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Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 5:43 AM
Subject: Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee Testimony- Please vote "No" on Bill 11 (2012).

To Whom it May Concern,

Please vote "No" on Bill 11 (2012).

I have been a member of the Kailua Community since 1998 and a lifelong Hawaii resident. I fear that this bill will be bad for local businesses, tourism, and the general public as a whole.

There are many businesses who are based on water activities at Kailua Beach. They have families and employees who depend on the commercial use of the park. You would be taking away their livelihood, not to mention forcing them into bankruptcy.

Many tourists actually frequent Kailua Beach Park with the intent of taking a surf lesson, or renting a watercraft. I can't tell you how many people I have talked to who recall this as one of their fondest memories of Hawaii. You will be taking this away from the Hawaii experience.

As a Hawaii resident who is interested in watersports, I like to try-out the items before buying them. I'd rather be able to rent a stand-up paddle board before investing \$1000 or more on it. It is also not practical for me to buy a kayak that I have no room for at my house, or would only use a few times. The watersport companies make it easy and economically feasible to enjoy these activities with my family. My three sons, constantly ask me when we can "take the boat (kayak)" out again. If we couldn't rent, we would not be able to enjoy this experience as a family again.

Please vote "no" on Bill 11.

Sincerely,

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