

EACP Committee

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Subject: (EACP-6) Visitor Impacts To County Environmental & Infrastructural Resources

Aloha Chair Sinenci & members of the EACP Committee,

I'm writing to express my concerns re Visitor impacts in or near Hana that affects me and my ohana.

* Road to/from Hana - While I understand Tourism is a necessary part of our economy & many rely on it, We have to use the Hana road for business, Doctor/Dentist appointments, business & shopping.

It's infringing on our lifestyle when we have to leave so early in the morning & come back late enough to avoid near accidents or becoming so upset, your blood pressure will be High by the time you get there. The amount of cars & tour vans, (there are counts on the "Hana Highway group page", 32 busses one person counted just during her 1 3/4 hour drive) not to mention the tons of private, illegal tours, is taxing on the roads too. The busses make the potholes bigger faster, break off asphalt due to it's weight & makes it harder to drive/maneuver the narrow areas. The amount of cars taking pictures/video, stopping on bridges & every yield sign, not using pullouts, parking in no parking areas is beyond comfortable.

* Beach/Park areas - My ohana (Hoopa'i) is from the Ulaino & Honokalani, where Waianapanapa cave is. It has gotten to a point some years Now, where we can't even go there to gather limu, opihi, fish, etc, we can't even have a picnic anymore. This, where our ancestors iwi kupuna lie. The private road to this Now State Park is constantly being beaten by too many cars/busses.

*Kapueokahi aka Hana Bay is so full now & was the last place that our local people could go to.

*Hamoia Beach is out of this world crazy with cars parking to where there's hardly any room.

*Waoioaka where you have to cross private property, has so many cars, the property owners around it are trying to figure out what to do.

*Kaihalulu, is inundated with cars to a point where the people going to meetings at the community center, don't have room to park.

I wish I could give you some good solutions, but aside from a cap on amount of Visitors or cars, blocking or physically being there stopping people from entering private property, cutting funding for Tourism/Visitor's bureau, I hope that you have some good ideas.

Mahalo for your time,
Mavis Oliveira & ohana