

EACP Committee

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Aloha-

I am writing because of my deep concern of over tourism. Now that we are going to be re-opening soon, this is the time to enact limits to the amount of tourist allowed in island.

As evident by the amount of rental cars parked around the airport, plus the amount of cars in the rental facility at the airport, shows an awful display of an over abundance of tourists allowed on our island. The reported 20,000 stored rental cars in those fields, causing ecological damage with leaking oil and fluids, is just not sustainable to our islands health and well being.

I moved to Maui in 1987 and have never seen such an increase in tourism as I have

in these last 5 years. It has ruined our quality of life. For example, my beloved neighborhood beach of Ho'okipa has become a place to avoid. Parking is very difficult. The rubbish has increased dramatically. It has become a safety problem as well. Being primarily reef access to the water, the majority of tourists do not pay attention to incoming waves or slippery algae. Not to mention the lack of appropriate beach etiquette causing tempers to flair.

I plead for a cap on the amount of tourists allowed on Maui by limiting the rental cars allowed on our roads daily. This shocking display shown in the fields around the airport confirms it is too much. As does the congestion on our roads. I sincerely hope we are not catering to the resorts, rental car companies or the airlines. Over tourism is real and not worth the money generated over Maui's health and longevity.

Mahalo,
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