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To the members of the Honolulu City Council,

Please vote NO on the override of bill 11

I am submitting my testimony concerning Bill 11 because I think this is a very important issue. I cannot see how this bill will help Kailua town and its residents. The first thing that comes to my mind when I think that Kailua is trying to ban commercial activity in the beach parks 7 days a week is that Kailua is no longer a town that welcomes and cares for its visitors. The second thing that comes to my mind is that Kailua no longer truly supports small, local businesses.

I was born on the windward side and have grown up in Kailua and I've seen the various tours and businesses that operate in the town and the beach park, and I've seen residents and visitors, both, enjoying these services that are provided. The water sports companies, bouncy houses, health class instructors, and canoe repair persons provide good, quality services that give Kailua town its reputation of being a fun, active, and friendly place of aloha on this island. Take these away and Kailua will be the poorer for it. No more bouncy houses for a keiki's first birthday, no more pizza deliveries to parties at the beach park, no more canoe repairs in the park for Kailua Canoe Club, no more supervised and safe recreational tours for visitors, no more exercise classes for new mothers, no more of a lot of other activities that contribute to the community. That really doesn't sound right to me. Please, do not override Mayor Carlisle's veto.

Sincerely,

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