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**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 39**

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## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Jan 24, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha, Chair Waters and Council members:</p> <p>Palekaiko Beachboys Club supports Bill 63 for the following reasons: As one of the original “Ambassadors of Aloha,” the Waikiki beachboy is an essential part of Waikiki’s history. For over a century, the beachboys have endured the waves of change, and because of their love for the ocean and willingness in sharing the “Aloha Spirit,” they have played a vital role in keeping the ancient Hawaiian sport of wave riding on an outrigger canoe and surfboard alive at Waikiki Beach.</p> <p>Beachboys have historically added much to life at the beaches, know the beach well, are strong watermen, and provide an informal and voluntary source of instruction to visitors and other surfing novices. It has been further recognized that beachboys have made beaches more attractive to the tourists and others by providing water sports equipment, and water sports instructions. In addition, the beachboys keep the beaches clean and safe and provide a level of safety by their instructions and willingness to assist in life-saving measures.</p> <p>Bill 63 ensures that the historical and cultural traditions of the Waikiki beachboy will continue uninterrupted. Bill 63 will also allow a “qualified nonprofit beachboy” association the privilege to provide educational programs and services to the general public — both locals and visitors alike — in the area of water sports, specifically wave riding on an outrigger canoe and surfboard. These are activities that were developed by the ancient Hawaiians and reached their highest refinement under the Hawaii beachboys</p> <p>Lastly, Bill 63 ensures that a “qualified nonprofit beachboy association” must be a qualified tax exempt entity under 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, is in keeping with the meaning of ROH 38-1.3 Definitions for a Nonprofit organization.</p> <p>Mahalo for giving us the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Bill 63.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Thomas J. Copp Acting Executive Director of Palekaiko Beachboys Club</p>		