

EACP Committee

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To: EACP Committee
Subject: Prohibiting Commercial Ocean Recreational Activity At Hanakao'o Beach Park (EACP-27)

Aloha,

My name is U'ilani Walker-Baricuatro and I am a resident of Lahaina, Maui. I would like to submit my testimony on behalf of my children, the canoe club, and myself.

I would like to support of the proposed billed A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.04A.290, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL OCEAN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY AT HANAKO'O (Hanaka'o'o) BEACH PARK. I SUPPORT THIS BILL due to the fact that there are very limited areas on Maui that our youth can be able to safely participate in their cultural activities. We are very limited to beach access due to all the resorts that have limited the access of most of the beautiful beaches the locals are not allowed on Maui. Let's save and preserve what we are allowed to use on Maui.

Lahaina residents are forced to move to Kahului, Wailuku, upcountry because it has become to expensive to live in Lahaina. There are very limited beaches for all of the community to access and enjoy due to ships, barges, or no beach facilities available. So, Kahului residents are forced to travel to Lahaina and Kihei to enjoy the beaches there. With respect to those families traveling so far, Lahaina residents try to stay in Lahaina. With the limited parking, facilities, and the constant harassment to residents from the hotel staff makes us feel unwelcome visiting the beaches in front of those resorts.

There are giant commercial boats driving onto the Ka'anapali beaches not being cautious of snorkeling people and expect the swimmers to move over for them. Allowing commercial ocean recreational activities to continue at Hanaka'o'o will open up more commercial activities to move in which then bring more reef damaging sunscreen. There is a young growing reef at Hanaka'o'o which will be in danger.

Please pass this bill for the sake of the younger generations, the island residents, and to protect the ocean from future damage.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

U'ilani Walker-Baricuatro