

Item #6  
Bill 11(2012)

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Bill 11 has the right intent, however, no permits for commercial activity should be allowed for Kalama beach park. Kalama is a very small beach facility with very limited parking. There is no commercial activity there to date and allowing 2 permits would be an increase that would be destructive to the park's integrity and ability to serve our community.

However, limiting the number of permits allowed at Kailua beach park will provide some regulatory criteria so that if permits were ever allowed at the beach park, reasonable limitations are already in place.

The State of Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 126 Rules Regulating Wildlife Sanctuaries, has set a limit of 200 commercial visitors to Popoia Island and Mokolua Island per day. Although the Division of Forestry and Wildlife is still working on an online permit system, the threshold defining the amount of commercial visitors has been set to 200. Because of this limitation, allowing any more than 2 permits at Kailua beach park could minimize the long-term viability of commercial operators, and jeopardize the general public's use and accessibility of our parks and beaches.

Although the County has no jurisdiction over activities in the ocean or on our offshore sanctuaries, County laws and park rules should uphold already existing State laws, which is why Sec. 10-1 (b) of the bill is so important. In addition, because there are different levels of jurisdiction at Kailua beach park, it makes sense that the City & County and State agencies work together and have cohesive laws that support one another where these jurisdictions meet.

In conclusion, please support bill 11 with the amendment that NO permits be allowed at Kalama Beach Park for commercial activity.

Mahalo,  
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