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Aloha WAMT committee members. My name is Archie Kalepa and I have lived in Lahaina nearly my entire life and the Kalepa Ohana has been here for at least 8 generations. We are hoping that SP2933 be passed by your committee. It is an important Bill for many reasons but the most important one is the SAFETY FACTOR of this areas for all that use it. Also for the Recreational which as well has become a cultural area to some. In Lahaina, Hanakaoo and Kaanapili for many years buoys were in place to help keep the ocean users safe. I say this with first hand knowledge of this areas as I have worked as a Ocean Lifeguard in all of Maui county Beaches including Kihei, Kamaole I, II,III. and both near shore and off shore usage is consistent and constant. A maintained buoys system wold provide knowledge and for all users and most of all greatly minimize the possibility "lost of life". I know this first hand. Please support and pass SB 2933.

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*Description:*

*Requires the department of land and natural resources to adopt rules that promote greater safety of ocean users in the State's nearshore waters. Appropriates funds for swim zone buoys at Kamaole beach. Requires a report to the legislature. (SD1)*

As an avid ocean goer on the island of Maui for activities including, but not limited to; swimming, snorkeling, SCUBA Diving, outrigger canoe paddling and stand up paddling, and as holder of a USCG masters license and as a E.M.T. specializing in "Wilderness" Medicine I have developed a sincere concern for the dilemma facing the general population of ocean enthusiasts.

Simply put, there are too many motorized boats and too many people occupying the same liquid space.

The adoption of "Rules that promote greater safety" honestly seems to be a "no brainer". What could the State possibly wish for by permitting a void of greater safety? Would the neglect of said adoption not send a clear message to residents (State wide) that our elected government is *not interested* in our greater safety?

A demarkation line of easily sighted buoys is, at the least, a progressive step toward increasing the overall consciousness of safer waters.

The acceptance of such a rule would hopefully pave the way for the State to adopt mirroring guidelines for other, similar bodies of water on Maui and the other islands of Hawaii. The implementation of such a rule could also, hopefully would, serve to enlighten all boaters State wide to the dangers of operating carelessly in clearly identified geography so close to shore.

This piece of legislation is a solid stroke in the right direction, i earnestly encourage the passing of S.B. No 2933 S.D. 1

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