

PRL Committee

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Aloha Parks, Recreation, Energy, and Legal Affairs Committee,

We were recently made aware of the proposed bill that you are considering to establish times for public beach access parking, and would like to offer the following comments.

1. We appreciate that the bill would establish time requirements if no requirements have already been established by a permit or land use approval. Many conditions of permits or approvals have established public beach parking requirements; some have specified times that the public beach access parking has to be open, while others are silent on hours. Without such time requirements stated, we have taken the position that the parking must be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
2. We request the following clarifications or amendments:
 - (a) specify that public beach access parking spaces are to be used exclusively for users of the beach and ocean for recreational purposes, and not by commercial ocean recreational vendors, resort employees, etc.;
 - (b) "recreational purposes" should also include surfing and other water sports (the current language includes swimming and water skiing but no other water sports or activities); and
 - (c) "public beach access parking" is not defined; while we all generally have an idea what it means, it would be good for the Council to define what the Council wants it to mean.

Mahalo for your consideration of these comments; we will be on-call for your January 9, 2018 meeting if you have any questions.