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PLEASE PASS BILL 11.

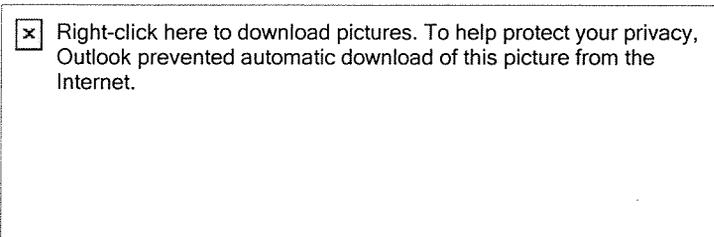
Bill 11 will help with crowding in the beach parks, but will also deny all but one company (within walking distance) a launching spot for illegal tours which also cause crowding on other nearby islands and beaches. The island bird sanctuaries of Popoia and Moku Nui islands have lava rock shorelines except for one small sandy beach which fills up very quickly with a single kayak tour. However, there are seven companies selling tours. All illegal and competing with locals and wildlife for space.

Having only one company to keep track of will make it possible for DLNR to enforce their prohibition on using these protected areas (with no facilities) for commercial tours. DLNR told me they cited Twogood Kayaks for these illegal tours, but Twogoods continues to advertise online. DLNR does not have resources to follow these companies around.

Tours range from \$125 - \$159 with hotel transfers, from \$90 - \$150 without. Tours are sometimes 50 people, so that is over \$6,000 – lots of profit for cheap plastic kayaks since the ocean, beaches and rescue services are paid for by the public. These companies have had a free ride long enough. The mission of our parks is "to enhance the leisure lifestyle and quality of life for the people of Oahu through active and passive recreational opportunities." It is not to line the pockets of a few or to provide a new resort destination outside our zoning plans.

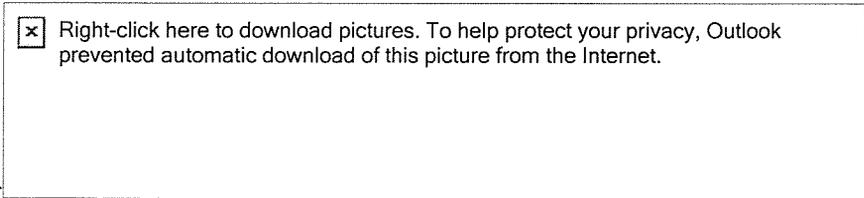
Thank you, Lisa Marten

**Popoia or "Flat Island" bird sanctuary** – no spots left on the small beach for locals.



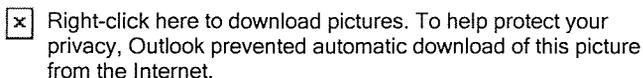
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Large flotilla of kayaks with guide heading out to **Moku Nui bird sanctuary**. Small beach will be packed when they arrive.



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Kayakers crowding **Lanikai beach** for lunch and snorkeling.



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#### Kailua companies with illegal tours advertised on the internet

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Kailua Sailboards and Kayaks  
<http://www.kailuasailboards.com/kayaking.html>

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<http://www.twogoodkayaks.com/Packages.html#GT>

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Hawaiian Watersports:  
<http://www.hawaiianwatersports.com/kayaking/tours/>

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<http://www.windwardwatersports.com/kayaking/tours/>

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->Mokulua Rentals:  
<http://www.mokuluarentals.com/rates.html>

<!--[if !supportLists]-->6. <!--[endif]-->Hawaii Adventure Sports:  
<http://www.hawaiiadventuresports.com>

<!--[if !supportLists]-->7. <!--[endif]-->Endless Adventures Hawaii:  
<http://www.endlessadventureshawaii.com/kayak>