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Aloha!

My name is Kirsten Esibill and I live at 1527 Mokulua Dr. Kailua. The closest ocean right of way to me is 94B, also known as the Lanipo Access. This access is often blocked by 10-25 kayaks lined up on the tiny beach (when there is one) and all of the way up the right of way. There really is no beach to speak of, but since we are at the Waimanalo end of Lanikai, many tour companies like to drop off their paying customers, kayaks and gear here because it is the shortest route out to the Mokulua Islands. Many times my children's toys have been stepped on, or we have just been squeezed off of the beach due to the sudden inundation of these tours. The worst effect of this rampant commercialization is the parking of the trucks and trailers in the bike lane while loading and unloading passengers. The companies that launch from here most frequently are BOB TWOGOODS and KAILUA OCEAN ADVENTURES (they run a motorized canoe shuttle out to the Mokulua Islands and back). In light of this growing concern I am writing in support of Bill 5.

"The greater Kailua area has experienced a growing number of commercial activities at, in or near the beach parks and the rights-of-way to the beach or ocean front. I use the term ocean front as several of the rights-of-way in the greater Kailua area, most particularly in Lanikai, no longer have beach at the ocean end of the right of way.

I support the following amendments #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 as proposed.

Proposed amendment #2. Please add language beginning with "..... at all beach **or ocean access** rights-of-way from Lanikai to Castle Point". Reason for additional language. This wording would clarify the types of access - actual beach or just ocean - now existing in the greater Kailua area.

I would suggest including somewhere in this proposed bill the difference between a beach park and just a public beach. An example follows:

"Kalama Beach Park has a parking lot and public facilities including but not limited to, bathrooms, showers, etc."

:"Kailua Beach Park has parking lots (4), public facilities including but not limited to, bathrooms, showers, etc., lifeguards, a bikeway, and other walkways."

"Lanikai Beach is a public beach, **BUT it is not a Beach Park and does not have** any parking lots or public facilities such as bathrooms, lifeguards, showers, adequate parking, etc. " per Hoppy Smith

Mahalo nui loa
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