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Today, Friday April 13, there were twelve buses at Kailua beach park. What was nice about that fact was that they were school buses, from Kamehameha school. THIS is what our public parks are designed to be used for, the benefit of our local kids and families, rather than for the profit of various recreational businesses and a flood of tourists. Having lived as a child in Lanikai, and for the last 26 years as an adult, I have seen many changes here. In the last few years I have given serious thought to moving to a residential area in Honolulu, as what used to be a residential area in Kailua is no longer. I am not alone in finding the flood of tourism and it's accompanying traffic, crowding, excess water craft, and particularly the commercialization of a heretofore nice town to be totally regrettable. Waikiki is beautiful! We have a myriad of fantastic beach parks surrounding our entire island. Kailua should not be singled out as a "destination resort" to the detriment of those who actually live here year in and year out. Please do your job, and prevent further destruction to a local RESIDENTIAL area. Mahalo nui loa
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