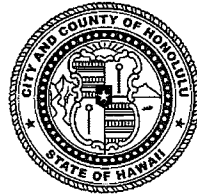


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The Honorable Augie Tulba, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Parks, Enterprise Services, and  
Culture and the Arts  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
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Dear Chair Tulba and Members:

**SUBJECT: Bill 63 (2023) – Relating to Concessions**

The Department of Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) submits its testimony in support of Bill 63 (2023) (“Bill”). While the Bill is submitted as part of a settlement agreement arising out of litigation with a nonprofit beachboy association, the changes in the Bill nevertheless are important and have the DPR’s support.

The changes contemplated in Bill 63 preserve the bidding exception for nonprofit beachboy concessions. The current ordinance requires the award of the nonprofit beachboy concession to be made to qualified beachboy associations employing State-licensed beachboys. Since the State’s repeal of such licensing, effective December 21, 2022, this exception to the bidding requirement can no longer be applied. This Bill removes the licensing requirement so that the bidding exception for nonprofit beachboy concessions is preserved.

Moreover, recognizing the historical and cultural significance of the beachboys in Waikiki, the Bill ensures that the nonprofit beachboy concession will be located in a central area at Kuhio Beach Park. The Bill, however, also recognizes that the location is subject to environmental conditions at Kuhio Beach Park, as well as the City’s discretion, in line with the best interests of the City, to continue to have beachboy concessions at Kuhio Beach Park.

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Finally, the replacement of the "Department of Parks and Recreation" with the "Department of Enterprise Services", ensures the Department of Enterprise Services has the authority to pass administrative rules and take other actions necessary as the department with jurisdiction over and responsibility for such concessions.

For the foregoing reasons, the DPR is in support of the Bill.


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

Sincerely,



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