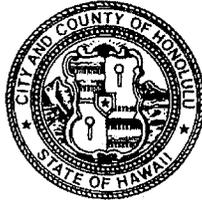


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The Honorable Ikaika Anderson, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Zoning and Planning
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Anderson and Councilmembers:

**SUBJECT: Bill 62 (2014) Relating to Public Pedestrian Malls in the
Downtown and Chinatown Areas**

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) does not support the intent of Bill 62 (2014). We believe it will impact the department's permitting process and will unnecessarily create a duplicative complaint reporting process already in existence.

DPR has jurisdiction over the four malls (Fort Street Mall, Kekaulike Mall, Sun Yat Sen Mall, and Union Street Mall) listed in Bill 62 (2014), and routinely issues permits for various, permissible activities in these locations. The DPR has concerns that the "prohibitions" listed focuses only on expressive activities, which is one of several categories of permits issued by DPR. If Bill 62 (2014) advances, the DPR will request the Committee to consider extending the prohibitions to cover the rights of individuals who are either participating in or attending these permitted activities.

Bill 62 (2014) is also unnecessary as concerned citizens who frequent the four malls and business owners who operate shops or restaurants on the malls are knowledgeable in contacting the Honolulu Police Department to report individuals who are obstructing entranceways, interrupting business operations, or creating a public safety situation.

We appreciate the effort to maintain pedestrian and commercial traffic in these Malls, however, we cannot support Bill 62 (2014) in anticipation of its impact to DPR's ability to perform its due diligence in the operation of our parks in compliance with City and DPR policies.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony on behalf of the
Department of Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,



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