

PRL Committee

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Aloha e Committee Chair Guzman and committee members, I am writing in regards to PRL-38. I must express my outrage that a bill has been submitted by someone with clear ties to the resort industry proposing to curtail public access to our shorelines in favor of resorts, especially now as the public is becoming more aware that their rights are being illegally trampled by the resort industry instead of pushing for enforcement of laws, this council member chooses to instead change the laws not to favor the local residents but to favor the resort industry continuing to keep the local residents out! This is still Hawai'i nei and the Hawaiian culture is still alive. We are still here and it is necessary for the culture to survive that the people have unrestricted access to the shoreline. There needs to be enforcement and fines not changing the law to suit corporations that are breaking the law. There are beach activities illegally renting cabanas on the beach without permits taking up all the space from families who are made to feel unwelcome, there was a proposal to take county lifeguards and give it to the resort industry - enough already! This raises additional questions in my mind - where has all the native limu gone? Where do all these resorts dump their chlorine pool water when they backwash? Why is it done in the middle of the night when they don't want people to have access to the shorelines? What about traditional gathering rights and protocols? We are getting pushed out of our homelands and if this bill should pass there will be an uproar. Who does our council represent is the real question here.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony, Tamara