

EACP Committee

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To whom it may concern,

Please consider the following my submitted testimony regarding EACP-27:

Aloha Kakou,

I write you today in support of the countless generations of families that utilize Hanakao'o Beach Park for canoe paddling and gathering with their friends and families. Much testimony has been given regarding the amount of beach that is accessible and available for commercial activity in West Maui, but little focusing on true beach access that is consistent with the use of generations of canoe paddlers. It should be clear at this point that there is only one place that is safe for canoe paddling in West Maui and that place is Hanakao'o Beach Park. The commercial operators will find additional places to conduct business as that is the case with profitable business, but what of the canoe paddlers? There is no additional venue that provides a safe environment for this activity and those who teach this life skill. This gathering place, for those who love this cultural activity, is so much more than 100 yards of beach front space, it is a learning environment and a living example of practical application in the lives of so many.

The focus on the filing of this communication is not to destroy commercial opportunities for those in business, but to ask that they consider re-locating to one of the many additional areas within the West Maui community that can suffice for their needs. Hanakao'o is and has always been the area for canoe paddling activity, how can the thousands of people that grew up with this tradition be told that they should accept what is happening as correct for this area?

The community has already been through so much with the threat of development near this area with the proposal from the State EUTF, compounding the density that already exists in Kaanapali. It is morally wrong to look at the request to prohibit commercial activity at Hanakao'o as anything other than in the best interest of the community. There are many examples of how we can create better students in school and in turn create young prominent, contributing members of society and in closing, it starts with having the classroom to do just that...Mahalo for your support of the communities request to you today. Please act today!!

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