

BFED Committee

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To: BFED Committee
Subject: FW: Pass Bill CC21-176

From: Paula Alceseba <paula33@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 9:49 PM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Pass Bill CC21-176

Aloha pumehana,

I am writing this email to urge the County Council to be bold and pass Bill CC21-176 which designates 50% of public beach parking for residents. For many years, Maui has seen a record-breaking number of tourists arriving on the island. While this is great for the tourist accommodation and rental car industries, a majority of the residents have been treated like second-class citizens in their own home. There have been numerous personal accounts of residents not being able to visit their favorite beaches because of the massive influx of tourists, even some who cannot practice their right as kanaka maoli because of the crowded up beaches and parking. Rental cars have even been sold out, with some tourists renting U-Haul trucks to get around. This just shows that there are way too many tourists on island, and that something has to be done to curb their presence in our public beaches. We all know it will be difficult to put a limit on the number of tourists who can arrive on Maui, but one thing you can do to make a difference in the lives of residents is to show them that you do prioritize them. Reserving 50% of parking for residents is just a simple way of doing that, and is the bare minimum the local government can do to make sure the residents are not treated like second class citizens. Everyone who lives on Maui fully knows how crowded the tourists make some places, and this is unsustainable for our environment and community.

I hope you will listen to the community, thank you for reading my email.

Sincerely,

Paula