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Concerned Kailua Resident,

As an active member of the Kailua Beach community, I find Bill 11 to be a harsh step toward punishing me based on the voices of a few. I have used the commercial vendors several times and they provide a huge convenience that I enjoy paying for. I have rented stand up paddles, kayaks and received lessons all without incident. Several times they have allowed me to get exercise late in the evening after work which I could not have gotten if I had to drive to town, rent a board, strap in on the roof and return it before dark. A lot of times, town businesses want to charge a full days rental for only an hour of use, and they also will charge overnight fees if you can't return the board before they close! Banning all commercial activity seems over the line.

I propose a permit situation, in which businesses purchase permits that the city sets the price for. Fines for commercial activity without a permit could be steep, and the city can raise the price of permits to control the amount of rental activity. Also, a designated pick up and drop off point could be assigned near the canal.

I think setting the number of businesses that are allowed to rent will just foster monopolies and unfair advantages and also stifle innovation in the industry.

By day I'm a hardworking Electrical Engineer with a BS and MS in my field, so in the evenings I don't always have a lot of time to enjoy hawaii nor do I have room to store lots of water toys. The local beach vendors I have worked with have been very helpful and courteous to me and those around me.

Thanks
Jeremy