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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

1. Recommend retaining 2 vendors in the park -- for lessons/safety. Rentals do not need to occur in the park, but it's important that tourists and locals new to windsurfing and kiting receive instruction! Kailua Bay is the best place for this.
2. Limit vendor footprint. KSK overwhelms the park with scores of kayaks and carts. As it is, signage prohibits launch of kayaks at the entrance -- but they've pushed the rule and now get away with it. I think KSK's kayak operation is the most offensive -- no one paid much attention to the vendors until their kayak tours and rentals reached such numbers. A designated launch place closer to Flat and the Moke's that's used less by other beach goers would help (by the canal?). The surf and wind makes it dangerous at the entrance to the park. I have nothing against kayakers ... it just doesn't seem right for a business to have such a large and visible footprint in the park.
3. Better sign at the entrance end for the swim area. Visitors hardly notice the swim area nor understand that that's the area where they will be under the eye of the lifeguards.
4. Roberts big yellow buses driving from Kalapawai through the beach park take up too much room, pose a hazard to pedestrians, are loud and smelly, and are seldom full. Recommend limiting buses driving through the park to 15 pax vans. It's especially bad when 20 kayaks are being pulled down the street and a bus comes by.
5. Recommend better partitioning for sports to create a safer atmosphere for all beach users. Designate a wind sports launch area and better mark the swim area -- include signage in Japanese. Ala Moana was successfully divided. It could work here too.
6. Increase DLNR's budget for enforcement. Too many unlicensed, uninsured, non-tax-paying vendors are illegally renting kayaks in the park and along the adjacent roads. These boats are in poor shape and these people take money for their rentals in the park. An accident waiting to happen!
7. More parking is needed (esp on weekends)! The upgrades were great, but reduced the number of spaces available. So happy you've kept them unmetered!!! Thank you!!!!

I appreciate your efforts to make the beach park a safer and more enjoyable resource for everyone.

Sincerely, Debra Ford (Kailua resident for 8 yrs)

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