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SUBJECT: Bill 11, CD1 Commercial Activities at Certain County Parks - COMMENTS

Aloha Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Bill 11, CD1, which would ban most commercial activities at two parks in Kailua. While I understand the intent of this bill, I urge councilmembers to proceed with caution and work toward a compromise.

If this bill is passed and most commercial activities are banned at these two parks, what will happen when residents of the north shore ask to have commercial activities banned at their parks? Traffic issues in the Waimea area are unbearable for some people during surfing contests.

What about parks in the Haleiwa area that facilitate shark tours? Will council shut down activities in those parks? If people along the Waianae Coast complain traffic is bad during certain fishing contests, will commercial activities be banned there as well?

Rather than ban commercial activities from Kailua parks, **I urge council to work toward a compromise.** I'm sure there is some middle ground that will satisfy most people and not set a precedent for closing our parks to businesses that provide valuable economic impacts to the communities they are active in.