

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**HUMAN CONCERNS AND PARKS**  
**COMMITTEE**

November 19, 2021

**Committee**  
**Report No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Human Concerns and Parks Committee, having met on November 4, 2021, makes reference to County Communication 21-389, from Councilmember Tasha Kama, relating to Commercial Ocean Recreational Activity ("CORA") permit management and administrative rules.

Your Committee received a computer-generated presentation from the Department of Parks and Recreation ("Department") providing a brief history of CORA, summaries of the 2006 and 2021 CORA Studies, and the number of current permits issued by activity.

The Director of Parks and Recreation said the County issues CORA permits annually and permits need to be renewed every 12 months.

Your Committee notes the County established the framework for managing CORA on County properties, including beach parks and beach park access points with the enactment of Ordinance 3143 (2003).

The Department said the continued growth in resident and visitor populations on Maui are creating new demands on beach park capacities.

The Department said it is the responsibility of the Permits and Enforcement Division to manage permits and daily monitoring of CORA operations at beach parks.

Your Committee commended the Department of its administration and management of the CORA program.

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Your Committee expressed support for the Department's reimplementation of the Ocean Environmental Protection and Cultural Awareness training program required by Section 10-102-4, Administrative Rules, that promotes environmental and cultural awareness among CORA operators and patrons, and provides information on coral reef sensitivity to human impacts, the social and environmental responsibility of the ocean recreational industry, and the historical background to ocean recreation in Hawaii.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Kama, Vice-Chair Sugimura, and members Lee, Paltin, and Sinenci voted "aye."

Your Human Concerns and Parks Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication 21-389 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



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TASHA KAMA, Chair