

Bill 6 (2018)

Additional Testimony

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 6:08 AM
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 (2018)
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Imperial Hawaii Resort
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony These people are blocking the pathway of pedestrians to sidewalks and entrances to crosswalks. They are encroaching on private property and harassing passersby.

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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	PublicHealth
Agenda Item	bill 6
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	Yes
Written Testimony	These kiosks sometimes take up half of the sidewalk and it becomes difficult for a person in a wheelchair to pass these people on the sidewalk. Especially when it is crowded
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HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
A S S O C I A T I O N

Testimony of

Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Committee on Health, Public Safety, Safety and Economic Development

Bill 6 (2018)
Relating to Public Nuisances

Dear Chair Ozawa and members of the committee, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, of which many are located in the Waikiki stretch—supports Bill 6 (2018) which aims to amend Section 29-16.6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, to exclude the public nuisance exception of having objects such as rolling kiosks on the sidewalks in the Waikiki Special District.

Over the years there have been notable complaints from local residents, visitors, and the traditional brick-and-mortar businesses in Waikiki regarding the sidewalk kiosks that are circumventing the law. Some of these kiosks make it difficult for the public to walk safely on the sidewalks and also engage in conducting transactions off the beaten paths thereby giving them an unfair advantage over businesses that are paying a premium for rent space in the Waikiki area.

With public safety a major priority objective for HLTA, we support this bill as it seeks to make the walkways and sidewalks less congested and safer for the public. We commend Waikiki Councilmember Ozawa, the Honolulu Police Department, and our partner visitor industry organizations and businesses for their collaborative efforts in finding solutions to this issue. We urge this committee to support this measure.

Mahalo.

March 22, 2018

Angela Hiranaga
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Honolulu City Council
Committee on Public Health, Safety
and Economic Development

Subject: Support for Bill 6 on Public Nuisance

To: Chair Ozawa and Committee Members

My name is Angela Hiranaga, I am an undergraduate business student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and a full-time employee of the Waikiki hospitality industry. I support City Council Bill No. 6 (2018), Relating to Public Nuisances.

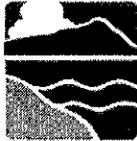
Those of us who live or work in Waikiki see mobile kiosks operators regularly block foot traffic, annoy and call-out obnoxiously to visitors, deter entryways to local businesses. We see them directly cut down the credibility of honest tour companies, booking agents, concierges, retailers, restaurateurs, hoteliers and service providers.

The kiosks damage Hawaii's reputation as a relaxed tourist destination, and undermine the Aloha Spirit we are so well known for. Waikiki cannot under any circumstance adopt the high-pressure aggressive street atmosphere of Miami, Las Vegas, or Los Cabos. Our visitors pay double the money, fly double the distance for a real reason: our Aloha spirit!

As a business student, and as an industry employee, I recognize deeply that it is Hawaii's culture of hospitality and Aloha as our competitive advantage against other destinations. I interact with our visitors on a daily basis. They have the option to fly to cheaper and closer beach locales anywhere on earth, yet they chose Hawaii. It is our collective responsibility to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for them, our residents, and community.

Thank you for introducing this legislation and this opportunity to submit written testimony.

Angela Hiranaga



WAIKĪKĪ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

**Testimony of Rick Egged
President, Waikiki Improvement Association**

Before the
Honolulu City Council Committee on Public Health, Safety and Economic Development

Thursday, March 22, 2018

In consideration, of

Bill 6 (2018)

Aloha Chair Ozawa and members of the Committee,

My Name is Rick Egged, representing the Waikīkī Improvement Association (WIA). The WIA is a membership organization consisting of land owners, hotels, retailers and restaurants in Waikīkī, the businesses that serve them and those interested in the future of this important part of our community and economy.

The Waikīkī Improvement Association (WIA) strongly support Bill 6 (2018), Relating to nuisances on public sidewalks. Bill 6 eliminates the sidewalk nuisance exceptions in Waikīkī effectively prohibiting what we are call rolling kiosks.

Waikīkī provides roughly a little over 20% of all the taxes collected by the City and County of Honolulu. (Includes Waikīkī's share of property tax and TAT). Each year evaluations increase, over 30% in the last four years, providing the city with increasing contributions from our hotels and commercial properties.

The 12 to 15 mobile kiosks that are wheeled onto Waikīkī sidewalks each day to promote their merchandise and services are obstacles to the safe mobility and access of the almost 5 million visitors and residents that traverse these sidewalks each year. The mobile kiosks are stationed by the entrances to tax paying properties inhibiting access and visibility. These mobile kiosks are physical obstructions that annoy our visitors and actually impede pedestrian traffic. They cause a pedestrian inconvenience and compress the public on Waikīkī's crowded sidewalks. WIA believes Waikīkī's sidewalks are no place for these rolling billboards promoting their commercial products in the public right of way.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:54 AM
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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? Yes

Written
Testimony

Bill 6 is needed now to get mobile kiosks off of the street. These kiosks are (1) a safety hazard on public sidewalks, (2) illegally utilizing public sidewalks to operate for-profit businesses (relying on a loophole in the City Code that allows kiosks "with wheels" to operate on the sidewalks, HOWEVER, this loophole only allows non-profit enterprises to do this), (3) the kiosks hurt the established businesses that they front. Take for example the businesses on Kalakaua Ave in Waikiki that pay tens of thousands of dollars (\$\$\$) per month to be located there, and then a tacky looking mobile kiosk plants itself out front and distracts the customers, and (4) the mobile kiosks do not pay property taxes like the stores they front must do.

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Testimony of

Glenn P. Vergara
General Manager
Waikiki Resort Hotel

Committee on Health, Public Safety, Safety and Economic Development

RE: Bill 6 (2018) Relating to Public Nuisances

Chair Ozawa and members of the committees, mahalo for the opportunity to offer this testimony on behalf of Waikiki Resort Hotel and its 120 employees.

Waikiki Resort Hotel **supports** Bill 6 (2018) which was intended to amend Section 29-16.6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, to exclude the public nuisance exception of having objects such as rolling kiosks on the sidewalks in the Waikiki Special District.

Over the years, many of our guests have commented unfavorably about aggressive tactics by sidewalk kiosks along Kalakaua Avenue, Kuhio Avenue and even on Liliuokalani Street and Koa Avenue that border our hotel location. Obviously their existence on our sidewalks does influence our visitors' experience and paints a negative perception of Waikiki that if not regulated may have negative implications for Waikiki's tourism in the long run.

With public safety a major priority objective for our hospitality industry, we support this bill as it seeks to make the walkways and sidewalks less congested and safer for the public.

We commend Councilmember Ozawa in his efforts in finding solutions to this issue.

We urge this committee to support this measure.

Mahalo.

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 11:00 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 (2018)
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

The kiosks are often parked right on the sidewalk (Kalakaua Ave) fronting our hotel which affects our business as well as our hotel guests and other visitors because our paid vendors are selling the same tours, activities, etc... however, the kiosks undercut our vendors. Sometimes, the kiosks straight up rip off our guests who said they paid cash but when they showed up to the tour or activity, they were not booked. It's just not professional and not fare to those who are operating their businesses the right way. For the security of our guests and visitors who often times don't know any better, should not have to deal with these types of kiosk vendors along Waikiki sidewalks who don't pay for rent and who knows if they are paying taxes....

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TESTIMONY OF PAUL KOSASA
PRESIDENT, CEO
ABC STORES
MARCH 22, 2018

Re: BILL 6 (2018) RELATING TO PUBLIC NUISANCES

Chair Martin and members of the Honolulu City Council:

My name is Paul Kosasa. I am the President and CEO of ABC Stores. We have 37 retail stores in Waikiki.

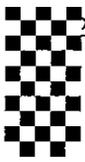
I support Bill 6.

In 1976, the Waikiki Special District was established to balance the growth of development with the unique characteristics of Waikiki's natural environment and pedestrian experience. In 1996, the Department of Land Utilization (now called Department of Planning and Permitting) established Special District Design Guidelines for Waikiki to further enhance this objective. An excerpt: "...enhance the pedestrian experience by providing appropriate and attractive walkways, and offering relief from the more urban areas..." Bill 6 supports the intent of the WSD.

Philosophically speaking – my parents opened their first Waikiki ABC Store in 1964. They taught me the running a business, particularly in Waikiki, is privilege, not a right. Therefore, as business citizens, we must take care of our employees, our landlords, pay our fair share of taxes, and to keep the business clean and inviting, which includes sweeping the sidewalks. Otherwise, we may lose that privilege. Unfortunately, the kiosk operators did not have the benefit of this lesson.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Paul Kosasa", written in a cursive style.



To The Honolulu City Council

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HEARING ON MARCH 22, 2018 - PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: March 22, 2018

In Support of Bill 6 with AMENDMENTS

From: Robert Rodman 392-2036

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Dear Council:

I am a 42 year resident of Waikiki.

Please add additional sections to Bill 6 (2018).

Because there are other nuisances on Waikiki's Public Sidewalks -- which are similarly obstructive to the free passage of pedestrians and the quiet possession of their walks on the sidewalks and the adjacent private properties' owners and employees and guests - Council needs to amend Bill 6 (2018) so that it also states, that on Waikiki's Honolulu City owned Sidewalks:

1 - A WAIKIKI STREET SIDEWALK VENDOR/PERFORMANCE INITY (INCLUDING GROUPS OF PERFORMERS) shall not produce LOUD SOUNDS, INCLUDING AMPLIFIED AND UNAMPLIFIED SOUNDS (ELEMENTAL, SPEAKING, MUSIC, INSTRUMENTAL, ETC.) WHICH CAN BE HEARD by the average human ear more than 20 FEET FROM THE SOUND'S SOURCE and such activity IS PROHIBITED. Violators ARE subject to immediate or subsequent arrest, and penalized by a \$300 fine for the first offense, \$700 for the second offense, and 1 to 4 years in jail without bail and the forfeiture of the sound source for the 3rd and further arrests;

2 - EACH WAIKIKI STREET SIDEWALK VENDOR/PERFORMANCE INITY (INCLUDING GROUPS OF PERFORMERS) SHALL TAKE UP NO MORE SPACE ON THE WAIKIKI SIDEWALK THAN AN AREA MEASURED 3 (THREE) FEET BY 3 (THREE FEET). Violator(s) ARE (each) subject to immediate or subsequent arrest, and penalized by a \$300 fine for the first offense, \$700 for the second offense, and 1 to 10 years in jail without bail for 3rd and further arrests.

Council's web site to submit Written Testimony is down and not accepting Testimony. Therefore, this Testimony is sent to the Fax Number for Public Testimony.

Bill 7 (2018)

Additional Testimony

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March 22, 2018

Testimony Comments Bill 7

Aloha Chair Ozawa, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and esteemed members of the Committee on Public Health, Safety, and Economic Development:

Hawaii Bicycling League **supports Bill 7** which would make drifting explicitly illegal and increase the penalty.

On January 25th of this year, Lectie Altman was bicycling on Tantalus Drive when she was struck by a driver drifting and moving at a high rate of speed, nearly killing her. Lectie's incident is tragic, but the issue of drifting on Tantalus had been known for years. This dangerous driving activity has no place on Tantalus or anywhere on our streets - it endangers people who bike, walk, and drive. We urge that this bill be passed as one measure to stop it.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, chad@hbl.org) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, Daniel@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

Chad Taniguchi
Executive Director
Hawaii Bicycling League

Daniel Alexander
Advocacy & Planning Director
Hawaii Bicycling League

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY BERNADETTE
METZLER ON MARCH 22, 2018,
PERTAINING TO BILL 6 2018 RELATING
TO "PUBLIC NUISANCES THAT WOULD PROHIBIT
MOBILE KIOSKS IN WAIKIKI" - PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE, CITY
AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU - CITY COUNCIL.

We are a small Tours and Activity Sales Company on¹
Verulam Ave. We've been here over the last 18
years. We have been paying monthly rent and taxes,
licenses and all other fees and expenses, which are affiliated
with operating a legitimate business, over the last 18 years
what we have been up against over the time we've
been in business, with an alarming increasing number
are those mobile "kiosks" which the street vendors
operate at all times of day, evening and night, around
a legitimate business like ours. The "kiosks"
are supplied with the same kind of brochures
and activities we have been offering out of
our location. The "kiosks" are normally
on wheels and are operated wherever
most convenient for them. On numerous
occasions we have even witnessed them
operating right outside our established
location of business when we are closed.
Therefore having a "convenient" access to
customers - they are already looking for said

Tours + Activities. These "Kiosks" have been on ⁽²⁾
a daily basis operating on Waialua Ave.,
starting by Kalakoua Ave. to Kings Village,
accompanied by the aggressive "Trike"
operators, pretty much intercepting what regards
foottraffic to a company like ours would
be. They are all over Kalakoua Ave
all along from Paohoalanu Ave. to how-
ever far down the west of Waialua.
The building ^{management} we are in allows two of
those rolling "Kiosks" to park them in
the back, exposing their merchandise to
"vacation rental guests" and we have
confirmed statements from actual guests
that they were approached by these "mobile
Kiosk vendors" to purchase activities through
them.

Sincerely,
Bernadette Metzler