Bill 37 (2018)
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Aloha Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee,

My Name is Jim Fulton, representing the Waikīkī Improvement Association (WIA). The WIA is a membership organization consisting of land owners, hotels, retailers and restaurants in Waikiki, 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) supports the intent of Bill 37 (2018), Relating to Public Nuisances. Bill 37 address the sale and or consumption of controlled substances in city park buildings.

WIA is very much aware of the circumstances that create the impetus for this bill. What should be desirable amenities in Kūhiō Beach Park have been abused by a criminal element. WIA and the Waikīkī Business Improvement District Association have been working with City Parks and Enterprise Services to put the Kūhiō Beach Pavilions to productive use. We hope to see progress soon towards using the largest of the pavilions to provide lockers for the public. We believe this will produce a positive solution for these structures. Therefore, we would respectfully request deferring action on Bill 37 at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.
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Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure, and Sustainability
Honolulu City Council

Bill 37 (2018)
Relating to Public Nuisances

Dear Chair Fukunaga 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 37 (2018) which would allow the removal of city park buildings, within the Waikiki Special District, which are being used for the sale or consumption of controlled substances.

With public safety a major priority objective for HLTA, we have been heavily involved with the initiatives to promote a safer and healthier Hawaii. As the lead organization that hosted this year’s Visitor Public Safety Conference back in March, we have been continually dialoguing with the Honolulu Police Department, Honolulu City Council, Prosecuting Attorneys Office, and the visitor industry stakeholders in addressing public safety initiatives that will serve our visitors and local residents alike.

That being said, we support this bill as it seeks to make Waikiki’s beaches a safer place to visit, relax, and enjoy. The impetus of this measure, Waikiki’s beach pavilions, have become a centralized area for illegal dealings, homelessness loitering, and gang congregation. The purpose of the pavilions has diminished as the stench of urine and unruly activity have deterred beachgoers from using them. The removal of these structures would be a positive step towards addressing public safety and health in Waikiki as well as create a greater sense of space for our beaches. We commend Waikiki Councilmember Ozawa for championing this measure and we urge its passage through this committee.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer this testimony.