

Item 6  
Bill 5 (2011)

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**Subject:** Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee Testimony

I am very much in favor of City Council passing Bill #5 which would stop commercial activity at Kailua Beach Park on Sundays.

My mother lives in Lanikai and I don't even want to go visit her on the weekends because of the traffic/tourist congestion at Kailua Beach Park. It is INSANE! And it is also very dangerous. Tourists are walking their rented kayaks along the narrow pathways to the beach and crossing where there are no crosswalks.

It is unsafe to swim because of all the windsurfers, kayakers, paddle boarders and paddlers. I was hit by a tourist on a windsurfer once and I was lucky it wasn't moving fast or I probably wouldn't be here right now writing this testimony. The kayakers are not experienced and when landing on the beaches they run into children swimming on the shoreline. I have seen this happen a number of times in Lanikai.

The beach parks are overcrowded. There is never any parking. The bathrooms are disgusting. The water is getting polluted. And the vegetation on both the Mokulua and Popoia Islands is being trampled.

Please pass bill #5 and make the beach parks in Kailua safer for at least one day of the week.

Mahalo,  
Wendy Erickson (Watson)

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