

LATE TESTIMONY

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Comments:

I am writing to voice my strong support of HB2347 and its intent to delete the 20 year maximum permit term for parasailing and commercial thrill craft commercial use and operator permits. I also support deleting the entire provision that puts a permit up for auction after this 20 year maximum permit term.

Permit holders that have met the state's requirements in the statute (in compliance with all the rules, payment of taxes and a good safety record) should be able to own their businesses in perpetuity. A 20 year term imposed by this statute is both discriminatory and unreasonable to our state's small business owners. These types of businesses require significant capitalization to ensure safe operation; extensive employee training and on-going equipment investments.

We must aggressively support our state's tourism operators and keep them viable entities by removing this unfair and unreasonable restriction.

Aloha,
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HB2347 RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM TERM OF COMMERCIAL USE AND
OPERATOR PERMITS FOR THIRLL CRAFT AND PARASAILING

Please support this bill. Our current law reflects how unfair and unfriendly business climate we have against small businesses in Hawaii. This measure will give small businesses a fight chance in providing job security and maintaining safe and viable service to tourism industry.

I have spent past 13 years nurturing and building up my business and to be subjected to current laws have been difficult. Due to the limitations, if I should decide to sell, I could not get a fair market value for my business, be subjected to unfair lease negotiations, most importantly, my ability to get a decent long term financing to enhance and ensure safety our operation. These operations take enormous capital infusion to start and maintain. Financing is crucial to our business and with the term restriction, it is impossible to secure any funds in our current "credit crunched" business environment.

The thrill craft and parasail operators are currently reviewed by DLNR annually, renewed every five years and limits its operation to 20 years. No other activities such as sail boat charters, submarines, deep sea fishing, water skiing, surfing schools, Snuba tours, snorkel tours, kayaks or many other businesses that need a state issued commercial operating permit is subjected to these restrictions. It unfairly singles out jet skiing and parasailing permits and announces to the holder that after 20 years, the State of Hawaii will take your permit without cause or due process. It is unfavorable towards safe operation and puts companies in fear of financial jeopardy.

I am managing so far but with what is happening with our economy, we need all the assistance we can get. Please help and support small businesses.