

testimony

From: Stefano sechi [sechi.stefano@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 6:09 AM

To: testimony

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to say I oppose the passage of this bill.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/SB2091_.htm

This bill would greatly affect in a negative way a very active windsurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the state of Hawaii. This impact is not only in the form of tourism, but also in the form of businesses that have established Hawaii as a focal point of research and development, training, retail, rental, and image capturing for the sport of windsurfing. All of these businesses help perpetuate Hawaii as a tourist destination to millions worldwide.

I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,
S. Sechi

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Erica Phillips [erica_m_phillips@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 2:22 AM

To: testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear sir/madam

I do not agree with the following act (included below) which will be discussed at:

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

DATE:

Friday, February 15, 2008

TIME:

2:45 p.m.

and pledge my protest against any action similar.

I hope my protest is recognised and delt with appropriatly.

Kind Regards

Erica Phillips

Report Title:

Ocean Recreation; Sailboards

SB 2091

Description:

Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean.

testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

From: GEMENTI ALBERTO (BAM - 00598) [ALBERTO.GEMENTI@bam.it]

Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 11:24 PM

To: testimony

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

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I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely, Alberto Gementi (Italy)

Alberto Gementi

testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Patrik Hrdina [p.hrdina@volny.cz]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 11:15 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Ocean Recreation; Sailboards S.B. NO. 2091

Dear Sirs,

I was very suprised by receiving informations about operations of windsurfing and kitesurfing in state Hawaii.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/SB2091_.htm

I am 40 years old, visited Maui 4 times. In 1991, 1997, 2006 and 2007. I alway brought my friends and last time also my whole family. I am recreational windsurfer. I never had feeling, that windsurfing is dangerous sport.

Me, my friends and my wife very enjoyed staying in Maui. We would be very dissapointed, if regulations to windsurfing and kitesurfing would be applied. This would very limit our desire to visit Maui again. Comming to Maui from Europe is very diificult and travel is very long. Lot of islands in the world have great scenery. Hawaiian islands have a lot more, than only scenery. Except beauty of islands they have also great conditions for windsurfing.

We hope, that windsurfing will not be cancelled in Maui.

With very best regards

Patrik Hrdina

Czech Republic

testimony

~~LATE TESTIMONY~~

From: Beth Winkler [surfmama@mac.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 4:41 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Subject: Testimony to bill SB 2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND hearing of Friday February 15, 2008 2.45pm

This bill is far too severe. There are easy solutions to the problem and this is not one of them

Beth Winkler
2004 Olympic Alternate
US Sailing Master Instructor Trainer

testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Simon Lahiff [simon25@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 11:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SB2091

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with complete amazement that I read S.B. No. 2091.

It makes little sense when:

- surfboards are larger than kiteboards
- windsurfing boards are comparable in size to surfboards
- there is no mention of yachts and catamarans

Surely when there are 100 windsurfers out on the water, if one bikini babe drops in the water to cool down, then all windsurfers must immediately leave the water.

I am guessing this is a hoax bill and fake email address so I won't waste any more of my time.

Kind rgds,
Simon Jones

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Spencer Thompson [lets.rig@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 7:22 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony to bill SB 2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND hearing of Friday February 15, 2008 2.45pm

To whom it may concern:

Regarding SB 2091, which would make it illegal to use a windsurfer or kiteboard within 200 feet of a swimmer: I believe this is a very badly thought out proposal, which puts all the responsibility on the windsurfer and effectively makes them (us) the assumed guilty party as well as the lowest priority on the water.

This is horribly unfair, especially since the vast majority of windsurfers are careful and respectful sailors. To put a 200 foot "safety zone" around every windsurfer would make it possible for 3 swimmers to go out at Kanaha Beach State Park and pretty much close it down to windsurfing. I'm sure you already know how many businesses depend on windsurfing in your state, and I can only assume that this bill was proposed by some disgruntled surfers who don't want anyone else on "their" waves.

There are plenty of laws already in place to ensure everyone's safety, and I think that perhaps some stepped-up enforcement would be a more rational solution to any problems on the water.

Sincerely,
Spencer Thompson
Windsurfer, surfer, swimmer, tourist

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE,
2008
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO.

2091

LATE TESTIMONY

I've been 2 times in Hawaii, spent total of 4 months, rent cars, condo, bought surfboard, windsurfing equipment and spent a lot of money on all it needs to spend 4 months there. I'm planning to return this summer or next fall.

If you pass that law, I will never return to Hawaii, there is a lot of spot in the world, I like Hawaii for the Aloha spirit and since I'm from Canada, quite easy to go, but I go there for windsurfing.

I'M asking you to drop down your ideas of passing that law, I surfed the internet to see any accident in the past years between swimmers, surfers and windsurfers, did not found any, it must be very rare. BUT I HEARD AND SAW a lot of locals beating "howlies" because they surfed or even just parked their car in the wrong spot...a lot more dangerous than windsurfing.

I traveled a lot and spot like Australia, peoples surf, boogie board, body surf, windsurf and kite surf in the same spot all together. At first I was shock and afraid of any accident, and after a few hours on the spot...everything was find and the vibes was awesome. There is no reason to fight against everybody who are not on a surfboard.

Sincerely,

Steeve Mallet
71 Rue du Golf
Gatineau, Canada
J9J 3V4.

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From: Steve Jarvis [rjarvis47@ntlworld.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 4:18 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.

Hi

I'm emailing to protest the possible law agianst sailboards

Report Title:

Ocean Recreation; Sailboards

SB 2091

Description:

Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean.

Firstly, I believe that this law is bias towards surfers. They are equally as dangerous to swimmers(travelling at high speeds). But honestly do swimmers have anything to do with this???? It's really about surfers using their majority to have a negative impact on windsurfing.

Secondly the windsurfing capital of the world is based in Maui.....You're going to lose a lot of jobs, and a fair bit of cash.

I'm guessing A lot of the committe are spoilt Hawain locals (not realising how lucky they are, and not wanting to share their luck) so I'm not expecting much

testimony

From: Todd MacFarlane [tmacfarlane@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 7:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: S.B. No. 2091 Sailboarding Restriction Bill

LATE TESTIMONY

My name is M. Todd MacFarlane. My wife and I are avid windsurfers and try to sail every day. Maui is the #1 destination resort in the world for our sport. We are against the passage of S.B. No. 2091.

In my 25 years of windsurfing I have not seen or heard of any collisions between windsurfers and swimmers or surfers. There has recently been a resurgence in the popularity of surfing which has caused some conflicts. Our sports can easily co-exist. When the waves get big and the trades kick in the surfing is not very good. The waves are blown out. On our north shore we can only sail after 11:00 to allow the spear fisherman their time on the water. The dawn patrol surfers take advantage of the smooth faces at sunup and have the waves all to themselves until 11:00.

Maui already has ordinances thru the DLNR to protect the rights of surfers in relationship to windsurfers.

Our sport is already burdened by high equipment costs, lack of TVR's on island, spells of no wind, ETC. This restriction will cause people to go elsewhere on vacation causing a loss of income to the island.

This added restriction is just not necessary or fair. Where are the studies of the impacts?

Sports activities need to be encouraged not restricted.

Thank you.

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LATE TESTIMONY

From: Tim Harford [tim.harford@emirates.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 3:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

ATTENTION: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

HEARING DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to confirm that I do not agree with the following proposed act within the state of Hawaii:

Report Title:

Ocean Recreation; Sailboards

SB2091

Description:

Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Harford.

Tim Harford
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LATE TESTIMONY

From: The Martino's World [themartinosworld@mac.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 1:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Importance: High

DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to say I oppose the passage of this bill.

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/SB2091 .htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/SB2091.htm)

This bill would greatly affect in a negative way a very active windsurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the state of Hawaii. This impact is not only in the form of tourism, but also in the form of businesses that have established Hawaii as a focal point of research and development, training, retail, rental, and image capturing for the sport of windsurfing. All of these businesses help perpetuate Hawaii as a tourist destination to millions worldwide.

I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,
Martino Quaglio Cotti

testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Ted Schroth [gts.development@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 6:15 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Jim Cayce; Trevor Emtman; Jeff Foudy
Subject: Testimony to bill SB 2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND hearing of Friday February 15, 2008 2.45pm
Importance: High

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to voice my strenuous opposition to proposed bill SB2091, which would be catastrophic not only for the windsurfing industry, but also for all kinds of associated tourism revenues for Hawaii, and especially Maui.

With a 200 foot limit, a single surfer will virtually mean no sailboards on the break. This could mean the end of wavesailing at Hookipa or Kanaha (the two most popular windsurfing beaches in the world) when there are waves and it is windy.

At Kanaha there is already the 11 o'clock rule (no windurfing before 11am) that leaves plenty time for surfers to enjoy the less windy hours of the day. At Hookipa there is already the 10 man rule (no windsurfing if more than 10 surfers in the water) that protects the surfers' safety.

Every year, my friends and I come to Maui for a week and spend several thousand dollars apiece on food and lodging near Paia, which is heavily dependent on spending from windsurfers who frequently pass through (Paia is otherwise not much of a destination town). After our week of windsurfing, several of our families (wives and children) come join us on Maui and we spend more money on other parts of the island. Were it not for the hassle-free windsurfing, we would almost certainly go somewhere closer like Mexico, which is far more convenient for those of us on the west coast.

A rule like the proposed bill SB2091 will not be fair towards windsurfers and kitesurfers, would erect another "barrier to entry," and would hurt tourism in the Hawaiian Islands. Please, don't pass it.

Thank you
Ted Schroth
Seattle, WA

2/15/2008

testimony

From: Susie Fisher [susieqfisher@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 3:24 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

LATE TESTIMONY

ATTENTION: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

HEARING DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to confirm that I do not agree with the following proposed act within the state of Hawaii:

Report Title:

Ocean Recreation; Sailboards **SB 2091**

Description:

Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean.

Yours sincerely,

Susie Fisher

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From: vmail [v.mailermeister@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:43 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SB2091 - please read

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 12:00 p.m.
S.B. NO. 2091

The proposed 200 foot ban of Sailboards and Kitesurfers from surfers and swimmers would effectively kill both sports on Maui and Oahu. I vacation every year in Hawaii and will not return if this 200 foot ban in passed.

The oceans are one of nature's best treasures and should be enjoyed by many user groups and stakeholders, not just surfers.

Regards

Andy Waldhaus

testimony

From: Baran Kilical [kilicalb@gwu.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SN 2091

LATE TESTIMONY

S.B. NO. 2091

The proposed 200 foot ban would effectively eliminated kiteboarding and windsurfing in Hawaii. Instead of a drastic measure that singles out one sport and gives preference to another (surfing), I would propose a just and fair proposal of designating some beaches as kiteboarding/windsurfing beaches while others would be for surfing and swimming. The current proposal is unfair to windsurfers and kitesurfers. If you ban these sports, then surfers should be banned in the sense that they may be a potential hazard to swimmers. Thank you for considering my e-mail.

Sincerely,

Baran Kilical, MD
Cardiology

testimony

From: Alexander, Daniel F [daniel.f.alexander@intel.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: S.B. 2091

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
S.B. NO. 2091

I am concerned about the broadness of S.B. 2091 with it's proposed 200 foot ban of sailboards and kitesurfers from surfers and swimmers. If there are safety issues at certain beaches they can be mitigated without having to ban either sport. I am disappointed that the legislature is considering banning a very eco-friendly sport (we ride the wind and waves after all!!!). Surfers, swimmers, kiteboarders, and windsurfers can co-exist and the beaches should not be reserved just for one of these groups.

The bill does not clarify whether or not a kiter who is on the water would have to leave if a swimmer jumps in or a surfer paddles over. What is mechanism for enforcement? Shouldn't the bill read that a swimmer must not enter the water within 200 feet of an established kiteboarding launch point? I also think that surf boards cause more injuries to swimmers and other surfers than kiteboards or windsurfers ever have. Should surf boards be banned within 200' of swimmers?

Over the last 15 years I have traveled to Maui, Molokai. Big island and Kauai two or three times a year, for one to two weeks each trip, to go kiteboarding, surfing, SCUBA diving, snorkeling, etc. If this ban passes I will spend my travel and recreation dollars in a more welcoming spot and I will most likely not return to Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Alexander

testimony

From: JF [fragrancefree@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
S.B. NO. 2091

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Regards.

Jeff Finn

testimony

From: Michael Fowler [michaelbfowler@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:50 AM

To: testimony

Cc: mfowler; Sherry Fowler

Subject: Testimony to bill SB 2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND hearing of Friday February 15, 2008 2.45pm

LATE TESTIMONY

A law like the proposed bill SB2091 would mean a huge damage to the windsurfing related industry (shops, tourists), that in Maui is pretty remarkable.

With a 200 feet limit, in fact, a single surfer on the break will virtually mean no sailboards on the break. And that'll be the end of wavesailing at Hookipa or Kanaha when there's waves and it's windy.

At Kanaha there's already the 11 o'clock rule (no windsurfing before 11am) that leaves plenty time to surfers to enjoy the less windy hours of the day.

At Hookipa there's already the 10 man rule (no windsurfing if more than 10 surfers in the water) that protects the surfers' safety.

A rule like the proposed bill SB2091 will not be fair towards windsurfers and kitesurfers.

Please, don't pass it. Thanks.

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Michael B Fowler

testimony

From: Raul Devos [rauldevos@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ocean Recreation; Sailboards S.B. NO. 2091

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

DATE:

Friday, February 15, 2008

TIME:

2:45 p.m.

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to say

I oppose the passage of this bill.

This bill would greatly affect in a negative way a very active windsurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the state of Hawaii.

I use to travel to Hawaii to practise this sport one time of year al least.

I need this sport, I need Hawaii...The mother of windsurf.

And that's why I ask
you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Raul Devos

testimony

From: rhbricken@bellsouth.net
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:19 AM
To: testimony
Subject: proposed bill S.B.No. 2091 banning windsurfing and kiteboarding

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
S.B. NO. 2091

" To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill S.B. NO.2091
I lived on the North Shore of Oahu in the late 70's and have been a visiting tourist on and off for years. I choose to come to Hawaii for the specific purpose of kiiteboarding and I will be forced to take my tourism dollars elsewhere if you go ahead with us. Furthermore, I will no longer consider Hawaii as a potential place to open a business, invest in Real Estate and/or retire to.

Aside from the obvious issues of the unnecessary restriction on one's civil liberties, and the huge loss of tourist revenue and closer of local businesses who depend both directly and indirectly on revenue generated by these sports, please take a look a the bigger picture here. While accidents can happen, I believe the risk to swimmers and other water users is minimal, and is very likely born out in the existing safety record. People have been windsurfing and kiteboarding in Hawaii for more than thirty years.....

I am certain that cars injure and kill far more people than these sports have or ever will, and no one is proposing to ban or limit them from the islands. "

Sincerely,

Reese Bricken
770-418-0408
I live in Atlanta

testimony

From: Vectorfins [vectorfins@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Bill SB 2091

LATE TESTIMONY

To: testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: Testimony to bill SB 2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND hearing of Friday February 15, 2008 2.45pm

To the State Legislature of Hawaii,

I am writing to voice concern over SB 2091, Relating to Sailboards.

Passage of the bill as presented would mean elimination of sailboarding from virtually all Hawaiian waters where it is currently practiced, with grave consequences to individual freedom and to economic vitality.

Sailboarding and kitesurfing are practiced at a select number of suitable locations, for example, Kanaha Beach Park, in Maui County, and Ho'okipa Beach Park, also in Maui County. These locations present appropriate conditions of wind, waves, and access, that permit the safe and proper practice of these sports.

The majority of sailboarding activity in Hawaii takes place within a very concentrated area of just a few hundred feet, at just a few select locations like the ones mentioned. There are no other alternate areas available which present the proper conditions for practice of the sport.

In these locations, voluntary self-regulation and County Statutes are already in force to ensure that the waters are shared in a safe and harmonious way with other recreational users.

Passage of the bill would mean that the presence of just a single swimmer or surfer within 200 feet of these areas would require cessation of all windsurfing activity. This makes the proposed law unfairly restrictive and discriminatory.

As an added downfall, the law would have significant economic consequences, especially in Maui County, where windsurfing tourism and the windsurfing manufacturing and retail industries account for millions of dollars of annual revenue to the State and County. Restriction of windsurfing as per the bill would mean a decline in these revenues.

Please reject this bill, as its consequences are damaging and harmful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Fagerholm
Po Box 1219
Haiku, HI 96708

testimony

From: Ed Gleason [edwardjgleason@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:31 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Keep Kiteboarding alive!!!

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
S.B. NO. 2091

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Sincerely,

Ed Gleason

testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Labbra Vanessa [vanessa.labbra@fastwebnet.it]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony to bill SB 2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND hearing of Friday February 15, 2008 2.45pm

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A rule like the proposed bill SB2091 will not be fair towards windsurfers and kitesurfers.

Please, don't pass it. Thanks.

testimony

From: Michael Tsivyan [m.tsivyan@kilopass.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:06 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ocean Recreation; Sailboards - S.B.I No. 2091

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
S.B. NO. 2091

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill. I am certain that cars injure and kill far more people than these sports have or ever will, and no one is proposing to ban or limit them from the islands.

Best regards,

Michael Tsivyan
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testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Mark Taylor [mdtsports@gorge.net]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:22 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Attn: Committee of Land & Water / SB # 2091:Hearing: Friday Feb 15 @ 2:45pm

Dear Committee members;

As an active waterman in the sports of surfing, swimming, stand-up surfing, windsurfing and kiteboarding – I wanted to voice my strong disapproval of the wording of bill 2091 proposed to limit a windsurfer or kite-surfer to come within 200 feet of another water sport participant.

I travel to your state 3-4 times a year to participate in all activities – and the wording of this bill will severely limit access and ability to participate in Windsurfing and kiteboarding on your islands. If the bill passes as worded, I would choose other locations to travel and will be an example of a huge loss of tourism your state will encounter if you are to limit.

This bill has been written by someone who has no personal awareness and is not a active participant of the sports and their interactions (or has been witness to an incident at a specific location that may need addressing – not a statewide mandate). If the wording was changed to “30 feet” that would be reasonable (which maintains a very safe buffer) – but 200 feet basically will restrict access to most launches as most sites are multipurpose sites. A swimmer hits the water at Kanaha Beach park on Maui and we all have to evacuate? A surfer paddles out at Hookipa and we are out of the water?

My recommendation is that you gather leaders from the Windsurf, kiteboard, Surf, lifeguard community to discuss this matter and I would hedge a bet that you will find the policies of local lifeguards and beach patrol are the most effective. Let those involved with the day to day participation guide you. Please do not pass the bill in this form.

Best Regards,

Mark Taylor
e-mail: mdtsports@gorge.net
cell: 604.787.8880

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From: Roberto Villate [rvillate@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:32 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ocean Recreation; Sailboards S.B. NO. 2091

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear sirs and madams,

The bill being proposed to restrict kiteboarding and surfing, while well intentioned, does not fairly address the issues and it will adversely affect many people who rely on this for business and leisure activity as well.

Please do not pass this bill. There is a better solution out there if you can involve the participants of the sport as well as any others concerned.

Thank you

Ride Safe!

Roberto Villate

PASA Level III Kiteboarding Instructor

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I am often not available by phone until after 7PM...you can email me or leave a phone message and I promise to get back to you ASAP!

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testimony

From: Marina Chang [marina@thekiteboarder.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 8:40 AM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: SB 2091 Committee Meeting today on land and water
Attachments: image002.jpg

LATE TESTIMONY

To whom it may concern:

This letter's purpose is to strongly protest the proposed 200-foot ban on sailboarders and kitesurfers in Maui and Oahu. This is not the solution to mixed usage of sports and beach users. I believe your panel does not understand these two sports, otherwise, this 'solution' would never have been proposed in the first place. While both can travel at high speeds, they can also 'kill' the power of their craft immediately.

If this proposed ban passes, you will effectively kill these two sports in the area, and lose many windsport oriented tourists that visit the islands on an annual basis. Both locations have been popular destinations for enthusiasts since the beginning and are always receive good editorial coverage in kite and windsurf-oriented magazine worldwide.

With concerned regards,

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testimony

From: Kim [kimh@lava.net]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:59 AM
To: testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

RE: 2091

“Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean.”

This on first read sounds great, but there are many implications and problems that can occur when bills are not specific enough in detail. While I completely agree that all sailboarders should keep clear of swimmers and divers at ALL times, I am worried about the inclusion of surfing in this proposed bill.

I have been windsurfing on Maui for eighteen years at a beach called Hookipa. In the early days when everyone knew each other, and we all managed to share the ocean access with mutual respect and aloha. The increased population has brought about the need for more regulation in all areas of ocean recreation and access.

If this bill passes as written, I can provide you with a scenario that will likely take place at Hookipa. A few years ago an individual showed up at Hookipa from another state, and he was rumored to live in his car at the beach. He is unemployed, belligerent, and generally intoxicated by early afternoon. He enjoys confrontation, and will paddle out solo when the surf is blown out to attempt to learn to surf amongst the sailboarders. Hookipa is a small home break of about 400 feet. Will the break be ruled by the drunk guy that lives in his car? I firmly believe a time based access rule would be better for Hookipa.

The resident windsurfing population on Maui generally consists of older professionals who tend to be quiet in nature and avoid confrontation. There are many physicians, nurses, and educators that enjoy windsurfing in their spare time. We need access rules that can accommodate everyone in the family with respect. Please consider further research before passing a bill state wide without consideration of the individual beaches.

If you folks are on Maui, feel free to stop by to discuss these issues.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony,

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testimony

From: studentwindsurfing@googlemail.com on behalf of Anthony Lindley [antzog@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: FAO: Committee On Water and Land

TO: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m. (Hawaii Time)
BILL: SB2091

LATE TESTIMONY

To whom it may concern,

As an avid windsurfer and supporter of the windsurfing industry and community in the UK I am very disappointed to see this new bill being proposed that will destroy windsurfing not only in Hawaii, but will have a devastating effect on the international windsurfing industry. Maui is the home of windsurfing and a central focus for the world windsurfing media and industry.

Many of the worlds top brands and sailors conduct their r&d there. Unless such a bill is accompanied by rules at beaches (such as Hookipa) to prohibit swimmers and surfers from being allowed in the water during certain periods of the day when windsurfers are out then this law has the potentially devastating outcomes for the windsurfing community.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the impact of your actions.

Many thanks

Anthony Lindley

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testimony

From: Klaus Reitberger -|- Epooly - Publishing Solutions [info@epooly.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND - Ocean Recreation; Sailboards S.B. NO. 2091

To Whom it may concern,

On behalf of the members of the European Wind Network, I would like to say we oppose the passage of this bill.

This bill would greatly affect in a negative way a very active windsurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the state of Hawaii. This impact is not only in the form of tourism, but also in the form of businesses that have established Hawaii as a focal point of research and development, training, retail, rental, and image capturing for the sport of windsurfing. All of these businesses help perpetuate Hawaii as a tourist destination to millions worldwide.

On behalf of the members of the World of Windsurfing Association, I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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From: Paul McDowell [pmcdowell@MortgageIT.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:16 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: Beach access ban S.B. NO. 2091

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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Paul McDowell [pmcdowell@MortgageIT.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:14 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Beach access ban S.B. NO. 2091

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.
S.B. NO. 2091

The proposed 200 foot ban of Sailboards and Kite surfers from surfers and swimmers would effectively kill both sports on Maui and Oahu. Kite boarding is the sole reason why I vacation in HI. I will not return If I can kite board

Regards.

Paul McDowell

testimony

From: Fabrice Beaux [fabricebeaux911@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: S.B. NO. 2091

LATE TESTIMONY

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to register my opposition to the proposed bill : Ocean Recreation; Sailboards S.B. NO. 2091

The passing of this bill would be extremely detrimental both to the sport of windsurfing and the very active windsurfing industry that has established itself in the state of Hawaii and consequently this would negatively impact on both tourism and local businesses adversely affecting the economy of Hawaii

As an active windsurfer that regularly travels to Hawaii specifically to enjoy the sport of windsurfing I ask you to vote against this bill.

Kind regards
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From: Tony Bolstad [tony.bolstad@embarqmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 10:18 AM

To: testimony

Subject: S.B. 2091 - Committee on Water and Land

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

S.B. NO. 2091

I am concerned about the broadness of S.B. 2091 with it's proposed 200 foot ban of sailboards and kitesurfers from surfers and swimmers. If there are safety issues at certain beaches they can be mitigated without having to ban either sport. I am disappointed that the legislature is considering banning a very eco-friendly sport (we ride the wind and waves after all!!!). Surfers, swimmers, kiteboarders, and windsurfers can co-exist and the beaches should not be reserved just for one of these groups.

The bill does not clarify whether or not a kiter who is on the water would have to leave if a swimmer jumps in or a surfer paddles over. What is mechanism for enforcement? Shouldn't the bill read that a swimmer must not enter the water within 200 feet of an established kiteboarding launch point? I also think that surf boards cause more injuries to swimmers and other surfers than kiteboards or windsurfers ever have. Should surf boards be banned within 200' of swimmers?

Over the last 4 years I have traveled to Maui and Kauai two or three times a year, for one to two weeks each trip, just to go kiteboarding. If this ban passes I will spend my travel and recreation dollars in a more welcoming spot and I will not return to Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Tony Bolstad

testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Alex B [airtimekitefl@gmail.com] on behalf of Alex B [alex@airtimekite.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 1:02 PM
To: testimony
Subject: OPPOSITION TO S.B. #2091 - Ocean Recreation; Sailboards

Senator Clayton Hee:

I am shocked that this bill has been proposed to heavily restrict and virtually ban both windsurfing and kiteboarding in Hawaii. Hawaii has been globally recognized as the prime destination for both windsurfing and kiteboarding for a very long time. Both sports were either started or in large measure developed and expanded through the marvelous ocean environment and culture of strong watermanship bound to your islands.

I have visited Hawaii on multiple occasions as have numerous friends. Our primary reason for these visits often several weeks to months in duration was to practice windsurfing and kiteboarding. Substantial revenues were earned by numerous Hawaiian businesses in these visits. If Hawaii legislates against these sports, ironically against global activities largely born and nurtured in these islands, many avid tourists some who vacation in Hawaii several times per year will have to travel elsewhere. This decision would not be voluntary but would be forced upon them by the Hawaiian Legislature in an ironic twist. Numerous Hawaiian businesses dependent upon windsurfing and kiteboarding will also suffer and may fail as a consequence of this measure if passed.

Kiteboarding can coexist with other water activities. Hawaii has a rich and long tradition of surfing, fishing, swimming, canoeing and more. These activities can be reconciled with windsurfing and kiteboarding through effective management. Such management has been successfully called upon to reconcile surfing, fishing, swimming and canoeing through responsible practices hundreds of times across the globe. Good management can improve the safety at which many things are practiced from automobile and aircraft operation to even the practice of windsurfing and kiteboarding. Does government exist to serve the people or to harm commerce, livelihoods and beneficial tourism?

I strongly request that you not support this bill which will not only cost Hawaii well deserved tourist and retail revenues but also potentially destroy a decades long global reputation as a primary birthplace of windsurfing and kiteboarding.

Sincerely,

Alex Bloechinger (Fort Lauderdale, FL)

testimony

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Marc A. Lefebvre (US-775) [lefebvre@iwavesolutions.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 1:08 PM
To: testimony
Cc: Sen. Clayton Hee; Sen. Russell Kokubun; Sen. Carol Fukunaga; Sen. Jill Tokuda; Sen. Paul Whalen; justin.gruenstein@mauicounty.gov; HseWrittenOnlySBTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov; HouseRecord@Capitol.hawaii.gov; All Reps; All Senators
Subject: SB2091: Testimony to OPPOSE this measure in COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Please register my opposition to SB No 2091 on the ground that it is unrealistic, unneeded, as well as unenforceable.

A sail boarder who has lost his rig in a wave - quite a common occurrence - is now a swimmer. This bill would prohibit other windsurfer to come to his or her aid such as checking for injuries or offering a tow to shore.

On sailable days the conditions for swimmers and/or surfers are mostly not very favorable. In my many years of sailing the North shore launching at Kanaha beach park I have seldom seen any swimmers around my launching area at Kanaha beach park and never in the break area. I have encountered an occasional surfer or paddle boarder and the occasional jet ski and I have never witnessed or heard of any close encounters - let alone collisions - between swimmers and surfers and sail boarders.

This bill would effectively shutdown one of the MOST popular wave sailing spots in the world, Ho'okipa Beach Park, site of many high profile international competitions as well as the best wave sailing site that glosses the covers of magazines world wide. The effect of this bill on the economics of Maui's northshore would be devastating as well as to one of Maui's cottage industries where the latest R+D in the sport is done.

Missing from this bill is a statistics of actual or near collisions between sail boarders , swimmers or surfers - taken from accident/incident reports over several years, a fact that should give pause to the legislature before acting upon such an unrealistic and potentially economically destructive measure. A considerable number of visitors come to Maui specifically for its excellent sailing conditions. They will chose other locations if they are faced with arbitrary and unrealistic restrictions.

Finally the author of this bill should consider how this rule would be enforced. How many police officers on water craft would it take on an average sail day to patrol the sailing areas of the North Shore - just from Ho'okipa to Lower Kanaha to observe hundreds of sail boarders in the water - many of them in up to mast high + waves - wind blowing at 35 + mph?? If there are any swimmers out there - "endangered" by high speed sail boarders how would they spot them and ensure a measured 200 yard "safety zone" . How could they tell a "swimmer" from a sailor who lost his rig ? Surely the community would be served better if our public parks were better patrolled to eliminate drug and alcohol use and dogs running around unleashed and unattended.

In comparison to the deplorable security situation in many of our parks the ocean is a very safe place!

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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Wayne Bennett [BennettW@ilmor.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 12:58 PM

To: testimony

Subject: SB. NO. 2091 - Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean

Dear Sir,

I was disturbed to see the proposed bill **SB. NO. 2091** (*Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean*) that will affectively eliminate wind surfing and kite boarding from the shores of Hawaii.

The passing of this bill would give me and many of my colleagues no reason to visit the Hawaiian Islands as we would be unable to partake in the sport we love.

With the current economic climate within the US reducing the quantity of tourists flying to the Hawaiian Islands does not seem like the best use of the Senates time!

I would recommend that this bill be thrown out of the Senate and that the members are supplied the time to concentrate more pressing issues around the state.

Regards

Wayne

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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Linh Nguyen [linhster@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 12:59 PM
To: testimony
Subject: OPPOSITION TO S.B. #2091 - Ocean Recreation; Sailboards

Hi Senator Kokubun,

It seem that we all now a day want to impose more and more rules and regulations. As a community most of us do follow safety precautions when we are out in the water. Access has been limited already, so please do not add any more regulations so all who are following safety guidelines will be penalize. There are already plenty of laws for all who are reckless with their actions.

Linh Nguyen
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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Jodi Lapidus [jodilapidus@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 12:49 PM

To: testimony

Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND - Testimony against Sailboarding and Kiteboarding Ban

To: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Re: SB 2091

Hearing Information

DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

My husband and I are avid kiteboarders who, for the last several years, have made annual month-long trips to Maui from the Pacific Northwest. In fact, we have discussed plans to move our business and live on Maui due to access to our favorite sport. As such, I am extremely concerned about the proposed ban in the aforementioned bill. The ban proposes a 200 foot ban of kiteboards, as well as sailboards, around surfers and swimmers. This global ban will effectively kill these sports on this island. Kiteboarding and sailboarding schools will potentially go out of business, and tourism dollars will be reduced. I know that if this ban takes effect I know that I will be spending my travel and recreation dollars in places other than Hawaii. Please reconsider this issue and devise solutions that are equitable to those engaged in a variety of water sports.

The ocean in hawaii is a precious jewel that all should get to enjoy.

thank you.

-jodi lapidus

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LATE TESTIMONY

From: Jeff Pfeffer [jeff.pfeffer@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 12:54 PM
To: testimony
Subject: S.B 2091 is a bad idea

Aloha, My name is William Pfeffer, I am a Hawaii born and raised lifetime resident, taxpayer, voting citizen, surfer, windsurfer ocean swimmer and kitesurfer. I feel the proposed bill, S.B. 2091 is poorly written, unnescessary, unenforcable and will needlessly kill the sports of windsurfing and kitesurfing which bring needed tourism dollars to our state and enjoyment to many. I have been a participant of all these sports for many years and have witnessed very little conflict or danger occur between the user groups. I strongly oppose the passage of this un-researched and ill conceived bill.

Sincerely, William Pfeffer

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LATE TESTIMONY

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Subject: Opposition to S.B. #2091, Ocean Recreation; Sailboards

Dear Senators,

What happened to the Aloha Spirit? SB2091 is not fair to all good citizens wanting to enjoy the waters of the beautiful Hawaiian Islands! All water users can and do co exist peacefully, fisherman, swimmers, surfers, outrigger canoe enthusiasts. Please reconsider your SB2091, please do not penalize all sailboarders because of a few bad pineapples. Perhaps a law penalizing reckless behavior would be more appropriate. I travel to the islands every year to enjoy surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing but would have to seek an alternate destination if SB2091 goes into affect.

Thank you for taking my plea into consideration,
Jean Paul Robinson

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Bret Tuckett [lovetokiteboard@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 12:17 PM
To: testimony
Subject: SB2091 Testimony

I do not agree with the proposed bill SB2091, I am to tourist and I have made Oahu a vacation spot for many years. If the bill is passed, I will not bring my tourist dollars back to Hawaii. This bill is unfair to my rights to use the Ocean and public beaches in your state.

Individuals should be responsible for there own actions and held accountable for any damages that they cause.

Thank you. Bret Tuckett

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Carlos [carlos_winds@yahoo.es]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:50 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ocean Recreation Sailboards S.B. NO. 2091

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

DATE:

Friday, February 15, 2008

TIME: 2:45 p.m.

It's no Possible because it's very important for the tourism and the Hawaiian's people. Hawaii it's the Windsurf's Meca

I Wait that you think

Thank for listening me

Carlos

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Pete Jalbert [pete@mauirealestate.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 11:52 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SB 2091

Aloha,

I am writing in regards to the proposed SB no. 2091. I am not a windsurfer or a kiter, but I am strongly opposed to this legislation. Maui is one of the windsurfing and kiting capitals of the planet. We have managed to coexist without legislation. Kites and windsurfers stay out of the water until 11:00. That has done a good job of minimizing conflict and/or injury. Why impose additional regulations? All this will do is further hurt the local businesses that support these sports. The wind and kiting companies on Maui are already hurting enough as it is with the recent Maui County Vacation Rental crackdown. Do you really want to strike a death blow?

Best,

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testimony

From: Mr paul julien [julienpr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 6:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony to SB 2091, COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony to SB 2091, COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
Hearing Date: Feb 15, 2008
Time: 2:45 pm

Deqr Sirs/Mdms,

I am writing to voice a strong objection to the propsed SB 2091.

Other people have noted that this amendment would have disasterous effects upon the industry of, and participation in, windsurfing and kitesurfing in the islands. It would also negatively impact the positive influence that windsurfing and kitesurfing bring to island tourism.

The equally important issues of equal rights and the traditional rights of freedom of the seas must also be considered.

Please allow me to qualify myself:

I posses a very strong concern with safety issues, having had a lifetime of experience to back it up. I spent 15 years serving in various capacities on ski patrol rescue teams and working for Sheriffs' search and rescue teams. I was a watersports and lifesaving instructor and have worked as a beach lifeguard. I am a certified scuba instructor and an avid open ocean surf ski racer and sometime surfer. I also ran a large windsurfing school in Washington state and co-wrote a widely used windsurfing instructor manuel, contributing particularly to the sections on safety.

The safety issues between swimmers, surfers and sailors (this includes windsurfers and kitesurfers), are currently governed by internationally accepted marine, right-of-way rules.

I understand your feeling to try to protect swimmers (including surfers) from high speed craft. But you will accomplish little by setting an arbitray distance of 200 feet that kite and windsurfers must stay away from swimmers and surfers. Why not 300 feet or 500 feet, Or 50 feet or 2 feet? At any of these distances the swimmer will not get hit!

The issue here is not a "security distance", but one of control, courtesy, and specific water use agreements between users.

The penalty for a sailing craft hitting a swimmer can be severe. That sailor violated the universally accepted right of way rules and can be subject to lawful penalties. That threat and common courtesy keep the majority of sailors under control.

User conflicts do arise in our crowded world. These are best handled at the most local levels where the interested parties can examine the specific conflict zones and come up with comprimise solutions.

The proposed bill gives unfair advantage to swimmers and surfers and other water users. I doubt this bill would stand up to "equal rights" scrutiny. To be fair it must also include every other type of solar, wind, or motor powered watercraft in the exclusion zone. It also should indicate a specific safety distance that surfboard riders must stay away from swimmers and body boarders. A surf board can injure them severely!

Your bill as written would require the ludicrous at times. For instance: A large group of windsurfers or kitesurfers, imagine around 30 or 40, enjoying themselves off of a beach where no swimmers were present. Suddenly and unannounced, a lone swimmer ventured into the water from either the beach or a boat. Your bill would require all of the "sailors" to leave the water immediately since they would likely be sailing to and from the same beach.

In areas of breaking surf some less formal "rules of conduct" apply, but accidents are still governed by the existing marine right of way rules. Regulations for a particular surf break are best made by the very local groups who use those breaks, giving equal rights to all. This is the "sea" after all, and no one group has a more inherent right to it than another!

The bill as written is blatantly biased in favor of one or two user groups who will be getting "rights" that are arbitrary and that they do not need.

I laud your focus on safety. But in passing this bill you would be "casting a drag net to catch a minnow", destroying much more than you would "catch".

For the benefit of all, please take a step back and look at potentially more successful and less destructive solutions to your problem.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Julien

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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Karl [rehder@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 8:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SB2091

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE:
Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME:
2:45 p.m.

To Whom it may concern,

As a windsurfer of more than 20 years I am opposed to State Bill 2091. My primary windsurfing spot is Kanaha beach park on Maui and in all my years of windsurfing I have not seen or heard of any conflict with surfers or swimmers. There must be other ways to solve conflicts than to put restrictions across the state which include areas that surfers and swimmers rarely frequent.

Please vote no on SB2091.

Thanks,
Karl H. Rehder
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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Kurt E Vogelman [kurtvogelman@juno.com]
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To: testimony
Cc: steven@beachlook.com; vwa_vail@juno.com; John_Steiert@shamrockfoods.com
Subject: SB 2091 wind surfing

Sirs,
We all need to share the ocean and the waves. It is unreasonable to put all the onus on kite and sail boarders. For example , cars and trucks are big and heavy and can hurt people. The logic of SB 2091, if applied to this (and many other similar situations I could think of), would keep cars and trucks 200 feet from pedestrians. I must believe that the state of Hawaii has more important and logical concerns to debate. How about swimmers being required to have escort boats no more than 100 feet away for their own safety. Also I think we should include sharks in this legislation and increase the distance requirement a lot. The ocean can be a risky place to hang out in. Maybe all recreational use of the ocean should be banned. If in doubt, safety first. Maybe swimmers should be required to stay 200 feet away from the ocean.

Please be advised that some of the above is meant to be humor. Excessive laughter has certain health risks associated with it etc.

Sincerely,

Kurt Vogelman

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LATE TESTIMONY

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From: Larry Cosby [larry.cosby@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 6:51 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony to bill SB 2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND hearing of Friday

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to say
we oppose the passage of this bill.

This bill would greatly affect in a negative way a very active Windsurfing & Kitesurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the state of Hawaii. This impact is not only in the form of tourism, but also in the form of businesses that have established Hawaii as a focal point of research and development, training, retail, rental, and image capturing for the sport of windsurfing & kitesurfing. All of these businesses help perpetuate Hawaii as a tourist destination to millions worldwide. This bill has not had enough time to be put before the public for opinion.

I ask you to vote against this bill.
Sincerely,
Larry Cosby

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Lippi Lorenzo [lorenzo.lippi@fastweb.it]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 4:49 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

To Whom it may concern,
I would like to say I oppose the passage of this bill.
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I ask you to vote against this bill.
Sincerely,

Lorenzo Lippi Boncambi
Roma-Italy
✉ lorenzo.lippi@fastweb.it

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: lorenzo [lorenzo.bellora@fastwebnet.it]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 4:30 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Windsurfing

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to say I oppose the passage of this bill.
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This bill would greatly affect in a negative way a very active windsurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the state of Hawaii. This impact is not only in the form of tourism, but also in the form of businesses that have established Hawaii as a focal point of research and development, training, retail, rental, and image capturing for the sport of windsurfing. All of these businesses help perpetuate Hawaii as a tourist destination to millions worldwide.

I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Lorenzo Bellora
(Italy)

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: m.v.deth@eurolight.nl
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 10:52 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Ocean Recreation; Sailboards S.B. NO. 2091

Aloha,

Please don't go through with this rule. Windsurfing in Maui is the best thing in the world for me and for a lot of my windsurfing friends here in Holland. Me and my wife have been in Maui for the last 8 years to go windsurfing. Never ever had a bad experience with a surfer or a unsafe situation with a swimmer! We know the rules of respect and we respect the locals. It's their land and we want to keep coming year after year.

We really hope you dont go through with this rule so my future family can also the wndsurfing beauty of Maui.

Mahalo,

Martijn van Deth

2/15/2008

testimony

From: Louise Emery [Louise@boardseeker.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 10:15 PM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m.

We strongly object to SB2091 which states that sailboards & kiteboards should stay 200m away from swimmers and surfers in the waters of Maui. This would basically mean you couldn't windsurf at Ho'okipa Beach Park, the most important and famous windsurfing beach in the world!

Surfers have many other breaks to surf, including Pavillions actually at Ho'okipa. Swimmers should never even attempt to swim at Ho'okipa because of the currents, rips and waves. This just seems like another go at the windsurfing industry on Maui, making it difficult for local windsurfers and visiting windsurfers to sail.

WHY? As a windsurfing magazine who have been countless times to Maui to film events, interview sailors and also enjoy the wonderful sailing beaches, we are dismayed that you think this bill would be fair to windsurfing. Please do not pass it.

Louise Emery
Editor of www.boardseeker.com, windsurfing's biggest online magazine.

testimony

From: Magno [magnoilgrande@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 5:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: to oppose the passage of the bill S.B. NO.2091

LATE TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to say I oppose the passage of this bill.
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I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,
Andrea Magnani

testimony

From: Seth Levy [seth_levy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 7:34 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SB2091

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a frequent visitor to the Hawaiian islands I am strongly against SB2091 and if it were to pass would prefer to visit somewhere else which is not hostile to the sport of windsurfing which has such strong roots in the islands.

I disagree with this bill for the following reasons:

1. Actual documented collisions between surfers swimmers and windsurfers are virtually non-existent. Instead of addressing a real danger this is an attempt by one set of water users to monopolize space on the water which can and should be shared by all.
2. This law will be difficult or impossible to enforce and extend government control to an arena where people go to relax and gain a sense of freedom.
3. Windsports tourists and related business are an important part of the local economy on Maui north shore. This bill will have a severe and negative impact on the image of Hawaii as a windsports destination.
4. Under preferred swimming and surfing conditions the wind is too light for windsurfing. It is natural that when it is very windy and the conditions are perfect for windsurfing tens or hundreds of people will want to practice windsports and not be blocked by 1 or 2 surfers who insist on going out in terrible stormy surfing conditions. Of course should a surfer insist on being out in these conditions all windsurfer should and will go out of their way to avoid them.

Instead Hawaii should continue with designated areas which are for swimming only, surfing only etc. The maui beach of Kanaha is a good example of a swimming only area marked with buoys. California for example has found this an effective way to deal with summertime crowds on the beaches. This also makes enforcement much easier rather than trying to determine how many feet away water users are from each other.

Please don't get into the business of choosing which water users should be favored over others, preserve free access to all for the islands most precious coastal resources.

Sincerely,

Seth Levy

testimony

From: Mathias Genkel [mathias.genkel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 1:33 AM
To: testimony
Subject: SB no. 2091

LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Sir or Madam,

I do not agree with the proposed bill. You can ban kitesurfing as this is a real danger, but please do not ban windsurfing (sailboarding) from the beaches of maui.

All the best,

Mathias

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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Michal Prussak [michal@theprussaks.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 6:26 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony to bill SB 2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND hearing of Friday February 15, 2008 2.45pm

I strongly object to this proposed bill. The rule that windsurfers and kitesurfers have to keep clear of swimmers and surfers clearly has nothing to do with safety and it is an attempt by the surfers to guarantee exclusive access to wave breaks. It would be a great shame if the Hawaii legislature passes such a bill.

Wave breaks are a shared resource for everyone and passing a law that prefers surfers (or any other sport) at these breaks is clearly discriminatory. If there is a concern that wave breaks are not being shared equitably, then I would suggest local rules of sharing be established that are specific to each site – for example as at the Hood River Event Site, which has established rules for sharing the sailing spot between windsurfers and kitesurfers.

I sincerely hope that the Hawaii legislature will see the proposed bill for what it is and votes against it.

Michal Prussak

Mercer Island, WA

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Morten Lyssand [morten.lyssand@skuld.com]

Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 2:14 AM

To: testimony

Subject: Testimony to bill SB 2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND hearing of Friday February 15, 2008 2.45pm

A law like the proposed bill SB2091 would mean a huge damage to the windsurfing related industry (shops, tourists), that in Maui is pretty remarkable.

With a 200 feet limit, in fact, a single surfer on the break will virtually mean no sailboards on the break. And that'll be the end of wavesailing at Hookipa or Kanaha when there's waves and it's windy.

At Kanaha there's already the 11 o'clock rule (no windsurfing before 11am) that leaves plenty time to surfers to enjoy the less windy hours of the day.

At Hookipa there's already the 10 man rule (no windsurfing if more than 10 surfers in the water) that protects the surfers' safety.

A rule like the proposed bill SB2091 will not be fair towards windsurfers and kitesurfers.

Please, don't pass it.

Thanks.

Best regards
Morten Lyssand
Norway

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: knut hotmail [Knut_thorkaas@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 12:55 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

To the State Legislature of Hawaii,

I am a windsurfer, family father, surfer ... of the Norwegian state , writing to voice concern over SB 2091, Relating to Sailboards.

Some of the best times in my 40 year old life is windsurfing at Maui Hawaii, first time in the late 80`s, I have also organised some tours to Maui Hawaii. I am a windsurfer and when I stay at Maui I rent a house/ cottage flat, a fancy hotel is out of the question, due to that I wants space for my board, sail... and a short drive to Hokipa, spreks, Kanaha...

The majority of windsurfers do it the same way, and that way support the man in the local community by renting his cottage, flat in the basement... it is a need income and many need this extra \$ to live at the North shore of Maui.

The new law at Hoòkipa was bad and stupid, this new proposal is worse and will kill the big windsurfing tourism at Maui and then the windsurfing business, it is a big income to Hawaii state from windsurfing that will disappear, and many normal citizens will get in trouble due to loss of income.

As a Norwegian I am down to earth in my mind and I know that it always can be at conflict went resources is limited.

a windsurfer and a swimmer is a bade combo, but it shod not be a problem to regulate. Windsurfers and Surfers shod not be a problem and the need of laws like Hookipa it overkill, the new law is a problem and have already given Maui bade a name.

Its about respect, respect for the local way of life, respect for windsurfers, respect for swimmers.... It is always bade gays that wants to show off most don't. Bad surfers that Is more fancy about a fight then soulsurfing, windsurfers that don't care about any other and jump in head to other, Kilters that speeding one feet off shore and jump over swimmers head, and some swimmers that believe that they own the ocean and don't wants to have anybody else in sight. Take the bad guys don't make stupid law that force windsurfers and the windsurfing industry to abandon Hawaii.

Passage of the bill as presented would mean elimination of sailboarding from virtually all Hawaiian waters where it is currently practiced, with grave consequences to individual freedom and to economic vitality.

Sailboarding and kitesurfing are practiced at a select number of suitable locations, for example, Kanaha Beach Park, in Maui County, and Ho'okipa Beach Park, also in Maui County. These locations present appropriate conditions of wind, waves, and access, that permit the safe and proper practice of these sports.

The majority of sailboarding activity in Hawaii takes place within a very concentrated area of just a few hundred feet, at just a few select locations like the ones mentioned. There are no other alternate areas available which present the proper conditions for practice of the sport.

In these locations, voluntary self-regulation and County Statutes are already in force to ensure that the waters are shared in a safe and harmonious way with other recreational users.

Passage of the bill would mean that the presence of just a single swimmer or surfer within 200 feet of these areas would require cessation of all windsurfing activity. This makes the proposed law unfairly restrictive and discriminatory.

As an added downfall, the law would have significant economic consequences, especially in Maui County, where windsurfing tourism and the windsurfing manufacturing and retail industries account for millions of dollars of annual revenue to the State and County. Restriction of windsurfing as per the bill would mean a decline in these revenues.

Please reject this bill, as its consequences are damaging and harmful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Knut Thorkaas

Norway

Europe.

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: grazyna ru [grazka61@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 4:07 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony to bill SB2091 COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LANDING hearing Feb15 2008 2.45pm

The proposed bill SB2091 would mean a huge damage to the windsurfing related industry on Maui.

With 200 feet limit, in fact , a single surfer on break will mean no sailboards on break . And that will mean the end to windsurfing , kitesurfing when there is waves and it is windy.

At Kanaha there is already the 11am rule , which leaves plenty of time to enjoy surfing in those hours when there is less wind .

At Hookipa there is already a 10 man rule .

I come over to Maui since the last 10 years to surf , windsurf and kite as well. I enjoy all those sports , and some of them like surfing and kitesurfing I took lessons here and learned here on Maui.

If this proposed bill SB20091 will come to life I shall stop coming to Maui , as I will not be able to enjoy two of my wave sailing sports, windsurfing and kitesurfing . This bill is not fair and it should not be passed it will ruin wind-kite-surfing industry in Hawaii for good .

Please do not pass it . Thanks
Grazyna Ruscoe

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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Gordon Margary [gordonmargary@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 8:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: TO: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND BILL: SB2091

TO: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
TIME: 2:45 p.m. (Hawaii Time)
BILL: SB2091

To whom it may concern,

As an avid windsurfer and supporter of the windsurfing industry and community in the UK I am very disappointed to see this new bill being proposed that will destroy windsurfing not only in Hawaii, but will have a devastating effect on the international windsurfing industry. Maui is the home of windsurfing and a central focus for the world windsurfing media and industry. Many of the worlds top brands and sailors conduct their r&d there. Unless such a bill is accompanied by rules at beaches (such as Hookipa) to prohibit swimmers and surfers from being allowed in the water during certain periods of the day when windsurfers are out then this law has the potentially devastating outcomes for the windsurfing community. I strongly urge you to reconsider the impact of your actions.

Many thanks

Gordon Margary

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testimony

From: Giorgio Cazzaniga [g.cazzaniga@valberti.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 5:46 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to say I oppose the passage of this bill.
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This bill would greatly affect in a negative way a very active windsurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the state of Hawaii.

This impact is not only in the form of tourism, but also in the form of businesses that have established Hawaii as a focal point of research and development, training, retail, rental, and image capturing for the sport of windsurfing. All of these businesses help perpetuate Hawaii as a tourist destination to millions worldwide.

I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,
Giorgio Cazzaniga

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testimony

From: Giorgio Carpi [bluemac@libero.it]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 4:02 AM
To: testimony
Subject: S.B. NO. 2091

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

I think this is really really mad.

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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: gianni valdambrini [gianni@diamond-head.us]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 1:38 AM
To: testimony
Subject: save hawaiian windsurfing

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> *COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
> DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008
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> To Whom it may concern,
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> I would like to say I oppose the passage of this bill.*
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> windsurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the
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> of businesses that have established Hawaii as a focal point of
> research and development, training, retail, rental, and image
> capturing for the sport of windsurfing. All of these businesses help
> perpetuate Hawaii as a tourist destination to millions worldwide.
>
> I ask you to vote against this bill.
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> Sincerely,*
 Gianni Valdambrini
 Pro surf-windsurf-kitesurfboard shaper
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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Gian Luca Matteucci [glmatt@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 11:31 PM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to say I oppose the passage of this bill.
http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/SB2091_.htm

This bill would greatly affect in a negative way a very active windsurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the state of Hawaii. This impact is not only in the form of tourism, but also in the form of businesses that have established Hawaii as a focal point of research and development, training, retail, rental, and image capturing for the sport of windsurfing. All of these businesses help perpetuate Hawaii as a tourist destination to millions worldwide.

I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,
Gian Luca Matteucci

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trasporto di immagini tremolanti - in questo secolo,
come in altri, i nostri più grandi progressi hanno sempre
l'unico scopo di mettere gli uomini in contatto"
Antoine de Saint Exupéry

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: giacchi giacomo [giacomowind@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 5:29 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008 **To Whom it may concern,**

I would like to say I oppose the passage of this bill.

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/SB2091 .htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2008/bills/SB2091.htm)

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I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

giacomo giacchi

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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Gerson MORMAII [gerson@mormaii.com.br]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 5:20 AM
To: testimony
Cc: Vivienne
Subject: sb.no.2091

To Whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Professional Windsurfers Association, I would like to say we oppose the passage of this bill.

This bill would greatly affect in a negative way a very active windsurfing industry that has a significant economic impact on the state of Hawaii. This impact is not only in the form of tourism, but also in the form of businesses that have established Hawaii as a focal point of research and development, training, retail, rental, and image capturing for the sport of windsurfing. All of these businesses help perpetuate Hawaii as a tourist destination to millions worldwide.

On behalf of the members of the Professional Windsurfers Association, I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

Gerson Vignoli Perrenoud (Pilão)
Mormaii - Marketing
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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Gary Lawton [gary@garylawn.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 11:10 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Committee on Water & Land

I do not agree with the proposal (SB No 2091) that The STATE of HAWAII is proposing that *Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean*

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Garrett Scotti [garrett@npusa.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 5:21 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Ocean Recreation; Sailboards S.B. NO. 2091

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to register my opposition to the proposed bill : Ocean Recreation; Sailboards S.B. NO. 2091

The passing of this bill would be extremely detrimental both to the sport of windsurfing and the very active windsurfing industry that has established itself in the state of Hawaii and consequently this would negatively impact on both tourism and local businesses adversely affecting the economy of Hawaii

As an active windsurfer that regularly travels to Hawaii specifically to enjoy the sport of windsurfing I ask you to vote against this bill.

Kind regards

Garrett Scotti

Division Manager
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LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Fulvio [fulvioposta@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 5:05 AM
To: testimony
Subject: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

DATE: Friday, February 15, 2008

To Whom it may concern,

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I ask you to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,
Fulvio Calabretti - Italy

LATE TESTIMONY

testimony

From: Guy Cribb [guy@guycribb.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 3:01 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Sailboards proposed bill

Re-

Report Title:

Ocean Recreation; Sailboards

SB 2091

Description:

Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean.

THE SENATE

S.B. NO. 2091

I am a tour operator from Europe who brings windsurfers (sailboarders) to Maui in Hawaii. I also run windsurfing holidays all over the world. One one trip alone to Hawaii each of my guests will bring over \$5000 to your tourism industry. I have approximately 200 guests a year for my trips.

The proposed bill is a very short sighted proposal clearly without enough research.

For instance-

Kite boards are the lightest craft, then short surfboards, then windsurfers, then Malibu surfboards or beginners surf boards, and stand up paddle boards are the heaviest and most dangerous to swimmers and surfers.

Furthermore, when it is windy enough to kite or windsurf, there is too much wind to surf properly.

And when there are enough waves to surf or windsurf, it is too dangerous to swim.

A more appropriate and safer bill would be to ban the use of kite, windsurf and stand up paddle boards only from popular swimming beaches on a few of the Hawaiiin beaches.

And at surfing beaches, there should be a law (that is currently already practised by the respect surfers and windsurfers share with each other) that windsurfers don't go out if there is less than 12 knots of wind, and vice versa, surfers don't go out at popular windsurfing beaches in over 12 knots of wind.

Despite the high number of water users in the Hawaiiin islands, there is very rarely any collision between surfer, kitesurfer or sailboarder- I know of none. There are regular collisions between surfers because they do not have the manouverability of a windsurfer and are all focussed in one spot rather than spread out.

The current proposal is as bizzare and unfounded as saying "the State of Hawaii is going to ban the use of cars, pedestrians and joggers from all Hawaiiin roads and sidewalks to prevent the extremely unlikely

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injury they might cause to motorcyclists"

I have never heard anything quite so absurd, and I truly hope the State will revise this proposed bill that will cause a tremendous loss of tourism, ruin hundreds of long established businesses and cause a lot of local unemployment.

Yours sincerely,

Guy Cribb

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