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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2012 12:36 PM  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB2516 on 2/14/2012 1:30:00 PM

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Conference room: 225  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/14/2012

**Comments:**

Over my 20 years of conducting Snuba tours in Maui waters I have not yet seen anything that effects ocean operators in a positive way come from DLNR. They restrict, limit and take. This is just another way to extract money from operators to insure DLNR stays around. They do not have a hand on the pulse of what is really going on in our small community of ocean sport operators. I feel they only see "us" as a revenue stream or a way to institute or establish rules/regulations that are not are pushed through on the backs of words like, help and protect, but are really to simply justify the existence of DLNR and their jobs. The money to me and probably the majority of the operators is not the issue, it's CONTROL. DLNR has it, and flaunts it without vision. DON'T PASS THIS MEASURE

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**Comments:**

I am opposed to this bill SB2516 because it is a tax, 3 percent, or \$200 a month which ever is greater; a tax on small business that is in most cases is "taxation without representation".

Maui county already has in place permits for commercial ocean recreation activities. A state permit would only duplicate the permits and double the cost of doing business.

How do you deal with dual jurisdiction? Do county permit holder need to get state permit? How many state permits will be issued? For what water sports, and which location? How will new state permit holders enter county parks? How will counties deal with all the new ocean rec businesses? Who decides? Have you these issues while drafting this Bill?

The DLNR would be challenged to implement permits for ocean rec businesses. They are an enforcement branch of government.

How will a mom and pop surf school on a neighbor isle benefit from this bill? Someone who teaches surfing or standup paddling that is not using a harbor or state facility would be unfairly tax.

It is hard enough to make a living providing service in ocean tourism. We don't need or want another branch of government taking whats left of our hard earned PAY CHECK.

This bill is poorly written, it has not been thought out. Just some new language tacked on an old bill to raise revenue. It is not about improving our Island life style or visitor experience.

This bill is about money! You want our hard earned money to balance your budget, please look elsewhere, like making cuts, instead of raising taxes.

This bill is nothing more then a TAX ON SMALL BUSINESS.

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**Comments:**

1. commercial watersports should not be lumped into one category statewide.
2. actual sports like kayaking, kiteboarding, surfing and paddleboarding are non motorized skilled crafts that should be in the same class as canoe clubs as all are beneficial to participants.
3. thrill "rides" like parasailing and jet skis are pure money collectors that teach and require no skill. they are harmful to the environment, dirty, noisy and undesirable by all other beach users.
4. current ORMA requirements should be expanded and required for nominal fees like \$1 per board and \$2 per kayak to contribute to general fund as part of the permit required.
5. any money collected should also be used to better the enforcement, safety and welfare of participants and its environment.
6. a large % tax will drive small business out of business and encourage under the table operations to continue and flourish.