the floor for the bare minimum of how to treat Hawaii in a proper way than they should be allowed to stop as they are taking fewer but not many rentals off the road. There is a balance in all of this where everyone is a winner and the biggest winner is Hawaii and the people of it

Name: Deanna Chang	Email: dkchang.1965@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:47 PM

Testimony:  
No to bill18. Waimanalo is my home and we don't need to commercial activities at our beaches. As a resident of Waimanalo, we already get hard time relaxing on our own beach because it's packed with outsiders. I think we deserve to have our beach to relax and not have things for tourist. They already have Waikiki they should stay there.

Mahalo		
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 01:19 PM
Testimony: I oppose this bill		
Name: Tessa Gomes	Email: tessa@fredandkate.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Oahu Wedding Association	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 01:36 PM
Testimony: I wish to submit oral testimony regarding bill 19		
Name: Max Towey	Email: maxtowey@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:31 PM
Testimony: Aloha,  It would be a nightmare to allow the commercialization of the public beaches. This is a horrible idea.  Mahalo,  Max		
Name: Judy Bishop	Email: jbishop@bishopco.net	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:32 PM
Testimony: Aloha, as a 20+ year resident of Lanikai in Kailua, I am vehemently opposed to Bill 19 in every aspect. We fought long and hard to restrict commercial activity in Kailua beach park and at Lanikai beach accesses. This bill will do horrible damage to the quality of life for residents. This bill favors tourists and tourism over local residents!! Since housing is our greatest problem with multiple generations living under one roof, and no big back yards, residents need our parks!!! Families need our parks! Yet you would take the beach parks away from local families and give our parks to the tourists. THIS HAS TO STOP!! Limits to our buses and other commercial activities WILL NOT BE ENFORCED!!! There will be more than 3 buses in the park at one time and more than 10 buses during each day. Buses cannot even make the turns on corners entering and exiting the streets and entrances to the Kailua park and the Lanikai beach accesses-this causes major congestion and backs up traffic for hours. The buses will take up almost all the parking so there will be nowhere for local residents to park...not to mention the terrible traffic delays ruining the few hours off from work that local residents have.		
Name: Anne Towey Joyer	Email: annetoweyjoyer@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:34 PM
Testimony: Aloha,  I strongly oppose all commercial activity at public beach parks.		

Mahalo,  Anne		
Name: Virginia Staudinger	Email: georgestaudinger58@gmail.com	Zip: 78239
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:40 PM
Testimony: Aloha I would like to give my testimony in keeping waimanalo country the country that it is and not have heard to be used for main menu and keep the beauty for the community usage only I am born and raised WAIMANALO AINA. Mahalo and A HUI HOU MALAMA PONO		
Name: Kalani Kalima	Email: kuaaina96795@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: N Kuana O Waimnalo	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:48 PM
Testimony: Aloha mai kkou,  My name is Kalani Kalima and I am speaking on behalf of N Kuaina O Waimnalo,  We believe that the City is moving in a positive direction with Bill 19 in wanting to protect our City managed and operated beach parks. The blanket rules and regulations come on the coat tails of previous bills like Bill 8 and Bill 38 which provide protections for Waimnalo Beaches and Parks. What Bill 19 falls short on is recognizing the unique status of Waimnalo's beaches and parks. The coastline of Waimnalo is Crown lands that was stolen and became "ceded land" and now under the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. It is still under DHHL and has been leased to the City to manage and operate. The City has already agreed to the terms of the lease and cannot supersede those agreed upon terms.  With the protections already in place and the prohibitions already stated in Bill 38, we would like for the CCH to: -AMEND 10-1.3(a)(13) on page 14 to read as follows: (13) Recreational stops of any length of time at any beach park or beach support park; except that no permits may be issued for recreational stops prohibited by §§ 10-1.2(h) and (i). -UNDO the repeal of ROH, §§ 10-1.2(h) and (i). -ENCOURAGE you all to look at the intent of Bill 19 and that was to help all of our City's Parks to have the same protections from commercialism and predatory businesses as Waimnalo and Kailua and not to hinder the that which was established prior.  Mahalo nui, Kalani Kalima N Kuaina O Waimnalo		
Name: Dale Evans	Email: evans@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:50 PM
Testimony: NO to the wedding "industry," NO to the tour bus snd limo businesses cluttering our parks and communities. We fought these intrusions previously and WE WILL FIGHT THEM AGAIN if this bill walks us backward.		
Name: Ivan Tavares	Email: ivanktavares@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 03:29 PM
Testimony:		

Firstly, AMEND Section 10-1.3(a)(13), which is on the top of page 14, to read as follows:

(13) Recreational stops of any length of time at any beach park or beach support park; except that no permits may be issued for recreational stops prohibited by §§ 10-1.2(h) and (i).

And secondly, UNDO the repeal of ROH, §§ 10-1.2(h) and (i).

Name: Sonelle Poe	Email: sonelle_poe@hotmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 03:31 PM

Testimony:

Firstly, AMEND Section 10-1.3(a)(13), which is on the top of page 14, to read as follows:

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And secondly, UNDO the repeal of ROH, §§ 10-1.2(h) and (i).

Name: Susan Gabaree	Email: susangabaree@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 03:41 PM

Testimony:

I am opposed to a return of the bad old days, when large buses were rolling into our beach parks. Tourists are still numerous; they seem to be able to find their way in cars or on the city bus. Our beautiful beaches should not be monetized - this is shameful.

Name: Rich Brown	Email: richrbrown500@gmail.com	Zip: 78641
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 04:16 PM

Testimony:

I oppose bill 19. Trying to prohibit small business tours which reduce traffic. I have done multiple photography tours. They are organized and respectful. Stopping this will hurt tourism. The state will spend money only to lose it. Use your policing to stop criminal activities like breaking in to cars!

Name: Richard Ames	Email: kamaaiaaudio@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 04:32 PM

Testimony:

To me it is astounding we are having to debate this. Residential neighborhoods are for residents and not to be treated like amusement parks. 5 days a week, 10am to 4pm, 3 buses, 10 buses 12 passenger, 25 passenger.....Stop! NOT in residential neighborhoods! One question that needs to be addressed is what is the red line? We need protections for our NEIGHBORHOODS from those who only see them as a "piggy bank" to rob and not homes, schools, churches and parks. There are no "uniform standards", which the mayor has asked for, to apply to the various beach parks on Oahu because communities, and neighborhoods can be uniquely different. Bill 34 was working fine until recently when tour buses returned. Spend more time on enforcement and penalties to support the current laws.

Name: B.A. Alexander	Email: babs@ladybuglan.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 04:32 PM

Testimony:

Hello City Council Chair and Members,

I heartily support proposed Bill 19 CD1 ie; the amendments proposed by CM Kia'aina.

Enough talk already! CM Kia'aina has worked hard to improve the use of our C&C parks/beaches in her district. I live in her district.

Why cannot the rest of this island benefit from the work she has done for Kailua and Waimanalo?

Why do we not want these benefits for ALL parks and beaches on O'ahu?

Why do we want ANY commercial (ie; for-profit) activities at our parks & beaches? Do these companies share in the cost of the maintenance of the parks & beaches?

Why do we need "recreational stops" at our parks and beaches? We have The Bus!!

I live on Mokulua Dr., Ka'ohao and see "recreational stops" blocking the bike paths. Is this how we encourage safe behavior in our communities?

It is time for the City Council to wake up to the reality of what is happening on the ground in and near our communities.

Please pass Bill 19 CD1 to really benefit ALL residents on O'ahu.

Mahalo.

Aloha,

B.A. Alexander

Name: laura safranski	Email: musicmind75@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 05:06 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the proposed changes. When the government puts protections in place only to ratify them shortly thereafter it creates more distrust in government.. It makes me wonder why was it passed to begin with? Was it to shut up the opposed community members only hoping to change it later??

-AMEND Bill 19, No permits for recreational stops of any length of time at City owned and managed beach parks that are prohibited in 10-1.2(h) and (i).

-RESTORE the existing protections for Waimnalo Beach Parks and Right Of Ways to prohibit commercial activities.

-REMIND the City that the intent for Bill 19 was to provide protections like Bill 8 and Bill 38 did for Waimnalo to the rest of Oahu not to hinder those already in place.

Mahalo nui!

Name: Amy Scott	Email: u2pixi@yahoo.com.au	Zip: 22569
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 05:19 PM

Testimony:

The small local tour groups provide such a wonderful service - not allowing these groups to stop at the beach parks is ridiculous. They take cars off the road, provide a sustainable experience and help to support local business.

Use your resources note effectively to really fix the issues- the small tour companies do a great job for the island.

Name: Bill Hicks	Email: billhicksknb@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Kailua Neighborhood Board	Oppose	May 2, 2023 @ 07:24 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The Kailua Neighborhood Board opposes the portion of Bill 19 (2023) that would eliminate the current protections of ROH 10-1.2(h) which prohibit commercial activities at Kailua and Kalama Beach Parks in Kailua.</p> <p>On April 6, 2023, the Kailua Neighborhood Board (KNB) unanimously approved the following resolution: The Kailua Neighborhood Board opposes the portion of Bill 19 (2023) that would eliminate the current protections of ROH 10-1.2(h) which prohibit commercial activities at Kailua and Kalama Beach Parks in Kailua. The Kailua Neighborhood Board strongly urges the City Council to amend Bill 19 (2023) to retain the existing ROH 10-1.2(h) prohibition of commercial activity at Kailua and Kalama Beach Parks.</p> <p>As background, on April 5, 2012 the Kailua Neighborhood Board passed a Resolution that "The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 supports a version of City Council Bill 11 (2012) that includes prohibitions of commercial vendors and commercial buses in Kailua and Kalama Beach Parks".</p> <p>City Council Bill 11 (2012) was subsequently passed in 2012 which added the following language to ROH 10-1.2(h):</p> <p>"(h) Commercial activities prohibited at parks.</p> <p>(1) Commercial activities, including recreational stops by commercial tour companies, but excluding commercial filming activities that take place from 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays through 6:30 a.m. on Mondays, are not allowed at any time at the following parks:</p> <p>(A) Kailua Beach Park; and</p> <p>(B) Kalama Beach Park."</p> <p>Prior to the implementation of Bill 11 (2012) Kailua Beach Park was being overrun with commercial kayak and tour bus activity.</p> <p>The wisdom of Bill 11 (2012) banning commercial activity at Kailua Beach Park was borne out by the Windward Oahu Tourism Assessment conducted by the University of Hawaii's Center for Sustainable Coastal Tourism under a Sea Grant program initiated by former Councilman Ikaika Anderson. This assessment found that Kailua Beach Park was about 50% more crowded in 2019 than it was in 2007. Their large sample surveys in 2019 found that Kailua Beach Park is at the cusp of reaching &gt;50% dissatisfaction with the amount of overcrowding. Complete information on this project can be found at <a href="https://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/sustainable-coastal-tourism/windward-tourism-assessment/">https://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/sustainable-coastal-tourism/windward-tourism-assessment/</a></p> <p>Our infrastructure at Kailua Beach Park is that of a small residential town which is not geared for commercial activity. The University of Hawaii study puts crowding at Kailua Beach Park at a tipping point. The doubling of the number of people on the beach from 2007 to 2019 puts us at an effective maximum ceiling – as more people or activity would measurably degrade the experience for residents and visitors alike. Clearly a resumption of commercial activity that would take up parking and beach space and compete with family recreational activity would put us past the tipping point.</p> <p>Unfortunately, City Council Bill 19 (2023) threatens to do just that. Bill 19 (2023) would eliminate the current protections of ROH 10-1.2(h) and replace it with provisions that would allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to issue permits to authorize commercial activity at Kailua and Kalama Beach Parks in Kailua.</p> <p>Bill 19 (2023) must be amended to retain the existing ROH 10-1.2(h) prohibition of commercial activity at Kailua and Kalama Beach Parks. Councilmember Esther Kia'aina has introduced CD1 to Bill 19 which would retain the current protections of ROH 10-1.2(h). We urge the expeditious adoption of CD1.</p>		
Name: Wayne Tanaka	Email: wctanaka@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:47 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Chair Kiaina, Vice Chair Cordero, and members of the Committee,</p> <p>As you continue to discuss and refine policies around important matters of visitor management and commercial occupation of our limited public city spaces, I respectfully urge you to heed the calls of rural communities who endeavored for years to successfully establish clear and enforceable legal protections to mitigate the impacts of commercial and visitor overuse on the places they steward.</p>		

Please support the proposed CD1 amendments provided by Chair Kiaina or otherwise oppose the elimination of these important protections in Bill 19 (2023) as reflected in the initial draft of this measure.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of these comments,

Wayne Tanaka

Name: Gloria Smith	Email: gloriawa@comcast.net	Zip: 98208
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 03:10 AM

Testimony:

I have been visiting Oahu for 40+ years. I am a senior, and rely on small tour businesses to enjoy seeing the sites, as I do not drive. This bill would impair tourism and the income for many local Hawaiians who have been in business for years. Traffic will be worse than ever. I respectfully oppose this bill.

Name: Tim Rafael	Email: trafael501@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 05:28 AM

Testimony:

The small businesses are just transportation companies that keep all tourists safe and follow all local guidelines. It is much safer than tourists going out on their own without any local knowledge. It is much safer for the tourists, local residents, and wild life, for tour guides to escort these tourists to protect our islands. The tour guides also support local businesses by bringing these tourists to small mom and pop shops. I oppose this bill.

Name: Destiny Davis	Email: destinyc77@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 06:03 AM

Testimony:

We need a pool in Kahuku! It will provide more recreational activities for the community.

Name: Sally Thrasher	Email: sthrashes@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 08:21 AM

Testimony:

Keep the current laws, it protects the people and the aina you are supposed to protect and support, put the people of these neighborhoods above the businesses and industries that come and go for their own profit.

Name: Kimeona Kane	Email: Kimeonakane@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 09:20 AM

Testimony:

Aloha nui Kkou,

Kimeona Kane of Waimnalo, currently in opposition of Bill 19 as written, which would reverse years of work done to protect our community in Waimnalo from increasingly extractive commercial businesses that sell our community to others. These behaviors do not benefit the community and should NOT be taking place in our public spaces.

I do support the introduced CD1 by Councilmember Kiaina, to which, if were entertained and adopted, would encourage me to stand behind Bill 19 to assist in a broader collective effort to protect communities and standardize protection efforts by HPD.

Firstly, amend Section 10-1.3(a)

(13) Recreational stops of any length of time at any beach park or beach support park; except that no permits may be issued for recreational stops prohibited by §§ 10-1.2(h) and (i).

And secondly, undo the repeal of ROH, §§ 10-1.2(h) and (i).

I hope we are able to find true equity in these measures.

Mahalo nui,  
Kimeona Kane

Name: Emily Wilson	Email: emilymariejennings87@hotmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 09:25 AM

Testimony:

I do not support this bill and I think anyone and tour companies should be allowed to stop at beach parks for the 15 mins and then go on their way.

Name: Sandy Judge	Email: sjkana@cfl.rr.com	Zip: 33896
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 10:07 AM

Testimony:

Leave the tour groups alone! I enjoy the experience of going to select areas for short periods, because I like to enjoy the entire island. I normally don't want to spend an entire day in most touristy areas, so tour groups allow me the amount of time that I prefer in each area.

Name: Desirree Madison-Biggs	Email: desirree@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 10:14 AM

Testimony:

It was just a few months ago that we were celebrating the unanimous passage of bill 48. Since then, the Kokololio experience for all has improved tremendously, so mahalo. While I appreciate the thoughtful progress represented in this bill, I oppose it as currently written - specifically as it relates to recreational stops by tour buses.

Bill 19 is being promoted as an equitable approach to park and beach usage by commercial interests. Actually, Bill 48 (and 38 before it) did that already as it struck a balance between the needs of residents, local visitors, campers, and vacationers against the increasing incursion of group tourism in all of our communities. Thanks in part to social media, tourists already have access to everything we have year round. To accelerate that access through group tours creates an imbalance in favor of businesses, at residents' quality of life.

Please consider the following:

First, bill 19 one size fits all approach does not account for the uniqueness of local communities and basically opens all parks for tour buses to come and go as they please. If you think that they won't, you'd be mistaken. Unless there is patrolling 7 days a week, what's to stop them coming on weekends and holidays?

Second, the complicated and detailed rules set forth would mostly be unenforceable given resources today. Right now at Kokololio there is no enforcement of any rules, ever. Signs are ignored by tourists and locals alike. We deal with rules being broken every day: the list of illegal activities is long. We only have 4 police up here on the north shore. To expect the police to know all the rules of this bill, then show up for infractions would be a waste of scarce and valuable resources. Furthermore, it is unreasonable and unfair that residents should be responsible to monitor commercial behavior and contact the police for infractions. Honestly, it would be a part time job!

Finally, I wonder if the relatively low fines will not actually deter bad actors but disproportionately affect the smaller operators. The larger businesses can more easily violate the rules and just bake citation costs into their prices.

Last year you heard our needs as residents living in neighborhoods where beachparks exist. You provided us the chance to protect our community resources while keeping it accessible to the many residents, locals and other visitors that already enjoy it. Bill 19 undoes that progress.

I urge you to support the balance that was struck last year through bills 38 and 48 and have the beach parks included be given an exception in your new plan. Mahalo nui loa.

Name: Rebecca Vincent	Email: rebeccavinc2@hotmail.com	Zip: 91865
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 10:15 AM

Testimony:

Accessing beaches with tour companies is safer for the environment where we are car pooling, it also ensures you risks understand and respect the area they are visiting. It also provides customers to local vendors which otherwise would not be there. Tourists will simply hire cars and drive out to these spots causing traffic delays and more pollution.

Name: Misty Fuga	Email: mfuga@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96778
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 12:15 PM

Testimony:

Growing up in Waimanalo, as a child I would hear people say, "Waimanalo God's Country." This term of endearment was to note not only how beautiful Waimanalo is but also how uncrowded other places on Oahu became for example Lanikai and Kailua. Although Lanikai is a relatively small community it has been severely inundated by commercial tourism and unbearable for the locals who have to deal with the overcrowding. Allowing commercial activities in Waimanalo would open a floodgate that in the future would displace locals along with Kanaka Maoli through development and gentrification. I, myself do not wish Waimanalo and its beautiful beaches to turn out like Kailua or Lanikai, overcrowded, and overdeveloped. Many of my ohana still live in Waimanalo and enjoy the playgrounds of our childhood like Kaiona and Hnniho. Please do not pass this bill and allow commercial activities that would bring droves of tourists; which will lead to transplants in turn leading to gentrification and the pushing out of local families that have been there for generations, especially Kanaka Maoli. Keep Waimanalo our beautiful Ko'olau Poko "God's Country" and free from commercial activities. Mahalo nui piha for your time and consideration.

Testimony for the City Council Committee on Parks, Enterprise Services & Culture & the Arts; Honolulu, HI; by Barbara Mayer; Wednesday, May 3, 2023:

My name is Barbara Mayer, retired teacher, and year-around resident of Waimānalo since 1976. I'd like to take a position on the proposed CD1 for Bill 019(2023) relating to commercial activities at public parks & beaches.

I **oppose Bill 19** as it is currently written; I am **in favor of CD1**.

I have submitted this opinion previously in written testimony on March 15 and again on April 5; I am re-affirming my **support for CD1 for Bill 19**.

Eventually, I would like to see laws prohibiting commercial activities of all sorts at all parks & beaches across the state. But in the meantime, **currently, I want to retain the protections we have in place for Waimānalo and Kailua and City-managed rights-of way**.

## **AGREE**

### **Page 7 Commercial activities prohibited at Park**

#### **In favor of making the park, which currently prohibits commercial activities, open to activities.**

Reason 1: It meets the purpose of having the same conditions for all parks, and it seems fair.

Reason 2: The East Coast beaches, such as Kailua Beach and Waimanalo Beach are very beautiful and are coveted by tourists from Japan also around the world, and wedding beach photos at there will greatly contribute to the revitalization of the Hawaii wedding industry.

## **OPPOSE**

### **Page18 © -(1) Recerational stops standard-sized Parking stall**

#### **c-(2) Recreational stops 8:00am to 5:00pm**

#### **Oppose : Only vehicles that can be parked in a standard parking space.**

#### **Oppose: Parking available 8am - 5pm**

Reason 1: Stretch limousines are commonly used for wedding transportation and do not fit into standard parking stalls.

So this bill does not seem to be in line with reality.

Reason 2: Please replace 8am to 5pm to Sunrise to Sunset.

Because Sunset photo can be taken after 5:00pm.

So this bill does not seem to be in line with reality.

### **Page24 (2)-(B) Permits for commercial 90minute schedule for any park**

#### **Oppose limit of 3 groups at the same time and 18 groups per day in the same park.**

Reason 1: Limits of 3 groups in the same time zone and 18 groups in the same park are not appropriate.

For example, on lucky days for weddings, beach photos, sunset photos, etc., the number of couples is likely to exceed 10 or more during the same time period and 100 or more on the same beach.

In other words, the number of restrictions in the proposal is not in line with the actual situation.

Ala Moana Park should not be discussed in the same way as other small-scale beaches.

The number of regulations should be set flexibly depending on the size of the beach.

In addition, although we are basically opposed to setting the number of regulations, we would reconsider it as an industry if the following can be taken into consideration

Unfortunately, we also see some non-acquirers of permits, so the industry agrees to expose those who do not acquire permits locally.

Establishment of a number of regulations based on the size of the beach

Simplification and fairness of the permit system

Simplify and make the permitting system fair and equitable.

### **Page24(2)-©Permits shall not be issued and welfare of the public**

#### **Oppose on filming from 1pm Saturday to 8am Monday and on Holidays.**

Reason 1: Japanese tourists often schedule their trips around weekends to streamline their itineraries. Therefore, this bill may cause a decrease in the number of visitors to the island.

Reason 2: Even now, even on crowded beaches on weekends, efforts are made to avoid disturbing people who

enjoy the surrounding beaches.

In this regard, efforts are being made within Wedding industry to educate photographers and videographers, and to integrate with the local population.



Augie Tulba, Chair  
PESCA Committee  
Honolulu City Council  
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Bill 19 – May 3, 2023 Agenda

Aloha Chair Tulba and Members of the Committee,

**Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea (MPW) strongly opposes Bill 19 as it would allow recreational stops at specified North Shore City Beach Parks where a ban on commercial activity is in place due to proactive City Council action last year.**

**We continue to support Councilmember Kia'aina's PROPOSED CD1 - EK1, which would "delete the repeal of §§ 10-1.2 (h) and (i), which relate to prohibitions of commercial activities at certain parks, and makes conforming amendments to ensure new proposed language does not contradict §§ 10-1.2 (h) and (i)."**

MPW is a Hawai'i non-profit organization founded on the North Shore of O'ahu in 2005. Our mission is "working to replenish and sustain the natural and cultural resources of the Pūpūkea and Waimea ahupua'a for present and future generations through active community stewardship, education, and partnerships."

For eighteen years, we have focused our stewardship and education efforts on the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD), created in 1983, one of only three MLCDs on O'ahu and eleven statewide. The two beach parks that surround the MLCD – **Waimea and Pūpūkea** – are already over-crowded and impacted on a daily basis by overuse, erosion, septic tank issues, water pollution, and trash, all of which is exacerbated by commercial operations that bring more and more people to these parks, which have limited parking and limited septic systems that are currently pumped every other day (Waimea) or weekly (Pūpūkea).

Until the ban, commercialization was rampant. Even now, enforcement is a big challenge so a lot of commercial activity operates under the radar, un-enforced, or continues despite being cited for violations. The proposed permitting system would be a nightmare to enforce and needs lots of work to be feasible. Please keep the ban for the currently listed beach parks. If you must pass something, then pilot the commercial regulations at suitable urban beach parks – prove that it works and can be enforced before opening Pandora's box.

Mahalo!

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(Volunteer) President, MPW

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