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Aloha,

I support the bill to prohibit commercial activity at Hanakao'o Beach Park. The reasons are many, here are a few:

Isn't it illegal to operate a business out of a public park?

There is commercial activity already operating through Hanakao'o Beach Park. These business interfere with the clubs and their practices. Scuba schools, stand-up paddle rentals and kayak rentals - as standard operating procedure- launch into the race course, disrupting canoe practices and local shore fishermen.

Three canoe clubs are located at Hanakao'o Beach Park because development has pushed the clubs out of their original locations. Resorts and condominium complexes dominate almost all the shoreline on the Westside of Maui. These complexes have beach access that can surely accommodate these commercial businesses if they are allowed to exist, they do not need to operate out the easiest location where cultural entities are.

Hanakao'o has become a major center for Hawaiian cultural education.

Hanakao'o is home to Maui's only state recognized race course, where the annual Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association holds its championship regatta when it comes to Maui. Additionally, the canoe clubs host regattas and other canoe related events through out the year. Also, the interscholastic paddling league holds some of its regattas at Hanakao'o through the winter months as well as the State championships when they come to Maui.

Maui is growing quickly. What makes Maui special needs to be preserved. We need to stop these illegal activities before it gets out of control.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

PLease, for now and future generations, save Hanakao'o from the pressures of outside commercial influences, it will be better for the community and tourists alike.

Mark Shimer / Lahaina Canoe Club