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Testimony:
38-3.2 (2023)
Art shows. Can any art group set these up as bidding not required? Is the zoo wall included?
I have noticed that there are multiple parking spaces reserved for the one regular art show, held almost every weekend. I had a bad experience with this one. There are no reserved parking spaces for local customers, who would be interested in sale but signs state that permits are required and vendors are only allowed to load and unload and then usually park in the limited free parking along the beach. There should be a 2 or 3 for customers, perhaps with a 30 minute time frame as there is no place for residents who wish to attend the fair. I was almost towed away one day, when I had walked the park without my wallet and had chosen items to purchase. When I came back, I squeezed in between two cones and ran into pay the vendors, who were holding my items. I purchased over $250 worth of items and was away from my car for 5 minutes. A policeman was preparing to write me up and then the woman in charge insisted that he continue. Wish the Waikiki police were so efficient. Anyway, I drove away but had a very bad taste in my mouth. All of those parking places sit vacant all day, coned off for the duration of the show. The vendors were very apologetic and said that they have seen customers be towed while shopping. What is a micro mobility vehicle?

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Testimony:
The Outdoor Circle understands the intent on Bill 38(23), but has some concerns that the Council should address in the bill.

While this bill seeks to align with the Act 163, we have questions as to exactly which facilities are envisioned in this proposal, since it allows the DPR director unlimited latitude in determining which concession facilities are "environmentally, culturally, historically or operationally unique." One can easily imagine that every location could be deemed so, since, every space is literally unique.

It does not seem a difficult ask to have a specific list of locations envisioned in this Bill 38 (23) so that the public can better understand the actual scope and rationale for the change.

The other main area of concern is regarding an increase from the current five (not fifteen) years under Section 38-8.1 ROH 2021 for certain concessions. We understand that there may be some facilities that require this, but again, a targeted list of specific facilities and sites should be made available in advance.

In many cases, it is difficult to see how the public will be served by increasing a monopolistic concession from five to twenty-five years unless specific locations and rationale are provided in advance, rather than allowing this for all concessions as proposed in this bill.

Finally, while the contracts with concessions may have a theoretical continuous review, we would ask that a specific complete audit of services, including specific customer service surveys carried out by third parties, be included in these concession awards with an open process for the public to see and comment on, on an annual basis, or some such similar measure.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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