

Bill 6 (2018)
Early Testimony

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2018 1:26 PM
Subject: Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 03-22-2018
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill #6
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Hilton Waikiki Beach
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I feel very strongly on this Bill. I am always getting comments from my guest that they are always being harassed by these street vendors. It also make it not safe when they are taking up the sidewalk space.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2018 6:18 AM
Subject: Public Health, Safety and Economic Development Speaker Registration/testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 03-22-2018
Council/PH Committee PublicHealth
Agenda Item Bill 6
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization Waikiki Beach Services, LLC
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

My name is Ted Bush, owner of Waikiki Beach Services, and more importantly a member of the Waikiki community for 70 years. I have witnessed the tremendous growth of Waikiki over these years in terms of traffic and economics.

Written Testimony As a business owner I find it irresponsible on the respective governments' to allow commerce in any form to be conducted on public easements particularly fronting establishments who are paying high rents and contributing to the very tax base that benefits the entire state of Hawaii.

From a public safety perspective, these easements are compressed and restrict pedestrian movement and line of sight increasing the potential for injury.

Their continuation will set an unwanted precedent for other public corridors such as the beaches and parks, by having them considered for similar use.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 03-22-2018
Council/PH Committee PublicHealth
Agenda Item Bill 6
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I fully support the removal/ban of all side street vendors that harass the public throughout Waikiki and all cities in Oahu. They are an eye sore, and are a total nuisance to tourists and locals alike. No one likes to be harassed as they stroll through Waikiki. That is not the aloha spirit that guests come here to experience.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 6
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	ABC Stores
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	Yes
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From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 03-22-2018
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill # 6
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Royal Hawaiian Center
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written
Testimony

I am here to support Bill # 6 to remove the rolling mobile kiosks that promote commercial products on the sidewalks of Waikiki. Royal Hawaiian Center operates on one of the highest retail rent streets, Kalakaua Avenue, in the United States. Our retail shops and restaurants pay their taxes and strive to offer world class shopping, dining and cultural experiences. These mobile kiosk units are operating as a business and peddling on the sidewalk, which is illegal in Honolulu. They are not paying rent, which all other businesses have to do, and have an unfair advantage to undercut legal tour operators while obstructing and harassing our visitor and local pedestrians on our Waikiki sidewalks. The mobile kiosks are a nuisance and prevent the free flow of pedestrian traffic. Mobile kiosks are not operating in the spirit of Aloha or fairness to all the tax and rent paying tenants in Waikiki.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 6
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

Not only the kiosks, but the stage boxes that the street performers stand on, and the mini segue way's which are left on the side walk with Nail Salon signs are also a nuisance. I have seen a tourist walking with his toddler on his shoulders trip and nearly fall over the 'bronze mans' box, in front of the Beach comber hotel. Freedom of speech of performers and musicians should be respected. They add value to the cultural experience of visiting Waikiki. Kiosks should be limited in size and located at least 20 feet from street corners and limited to areas where their size does not obstruct the flow of foot traffic.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date	03-22-2018
Council/PH Committee	PublicHealth
Agenda Item	Bill006(18)
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	I strongly support Bill006(18).
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:17 AM
Subject: Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date	03-23-2018
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Mobile Kiosks
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Organization Outrigger
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	In my previous submittal I accidentally checked oppose instead of support for this bill. Let me be clear that I am supportive of this bill passing.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 2:39 PM
Subject: Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 03-22-2018
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Kiosks in Waikiki
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Outrigger
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Aloha, Chair Menor and members of the Honolulu City Council. I represent two timeshare properties located on Lewers street in Waikiki. The mobile Kiosks have gotten out of control and are a detriment to the safety of our guest, workers and fellow residents. Many times you are forced to walk around them in order to avoid contact, sometimes having to walk in the street. Every day our vital tax-paying visitors and kama'aina are harassed by these aggressive peddlers. The kiosks discourage visitors and customers from entering an establishment as they do not want to be harassed or approached in a negative manner. Please make Waikiki safe and mobile kiosks illegal on our sidewalks.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 03-22-2018
Council/PH Committee PublicHealth
Agenda Item bill 6
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written Testimony Aloha Chair Ozawa and all Committee members
The mobile kiosks and signs proliferating kalakaua avenue has become a growing safety issue for our ever increasing number of visitors.
Our sidewalks in Waikiki are amongst the most crowded in the united states and these kiosks and other signs on the public right of way are hazards, and if left unchecked these ugly visual bliggtts to Waikiki will grow in numbers .
As the arrival numvers continue to climb we must protect our economic engine,Waikiki. We must nip this in the bud now before its gets out of hand as it did in other cities across across the 1 country .
The visitor experience experience is regrettably damaged right now by these structures . Please give HPD this tool to remove these as soon as possible.
Our beautiful Waikiki deserves this bill.

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Testimony of Rob Johnson
General Manager, Ilikai AOA
Before the

Honolulu City Council
Thursday, March 22, 2018

In consideration of

Bill 6 (2018)

Aloha Chair Menor and members of the Council,

My name is Rob Johnson and I am the General Manager of the Ilikai home owners association. The Ilikai has been an iconic property in Waikiki since 1964 and is a place of relaxation for thousands of visitors each week. We have dozens of legal business in the Ilikai that pay taxes and provide guest services to visitors daily.

The 1061 owners in the Ilikai are in strong support of Bill 6 (2018), relating to nuisances on public sidewalks. This bill will help clean up Waikiki of the obstructions caused by these mobile kiosks and close the loophole they currently are exploiting.

Rob Johnson
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee PublicHealth
Agenda Item Bill 7
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No
Written Testimony I support this important safety measure
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 6 - 2018 Relating to Public Nuisances
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	Hilton Hawaii
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	
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Testimony from Jerry Gibson regarding Bill 6, 2018 Relating to Public Nuisances

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Jerry Gibson Vice President for Hilton Hawaii.

I am submitting testimony today to urge support of *Bill 6, 2018 Relating to Public Nuisances*, a bill that would prohibit mobile kiosks in Waikiki.

As a hotelier who has spent a significant amount of my career in Waikiki, I have seen firsthand the steady increase of mobile commercial kiosks on the area's sidewalks and the detriment they present to public safety, area businesses and residents.

Waikiki's thoroughfares are already crowded with almost 5 million visitors and residents traversing the sidewalks every year. It is imperative that these public spaces remain unimpeded for the sake of public safety and out of respect for kama'aina and visitors. Waikiki's public sidewalks are no place for such commercial activity.

Furthermore, many of these kiosks are often set up in front of restaurants, retailers and other properties, ultimately impeding access and limiting visibility for area residents and tax-paying members of our visitor industry.

I ardently support Bill 6 and urge the committee to vote in favor for the sake of keeping Waikiki's public spaces safe and accessible for all visitors and residents to enjoy.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo,

Gerard C. Gibson



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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Prohibit Mobile Kiosks in waikiki Bill 6
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Waikiki Beach Activities, Ltd.
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Aloha City Council:

I'm the Chairman of Waikiki Beach Activities that is located at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, since 1990. We are in support of Bill 6.

The mobile kiosk vendors do not contribute to the visitor experience thus hurting Hawaii's brand and they are often the source of complaints from visitors, thus hurting the visitor experience.

Written
Testimony

Recently, I had a personal experience with one of them that set up their mobile kioska on the sidewalk along Duke Kahanamoku Beach. They were selling their merchandise on the sidewalk just steps from our sales stand located on hotel property. The hotel property is properly zoned for our activities. The mobile kiosk vendor does not pay taxes and probably does not have insurance, yet they were competing with our visitor driven, legal and tax paying operation. It would be a stretch to call their sales activity an "expressive activity." Their illegal operation is not pono.

We depend on the C&C to enforce the C&C zoning code and to remove all encumbrances to the free flow of pedestrian traffic on the sidewalks of our city, including mobile kioskas. I believe that all law-abiding citizens feel this way.

Bill 6 is a step in the right direction.

Aloha,

Bob Hampton
Chairman
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 6
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Outrigger Hotels and Resorts
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Aloha, Chair Menor and members of the Honolulu City Council.

As General Manager of the Outrigger Waikiki beach Resort situated on Kalakaua Avenue in the heart of Waikiki but also on behalf of all of Outrigger's eleven Waikiki properties and our thousands of hosts and guest, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support of Council Bill 6.

Written
Testimony

Mobile kiosks on Waikiki's public sidewalks have become an incredible scourge on our visitor and host experience in addition to a threat to public safety. This is nothing more or less than illegal commercial activity masking behind a claimed loophole which this bill would close.

My hotel sits at Ground Zero of this issue. Every day our vital tax-paying visitors and kama'aina are harassed by these aggressive peddlers. For the Outrigger Waikiki, our guests are immediately besieged as they leave the resort desiring to enjoy Waikiki and Hawaii. Instead they are pestered and hindered on the already-narrow public sidewalks and often forced to walk into the street to make their way and avoid this activity. In fact, one of the very top complaints of our visitors, easily broadcast internationally via social media, is the overall congestion and commercialization of Waikiki's public spaces and the invasion of their privacy and vacation time.

These mobile kiosk vendors flout ordinances carefully designed to provide for appropriate and legal commercial activity in Waikiki. Their activities encourage similar illegal activities by others through a lack of effective enforcement. Because they operate directly in front of legal retail establishments on and near the public sidewalks of Waikiki, they steal business from law-abiding establishments and drive away customers seeking to avoid the intrusive hawking.

This unregulated illegal commercial activity must stop. We deeply appreciate the Council's consideration of our concerns and ask for prompt passage of Bill 6.

Mahalo,
Revell Newton
General Manager
Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 6, 2018 Relating to Public Nuisances
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Outrigger Waikiki and Outrigger Reef
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha, Chair Menor and members of the Honolulu City Council.

As Area General Manager of the Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Resort and the Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort, and on behalf of all of Outrigger's eleven Waikiki properties and our thousands of hosts and guests, I am submitting this written testimony in strong support of Council Bill 6.

Mobile kiosks on Waikiki's public sidewalks have become an incredible safety issue with our visitors and host/employee experience.

Written Testimony

The Outrigger Waikiki Beach Resort is located in the heart of Waikiki and is negatively impacted by this activity each and every day. Every day our vital tax-paying visitors and kama'aina are harassed by these aggressive peddlers. For the Outrigger Waikiki, our guests are targeted as they leave the resort to enjoy Waikiki and Hawaii. Instead they are pestered and hindered on the already-narrow public sidewalks and often forced to walk into the street to make their way and avoid this activity.

They operate directly in front of established retail shops and restaurants on and near the public sidewalks of Waikiki and steal business from law-abiding establishments and drive away customers seeking to avoid the intrusive hawking.

This unregulated illegal commercial activity should stop. We deeply appreciate the Council's consideration of our concerns and ask for prompt passage of Bill 6.

Kelly Hoen
Area General Manager

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee PublicHealth
Agenda Item Bill 6 - RELATING TO PUBLIC NUISANCES
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Embassy Suites by Hilton Waikiki Beach Walk
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Aloha, Chair Menor and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Waikiki Beach Walk Hotel is between Beach Walk Street, Lewers Street, Kalakaua Avenue and Kalia Road, and surrounded by mobile kiosks: as General Manager and representing almost 200 employees, I am writing to strongly support of Council Bill 6.

Written
Testimony

Our guests, hosts, and managers are constantly harassed by unruly sales people behind the mobile kiosks on Waikiki public sidewalks. They make it impossible to pass them unless you speak to them or cross the street to avoid them. They cause accidents because guests who are visiting simply do not want to confront them. For example, a Japanese guest on Kalia Road came out of Starbucks from the Outrigger Reef Waikiki Beach Front; a mobile kiosk was located on Kalia Road; the sales person was blocking the sidewalk without looking and trying to avoid the sales person; the guest jumped onto the public road and nearly missed a car driving by. This can be avoided by passing Bill 6. As my colleagues and I agree, the mobile kiosks businesses are an illegal commercial activity masking behind a claimed loophole, which this bill would close.

Our hotel is in the middle of Waikiki surrounded by many kiosks manned by obnoxious, irritating people who are not trained to be ambassadors of Hawaii. They do not pay taxes and do not abide by the rules of businesses and more importantly they block sidewalks and make our valued visitors and employees feel so uncomfortable. They will do everything possible to avoid the sales people; therefore causing them to walk off the sidewalks and jump into heavy traffic and/or run into others.

The unregulated illegal commercial activity must stop. Please help me, our guests, and our hosts make our Waikiki streets a safe place by passing City Council Bill 6.

Mahalo for your support,
Simeon Miranda
General Manager
Embassy Suites by Hilton Waikiki Beach Walk

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	PublicHealth
Agenda Item	Bill 6
Your position on the matter	Comment
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
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To me it's not so much a matter of public nuisance or that these kiosks are taking up space on the sidewalk, they're actually pretty small, but rather what these structures are being used for, and that is the Peddling of Tours, Activities, and other products. HRO 29-6 makes it illegal to Peddle in Waikiki. Peddling is defined in 29-1 as the sale or offer for sale or display for sale or rent, of any goods or services, even if, as a scheme to evade Article 6, they refer them to a non public place to finish the transaction. Instead of making a new law to prevent this specific means of Peddling, what needs to be done is the enforcement of the existing law. HPD seems to have no problem enforcing 29-6 against Street Performers practicing their 1st Amendment rights of expression on the public sidewalk; I know because I was arrested twice under 29-6 for my art. However these tour companies who are outright selling tours on the public sidewalk are not being sighted for an even more blatant violation of the ordinance. Passing a new law on the current method is unnecessary, they will just find another way to violate the ordinance that will then require another ordinance using this kind of thinking, until there are so many ordinances that you can't walk on the sidewalk without violating an ordinance. Enforce 29-6 as defined in 29-1, or get rid of it. No sense in having an anti-Peddling law if nobody is going to enforce it. Right now these companies are taking advantage of the fact that the City is not enforcing this law, and this makes the playing field uneven for those companies who choose not to break the law to get ahead.