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in support of the amendment relating to public parks

from Kailua residents listed below, re Bill 11 relating to public parks

May 3,2012

Kindly note, that having written to appropriate representatives of the Parks' Department on several occasions, I appeal to you to consider restrictions on the use of Kailua Beach Park.

We are four generations of one family, we go to school, shop, support Kailua. I visit the Kailua Beach Park several times a week, and have for many years. The condition of the beach, facilities, grounds is continually in decline. The traffic around the beach is heavy and because of the configuration of the one main road to the beach, there is no alternative for locals but to use the same road. The flotilla of rental kayaks and beach equipment combined with the greater numbers of users of recreational equipment and tour buses and tour vans has meant a greater number of people on the beach, more than ever before. You'd think a finite number of parking spaces would limit beach access, but with so many buses and more tourist vans dropping off people than ever, the beach is too crowded, too trashy. The park grounds, beach and facilities (what there are) are not capable of sustaining the increasing numbers of people. There are not enough bathrooms, water fountains, showers...the bathroom facilities particularly have taken a big hit with so much use.

The Kailua community, the locals and residents, are compromised on the road and on the beach with the traffic of tourist buses and vans. Traffic is terrible and getting worse. When it takes a Lanikai resident more than 35 minutes to get from home to Kalapawai store, regularly and especially on weekends, the situation is critical.

I don't think Kailuans want to resent tourists, but this is happening, and the outcome cannot be good.

Please consider greater limitations and restrictions on the small beach park that is a center of local community.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Oliva.....along with
Frank Oliva, retired federal SES
Dante Oliva, Kailua teacher
Nanhee Oliva, employee of local Kailua business
Luciano Oliva, Kailua fifth grader and canoe paddler
Giovanni Oliva, Kailua kindergarten student and future voter