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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, January 29, 2021  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 178  
RELATING TO DRIVING ON BEACHES**

Senate Bill 178 proposes to establish a two-year beach protection pilot program under which no vehicle would be authorized to drive on the beach in Polihale State Park or on any beach in Kekaha, Kauai, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) without a permit. This measure also proposes to require the Department to work with the County of Kauai on the feasibility of establishing a similar pilot program for the beach at Kekaha Beach Park under the jurisdiction of the County. **The Department appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department appreciates the recognition of management deficiencies at Polihale State Park, which contains sensitive cultural and natural resources, as well as acknowledgement of the modern history of illicit and damaging activities by park visitors. The Department took the unprecedented step of closing this park to the general public for several months in 2020 after inappropriate uses involving vehicle access on the beach had reached a crescendo, triggering the need for prompt action for public health and safety due to COVID-19 related protocols.

The beach driving issue is largely one of management capacity rather than policy. State Parks administrative rules already prohibits driving anywhere other than on park designated roadways, and we have already established a permit system for vehicle access within Ka'ena Point State Park, O'ahu, where similar resource degradation was occurring unabated. However, the Ka'ena Point State Park actions were preceded by extensive community outreach and consultation prior to implementation, and there is a full-time, dedicated position to assist with education and management of the system, as well as other Departmental staff resources to deploy there that are integral to management. There is a significant administrative element with costs associated with

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staff receiving the online permit application and then mailing permits and the associated stickers that identify vehicles with valid permits. 7000 permits are issued annually of which about 20% are frequent users.

The Department's Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE) does not currently possess the resources to enforce a no driving moratorium or a permit system as provided in the measure. Simply put, DOCARE does not have sufficient manpower to address the large numbers of potential violators. There are only 13 officers for the entire Island of Kaua'i that must address the full range of DOCARE enforcement duties, and all of these officers are not working at the same time. Addressing all violators on an extensive multi-mile stretch of beach with current resources is a nearly impossible task. Piecemeal enforcement may create a perception of disparate treatment and create fairness issues, where some people may receive enforcement action, and others may not.

The most viable option is a change in the community as a whole to adopt a voluntary compliance mindset. Without community understanding of the importance of not driving on the beach, and a break from what is thought to be an allowable and customary practice for so long, law enforcement action would likely be challenged and not successful.

The Department has no jurisdiction over the Kekaha Beach sections of the proposed legislation, therefore defers to the County of Kaua'i for input on the feasibility of implementation in those areas.

The Department is acutely aware of the issues plaguing Polihale State Park, and therefore has budgeted existing CIP funds to initiate a management plan effort for Polihale State Park, and we included CIP requests for park improvements in the current budget request as well as our 6-year CIP plan, with an aim toward creating a set of vehicle and transportation improvements to greatly enhance dune and beach protection measures. It is our hope that these requests will be supported, and that staff capacity can also be increased commensurate with economic recovery moving forward.

Achieving equitable and responsible vehicle access at Polihale State Park requires a combination of these additional resources and enhanced management capacity, public outreach and education to modify current perception and expectations and the ability to enforce whatever model and capacity is finally determined to be the best balance between recreation and stewardship of sensitive cultural and natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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MICHAEL A. DAHILIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Testimony of

**Michael A. Dahilig**

Managing Director, County of Kaua'i

Before the

**Senate Committee on Water and Land**

Friday, January 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Via Videoconference

In consideration of

**SB 178**

**Relating to Driving on Beaches**

Honorable Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The County of Kaua'i **has comments** on SB 178 which establishes a two-year beach protection pilot program under which no vehicles are authorized to drive on the beach in Polihale State Park or on any beach in Kekaha, Kaua'i, under the jurisdiction of DLNR without a permit; and requires Department of Natural Resources (DLNR) to work with the County of Kaua'i on the feasibility of establishing a similar pilot program at Kekaha Beach Park under the jurisdiction of the County.

This hearing notice is the first the County was made aware of this proposal. While we appreciate the Legislature's efforts in thinking "outside of the box" to generate revenue for the DLNR while regulating the transit of unauthorized vehicles on State lands, we believe this is a State matter and the DLNR is the appropriate managing agency. We acknowledge enforcement and resource management have been challenging for the State.

The County of Kaua'i asks that Section 1. (f) be removed from the measure:

(f) The department of land and natural resources shall work with the county of Kaua'i to determine the feasibility of establishing a pilot program to allow vehicles to drive, subject to a fee and permitting requirement, on those portions of beach at Kekaha beach park that are under the jurisdiction of the county.

We are grateful for the assistance the Legislature and the department have provided in protecting resource areas such as Polihale State Park which are heavily impacted, and appreciate the intent to adequately manage and protect our sensitive places while addressing community safety. We look forward to continuing working with the DLNR when our jurisdictions overlap.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this measure.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:58:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Bonilla	Testifying for Bonilla enterprises inc	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Aloha, I am writing to you in opposition for multiple reasons. One being the fact that we kauaians have limited resources and access to places. It has been getting tighter each year. And to lose this privelage is very saddening for family's with Keiki who will suffer the most. Secondly, as a business owner that specializes in outfitting vehicles for outdoor use, this takes away from my livelyhood. Others in the economy will suffer as well. 90 percent of my business comes from modifying Toyota 4x4 vehicles for camping and or reaching remote places such as the beach or the mountain. It's what attracts people to living on this beautiful island. To take away access makes this place a costly paradise to live in with no paradise. Locals will continue to flee to the mainland. Thankyou for your time. Aloha.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:14:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ethan Page	Testifying for Lawai Market / Little Fish Coffee	Oppose	No

Comments:

To the senate members of Hawaii-

As a long time resident and business owner on the west side of Kaua'i and a resident of Kekaha. I would like to voice my opposition to this bill. The access to the beaches of the Westside of Kauai are so important to the community. We use both Kekaha and Polihale to fish, surf and launch our kayaks to access the coast line. With PMRF not allowing beach acces we will be even more limited to where we can access the ocean. As you know the beaches on the west side get incredibly hot for most of the year and it is just not possible for keiki and Kapuna to access the shoreline unless there is vehicle access.

limiting beach access will make us less sustainable than before and we will be missing one our most precious resources.

Thank you for your time.

Ethan Page

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:34:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelley Hunt	Testifying for Kelleys Surf School	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha , My name is Kelley Hunt owner and operater of Kelleys Surf School Born and raised of the island of Kauai. Part hawaiian I have been Surfing and camping on the West side of Kauai for about 30 Years now. It has been a big part of my life and my childrens life growing up and enjoying the beautiful coast that is basically only accessable by 4wheel drive on the beach.

I feel as many of the fisherman and surfers that this is outrageous to not let us access the beach by 4wheel drive to certain spots as it is basically a desert out there. To access and be able to actually sustain and be on the beach u need to bring shade and supplies as it is very hot and desolate out there. The government has already taken at least 4 or 5 miles of beach by putting a blockade up at kokole point. Denying us access to Housing Majors bay as well as Kini Kini some of the best waves and fishing on the island.

I feel that this is very unfair to the local people who have been going to these places for years and enjoying this coastline. Now the state and government trying to deny more of our freedom and access to these amazing beautiful places. Question? Will the government working on the military base still be driving the beach patrolling. Will they still be launching missles out of the ground while we cant go enjoy the ocean as we did for generations. Are my children not going to be able to enjoy as we did in this already dim weird future of control that is among us in this time? By taking the last of beautiful beach access from us the local hawaiian people.

Complete and utter unfairness to the people of kauai and the native hawaiians. Camping and driving on the beach is an escape from society and the reality of this already insane world among us. Watching the sunset and stars rise on the beach is priceless and if you take that away from us Kauai will never be the same . Please Consider all the memories and good times the people have had and if you take them away as this is part of our culture. Not good the same way you are making kids wear masks and not do outdoor activities is very detrimental to the people of our island. Its phsycally impossible to get to some of these amazing waves without 4wheel drive on the beach as there is 12miles of beatiful white sand beach littered with some of the best waves on the planet. You already took enough from us during 9/11 when they closed housing and majors access from the beach as they kicked everyone out with

machine guns.. How about giving the hawaiian people access to the beach and ocean. Thank you for your consideration for the peoples rights to enjoy Dont take this Privelage away from us ... Mahalo and aloha Kelley Hunt

**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elliot Lucas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose



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Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:15:03 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jonathan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178

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Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:10:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Manawaiakea	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Poli•Hale

House of Bosom

Polihale was a name of a chief whose daughter Napihenui captured the love of KÅ« when she turned him down he started to devour the villagers. So, Polihale dedicated the temple to Kane and Kanaloa with their help they lived in peace from Ku.

The last caretaker in my 'Ohana of this place, space piko point (Heiau) is my 3x great grandfather. The Malama 'Ohana were caretakers from Honopu to Panini under I'O until my tutu Kane Ku Nahinu at the turn in time of the 19th century our family still lived in Nualolo. I come here often cause this is where I've had many spiritual connections on Na Pali Coast. I hope someday we the families whom have iwi kupuna whom Kanu planted themselves here to nourish the aina to flourish future generations can unite and kuleana this place, space. Our ancestral home.

Aloha nui, Manawaiakea

"Bosom of Abraham" refers to the place of comfort in the Biblical Sheol (or Hades in the Greek Septuagint version of the Hebrew scriptures from around 200 BC, and therefore so described in the New Testament) where the righteous dead await Judgment Day.

It is time for the families to come forward, come together and Malama Å€ina. after the states charade of closing Polihale and not being able to vist our ancestral burials. Leads to the continued distrust in the State of Hawaii with making decsions in places we the families should have access to at all times!

the stare of Hawaii must remember the laws of which they stand by. It is not the general public who has ancestral burial, it is not the general public who have cultural practices that stem to this Å• ina thousands of years.

there are many laws that have been broken

article 6 section 2 law of the land.

apology resolution United States of America admittance to the military actions in the illegal takeover as to how Polihale was even acquired by the State of Hawaii. How the access of Polihale was acquired? Full disclosure of title must be made public to understand the STATE of HAWAII authority over these lands held in perpetuity under the Act of the Mahele.

Many 'Ohana can claim time immemorial; we are one

Please remember like my grandfather said- how can they state we need permit? This is an old access. We been traveling here like our ancestors! Which leads me to this article-

Wallace Murray Saving Ancient Trails in Hawaii  
by David Brown, Ted Blake and Jimmy Medeiros

In June 2014 the United Nations' cultural agency, UNESCO, granted World Heritage status to the Inca trail system, recognizing that trails can rank alongside the Acropolis in Greece or the Cathedral of Notre Dame in France as some of the world's most important cultural treasures.

Hawaii has its own network of ancient trails, which were once at the very heart of Hawaiian culture. Great alaloa (long trails) circled each island carrying the king's runners. Mauka-makai (inland-to-ocean) trails ascended up toward the mountains from each ahupua'a (traditional subdivision of land), providing economic sustenance to communities. Countless other trails were important enough to be part of the Hawaiian vocabulary, including ala iki (short narrow trails), alahaki (mountain ladder trails), and ala ulili (steep trails up cliffs).

Unlike the steps recently taken by UNESCO, however, Hawaii's state government—including the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)—has largely sat back and watched as Hawaii's trails are steadily being paved over. DLNR is neglecting Hawaii's trails, even as laws direct it to protect, preserve, and, where appropriate, provide public access to these cultural and historical treasures.

Hawaii actually has some of the most robust laws to protect trails. In 1892, shortly before the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, Queen Liliuokalani enacted the Highways Act, providing that all trails then existing, and all trails built by the government thereafter, shall remain public resources until abandoned pursuant to due process of

law. This act, substantively unchanged until today, was enacted when Hawaii's public lands were being widely privatized.

In 1974, Hawaii's Legislature reinforced the Highways Act by creating the Na Ala Hele (NAH) program under DLNR. Similar to the UNESCO decision to designate world heritage sites, Hawaii's Legislature at the time recognized the need to "implement a statewide trail and access system" to "showcase Hawaii's unique natural and cultural treasures for environmental education and for the appreciation of nature and history."

Contrary to the original mandate given to the NAH, however, over the decades DLNR has largely failed to protect trails, either looking the other way or, worse, permitting developers to bulldoze, gate or even pave over Hawaii's ancient trails. DLNR erroneously asserts that Hawaii's laws are not strong enough to protect Hawaii's ancient trails. As a result of government's failure to take action, communities themselves have had to sue developers and landowners to protect Hawaii's trails and accesses. For example, in 2002, community groups—with no aid from DLNR—had to take up the burden of protecting a stone-paved, 2-mile stretch of the ancient alaloa that traversed the Hokulia property in South Kona, which state archaeologists confirmed was built by Hawaiians no later than the 14th century.

Last year on Maui, DLNR again refused to act to protect Haleakala Trail until citizens sued DLNR and Haleakala Ranch Co. (HRC). Subsequently, DLNR agreed to participate in the lawsuit against HRC only to avoid being named a defendant. In April 2014, a jury ruled in favor of the public to protect 4 miles of this historical trail. Despite this landmark victory, DLNR continues to neglect the trail, and is even considering a possible deal to exchange Haleakala Trail for other property located elsewhere on Maui.

On Kauai, citizens have also been forced to go to court in an effort to try to enforce laws that were specifically enacted to preserve the ancient Hapa Trail, which is being threatened by the planned subdivision at Poipu.

Our Hawaii Legislature has also failed to enforce the public's rights in these trails and accesses. During the 2014 session, HRC sought radical amendments that would have eviscerated the Highways Act. Not coincidentally, the bill would have retroactively applied to nullify the lawsuit aimed at protecting Haleakala Trail.

In the past decade, few leaders have expressed outrage at DLNR's actions; fewer still demanded that the state agency follow the law to protect Hawaii's ancient trails. We urge current candidates for public office to publicly commit themselves to following, and seeking implementation of, existing laws preserving historic trails. Who else will protect Hawaii's unique heritage?

David Brown is executive director of Public Access Trails Hawaii (PATH); Ted Blake is director of Malama Koloa; and Jimmy Medeiros is president of Protect Keopuka 'Ohana.

Put a spot aside for kupuna parking. Set aside an area for boats to access drop off loading and unloading zone and put signs to buffer burials in sand dunes. Let the community Malama Ā• ina. Mainly, the Ohana whom have kupuna iwi buried there.

aloha,

Manawaiakea

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:14:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peleke Flores	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha my name is Peleke Flores,

I am a resident of Waimea Kaua'i and my ancestors have lived and are buried in places from Hanapepe to Polihale.

I do not support this bill and I feel for us as the community did not get to express our opinions on the proposal.

We are affiliated with a grassroots organization called Ku Kona a Ola that can help collect data from over 1200 and counting west Kaua'i residents on this issue. We hope to support this data of the west Kaua'i communities thoughts on this issue by the testimony date.

Mahalo nui loa for your time,

Peleke Flores

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:03:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cory Keone Riley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Firstly, thank you for including the community in this process. I do believe more time should have been given for the word to get out. It seemed knowledge of measure began spreading widely on Tuesday the 26th. I would have appreciated more time to collect my thoughts on such a serious matter. I need to oppose this measure strongly, but let me explain the specifics of why:

The sand access on the Westside is a massive resource for fisherman, for surfers, and also for all of their families. This long ago became a cultural aspect of Kauai life. And, it's been a past time luxury to simply drive onto the beaches there. This is known for anyone who calls the Kekaha or Polihale their backyard.

The Westside once felt very free. I remember as small child hiding inside of tire tracks in the sand at Majors Bay and accessing the bay through the PMRF military base. This was after Hurricane Iniki and the Westside was one of the few refuges for families who had very little money to entertain themselves with. A lot of people were out of work at that time, the hotels were deserted; very similar to things now.

I haven't been to Majors Bay since 9/11, it's too far to walk since they put up a beach barricade after the attacks. I have to walk 20-minutes from the military barricade now to not make it as far as "Majors" but to access a wave that's a bit closer called "Family Housings"; one of my favorite waves on the island. And, I can only get to the barricade if I drive on sand, past a drag racing strip, a shrimp farm, a clandestine GMO testing site for Monsanto, and then past the Kekaha Dump. I would imagine that would be a knee aching 45-minute walk from the only access point at the bottom of the dragstrip. There are simply no other access points made available. These are too many private entities

with security guards. The only way to access one of Kauai's most popular areas for surfing, fishing, or watching the sunset as a family is by a four-wheel drive vehicle.

Kauai has changed a lot. And, not better for the community. We used to sleep on the sand and watch the stars on the westside without looking over our shoulder. That time is gone. I can't understand what would motivate such heavy regulation on this island to become normal. Shutting off access has become a normal part of this recent eras.

The island feels smaller than when I was a child. And, this is happening not only from the state or county. Private entities, hotels, beach homes for the wealthy have been taking an inch at a time. It's a compound problem for this community. It's weighing on me. And, I think about it often.

We simply cannot continue moving in this direction. If there are issues occurring on the Westside one might describe as bad actors, then we have to attack those issues in a different way. The community as a whole is being hurt by constant and sudden heavy-handed regulation. No one wants to feel like the DLNR is Hawaii's Gestapo checking their papers when they're simply accessing waves, go fishing, or spend time as a family. No one wants Hawaii to become like California where you need a permit a year in advance just to go camping or fishing. And, it is heading in that direction.

Kauai is well known for people passionate care for the resources on the island. If there's an issue here, it should certainly become a community conversation before legislation.

Thank you,

Cory K Riley



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Committee on Water and Land

Friday January 29, 2020 1PM  
31st Legislature, 2021  
Public hearing to 01-29-21 1:00PM in conference room 229

Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE SB178

Committee Chair Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Committee Vice Chair Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Senate Members,

My name is Taryn Dizon and I was born and raised on the Westside of Kaua'i. The objective of this program may be positive, but I believe the execution is too immature to be successful. The language in the bill also excludes the use of the seasonal boat ramp access via the identified Forestry recreational area and obtaining a camping permit is already near impossible. In a statement printed in the Garden Island Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> Representative Morikawa identified key factors of the closure of Polihale was "management and enforcement problems that needed to be addresses". Prior to reaching our end goal of enhanced beach access, we must strengthen our systems and take the necessary steps prior to sustaining effective results. If enforcement was one of the main root causes of how we got here, who will enforce these "new" permits?

Enhancing our systems is critical but protecting access to Na Pali Coast is imperative to perpetuate and continue our generational knowledge of 'Ike 'Aina, learning from the land. People say Pohoiki or Kikiaola boat harbors are one of the scariest harbors to navigate in the State, but only a few have the knowledge to navigate from Polihale which makes this cultural practice *scarce*.

Land has no need for man, but man needs the land and works it for livelihood.

We, the stewards of the land, depend on this access that feeds and sustains us. Due to the winter swells, access to the Na Pali Coast is extremely limited to a few months out of year. We own small vessels to execute our lessons which makes it impossible to use Kikiaola boat harbor. Even if we have small vessels, we pay the same ramp and registration fees.

Being avid users of the Na Pali Coast, we take advantage of the summer recreational access. Obtaining permits are near impossible to obtain due to the "30 day rule" and weather. Putting additional red tape for ramp access will cause unforeseen consequences.

Being able to legally drive on the sand may be the main objective of this pilot program but we need to strengthen our pillars to have a solid foundation by enhancing enforcement and include the recreational area. As written, this bill will greatly reduce our opportunity to develop our Keiki to lead our future and be prepared for humanity.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB178

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in opposition to proposed legislation.

Taryn Dizon

Kekaha, Kaua'i Hawaii

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 8:03:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jose Borja	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE SB178

Committee Chair Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Committee Vice Chair Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Senate Members,

My name is Jose "June" Borja and I was born and raised on the Westside of Kaua'i. I strongly Oppose on bill SB178.

We, the stewards of the land, depend on this access that feeds and sustains us. Due to the winter swells, access to the Na Pali Coast is extremely limited to a few months out of year. We own small vessels to execute our lessons which makes it impossible to use Kikiaola boat harbor. Even if we have small vessels, we pay the same ramp and registration fees.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB178

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in opposition to proposed legislation.

Jose "June" Borja

Kekaha, Kaua'i Hawaii

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 5:44:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blisse Lester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**Firstly, I understand the feelings of disbelief and condemnation of this bill by the general public. As a child I grew up on Polihale and know many others here, I'm sure, did as well. I always remember riding in the back of the truck and flying across the dunes. It was amazing to me.**

**But then I grew up, had children of my own. I learned a little more about the world and realized all the detrimental effects that may have had. Not just on the environment, but the place that I love as well. When you know better you do better, and 'we' have not been doing better. It is our generation's responsibility to show our children a better way.**

**Since when is destroying our island with irresponsible practices a 'right'? Since when does disregarding the greater good an impediment to your happiness? I grew up and knew that reckless actions were a reflection on my character and a stain on how people would see me in the future. This is our generation's stain.**

**Polihale is a sacred place. I think we have forgotten that throughout the years. It is an area rich with history and people. It isn't just a pretty beach. Living on this island, being a part of its land you should know that, but many of us don't. Driving recklessly, destroying the dunes, has consequences. I am glad that the state is stepping in before it is too late because we were on a path to self destruction and no one was stopping us.**

**I was fortunate enough to see the destruction of Polihale with my own eyes and I was embarrassed. I was embarrassed that no one taught us what was right. I was embarrassed that no one spoke up and said make this place better for the next generation.**

**I've seen the beauty and respect that we can have for sacred areas. Take a swing by Ha'ena. Look at how beautiful it is, see how people now respect that place. No one is going to respect you, unless you respect yourself. When we do not show others what responsible practice is, it gives strangers to the area permission to be disrespectful.**

**I could be spiteful and just say good for you guys, but then I am hopeful that something amazing will come of this. Get involved, don't just come here to complain and cry that you're being oppressed. Come up with solutions, take action, teach your children. Make west Kauai better for the next generation. Be the way, west kauai, Not the reason.**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 12:56:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelsey Hesapene	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Kelsey K Hesapene

I was born and raised on this island of Kauai in the town of Kekaha. 30 years of my life I was raised in this town where going to the beach and driving on the beach was a normal thing for its residents. My family and friends used it to gather fish, gather food, surf and play. Overall the beach was well used in many ways. As the years passed and life got faster with vehicles and technology, we have all seen what humans have done and are doing, when we don't take care, not being mindful, and not coming too solutions balance (Pono).

I come today not to grumble or choose sides, but I come to find balance and help to find a middle in this situation. I do agree with the states 2 year stop of driving on our beaches I also can see why people are upset about it because I feel that side of it too. So where can we find a middle?

there's no solution to make everyone happy, but there is a solution to have balance and be Pono with all of us coming together and working it out.

so to the State, as a resident of our state and island. We putting our trust in you to protect and revive our beach from human damage by taking away our right to not be driving on the beach. With that be said. I think you should put trust in us and contract the Kekaha residents to clean all invasive plant species along beach line and then provide us to landscape the area and build an acces road so by the end of the two years. We will have access and a plan to maintain the beach line and have us humans and the beach to be working Pono. Also for that two years have a boat access area at the end of polihale for the fisherman with smaller boats to launch. It's a far look ahead but I can imagine it.

all we need is the funding to do it. The state should fundraising because the beachside is state land and this is there idea for this. The government should also provide because the removal of all the envasive species came from them protecting the military base with its keave. We as the people shall take care of our ainand be the people to make this road and make this happen. Mahalo!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:43:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Abraham Frehm	Testifying for Marine surveyor	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a kyack fisherman, I bought my kyack for polihale. It is to heavy for me to carry down the beach. I only know the day before if the weather and ocean conditions will be safe. If you take away the ability to drive on the beach, then I will not be abel to fish polihale anymore.

Please remeber the fisherman.

Captain Abraham C Frehm

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:56:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pi'ikea Matias	Testifying for Hui Malama Polihale	Support	No

Comments:

Foremost, I believe that our land needs to be protected. I believe in connection to 'aina. As a young girl, I was always taught to respect the land and that everything has a spirit. Through hula and my hanai 'ohana, who are lineal descendants of Polihale, I learned many things about the area. Not only was it once a thriving agricultural area, but one of royalty and sacredness. Our 'ohana is still buried there til this day. Polihale is our entrance to Po. The after life.

After the closure of the park in July, I was deeply moved to protect and guard this 'aina. What was done by our own Kaua'i people is a disgrace. I believe that driving on the beach encourages bad behavior. It encourages illegal activities such as underage drinking, littering, drug use, illegal camping, illegal dumping and desecration of historical gravesites. It also encourages the lack of respect for kanaka maoli who belong to that 'aina! And maybe even themselves.

I understand that many people are unaware of the sacredness of the area. We need to come together to protect what is left. It is sad to see how generations of people have mistreated Polihale. Mistreated our culture. We need to make a change for generations to come, so our keiki can still be called keiki o ka 'aina.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 4:40:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jesse white	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing this testimony in opposition of the ban on beach driving for the the kekaha and polihale areas. My first concern is taking away the ability to access parts of the coast that are important for gathering resources safely. My second is the safety of ocean goers and surfers, there have been many times where a person on the beach with a vehicle has had to provide transportation from the beach to either the main road or hospital itself. It cannot come down to the states control. It should be community managed and up to us to report bad behavior and a DLNR presence would be helpful in reminding those people who are being reckless or plan to be know there will be consequences. A straight out ban hurts more people that benefit from responsibly attending the beach.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 4:48:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Treanor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is so bad for the residents of Kaua'i. How much more are you going to take away from us after we've lost so much already from this pandemic? Keep the beaches open to driving. It's one of the few places we have left to go and live our lifestyle. You can't take away everything locals enjoy while allowing the wealthy elite to have their way. Please don't do this. Mahalo.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 4:59:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
dustin telles	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support SB178

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:01:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
talon jeffries	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Instead of shutting beaches down, we should make it easier on everyone and maybe implement more trash cans, more showers/bathrooms. Instead of stripping us from what we like to do on our days off, you should implement more necessities so our beaches stay clean and we can keep our doing what we love to do, allot of familys spend their weekends/days off to go down the beach pop a tent and hang out on the tailgate without having to walk a mile down the beach in scorching hot sun. If this bill were to be implemented it would be stripping us from much more that just being able to drive on the beach. If there was more trash cans and signs over the beach the beaches would be able to stay clean. That way everyone wins.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:05:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kezya rego	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this position. Driving on the beaches are a given right to the people that live here. I don't believe a permit should be required to drive on these beaches. We've been doing it our whole lives and have the right as locals to do this. I ask for you to reconsider this position.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:05:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joshua Rex	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am asking you humbly as someone who has grown up on Kauai their entire life. We really enjoy our beaches we love our beaches we love Polihale and we love targets and or kekaha as you are calling it. As a surfer I've grown up surfing these places all my life and not only is it nostalgic but is good for my soul and the soul of others. We enjoy and love going to these places hanging out with friends and family barbecuing surfing fishing and enjoying all the amenities of driving on the beach has to offer. Accessing by beach via driving it's not only convenient but I must in most situations. If you can find it in your hearts to shoot down this bill please do. I would really appreciate it!!  
mahalo

Joshua Rex

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:06:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keana Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The islanders should not be punished for others actions. The beach access is a way of life, providing for our families etc.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:10:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelsey Molina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support this bill. Most of Kauai has been sold, gated, and changed to benefit tourism and out of state transplants. Kekaha and Polihale are some of the last places where Kauai people can go to surf, camp, fish, and swim, away from the companies and people who have developed the land and gated us out of places that were once accessible. Our county parks have been designated for homeless and vacation rentals block our shorelines. There is no place left. Don't charge us to visit kekaha and Polihale.

Charge tourist and make them reserve in advance and pay a fee for day use only (like Haena). Allow camping for locals (with permit), and show ID for day use.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:17:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jaime Villatora	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing this testimony is Opposition of SB178. It is a means to kill a lifestyle and keeping people away from and off of Polihale beach. Stop taking away all of our beaches from us. Stop trying to rob Kauai people of our lifestyle. Isn't taking away driving on the beach at Black Pot enough? You have to take away all other beach driving too? Disgusting.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:17:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sue Schott	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I, Suzanne Schott, submit my written testimony in opposition to SB 178. I have been a resident on the west side of Kaua`i for more than 30 years. This bill will cause more harm than good. Many Westside families gather and fish, swim and rely on their ability to use the west side beaches for sustenance, cultural practices and a variety of ocean sports. Many require equipment and gear (surfboards, poles, etc) in order to engage in these activities. Without the ability to access the shoreline with vehicles will prohibit Kaua`i residents from doing engaging in these practices. In addition, it will make it virtually impossible for disabled and kupuna to have access without the use of a vehicular transportation. It is imperative that SB178 be stopped at all costs!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:24:29 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jared Morsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

This Bill SB178 that prohibits residents free access to drive on the beaches of the Westside of Kauai is a direct attack on the culture and lifestyle of the West Side, and gives only the few who have the money to afford permits to have an unfair advantage of gain access to driving on the beaches.

The culture of the Westside is of community and Ohana, and as a community we love our beaches and Kokee, these are our pride and joy. After a hard weeks of work hundreds of us hit the beaches or Kokee. Eliminating our beach driving access would destroy our ability as Ohana to go to our favorite beach spots to surf, fish, camp, bbq, have fun and relax with each other. Access by vehicle is the only reasonable way to do any of these activities. Eliminating our access to driving on the beach would cause easy walking access beaches to be over crowded and not enjoyable, becoming more like Waikiki. This would cause more frustration and less happiness for us on the Westside.

Having to pay money to acquire access to drive on the beaches would give those who have money an unfair advantage over the majority Westsiders would struggle to pay the bills. If you need more money for your department then take money from those who have some to give, not the majority of the Westsiders who struggle to pay rent and survive on Kauai. Don't resort to taking from the poor to fund your government.

Therefore, please do not take one of the things that so many of us Westsiders cherish so much, being able to drive to our favorite places to forget about the hard stuffs in life and just enjoy the ocean, sand, and our Ohana that's like no other place in the world. This is what makes the Westside the best side.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Jared Morsey

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Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:26:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brianna Griep	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the SB178 motion 100%! Being able to drive on the beach is one of the best things we are able to do, especially during hard time involving this pandemic, we need more adventures, not more restraints. I love the accessibility we have as locals, to be able to drive to secluded areas on the shore where you can all have personal space! Family time, beach days, endless memories of driving along the coast with friends and family is something you do not want to take away. You should be promoting spending more time at the beach for the locals who are the only ones with accessibility to even drive on the sand. Promoting respectful guidelines concerning driving on the beaches is all that is needed. Please do not take this privelege away from the kanaka maoli.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:32:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Think about the fisherman who can only get to there spots by driving on the sand with all there gear to bring home food for there family's. Been doing this for decades all all of a sudden you people are not going to allow it? You going to make us walk? In the 5+ miles of sand with the westside heat? The worst part is who ever makes these bills probably never even been to these beaches and don't know how important a vehicle on the sand in the right circumstances could be. The parking lot alone to the water is already a walk and a half.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:35:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kalei	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

You can't take that away from the people of this island, this is a place we go to get peace and have fun in this pandemic we are in.. please don't do this to our island

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:42:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Riley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We respectfully ask this Bill SB178 not to be considered or passed. The limited access to so many families, surfers, and firsherman must be protected. This bill would be a crushing blow to many who really need the space and access that driving on the beach provides. Please keep in mind that their is no public access to much of this are, without being able to drive many citizens would be denied use of area. This is a horrible solution at a very difficult time. Please consider spending the legislative time and resources on something more productive, such as providing relief or a pathway to re-entry for many businesses and unemployed.  
Mahalo

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:43:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nikole Keahiolalo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. My family and I are born and raised here and grew up driving our family on the beach at Polihale. Please do not restrict driving access for those who love and respect Polihale. Please find another way to issue citations for those who abuse this.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:45:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Darian Ponce	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. My family and I are born and raised here and grew up driving our family on the beach at Polihale. Please do not restrict driving access for those who love and respect Polihale. Please find another way to issue citations for those who abuse this.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 5:55:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
charlee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We've been driving on beaches for years and every single beach always gets closed off and we're not allowed to drive on the sand anymore. It's our lifestyle, fisherman drive right up to the beach to set up camp to bring fish home for their families to partake in. Families want to be able to watch their kids swim without having to walk so far to get something from their vehicles. When people go camping they want to camp on beach, and driving on the sand makes it easier. People just have to learn to be more respectful, but taking away our right to drive on the beach is wrong.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:07:09 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sanoë Taniguchi-Simbre	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not agree with this bill, I grew up camping and going on the beaches, and I would like my kids to grow up doing the same thing as well.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:07:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leisha Saio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha ,

My name is Leisha Saio on behalf of myself and my spouse I would just like to say , we enjoy Kekaha beach and Polihale , we enjoy riding sand we are also considerate of other especially ones who have children . That is what we look forward to after a long week of work We fish , We catch enough to eat to put on the table and we pack our rubbish Out , we would hope for everyone to do the same but it's sad that a few bad apples will ruin it for the ones who actually take care and enjoy the beach like we do . Please I ask you to not let the bad apples to dictate your decision. We honestly have nothing on the Westside we don't have malls that is why we look forward to our weekends we enjoy having space that way we can stay safe . Please don't let us have to pay for permit to enjoy the simple things .

Mahalo

Leisha Saio

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:08:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Candace McCallum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a resident of the west side (Makaweli) I am sad that other community members have abused this privelege to the point that it may be taken away completely. I'm sure you've all visited beaches on the west side, including Polihale. They are largely inaccessible without a vehicle to take you to certain areas. The west side is hot, as we all know. Shade tents are needed on most days - especially when young children are spending the day at the beach with family members and need shade for naps, etc. Driving on the beach allows community members to carry such supplies to their destination without trekking across burning hot sand to do so.

I am not opposed to a system that would allow driving on the beach to be policed and governed on a regular basis to allow the residents of the island to have access to places that would otherwise not be so. I frequent the west side beaches and i see most families and people doing the right thing. I pick up trash left behind by others to maintain the pristine sands. Perhaps an annual pass would be an ideal situation. And the money could go to maintaining and updating the beach parks.

If the permit system goes into effect - where is the money for the permits going to be allocated?

I apologize for not having a more put together testimony as I just heard about this today, Tuesday January 26, 2021. I urge you to realize that not allowing driving on the west side beaches would keep MANY people from being able to enjoy what makes our island so special.

Mahalo,

Candace Mccallum



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:12:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Hubbard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178 because access to the beach for recreation is already limited in some areas of our island. The areas in this bill are some of the remaining areas that are still accessible by vehicle to the shoreline for fishing and wave riding. If fund raising is the goal of this measure, I believe there to be wiser methods. If restricting vehicular access to a beach is the focus, than using existing County of Kauai regulations already allows for enforcement. Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our community.  
Signed, David Hubbard

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:20:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
julian lucas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I understand the need for preventing the distruction of shoreline and natural habitats but a total shutdown of accessing the beaches via vehicle would too harsh. Would like to see a pay to play access in place at some point once more details are established.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:18:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kekoa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Having the privilege to drive on the sand should not be with an permit, everyone should obey the rules and regulations.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:33:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aaron Labuguen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Oppose this bill.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:37:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose. I live on Kauai from 6 generations on the westside, and the less places we can access the more of our cultures we are losing. This area Polihale and Kekaha isn't an area safe enough to park your vehicle and walk to a fishing or beach spot. Family and friends gather together on these beaches and enjoy life. Driving is necessary for many people where elderly and sometimes handicap wouldn't be able to walk far.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:39:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
enisa quesada	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Nobody should control the beaches, we should not need permits to enjoy public space. Since the beginning of the pandemic especially, so many god given rights have become illegal or mandated against. We are losing more and more of our rights every day and one of the last few things we have to enjoy becoming heavily regulated is against the people's right to enjoy the place we live

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:39:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Guy Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I agree with the need to protect our west side beaches from people who abuse their privilege of driving trucks out there but it worries me what a sweeping measure like this would mean for the users who follow the rules. I feel any Bill that moves forward needs to ensure people are still able to access the beach in their vehicles and not be an excuse to put up boulders in the entrance while things are "figured out". Access to the west side beaches is a huge part of daily life for people in my community and I would hate to see them lumped in with the people that have no respect for the beach. For the last year we have had access to the military base suspended with no set end date making it a scary concept to have even more of our access taken away on the west side

Thank you, Guy Miller

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 6:42:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicholas Moore	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I welcome permits as long as they do not impede Westside residents' ability to traverse Targets beach on a regular basis and are not too difficult or too expensive for the regular person to purchase. Possible characteristics of said permits would be things such as 3 month permit with automatic renewal, priced reasonably such as ~\$50 for 3 months, resident only, etc.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:14:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
dalton christy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is crazy... nobody owns the beach and you shouldn't ever be charged a fee to access it with your vehicle for camping purposes/gathering rights.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:17:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kalehua yokotake	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not agree with not letting people drive on the beach, with COVID and being on lock down we the people need something to do productively, the beach is where we can be with our Ohana and take a break from COVID. If u take away being able to go on the sand more crime will happen.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:19:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
leiana alejandro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:22:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
chasen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Driving sand on the west side of kauai is one last places their actually is enough beach to drive

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:22:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Richard Mosley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose. Driving on the beach is fundamental to our lifestyle on the west side of Kauai. The large beaches and remote areas for fishing, surfing, and recreating with family almost require a vehicle to access.

Further, the minimal amount of negative incidents on the many miles of beach should not overshadow the thousands of responsible and safe experiences had by the overwhelming majority of residents and visitors to these beaches.

The environmental impact is nominal and would only improve by completely excluding humans from all access to these beaches. The driving on sand is not the problem.

Any problems that this proposal aims to solve could more readily be addressed with enforcement of existing regulations.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:23:50 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aaron Arizo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

There should be more enforcement of current rules and regulations instead of making new ones that ruin it for everyone. How are you going to enforce the new rules if you can't even enforce the current ones?

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:25:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
vaughn thompson	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Aloha, my name is Vaughn Thompson. I am 25 years-old and was born and raised in Kalaheo, Kauai. Growing up, we always were at the beach. Not only for fun or to getaway with the friends and family, but, a place where we, the people of Kauai may go to sustainably catch their own food from the ocean. I always practice this right as a native Hawaiian to drive down to the water where I can catch my next meal. Rather than shutting down the beach by not allowing anyone to drive on the sand, why don't we educate everyone about the native plants found in polihale or how the dunes are a burial site with our ancestors bones.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:27:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Yael Claussen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Yael Claussen, and a long-time Kauai resident in the Ele'ele district. I am writing to express my opposition to SB178 regarding the pilot preservation program restricting vehicles on the beach. I feel like now, during the lengthy pandemic where our keiki are already being restricted from school and sports would be a terrible time to restrict our access to many of our favorite places where my family enjoys learning and playing outdoors. Please vote no on this bill.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:28:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
T. Rich Tucker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because I use the beach access for subsistence fishing. The beaches on Kauai are so large that walking it is impossible. During these tough times I have relied more on the ocean than ever. As I am victim of choosing a career based in tourism. I would rather see you introduce a bill that keeps outsiders from buying up affordable homes, and stops the out of control development is causing the population to rise, please help us poor locals hold onto what little of our way of life we have left

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:32:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lester domingo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not take away the privilege to ride vehicles on beach, as there is nothing much to do here on kauai alone. This has been a kauai "lifestyle" please keep it kauai.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:33:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
miles arakaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Block access of any vehicles will not change or help what was said "above" people use it to get fishing areas an surf spots or camping areas. Hope others ways solve your problems because i dont see anything wrong wit it as is now

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:43:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cale Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I am opposing SB 178. I was raised in Kekaha on the shores of Kekaha and Mana. We grew up fishing and camping every weekend. I learned how to fish and dive here. I learned the importance of conservation and subsistence fishing from it. The beaches here on the westside are long and hot. Subsistence fishing will be impossible if we had walk to the fishing spots with all of our gear. For years we were allowed to drive and park for subsistence Fishing. 911 twin towers took away most of the fishable shoreline. Why the change now? Please dismiss this bill. There are other ways to regulate driving on the beach especially those that ruin it for the deserving residents of the west side particularly the locals that live in that Ahupua'a (Kekaha/Waimea in particular). We have for years been allowed to drive on the beach for sustainable Fishing. NOT allowing us to drive and access these areas for subsistence fishing will be a tremendous blow to those of us that depend on sustainable living.

Respectfully,

Life Long Kekaha Resident,

Cale Fernandez

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:43:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kiana kawaihalau-ledward	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

thank you for giving us the opportunity to fight for what we love. I understand all the things going on at fault for riding on the sand but I'm my honest opinion I believe regardless with or without this rule there will still have people riding on the sand and this can be due to lack of parking, closer to the ocean because family's have lots of beach supplies for kids and safety. If you give rules we can respectfully obey instead of completely taking away a privilege. Kauai is a very small island with limited to due and with that being said going to the beach takes a big impact on what we like to do on our free time. With COVID-19 in place we have already been limited in doing a lot of things on island with all the rules required to obey. Please don't take this away from us! Most times people who ride on sand have there vehicle with them for closer supervision so people don't steal from them, comfort for the kids, easier to haul trash. This is what we all love to do just to take a cruise, go to the beach with family and friends go fishing. Some beaches require to drive on sand for parking purposes and some beaches are far away from the ocean to the parking lot and even when camping some use there trucks to support there campsite like hold there tent in place, etc.. Please keep all this in mind. Thank you so much for your time. Mahalo

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:47:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jacob	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Regulate people more who drive on the beach. But closing it down to people who fish and surf will hurt the community. Yes there are too many people driving out there. But there is no one regulating it. Please don't take the beach away from the west side community. Miles of beach will be useless. Think about the community. Please

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:51:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tucker Giuliano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in response to SB 178 "RELATING TO DRIVING ON BEACHES"

I am strongly opposed. Have we thought about what has been going on all year with covid and how one of the very few safe and healthy things we can do as a family is enjoy our beautiful beach's Or about the many that fish to provide food for themselves and there families?

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:58:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin vegas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it pertains

Driving on the beach shouldn't be something us locals should have to pay for! It should be a privilege and a privilege we should be able to enjoy and not have to worry about these kind of fees or permits to enjoy our beaches.

We enjoy the freedom to enjoy the beaches the way we do now. To place a 2 year closing of no vehicle access is unnecessary because there is no other way but vehicle travel to access any parts of these beaches that you are planning on restricting access to. These beaches are long stretches of sand that we as locals use to gather food, fish for our ohana. To block this off I personally think can and will be a bad idea and may cause more trouble than it will prevent.

In all I just really think you folks should look at the big picture before coming to conclusion. It's not something we can benefit from. It's a privilege we all will lose and feel the effects of.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:52:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keira McCoy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

1. Born and raised on Kauai, these beaches hold many amazing memories. I continue to share these memories with my own children and would really hate to see the very few freedoms we have on island be stripped away. This bill comes at a time when many locals are struggling, mentally and financially, to survive. My husband told me "this would be damaging to my mental health" and as a wife, a nurse and a human being.. this is alarming. Not being able to drive on the sand limits the access to many miles of beaches, elderly and those with small children would struggle to get their children down towards the water. When properly used, the people of Kauai can continue to help preserve the beauty of Kauai. Let us keep this freedom, we deserve it . Please do no limit any access to the places that hold our hearts . Thank you

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:58:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am against Bill sb178. These beautiful beaches is really all we have left here on kauai. These beaches are used by all of kauai. Fishermen's and ohana's are using these beaches each and every day. Fishermen gather food to feed their ohana from the ocean. Families use the beach to spend quality time with love ones. Please don't take this away for the people who does respect and love these beaches.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:59:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Seaman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello, my name is Brian Seaman from Kalaheo. I want to oppose this bill for the following reasons. First off, I want to say that restricting vehicles from Polihale and Kekaha will only make it harder for community to enjoy it. Since Covid started, social distancing has been required island wide in public areas. In order for everyone to social distance on the beaches, how will they get to the farther areas from the road with all of their stuff? Many families (including mine) go to these beaches respectfully in order to spend quality time and enjoy themselves. There has been many instances where people disrespect and leave trash and don't take care of the beach but not everyone should be punished for it. There has to be a better way to address this instead of taking something that means so much to the community. Thank you for reading my testimony.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:59:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kathryn walter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I vote to oppose this bill.

Please think about and consider everything that has been taken away from us already. Mahaelepu closed. Alexander dam closed. Kipu falls closed. Waipahehe closed. Gates everywhere. So many spots gone for the keiki they will never experience! Such a shame.

I dream about the Kauai that I want my son to grow up in. Being able to drive on the beach is a huge part of that dream.

What about the surfers? They can't drive the beach on those empty, cold winter days to check the waves? When the beaches are virtually empty? Why would you take that away from them?

This bill is unfair to them, to our keiki, and to everyone else who loves and respects Polihale and Kekaha.

I would call upon the citizens to call out and report any body driving recklessly on the beach, driving on the dunes and descrating sacred spots and killing native plants.

The people of Kauai have the best interest of the island at heart and have the DLNRs back in enforcing these rules.

Please don't take polihale and inters, targets, second ditch etc away from us.

Much aloha and mahalos

Kat

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:59:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryden Nobriga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill because this is taking away what very few things can still be done on kauai. Its going to make harder for fisherman wanting to fish, surfers wanting to surf, andfamilys wanting to have beach days having to pack things in walking into the beach and pack things coming out. It is also taking away from the keiki that look forward to having beach days with family at polihale and kekaha beach being able to drive up onto the beach and jump into the water but with this bill they would be forced to walk on the hot sand in the blazing hot sun just to enjoy the water. I again strongly oppose this bill.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 7:59:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Willys Labanon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is where I bring my family to fish for our dinner. The heat from walking in the beach is unbearable that's why we drive on the beach to get to our fishing locations, which is beyond walking distance. Please don't take away our fishing grounds where our families having been fishing for generations and where I plan on fishing with my future generations. Thank you and Aloha.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:00:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Micah Finnila	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a resident living in Kekaha, my family and I utilize both beaches frequently. This proposed bill has no substance to it, what is DLNR's plan for both beaches? Providing the detailed plans, how the plans will be executed and how these plans will benefit the island and the community would be appreciated. More transparency would be helpful. The way this current bill was introduced/written concerns me and details would help.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:01:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryce johnson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am OPPOSED to SB178. I grew up camping and surfing on the westside and vehicle access is a way of life out here for us. DLNR has not done its job in the past with regulation as we have seen with Polihale so why whould we give them a chance now! County and DLNR has not worked well in the past and has no part in our future. We already lost access to PMRF this year which limits what we can even do on the westside, you are giving more teens and adults less options which can lead to suicide and drug use. Don't restict access due to a few bad apples. Lets work together and post rules that can be followed. If permits are the only way then lets create educational classes like we have for Jet skis for young people who want to drive on the beach and follow proper edicate. Countries like Australia have excellent examples of this.

Aloha

Bryce Johnson

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:03:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin C Town	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Leaders,

Please do not take away our convenient beach access.

It is critical for the surfers and our families.

Critical for the proud surf culture of Kauai and Hawaii. Critical for mothers who want to join their children at the beach surfing.

When I think of all the places we have lost access to on Kauai in my lifetime it makes me truly sad for the children and for the people in general.

Waipahe'e Slippery Slides

Alexander Dam Area

Mahaulepu has been closed for over a year now

All of the Pacific Missile Range Facility coast access

Palama Pond Coastal area

Kipu Falls

All the motor biking areas of my youth,

Kelepa ridge and Waimea Canyon .

There are many more!

We need to be opening up places for the enjoyment of the people and our visitors!!!

Creating more love of the land, more things to do and enjoy for health and life.

Not creating less and less to do.

Please help us, for the love of the children.

Lets not let a few bad apples ruin it for all the rest of us.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:03:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kahiau Niheu	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as a westside resident and going to school to become a primary care provider to serve and stay within my westside community driving sand at Kekaha contribute to some of my fondest memories of place. I find this bill hypocritical to want to uphold values of aloha aina when a landfill is just hundreds of feet away from where we as a community go to relax. Now more than ever with COVID 19 a communal response to going to our special places in need of relaxation and a break from the stresses and anxiety created by this pandemic. To charge a tax to drive our own vehicles on sand is ludicrous in a time where Hawaii's unemployment is at all time high. As a frontline worker I appreciate my time away from dealing with this pandemic and enjoy surfing that whole coastline from Rifle Range to Intahz. At Polihale I feel a program should be started because of the blatant disrespect from both malihini and tamaaina alike to vandalizing a place of beauty however this bill is not the correct way of fixing that problem.. Senator Kouchi should get back to his roots in Waimea and ask the community how to solve these problems rather than thinking he speaks for us as an entirety. I unfortunately won't be able to attend the zoom testimony as I will be taking care of patients in the hospital.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:04:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicholas Seymour	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Driving on the beaches in Kekaha is one of the special things about living and growing up on Kauai. It allows you to find space to enjoy the beauty of Kauai. It also allows the people of Kauai to reach those areas that might be difficult to get to by foot due to long walks in hot sand.

Looking forward to our current conditions of covid 19 allowing people to drive on the sand and find adequate space away from other groups or individuals will allow for a reduction in possible transfer of this virus that could be possible in a crowded parking lot area.

Lastly we must think about the possibility of criminal activity in a parking lot that is out of sight from the vehicle owners. I oppose SB178

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:05:05 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
misty silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is just another way of taking away from the local community a way of gathering. The local community has been coming to these beaches for years and now you want to control it's driving privileges.

I plead with you that you vote down this bill as there is no need to change what doesn't need to be fixed.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:08:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Herenui Punua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose because going to these beaches and riding on sand has been something the kauai community have special to them. No matter how old or how young we all enjoy the beaches and would hate for the future for future generations to change.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:09:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Salvatore Bosco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing to oppose SB178. This bill is extremely upsetting to myself and many other locals as well. We as a community are sick and tired of having our rights taken away. We need to be able to drive on the beaches, specifically Polihale and Kekaha beach in order to access areas to surf, swim, fish, and exercise. Having an outlet to these beaches is important and crucial to our community and the well-being of our citizens. I am lucky enough to have been born and raised on Kaua'i and have access to the various beaches. The right to access the areas through driving is imperative to maintaining our island's surf culture, fishing culture, and family gatherings. I find this bill to be an embarrassment to Kaua'i and a poor reflection on the importance of the connection between the land and its inhabitants. The disconnect from easy access to beaches will be detrimental to the privileges that locals are entitled to, as it is within our island culture. I am asking you to please vote to oppose this bill. Mahalo.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:10:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sarah Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 178

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:11:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bryson Kurokawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:13:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
bernard silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because my family and I have been using these beaches for years. We drive on the beach to get to fishing spots and swim. We never leave trash and always drive with respect.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:16:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Makoa Carreira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Driving on the beach in Kekaha and Polihale has done far more good for our Kaua'i community than harm. Mostly everyone I've seen fishing, surfing and enjoying the beach in these areas are excellent stewards of the land, leaving no trash and driving safely and courteously. Please vote against bill SB178!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:16:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brigg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the new bill being presented (SB178) because as a fisherman I like the fact the I can access the beach with my truck! It makes it easier to load up my catch and keep things fresh and keep my area that I'm occupying clean when I leave. I understand some people may have done stupid things but they should be punished for they're actions and not punish everyone.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:18:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tyson Banasihan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Senator Inouye,

My name is Tyson Banasihan. I reside in Kalaheo, kaua'i but was born and raised on the westside of my beautiful island. I lived as a kid up Hanapepe heights, grew up with friends and family in Kaumakani, Pakala, Waimea, and Kekaha. I am, what kanaka Å• iwi call, a Kanaka Lawai'a(fisherman). My dad raised me with this lifestyle and this is the lifestyle I plan to teach my keiki. Beaches like Kekaha beach and polihale are prime spots for teaching our keiki. You might think we can still do that even without driving on our beaches but you need to realize that there are more than just my family and I looking to harvest fish from our ocean. All of us no can fish at the same beach access and expect to catch fish to feed our families. The driving on the sand provides us access the fishing spots that provide for us. Some family spots for fishing are only accessible if we drive to them for example a spot call rocket reef that is far down the way on the sand at Polihale beach. It is also the one of the only spots that provide the conditions and terrain for us Thrownet fishermen. My children are still a little young still to start learning how to fish with nets but I don't want this privilege to be taken away before I have a chance to teach them at spots I learned at as a kid like Rocket reef, polihale. These certain spots on these certain beaches also hold memories that I would then have to leave behind if this happens to take affect. I understand the circumstances of young punks driving reckless and making idiotic decisions when driving on our beaches but id be so sad to know that all our privileges were taken away even thought the many of us responsible adults actually do drive responsibly on our beaches. Though I don't agree on taking away our privileges of driving on the sand, I do think we need people monitoring how people drive on our beaches. I know it'd be a hassle to try and start a program that regulates how you drive on the sand but it would create jobs for local people and also generate some revenue if you make people pay a toll to drive on our beaches. I think a lot of people won't like it at first but I'm willing to compromise to keep this privilege. I'm willing to pay a toll which turn pays the wages of a person or persons that will regulate our beaches.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:18:27 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
chanc dean	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please don't close beach driving this is a special privilege we enjoy and kokua. Don't just close it to us that use it respectfully and time spent with our families. We use the beach to get away and relax and would be very sad to lose this privilege. Vote against sb178

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:21:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Makalii Pratt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose the proposal for a two year beach protection program for the following reasons.

During the pandemic the people of Kauai have been extensively limited on what we are allowed to do. With the stress that the pandemic has caused from, people losing jobs, loved ones, homes, etc. we rely on outdoor activities to briefly escape the chaos around us. Polihale beach and Kekaha beach gives the West Side Community a place to gather food for their families and a place to have fun. It is not right that the West Side Community gets the ultimate punishment while the majority of the wrongful actions were done by others who only frequent the area when the surf is good. People from other islands are allowed to do day trips just to surf at kekaha or Polihale beach if they plan their COVID test correctly, while Kauai residents don't share that same freedom. We are trapped here.

The public especially the West Side Community should not have to pay for a permit to access the beach via vehicle. Why should the actions of others take away the privileges of the people who spend the most time at Kekaha and Polihale beach. Furthermore if the beach parking is taken away there is nowhere near enough parking to accomadte the amount of people who frequent kekaha beach or polihale beach. The county simply does not have the money nor the infastructure to supprot the amount of beach goers.

I hope this Testimony moves foward to allwoing the continued use of Kekaha and Polihale beach without permits. However I hope that more DNLR agents patrol the area to enforce the laws. Hopefully the state and the county will build a budget that allows for more public parking at these recreational sights. Paid public parking for non residents such as the haena beach access could greatly help with the funding dilemma.

Mahalo,

Makalii Pratt

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:21:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lexcy bostick	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We should be allowed to take our Obana to the beach even if that includes riding on the sand. That's what everyone on this island grew up doing. You'll be taking away one less thing to do on Kauai. I OPPOSE.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:24:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jericho Paliracio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm speaking out for my children, and their futures. Driving on our beaches has been a way of life for so many of us since before we could remember. A way of life that has allowed fishermen to provide food for their families, and have done so safely and without harm/destruction to the beaches. We raise our kids on these beaches and because of how big this stretch of beach is, driving is often the only way to access them so that we can perpetuate the knowledge and practices that have been passed down through generations.

Any concerns for the public's safety and the preservation of these beaches/state parks can be resolved with solutions other than prohibiting all driving on the sand.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:25:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shantell SanAgustin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm writing my testimony as a true resident of Kauai's Westside born and raised. Polihale and Napali has always been my Ohanas backyard for over 20 plus years. We have showed respect, cleaned the area where we were and cleaned other areas too. What happened recently to close the park was unfair but all that could have been prevented by DLNR which no one showed up to enforce. It was told on Social Media by an employee of DLNR that he was going to be there by posting on someone's social media and never showed. I understand they stated is short handed but if planned accordingly this from DLNR could have preventive this behavior. We all here on the Westside support each other whether camping at Polihale beach, maintaining the roads, helping others who are stranded, helping people who are hurt getting them out meeting the Ambulance or even meeting up with the fire department, picking up the Opala even though you did take care of yours we find what was left behind and cleaned it out. We all know each others names there and they all knows us too we hold a strong bond and we would want to continue to teach our Keiki what was taught to us from our Kupuna that is a tradition and a tradition to keep Polihale pono. Mahalo Nui!



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:29:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kalen Fleming	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I see no mention of the basis for this bill. DLNR need more revenue streams? Charge non-residents to visit and use polihale state park. Need more community input prior to these bills being introduced. Mahalo

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:30:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elijah Raymond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Hawaii state legislature, taking away our right to drive on the beach means that many Hawaiians don't have access to fish these beaches, doing this not only takes away food for households but also takes away from our communitie and culture us Hawaiians are so proud of, therefore by passing this legislation your taking away our life and our freedom.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:33:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shane Estrella	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

That not the reason for beach erosion. Climate change and sea water level rising is the problem. Try work on stoping that before stoping access for the people of Kauai that elected you guys for that job.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:36:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mona Schimmelfennig	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am here to state that I oppose Bill SB178. Being born and raised here on Kauai, one thing my family and I look forward to is a weekend or even a full day at the beach. Most beaches including south shore and north shore are overly populated with tourist normally all year long. Leaving not much space to get away from people and enjoy a get away. We always look forward to driving down the beach, putting our pop-up tent and chairs out and watching our kids enjoy the beach with no one right next to us. It's something we use to do as kids and now do with ours. It's something special we share and hoped we always could as long as we live and for our kids to continue the tradition. Especially during this covid pandemic. Its lead to nothing to do here on Kauai. No restaurants, no sports, no activities! This is a real getaway from life and all the depressing feelings of things going on. Please allow us to continue to be able to have our freedom and drive on the beach to enjoy good days with our familys and friends. Maybe more regulations and DLNR can set people straight that's ruining it. It's the bad that ruins it for everyone.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my opposing testimony to bill SB178.

Mahalo,

Mona Schimmelfennig

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:37:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
owen hoff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I think this is ridiculous. Not sure what this would solve but as a local resident born and raised here I think that this is a poor way to try and make money of the tax paying residents of Kauai. We enjoy fishing, camping and surfing from Kekah as well as Polihale. This is a sad way to tax the locals as we all know tourists don't have the means to drive on the beach. Unbelievable way to tax the local citizens.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:40:20 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jillian wenderlich	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This feels like another way for the county to collect money off of us without actually putting any of it to use in the community and while taking away our abilities to use public lands. If you want to impose a fee, impose a visitor fee for rental cars. Our ridiculous taxes more than pay for access to these places. Polihale has been well used and to the best of my knowledge respectfully dealt with with regards to driving on the sand. I work on the Waimea ambulance and have no gone to one call for someone being injured while driving on the beach. This is about money and control. Not safety or rehabilitation of a place.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:41:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Milo Murguia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Milo Murguia and I oppose this bill. I am 43 years of age and I was born and raised on Kauai. I have been surfing and fishing on the Westside of Kauai since I was a little boy, I've learned how to catch my own food and through surfing I was able to become a professional surfer and water safety specialist and ofcourse I was able to do this because of the access to the ocean and being able to just "drive on the beach".

I have a family now. I now take them to the beach, we drive on the sand to many of our special spots and my 8 year old daughter catches her own fish and has learned to surf on the same very beaches that I was driven too. Theres no substitute. So many spots will be under utilized. Polihale is very well maintained since pandemic and the best I've ever seen it. Our westside is all we have left.

Milo Murguia

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:42:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
daniel hurtado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly appose to this bill being introduced. Being raised on Kauai for 38 years, some of my fondest memories are on the beaches camping, surfing, fishing etc. This would ultimately rob the next generations of the most popular past times that we all cherish. Fishing and surfing in Hawaii are the 2 most popular past times enjoyed by Kauai residents. Having to walk down a blazing hot beach with all your Keiki, fishing gear or surfing gear is not only horrible, it is dangerous. This will only cause problems with local residents and the officials that have to enforce these rules. I assure you there will be major issues with most, if not all, of your constituents. I humbly ask you to reconsider passing this and making it a law. Mahalo



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:50:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alaka'i laea-Russell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose senate bill 178 with amendments as follows:

1. Only vehicles of residents of Kekaha are to be authorized to drive on sand at Kekaha beaches including Polihale Beach Park
2. Vehicles may only drive on sand and park on sand if they are doing beach activities which may include fishing, camping, swimming, surfing or eating on the beach
3. Vehicles may only drive on Kekaha beaches between the hours of 8am-6pm of any day throughout the week
4. Unnecessary activities performed by driver of vehicle (such as but not limited to burnouts, donuts, drinking while intoxicated etc.) may be penalized by DLNR

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:52:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason molina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill for the reasons of these places being the only spots on the island where locals can drive rite up to the shore line for fishing and or camping. All other spots on the island have been blocked off or sold to outside buyers and gated restricting access to the shorlines. Especially with the fact that other camping grounds like anini and lydgate as well as most other beach parks have left to the homeless for them to set up there living quarters. Please do not take this from the people of Kauai we have had more than enough taken away already

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:53:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brooks Newcomb	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a local girl being raised on the West side of Kauai, I feel that this trial closure of driving on the beaches of kekaha and polihale Beach is very disheartening and sad. All my life, this is what I have grown up to know. Driving onto the beach, setting up a camp and fishing and surfing all day, sometimes a whole summer at a time. I continue to carry out this tradition with my kids, and always with respect for the Aina. I hope this decision is taken into great consideration of all the locals on this side of the island that have the opportunity to continue this way of life.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:58:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dominick DiBartolomeo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178 for many reasons. First, it is a longtime tradition to be able to drive the beach to surf. Second, as a surfer many breaks are only accessible if you are allowed to drive on the beach. In addition, after 9/11 the military took the beach from us on the base. It is unrealistic to have to walk 5 miles up the beach from MacArthur Park to surf at rifle range or family housing on the base. But, most importantly, and my main concern here is safety. This is a safety issue. Having my truck on the beach accessible to me is crucial. When surfing at Polihale and Rifle Range, we rely on having our vehicles right there on the beach for safety reason as there are no lifeguards at these beaches. If something serious happens it is really nice to have your truck right there. Is the county going to be liable for any serious accidents, such as a shark attack or head injury where someone's life could be saved if only their truck was right there on the beach?

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:59:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaila Funaki	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Residents are able to enjoy nature's activities like fishing and surfing at these beaches on the west side with the support of 4 x 4 vehicles. Without the use of 4x4 vehicles, families will be forced to walk potentially long distances on the beach with supplies to be able to enjoy these activities. It will be extremely difficult for many families to enjoy these beaches especially due to the limited "street" parking that is available at these West side beaches. Permitting the use of 4 x 4 may be difficult as well due to the limited availability and flexibility of allowing vehicles on the beaches. I oppose this bill/measure as it will negatively affect the lifestyle of the Kauai people.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:03:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
cory carveiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178 because most parts of both Kekaha beach and polihale is inaccessible without the use of a vehicle. We already lost barkingsands to the base. If this passes my kids and the next generation will probably never get to see "targets" or the end of polihale beach. Mahalo!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:03:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Renee Yanagihara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Renee Yanagihara and I strongly oppose of SB178. It breaks my heart that our beaches on the west side may no longer be enjoyed or easily accessed...our keiki will never know what it's like to drive and post up on the weekends with their families. Do not take our beaches away, this is all some of us have and LIVE for. You will see an increase in mental health and suicide if this happens, for many of us the beach is our second home.

Mahalo,

Renee Yanagihara

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:04:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kai adachi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178, it is unfair to the responsible people of Kauai who use kekaha beach and polishale state park for fishing and recreational use.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:05:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
garen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposing .

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:05:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Larry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It is crazy and unsafe to think that we will not be able to drive on the beaches on the west side, that are the longest stretch of beach in the state of Hawaii. On multiple occasions I've picked injured surfers up in my 4-wheel drive truck and was able to get them to areas where safety vehicles could help them cutting down on critical time. I strongly oppose this bill mainly for safety concerns and also Kauai lifestyle.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:07:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
joshua pimental - illastron	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Driving on beaches is what we grew up on , being able to enjoy the beaches , and watching the sunsets has always been a lifestyle for us especially with our family and friends now imagine the FUTURE GENERATION that's up and coming , what would their life be like , what would they be able to do if the privilege of driving on sand is taken away! What will they enjoy . It would be devastating to see something like this happen NOW . think about it ! what we have now is a BLESSING to take it away , it would be heartbreaking ..

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:11:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tyler Schump	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

In regards to SB178, I would like to express my opinion.

I have lived my whole life on Kauai and am always blown away by how unique it is, even compared to Hawaii's other islands. It is important to note Kauai residents have the unique ability to drive on the sand and experience places like Polihale and Kekaha beach up close and personal and I have a great appreciation for it. Growing up being able to enjoy our beautiful beaches and parks was a huge part of my life. I understand there are issues with the care and control in these unique areas such as Polihale Beach. I think that as the unique small community of Kauai we need to ensure these kinds of places are still able to be enjoyed by our community and future members. Through proper use of regulations and control it should be very possible to keep Polihale a safe and accessible site for the community and visitors alike. Losing the ability to drive on the beach would make access to the ocean very difficult if not impossible, especially on very hot days where the sand is capable of burning bare feet. Although the easy way would be to deny vehicle access to the beach I believe, for the community, it would be much more beneficial to find another way.

Mahalo for all your time,

Tyler Schump

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Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:13:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
saul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe by taking this away it ruins our way of life as we see our island change and slowly be taking away from us the Hawaiian people. Right down the road there are chemical companies testing product on kauai which cause more harm than us enjoying our beaches, to fishing.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:13:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anthony Clark	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

My family enjoys the beach as much as any other. Our kids grow up learning how to swim, dive, fish, surf, etc. The sand is not only engrained in their hair, its a part of their life. The ocean gives all of us a refreshing start, almost a re-birth as we exit the water. However, the beaches are becoming more difficult to access, especially for large families like mine and many of us here on Kauai. Most of the secluded beaches now are inaccessible by car (Mahaulepu has been closed since COVID, Kipu Kai is off limits, Palamas is only accessible if you have a 'permit' from the coffee company). These beaches of Polihale and Kekaha are safe havens for our families. We are able to get to the beach easily without trouble and be free from the cares of the world. They have been especially helpful during these time where we need to practice physical distancing. Driving out on the beach and finding a nice patch of sand to enjoy the day with the family is as close to heaven as we can get. Please do not take this away from us. I am extremely worried it will become the Mahaulepu and Palamas of the past. Once accessible, but now closed except for the few who have some special key/permit. Let us all enjoy them! I therefore completely OPPOSE this action. Keep our beaches open.

Aloha

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:14:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
starlene kelekoma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I opposed to close the beaches!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:16:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nathan Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am submitting testimony AGAINST SB178 for the reason that I, along with many residents of Kauai, consider vehicle access to the areas that will be affected essential for recreational activities. Polihale and Kekaha offer recreational and fishing opportunities that are unique to Kauai, and are a resource that should be accessible by vehicle to residents that wish to utilize the area. Denying vehicle access to these locations will cause other locations to become overcrowded. This was made evident with the closure of Polihale for a large portion of 2020, and we saw overcrowding in Kekaha and other locations that are popular for fishing and surfing.

Moreover, it seems as though DLNR has a difficult time enforcing regulations that are currently in place. By taking actions that have been legal and making them illegal, we will be driving a wedge between state enforcers and recreationalists that have been turned into criminals for simply doing what they have done for years. Myself along with many others see this as an overreach of our government to instill the wishes of a few at the expense of many.

Thank you



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:21:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sarah Evans	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose SB178. I do not support the removal of 4 wheel drive access to our beaches. It is a privilege to have this access, and it would be a shame to remove complete access for the next generation. We have already lost access to a large stretch of beach, to remove 4x4 access to the remainder would be devastating for our community. Please do not pass this. Say no to SB178.

Mahalo,

Sarah Evans

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:23:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
vance simao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Vance Simao, I am a born and raised resident of Kekaha, Kauai and of hawaiian decent. I frequently use the ocean as a source of food for myself and my family to survive. I oppose this bill because it will make it difficult for myself to gain access to the ocean with my gear to collect and gather for my family. This bill will take away a lot of valuable areas that people like myself utilize and cause us to have to share a smaller area to gather for our families. Please do not pass this bill. Thank You

Mahalo

Vance Simao

**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
brianna cope	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Beach access is apart of the lifestyle on Kauai. From fishing, surfing, to enjoying time with your family and loved ones. It's all apart of the lifestyle! Being born and raised on Kauai some of my favorite memories are driving on polihale finding a empty area to enjoy some time with my family. That's what makes it so special.The west side of Kauai has some of the best waves on the island which need to be open and EASILY accessible to everyone. The ocean keeps everyone healthy, and happy. It's a great way for kids and everyone to stay active and healthy. Keep them out of trouble. There are a lot of ways we can take care of the beach like community trash pick ups and other ways to come together as a community instead of trying to take things away. Don't abuse power to take away a HEALTHY activity.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:25:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Eiler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Beach access is integral to the residents of Kauai.

Limiting coastal access not only prevents residents from enjoying Kauai's beautiful coastline but also endangers residents who respectfully participate in coastal activities such as fishing, surfing, body boarding, kayaking, canoeing, swimming and general beach leisure.

Considering the current number of drownings, removing means of access to Kauai beaches is dangerous.

Furthermore it limits residents from enjoying the beaches by preventing them from being able to transport vital necessities such as shade, food, and water.

Currently much of Kauai's coastline has been inaccessible due to private land owners, government entities and general lack of facility.

Māhale and Polihale access has been in a state of limbo due to various reasons.

In the past Polihale access was closed due to road conditions but after the recent reopening speed bumps were added without any repair to the existing road obstacles.

Several times access has been revoked apparently due to the ill actions of a few people.

It is one thing enforce respectful access, it is quite the other to punish residents by limiting access.

I would hope the county would prioritize providing beach access rather than limiting.

If preventing people from driving on the beach is an aspired goal we should start with providing access by building roads and facilities.

Limiting the already scarce beach access is ill-founded without first providing safe access by means of new roads and facilities.

Thank for your time and consideration,

Justin

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Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:26:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Turner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Turner Hashimura a resident born and raised here on the island of Kauai. I oppose bill SB178 because my family and previous generations have used Kekaha and Polihale beach for food gathering rights. Some of the best fishing locations are far from public parking and not feasible to walk in all the gear necessary for fishing. On behalf of my family and I we kindly ask for a better resolution to whatever issue this bill may have come about. We have seen issued in the past with reckless drivers and I suggest having local authorities on site to control any misbehaving. We feel that with authorities in place our beaches will be a lot safer and more people considerate. Please do not take away our rights as locals to use the land for gathering rights. During this pandemic it has caused a lot of trouble and financial issues. The last thing we need is more hardships to provide for our families. Thank you for your time and aloha.

Turner Hashimura

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:26:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roy Carvalho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This goes against our constitutional rights. Also hinders our life style. Prohibiting our need to hunt, gather, and practices cultural beliefs!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:26:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Timothy Saunders	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Kauai's Westside and a frequent user of Kekaha and Polihale beaches, I kindly ask that you vote no on SB178. Given the remote nature of these beaches, I believe this law would negatively effect both cultural and recreational access, as well as negatively impacting public safety.

I do understand that a permit process may be the ultimate decision, so I ask that any permit process be fair and open to all residents to ensure access.

Sincerely,

Tim Saunders

Teacher- Chiefess Kamakahahelei Middle School

Advisor- CKMS Fishing Club



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:30:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
norman kali	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

i oppose this bill

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:26:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kylea Salomon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am not fully opposed however I am very sad it has come to this. Not everyone should face the consequences of the inconsiderate however this may need to be followed through with if people cannot respect the 'aina.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:30:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kjell Newall	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a lifetime resident of Kekaha, I am in opposition to SB178. People live in Hawaii to enjoy the outdoors. The state and counties collect our taxes, in part, to provide for outdoor recreation areas. What do we get for our tax dollars? Closed parks and beaches, dirty facilities and worn and outdated infrastructure. Tired of people speeding, leaving trash behind, and peeing all over the beach; me too! So why not educate, provide waste stations (that are emptied before overflowing), and toilets (that are cleaned). Please don't take another piece of our Kauai.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:32:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sweden kelaoha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

my name is Sweden Kealoha

im born and raised in Hawai'i. We have been driving on the beaches for as long as I can remember. As I grow up the island gets more and more populated, the only way for locals to escape the higher traffic tourist beaches is to drive on the sand where not much tourist ever go to, im sure if there wasn't hotels or vacation rentals surrounding our beach fronts we would have more beaches to pull right up to, Unfortunately your listing the only 2 beaches left for us to drive on and trying to make it not impossible for the families who need to drive on the beach to unload surf boards, fishing poles, body boards, kids napping in the car, pop up tent, coolers.it makes it so much more convient. Why? Why band driving on the beach? Why change something thats working? I don't wanna have to get a permit or permission to drive on the beach, it's not even nessecery.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:37:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
chase machado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Driving on the beach to get to a good beach spot has always been a way of life here. Our grandparents need a way to get to their fishing spots so they don't have to walk too far. Families with kids have a lot of gear when they go to the beach and need to be able to haul that in. I understand that people would be limited by the new permitting plan, however, it's been the island way that if it's sunny outside, you just get in your vehicle and go. Having to get a permit would mean everything has to be planned. Some of the best times are had on the spur of the moment.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:37:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a surfer and fisherman I regularly use vehicular access along these beaches.

Please understand that we need this access to always be available, forever!

mahalo for you time and helping keep our resources open for the people!

aloha!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:39:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melody Taporco	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed of the proposal to ban driving on the sand at Polihale and Kekaha Beach Park. Those are some of the only beaches on Kauai that we can drive on and it means so much to us. After Polis was shut down I think those who ruined it learned the lesson and showed us what can happen when such a special place is taken away and we never want that to happen again. The best part of Polis is driving on the sand and everyone having their own section of the beach, please don't take that away from us! Please try other options, please.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:43:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
junn Laganina	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The contents of SB178 takes away freedom, riding on beaches should be allowed, Kekaha beach is one of the most popular beaches to be visited by the locals next to Polihale. The Kekaha beach is a place for everyone to have fun ; be it riding sand, fishing, or surfing, it is a place for everyone. It is a place to get away for the weekend after long days of work. If the Kekaha beach is taken from the people it will be like taking another piece of the land.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:44:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John K. Kruse	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Kepa Kruse. I was born and raised on Kaua'i. I am submitting testimony against SB178 because I believe that such a bill would create more danger for our local community. I once rescued a friend that broke his back while surfing the shallow sandbars in Kekaha. I immediately flagged down a vehicle on the beach and they transported him to the hospital within minutes. Without that vehicle, it would have made the situation much more dangerous for the injured person. When I was in high school a friend of mine was bit by a tiger shark off of Major's Bay. It was a vehicle on the beach that transported him to the hospital quickly and safely. It very well may have saved his life. I understand that all surfing carries a risk. During Covid, this community has relied on unique, local resources like these to cope with mental health issues. Please take these situations into account during your decision making process. Mahalo for your time.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:46:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cheryl Itamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

DO NOT ALLOW ANOTHER BEACH CLOSURE. WHERE WILL ONE EVER GET TO GO TO THE BEACH TO CAMP AND DO OVERNIGHT FISHING WITHOUT HAVING TO WALK EVERYTHING IN FOR MILES. THIS IS KILLING OUR ISLAND LIVELIHOOD. FISHING AND ENJOYING THE BEACH IS PART OF WHAT MAKES HAWAII SO SPECIAL. DO NOT TAKE THAT AWAY FROM US.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:46:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kanoa Chung	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Some of my best memories growing up on Kaua'i have come along the beaches of Barking Sands between Kekaha and Polihale. Whether it be surfing, fishing, camping, diving or simply watching the sunset with my family, I have found incredible joy in being able to access these experiences by driving on the beach.

I recognize the value of protecting our fragile island resources. With that said, I would like to ask this bill be dismissed while alternative protective measures are considered that maintain the same level of vehicular access and enjoyment.

I would also like to note that the frequently changing weather and conditions often make it difficult to plan for a permit in advance, which removes the spontaneous nature that so many of these experiences are found.

Please reconsider this bill and the implications it has on the many individuals and families who enjoy these resources.

Mahalo nui.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:48:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dustin Foley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha my name is Dustin Makepa-Foley, born and raised on our beautiful island of Kaua'i. Pulling up to our own personal spot to camp at Polihale has always been a special tradition for my family, taking that away for 2 years would be devastating. It's one of the only beaches locals can go to get away from this modernized world we all live in. I oppose this bill

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:51:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tina Taniguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178. I do not agree with the amount of vehicles or the way they drive in our beaches at all. I agree that there is a problem of protecting our shorelines from vehicles (not particularly just kekaha and polihale). I do not think that permits or a fee would solve the problem. I think that before we get to that point there needs to be enforcement! Years, years of no enforcement! Sudden permitting fees will not change behavior and will cause rebellion and division. If funds is still the reason for no enforcement of current laws then get help! Allow residents to send in information that is then prosecuted based on witnesses, info etc. Start there! There is no plan for these permit fees to actually help protect kekaha or polihale. Will the fees perhaps pay for enforcement?

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 9:57:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Courtney Allen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill would extremely limit beach access to many residents. Not just for recreation but for fishing and other cultural activities. Please do not pass this bill. Beach access should be a priority for all the residents of Kaua'i, not just the wealthy.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:04:46 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ivy Sarmiento	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha!

I do want to keep the beaches safe especially Polihale. Being born and raised right here in Kekaha all my life, I still live in this town. Riding on the sand has been the greatest escape and gave me so many family memories till this day. I would like to be able to continue to have the privilege of riding on the sand. I do know some younger people have abused this privilege by driving reckless and endangering those around which I do not condone at all. If there's another way to keep our privilege and the locals safe, I would love for it to be discussed and proposed in a different way. I'm not sure if having authority down on the beaches monitoring who drives reckless and to fine them is an option at this time but I hope the community does not have to suffer the consequences for someone else's bad choices.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:09:29 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kori mcomber	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

In opposition of Bill SB178



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Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:18:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
m. kawai peahu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:19:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Miyazaki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I have lived on Kauai all of my life and thought I would never see this day coming. I am a outdoors person and is privileged thru the years of accessing beaches for fishing and camping with family. I was brought up going to polihale with our boats and going down the coast for fishing and goat hunting. Such a wonderful lifestyle and it would be horrible if this privilege would be taken away. Please try and think of the people that would be torn if this happens. Thank you for your time. Aloha

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:19:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kenneth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Everyone shouldn't be punished for other people's actions... I camp there every summer with the proper permit required, and the majority of campers are family's with their children... yes there are some bad ones that camp to, but that's why we have law enforcement (DLNR) ... I know there's been a lot of people on the beach but you guy's need to take into consideration that polihale is usable only 3 months out of a year when you can actually swim without drowning, so obviously that's why there's alot of people .. if DLNR do their job, we wouldn't be in this situation, it's not fair to all the families and people that follow the rules ....

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:21:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jeffrey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This cannot pass this is some of the places where we get food and enjoy family time. Driving on the sand makes life easy especially with our keki. We need to keep driving on the sand open so we can easily get resources and bring our keki and let them experience the beach like we always did back in the day. I am asking to not pass this bill I do not support it, please keep our keki in mind ,they deserve to enjoy the beach camping/fishing/swimming without having to walk far. Please let us keep driving on the sand. If you grew up here I know you enjoyed those beaches when you were a kid you never had to walk on the sand you were always able to drive and nobody took that away from you so please do not take it away from us and our keki

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:21:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dustin Dillberg	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Being raised on the south and west side of Kaua'i I have benefited by the coastal access we have been allowed for the past 3 decades. The ability to check safety conditions for swimming, fishing, and surfing has been an important aspect of my life. A close friend broke his back last year surfing the west side. Having a truck close by to help quickly transport him to the ER was credited as a key to preventing him from being forever paralyzed. We as longtime beachgoers have lost so much coastal use of west Kaua'i. We have had our access of miles of coastline taken away along the PMRF base and Polehale multiple times over the last few years. This has impacted locals use of these public resources resulting in less healthy exercise, sun, fresh air, and a lifestyle that makes the south and west side of Kaua'i so special!!! Please consider the important lifestyle and culture that may be altered if this bill were to be passed and oppose this for now.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:21:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bianca McCluskey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Setting out for the West side for an impromptu beach day, driving out on the beach and creating priceless memories with your friends and family is one of the things that makes Kauai, Kauai. It's an integral part of our community and a relished local activity. Taking this privilege away threatens the health and happiness of many of our local residents. In these exceptionally challenging times, our small island has experienced so much loss. Countless small businesses have been forced to shut down, domestic abuse has increased and so many with mental health issues have suffered and continue to be unable to seek help. For many, the beach is an essential escape. It grounds so many and helps our community relax and get through these challenging times. To enact this bill will no doubt negatively affect so many in our community who are already suffering.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:25:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jose San Austin, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose because changing the lifestyle on the Westside, you are penalizing the beach access to launch our small boats and driving on the beach to fish, dive and hunt. If you move forward with stopping people from riding or driving on the sand make it where you are accountable to drive on the sand. Florida has a permit policy that you can drive on the sand and if that is the only common ground that we can get then I would be for that permit process. But the permit process would only work if you the State will enforce that permit process.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:27:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brandy Afos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

On my behalf I would like to share with you as to why I oppose bill #SB178. As a born and raised Kauai girl, going to the beach every weekend was a huge part of my childhood and upbringing. Going to Kekaha beach and Polihale beach holds near and dear to many childhood memories I have spent on these beaches with family and friends for gatherings, holidays, events, and camping. Prohibiting the ability for vehicles to drive on the beach to access its beauty and serenity takes a huge part of living away from the Kauai Community. In those regards, I hope you reconsider the bill in hopes of allowing Kauai's people to access its many beautiful beaches we are blessed to have and partake in.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:30:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harold C Spear III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a physically challenged surfer with difficulty getting across sand to the ocean. Driving close to the entry to the water is essential for me. Will there be a permit for ADA access?

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:31:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jade Gailey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Jade S. Gailey

January 29, 2021

Opposition for SB No. 178, Relating to driving on beaches.

Kouchi, on behalf of another party, has introduced a two-year beach protection pilot program. I strongly oppose SB No.178, which would establish no vehicles authorized on Kekaha and Polihale beaches.

The community of Kaua'i has already experienced the loss of Polihale privileges during summer of 2020. Since reopening, the community has shown immense respect for our land by protecting it through individual and organized beach cleans ups, not racing on the sand, no large gatherings, and following time restrictions. Driving to destinations on Polihale and Kekaha sand has been used exclusively to properly socially distance while showing appreciation for our land. To take away this right would mean removing miles of beach options for families. Driving on the sand, to and from a selected area, has not been proved to cause harm to the beaches of Kekaha and Polihale.

In hopes for the Kaua'i community to continue our right to enjoy the miles of sand beach in Kekaha and at Polihale which are only accessible via driving on the sand, I strongly urge the committee to oppose bill SB No. 178. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:33:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Galen Itamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Do not pass this bill. Restricting access and charging fees to access these areas is not the right thing to do. Living in Hawaii is already expensive enough. We do not need yet another fee to pay just to enjoy the beaches.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:34:05 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tami Riley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**27th January 2021**

**Senator Ronald Kochi**

**Hawaii State Capitol**

**415 Beretania St. #214**

**Honolulu, HI 96813**

**Honorable Senator Ronald Kochi,**

**I am writing this letter on behalf of myself, my family and my friends. I consider myself as a Kauai kama'aina and love this island very much. Our family has enjoyed the freedom of driving on the west side beaches for over 35 years. Things have changed post 9-11, but having to pay a fee for the use of our beaches would make it a hardship on those who would like to enjoy a drive out west for some spontaneous recreation. The beach privileges are a big part of the lifestyle for Kaua'i kama'aina. I understand that SB178 would impose a permit**

**fee for the use of these beaches and cause further restrictions for recreational use. I don't agree with the idea of charging a fee for the use of our beaches. Please, please reconsider this bill and do not impose a permit to use the beaches on our local residents.**

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**Sincerely,**

**Tami Riley**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:46:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven Yonemura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not take this away from us. It is one of the last things that makes being a Kauaian so special

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:53:06 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
nathan chamberlain	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Do not agree with this because beaches need to be assessable for fishing and family's

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:53:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linea Koehler	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Aloha, my name is Linea Koehler and I was born and raised on the west side of Kauai. I am submitting testimony today to vehemently oppose SB 178. While I recognize that the intention of this bill is to preserve our resources, I can say with certainty, as a member of this community, that it will do more harm than good. Our Westside Ohana uses these areas for sustenance, cultural practices, and many ocean sports. SB 178 will make it exponentially more difficult for our community to do activities such as fishing, surfing, and diving; imagine trying to haul your equipment across scorching hot Kekaha sand for over an hour to reach the spot you and your family have been frequenting for generations. Moreover, this bill will make it nearly impossible for our kupuna and disabled residents to continue visiting these areas without assistance of a vehicle. In particular, in times when it is more important than ever to have access to spaces in which we can enjoy the outdoors to improve health while staying safe and social distancing, this is not a practical solution. This bill does not benefit our community, it actively harms it. It is imperative that SB 178 not be passed.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:56:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Valhuerdi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose bill SB178 because it prohibits local families from visiting cultural grounds and makes it inaccessible for people to fish and camp which is what many locals do in their free time and to help support their families.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:57:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aaron Hacker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

For us to loose our right to not be able to drive on the sand with out a permit would be absolutely devastating to our community as a surfer/fisherman who respects and takes care of all the West side beaches and have bin enjoying them since I was a baby I can't imagine this new order taking place instead of putting more restrictions on us you should be opening more things up for us and makeing more parks and more areas for us to enjoy our island stop trying to control everything let it be stop trying to take our joys away the more you take the less we have simply as that you will have more people doing drugs drinking because of lack of healthy options like driving on the beach to your favorite surf spot or exercise spot whatever it be please don't take our beaches away it's all we have if anything make it better not worse

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:58:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacob Pembrook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I have been using both Polihale and Kekaha beaches regularly to surf, fish, and camp since my early teenage years (about 25 yrs now). I know I am not alone when I say that I love being able to drive to my own little area away from other people. I would not be opposed to paying for a yearly permit to drive on the beach, but honestly I don't see how it will be enforced. I do understand that there are people who behave like idiots out on the beach, whether it be driving recklessly, littering, burning pallets, throwing parties, etc., however those people will find a way to do that anywhere and everywhere. I do not think it is fair to take the privilege away from those who have respected and continue to respect the beaches. I know Polihale was closed after 4th of July weekend due to crowdedness, reckless driving, etc., but I also know there was no enforcement presence during that weekend. There were no warnings or citations written, the gates were just closed again. I was at Polihale for the day a few days earlier and had a chunk of beach to my friends and I, there were three cars on the beach from Queen's Pond to Rocket Reef. I am not surprised that the beach was as crowded as it was during the 4th of July weekend, but I saw that coming...it was closed for months and reopened right before that weekend. The overcrowding is not everyday or every weekend, but it is common on 3 day weekends, and I am aware that DLNR is likely off or on-call on those weekends. If the concern is overcrowding, recklessness, and littering, which most likely will occur on those weekends, my suggestion would be to close the park on those weekends, its working at Kaneohe Sandbar. I dont think taking driving on the beach away will solve those problems, it will just crowd it into those more accessible spots (2nd ditch, Queens Pond, and the bathroom areas).

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:59:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keola Carreira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not support SB178. Vehicle access to the beaches mentioned in this proposed bill are a vital part of our community's lifestyle. Whether it be gathering food for our family or enjoying physical activity, restricting access to these beaches restricts our community from a vital part of daily life. Many people depend on the access to these places for their livelihood and personal well being. Taking that away, in times like these, is not only immoral but a blatant act of disrespect towards the people that our officials are sworn to protect and serve.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:00:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ben	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

please to not shut down access to these sites. One of f my family members is disabled and can not walk and would be really disappointed if we could not longer access these beaches. They need to be regulated just like any other national forest/ state park. Charge a fee to enter have rangers, charge fee do whatever but do not close down acces be vehicle. People need to respect he land and take care of it. Leave not trace besides tire and foot prints in the sand. No one wants the closing to happen. Educate the people and the people will respect the land. Too much of the land has been shut down over the years leaving no acces for recreation. The local people of the island of Kauai don't need more land closed off because of a couple disrespectful people.

Educate the people and the respect will follow,

with all the closures with covid the less fortunate people need and place to enjoy and these two places are they go. Not fancy resorts. Some of my greatest memory's growing up are camping with my family. Don't ruin it for future generations. Educate the youth to respect the land and great things will happen.

Maholo

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:01:46 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
beau-henry paleka-borden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Beau-Henry Paleka-Borden

This is the only place like this in the world and you want to take it from us! How much is enough??As a Native Hawaiian I'm outraged! Generations has grown up fishing and surfing this beach now we need to get a pass to enjoy our only getaway?! Crazy enough with everything going on in the world, now you want to take this away from us...please reconsider!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:03:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley rayray	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose to to shutting down the use of driving on the beaches. Why you ask? Because being able to drive down the beach on the west side to surf or hang with family, or go fishing is a huge part of our communities way of living. We have had so much taken away from us in 1 short year our whole worlds turned upside down & inside out. And yet you've found one more thing to take away from us. I don't think you realize how many people will be affected if you take away our right to driving these beaches. We are not hurting anyone by driving these beaches you will be the ones hurting us by closing access to them. Please do not pass this and think of how much our community continues to loose everyday during this pandemic. Thank you & much aloha

-Ashley

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:02:02 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
malia emura	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Aloha my name is malia emura. I grew up camping, fishing, swimming and making good memories with my family as a kid out at Poli hale. These were all healthy fun family oriented gatherings that you folks seem to think should be taken away from us?? In what way does not allowing access to the most positively active utilized beach on Kauai make any sense? I understand there are people who don't respect the laws that have been put in place for safety and the cleanliness of beach and ocean, but that doesn't mean that everyone should be punished for ignorant disrespecting people. I think there is a much better solution than punishing the masses



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:12:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Desiree Pia	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Aloha, my name is Desiree Pia of Nawiliwili, and I oppose the banning of driving on the sand at Polihale and Kekaha Beach Parks. Being able to pull right up to the spot you'd like to spend the day at on the big stretch of beach and space out is one of the unique experiences we as Kaua'i people are lucky to be able to do. Driving on the sand gives you better accessibility for activities such as fishing, by not having to walk and lug poles, coolers, and equipment through the scorching hot sand. Locals should have that access to fish and provide for their families. Being able to drive on the beach also gives you access to more surfing spots, without having to lug all the equipment from the parking lot. It also allows families with children to set up for the beach day easier by driving everyone and everything such as pop up tents, coolers, chairs, and food down to the perfect spot. We're thankful Polihale beach has been opened back up to the public, and I really do frown upon the actions of us locals that overused it this past summer and packed the beach to the rim. I don't think that behavior should be tolerated, but it's a great place to run away to to unwind either with a few friends or with the family.. and being able to drive onto the beach allows us to adequately spread out in a safe manor to social distance from other groups while doing it in a safe way that doesn't pack the parking lot, or burn any Keikis feet on the way to the water. I hope you consider my testimony and preserve this awesome privilege we have as Kaua'i locals, and we will do our part to respect that privilege.

Mahalo nui.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:10:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chason Taniguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because all people living on kauai including tourists that visit use it to provide for their families, or go to enjoy a day at the beach . Making restrictions to have a permit isn't helping , it will only make things harder for people like me and other people who use the sand access to catch fish and dive to put food on the table. Making things harder like for example lets say you go fishing everyday and use the sand access at kekaha or polihale , you will have to buy a permit everyday and spend money making it a big hassle for no reason . There is people working 3 jobs 7 days a week and can barely make enough to pay their bills and buy food for their family, so making restrictions for the beach is a thumbs down for me.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 10:59:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jabrielle richarde	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha,

From my understanding driving on sand at state parks has always been prohibited to do so. But no one forced those rules,& I'm assuming we are revisiting this subject due to some of the people of the community abuse the fact that no one enforces it & , so they drive reckless & disrespectful.now other good patrons will pay for that, by enforcing harder rules..I don't condone recklessness & disrespect, But we need to come up with a way that can monitor & control the vehicles access to drive on sand. Please don't take away access to polihale again, let's come up with better solutions that works for all. Driving on sand helps access to fish , drop & unload beach & camping, ocean gear. thanks for your time,

jabrielle Richarde

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:18:20 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jayme Knapp	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I still can remember the days where we could drive from Waimea pier to the end of polihale, all on sand. Riding in the back of the truck, while our dad slowly creep the coastline looking for a pile of fish to throw net on, for dinner that night. Be able to access the beach with four-wheel-drive feels like being able to escape, get away, and reconnect with my family. Being able to pack up the truck, tent cooler, camping gear, fishing poles, surf boards to enjoy the day at the beach or a camping trip with my family is a blessing. I'm a mother now, 5 year old 2 year old and 2 month old. We no like go poiipu or salt pond nowadays get to many fucking new faces, visitors and feel dirty ! The state should be more concerned about how they can regulate looters and worry about the weirdos in the bushes making camp site then the family's who stay enjoying time down the beach with their family ! I like be able to give the same experience my parents gave to me, to my kids. I know how for 'Ike'Ä€ina how for Show respect and teach respect. I see fakas flying down the beach I'm dea in the middle of their path way ready for teach one lessont. I see something what no belong i going do something about it! But I get kids now I no can Ack like that is why we get enforcement ya? Community is changing, this is one new age where get plenty cry baby's and know it all's but is the cry baby's that's ruining it! There needs to be more education about respecting our 'Ä• ina, I see "enforcement" driving by, but no stop, what they can't see the druggies in their car in the parking lot ? Or the tarps in the bushes? Get plenty more things for worry about then the family's of da west side enjoying our back yard with our family down the beach no way we can pack our things in and out, that's why when buying a truck we make sure we get 4x4.! We launch boats out of polihale , we train our horses on the beach of kekaha. What We need is enforcement from what's going on in the parking lots. Get more bigger things to worry about then making us feel like we doing something wrong by accessing the beaches with our trucks!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:32:09 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brooke Gottmeier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Preventing driving at Polihale State Park prevents many local fishermen from accessing the NÄ• Pali coast. Access to the water is essential in preserving not only a culture, but a lifestyle of subsistence. Respecting the land and sea comes from experience in these realms; denying access to these experiences only fosters igitonance and results in a disassociation from ancestral roots.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:26:50 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
byron dizon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill simply because it has been a tradition to be able to drive up on the beach to your spot and setup camp to fish, surf, and let our kids have fun. It's one of the main points in what separates Kauai from the other islands. Please don't let the very few reckless individuals ruin it for the rest of us responsible Kauai citizens. So much has already been taken away. My kids will never get to experience what/how we used to be when I was younger, so please don't take another one of the island gems away. Thank you.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:35:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Makana Winston	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Driving on the beach on the west side of Kauai is not only a way of life for many people but also a means to provide for their family. You see there are many prime fishing grounds in Kekaha and Polihale, many of those places are very far from a road and it would be very difficult and unethical to haul fishing gear in the sand for miles. The use of motorized vehicles is essential for the people of Kekaha to provide fish for their families, needing to have a permit to go fishing would be absolutely idiotic and would change most people's way of life. Furthermore what ecological surveys have been conducted to support the notion that driving on the sand harms native life? That's right NONE. Some people may abuse the right of driving on the beach but the vast majority of people respect the kahakai (beach) and don't harm the native ecosystems. We the people of Hawai'i should have the right to provide for our families and access the coastline of Kekaha without needing a permit from the DLNR.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:44:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Blossom Novoa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe that this new law that is being made needs to be stopped. The only beaches on the west side all require driving on. It is miserable walking the beach in the hot sun with all of your gear when you can easily drive on it. All of the west side beaches are very long but only have one entrance, it is too far to walk just to get to the end of the beach to check to see if its even nice to go to. Also the west side is extremely hot, just walking 5 feet in direct sunlight is horrible, the sun rays are so strong. This wouldnt be safe for people to have to walk in the hot sun for so long holding heavy ojects too that they are bringing to the beach. Kauai is made to go to the beach, we're an island and if you let this new law happen it ruins a huge part of the island for the tourist and espeically the locals. What else are people on the west side supposed to do if the only option was to walk in the hot sun to get to the beach, no one wants to do that; its not worth it. It doesn't make any sense why this is even a law or an idea as a law. So please I am begging you and Im betting more people are too, to stop this new law from happening.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:45:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tessa W.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Shutting down vehicular access to beaches that are ONLY accessible by driving on the beach will not only upset the locals that grew up fishing, surfing, camping, etc. on these particular beaches, but may also lead to individuals to try and 'illegally' drive on the beaches. Shutting down vehicular access to second ditch, inters, and polihale will not do anything but cause hatred towards the county. How many things can you take away from the locals during a pandemic? People may rely on the fish they catch at these beaches to provide for their families or surfing at these beaches may be the only thing that's keeping them sane during a PANDEMIC.

I would understand if it was shut down for no longer than a month, but two years? come on. You're taking away people's lifestyles.

thank you

Tessa W.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 11:38:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Conor Turley	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As an avid surfer and beach care taker I think this is completely unfair to all of the surfers, fishermen, shell-collectors, and anyone who enjoys being comfortable at the beach. We do our best to clean up after our selves and others. The base doesn't hold any beach clean ups or any sort of event to clean up any of the area that you have already taken away from people that have been going there their whole life. I oppose this bill and I hope you all actually read and take our thoughts and testimonies in consideration.

Mahalo,

Conor Turley

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:02:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ricky rego	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Many locals will need this to be vehicley accessed in order to do things like surf, fish and camp. It's been apart of many peoples lives and don't think it will be good for Kauai's community for this to happen. Thank you for listening

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:05:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Samuel Morretino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as a wave rider, community member and gatherer

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:12:24 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Trevor Schaefer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The bad choices of others should not result in the consequences of our entire community of Kauai. This is ridiculous and once this is stripped away from us we'll never get the privilege back. I oppose this bill along side many others who disagree with our rights as citizens of Kauai being taken away from us all. Being born and raised on this island I would've never imagined something like this to come.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:24:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maria Hacker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, the plan to make Kauai residents pay for a permit is not a good idea. In the middle of a pandemic you should be encouraging healthy outdoor activities not making it difficult and a financial burden. In other countries like Australia and New Zealand the counties it's have beautiful sidewalks, many pavilion areas, for families to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family and amenities are in place such as barbecues in barbecue areas and clean bathrooms, even pet amenities but unfortunately here in Hawaii it's all about what you can do for the tourists not the residents. Please charge tourists for the use of our beaches not the residents. Our officials need to be looking after their residents and keep in mind that outdoor activities are healthy for our youth and help with their emotional health also. Surfing, fishing and outdoor activities help keep our youth from turning to drugs as they are keeping busy! I'd like to know who's behind this attempted measure! The Base has become off limits and now this- it's all just too much.

Mahalo, Maria Hacker.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:15:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Damien kelekoma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB178 due to it restricting my ability to get to a desired surf/fishing spot.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:37:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
M Kelekoma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:55:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adam Henkel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I submit this testimony in opposition of SB178.

The introduction of this bill is concerning. As a resident of West Kauai I can attest that there have undoubtedly been instances of unsafe abuse of the privilege of driving on the beaches of Kekaha and Polihale. While those instances are few, they are routinely handled by the members of the community that would be most affected by this bill's passage.

That community which includes fisherman and ocean recreationists will submit relevant and necessary testimony to the fact that this bill will directly impact their ability to access areas of the coastline to seek and provide either sustenance or solace for themselves or their families. I support their testimony and implore the legislature to consider them under their full weight.

However I am not a member of either of those communities. I do not dream of getting barreled when it's double overhead or reeling in 130-pound Uluas after years of effort and utilizing information passed down from one generation to the next. I will not disrespect those that do those things and do have those dreams by pretending to know and express how much this bill would change so much about their lives.

Any testimony given in opposition of SB178 on the grounds of how grateful and respectful the overwhelming majority of beach drivers are should be redundant at this point.

While all issues concerning this bill are relevant, the one that is most troubling are the areas which are targeted by this bill. The community of West Kauai has been taking their families to and meeting up with their friends on the beaches of Kekaha and Polihale for decades. It is by far the most popular and accessible activity for this remote community in which to partake.

While the language of this bill does not seek an outright ban on driving on the beach, it does seek to extract a fee for a permit, or issue a fine for non-compliance, in order to drive on the sand. The sheer magnitude of wasted state and county funds in order to

enforce compliance of this law should be enough to strike it down immediately. Any fee or fine collected in enforcement of this law would be dwarfed by the hours and resources dedicated to its enforcement, leaving nothing for the proposed improvements to the beach and park facilities.

While this testimony is submitted in opposition of SB178, the hope is that those that do support its passage, do not do so with the intent to enjoy the same activities that those that stand in opposition also enjoy, but with a goal of limited access. The language and proposed sustainability of this bill is dubious, and being introduced at the request of an unknown party is what is most concerning. The beaches of Kekaha are bordered by the barriers of a military base on one side and million-dollar oceanfront homes on the other. Somehow it is the members of the community in the middle of these borders that are being pushed to sacrifice more than they have already.

Thank you for allowing comment on this matter and considering this testimony.

Respectfully,

Adam Henkel

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 1:01:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Taylan Makana Pang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

This testimony is in regards too the access of driving on beaches on the West Shore of Kaua'i. I, Taylan Makana Pang personally do not live on the island of Kaua'i but am regularly visting the island due too close realationships with people on Kaua'i. Coming from Oahu and being able too freely have access to shorelines on the Westside of Kaua'i and anywhere in the islands is a special thing too me personally and too many citizens of Hawaii, especially on the island of Kaua'i. Many people, including me, cherish the memories and fun days we have driving on the sand, surfing, and hanging with family and friends on the beaches. Please do not take these fun, beautiful, and loving memories away from the people of Kaua'i. Accessing beach's in your personal vehicle is apart of Kauai's culture. Mahalo for your time.

Taylan Makana Pang

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:02:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Sapp	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Robert Sapp and I am writing this in opposition of SB178. Access to these beaches should remain open to adequate vehicles. These beaches are only accesible by driving and should remain that way. The west side has limited activity areas and this is one that offers the community a way of recreation, way of life, and an inherent right to access by adequate vehicle. The loss of access should not be put on the community simply because the government has failed to do there job as to regulate by previous laws put into place. For once do the job of helping and supporting the community instead of dumping (landfill) on the west side residents.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:20:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chase Kaneakua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing in opposition to bill SB 178.

We the people will not be further infringed upon for any reason. That includes this guise of a "Beach protection" pilot program in which you want to require us to pay a fee that you claim will be used by DLNR for "maintenance of and improvements to" Polihale State Park and Kekaha Beach.

As a born and raised resident of Kaua'i, Kanaka and avid waterman I've seen enough bs from the state and county for me to draw the conclusion that our tax dollars are already mismanaged and that you don't deserve more of it on top of further restricting our already dwindling shoreline access.

If it's more funds you're after then maybe consider redirecting money from pointless beautification projects in Lihue that only serve to satisfy the eyes of visitors.

Whatever your reasons are for wanting to pass this bill, just know that I oppose it and so do thousands of others who call this place home.

If you chose to let this bill pass then you will be met with protest and we will also make sure our voices are heard when elections come around again.

Aloha

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:30:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Likolehua Hookano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as it will take away the freedom as a local to make use of our land. Without driveable access we will no longer be able to easily fish, dive, swim and surf.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 5:06:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Keenan Driver	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a fisherman and surfer it would be an absolute loss to not have 4wd access to the areas that I as a life long resident of the west side of Kauai have always been able to enjoy..I'm writing at this time to express that this bill is a disgrace and a total lack of justice towards us on the west side that use the beach to not only feed our family but also enjoy the surf in these other wise none accessible areas.. For the future of my children's happiness I pray this bill never reaches fruition

aloha keenan driver ðŸ™

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 8:06:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris and Pomai Burkart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We are in support of this measure under the pretense of a public accessible permit that allows recreational use of all the beaches for exercising, gathering, sustainability. It's our native right to have access to these beaches.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 5:15:25 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malulani Garza	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Being able to drive on the beach has always been one of the best parts of going to the beach. Not only is it enjoyable it is also very useful. Our beaches are very big & it is very tough to walk the whole thing. The westside is very very hot which makes the sand very very hot; sometimes feet burns & sometimes you just get hot and run out of air. Most of these beaches are very good surf spots, now imagine walking miles on SAND with a board and other equipment one may use throughout their day at the beach. Sounds deadly right. So many things have been taken from the Hawaiian people, so many things have been taken from Kaua'i, please do not let this be one of them as for it will make life much more difficult when people go to the beach to simply relax !

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 6:26:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeremy Ferguson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As born and raised resident of Kauai, I strongly oppose measure SB178. Access to these beaches by vehicle has not only been a part of my life, but is a way of life for many of the islands residents. The inability to access many of the locations around kekaha by vehicle would alter the way of life for fisherman, surfers and residents and have a negative impact on the culture of Kauai.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 6:42:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenifer Cundy Crisler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

On Kauai, Polihale and Kekaha are 2 of the most remote beaches in our County that can be accessed without a boat. These 2 areas are also under served by Kauai County emergency services and Hawaii State Park Services and Fish and Wildlife. There is no emergency phone to call 911, the nearest dispatch for ambulatory services is more than a 30 minute drive. If the State were to limit access by not allowing civilians to drive on these 2 beaches, we will loose the ability for civilians to first respond. I am part of the Lifeguard associations rescue tube program. Due to the fact that Kauai is as remote as it is and undeserved by County and State services we rely on civilian heros to act as first responders at all unlifeguarded beaches. Polihale is our longest and widest beach. If tubes are stationed here, they are not in proximity to the water and would be above the dune line. (Deep, hot sand almost impossible to run in) Without access to a vehicle it would be almost impossible to deploy a rescue tube in a timely manner and certainly impossible to take the victim to obtain emergency services in a timely manner. Its at least a 20 minute drive from Polihale Beach to Polihale's entrance and exit gate (County recently added about 30 speed bumps that will increase your drive time to the gate as well). Imagine if someone was drug from the water, how many people it would take to get them to a parking lot. Or what if a kapuna has heat stroke or a heart attack?

It looks as though the State is in a "deal" with PMRF to further close access to civilians, as these 2 beaches are adjacent to PMRFs facility. As the rules are now, its not legal for anyone, the State or Civillians, to deny access to beaches. I understand this is about vehicles, but without vehicles at these 2 particular beaches, its almost impossible to access them. Perhaps the State should inact measures similar to what was done at Ke'e Beach on Kauai s North Shore. A ranger station or guard presence that helps to regulate behavior, not deny access to citizens of this County and State. It also breeds a piece of mind when it comes to safety, as this ranger would surely work for the Parks System. The measure obtain a permit would need to be regulated by a gate keeper so why not just have a gate keeper? State has to put someone there in order to read permits so why not just have a gate keeper instead? Polihale is a State Park already, why not treat it that way and allow some services there? BTW, the toilets there need servicing, I'm sure the cesspool is full and causing much more of a problem then our local population using the shoreline for its intended reason. A small presence of authority would surely keep the rifraff in line and not driving in the dunes.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 6:59:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tiani kajiwara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is tiani kajiwara and I have been a resident of Waimea, Kaua'i my entire life. My families have resided on the westside for generations and have been stewards of the land/ocean and it's resources for much longer. We have always viewed beach access (driving on the sand) as a privilege and a much easier way to gather our resources, especially down at Polihale, where we use our vehicles to pull our boats down to the ocean to launch. We have also been regulators of this privilege, teaching and enforcing the proper and respectful way to drive on the beach, especially when families with children were present.

In recent years, the younger generations and people who are not familiar with the "proper" way of driving on our sands have started to abuse this privilege. These people do not have respect for our 'Āina, our resources, or authority, whether it be local uncles or law enforcement. While I do agree something needs to be done, I don't feel this is the answer. For one, our law enforcement officers are already stretched thin and couldn't possibly regulate this properly. Secondly, it is not fair to all those who use this privilege properly, and to feed their families. I propose education as a solution to this problem. Educate our community, on this privilege and the responsibilities that come with it. Maybe during drivers education courses. Put up signs, maybe have more enforcement present before completely taking this privilege away. Mahalo nui, tiani Kajiwara

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:07:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jade Emery	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha State Legislature,

On behalf of myself and Ohana I think that the rules in bill SB178 need to take into consideration "ramp access" for small boats so our Ohana are able to fish, crab & enjoy access to the Na Pali. Our families have been doing this from generation to generation. Fishing & camping is a family tradition and by taking away the access to have what we need will affect our way of life. I understand that there are people who don't have the same common respect & knowledge of driving on the beach & sand, but we all shouldn't be punished for that. Please take a moment & think of a better solution for the problem of people who don't know the proper or common sense driving on beaches rule. How about making people take a safety/education class & have to pay for a permit or license to drive on the beach. Like a hunting license. please take this into consideration.

Mahalo for you time,

Jade Emery

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:09:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kelsi k	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello. Thank you for being given the opportunity to submit a written testimony. Being born and raised on the island, and a longtime Westside resident, please don't allow this rule to pass. Most of us respectfully use vehicles to access the beach for fishing and to socially distance away from other people. Personally I go to clear my head and relax and enjoy the beach without tourists. Taking away the right to drive on these beaches will result in severe crowding at these beaches, and other beaches as well, and also most like will create more unrest between locals and visitors. It's these two beaches where we can get away from them, or at least have enough distance between us to feel comfortable. As social distancing is now the new normal and will be for a long time, by allowing this rule to pass, you will actually be endangering the local community and promoting the spread of covid-19 and all the new variants. Please, please consider the locals who will be severely impacted by this. Thank you for your time.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:11:03 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Vidnha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a fisherman that regularly drives Kekaha and Polihale beach to access fishing spots that provide fish for my family. I oppose this.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:15:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaikea Elias	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a born and raised Kauai native, surfer, beachgoer, and avid waterman I strongly oppose SB178 and the proposal to ban driving on West Kauai Beaches. The privilege of driving your vehicle on the most beautiful beaches in the world is something deeply ingrained in the lifestyle of Kauai residents and the cornerstone of so many local families. There are few things more "Kauaian" than loading up your truck with your family and gear, driving down to Polihale or Kekaha beach, throwing your rig in 4wd and finding your own slice of heaven where you can enjoy the day with the people you love in the places you cherish. I believe that banning driving on these beaches would be a huge mistake and greatly infringe/takeaway the rights instilled in us since birth as Kauai residents. It is the job of our elected officials to protect our rights, not take them away, and to me this demonstrates the continued efforts by certain politicians seizing the opportunity to limit the ways we are able to enjoy our homes due to the mistakes of a tiny portion of the community. I have seen literally zero efforts by DLNR and/or the police in enforcing our laws or taking steps to patrol these beaches, they all have 4wd vehicles, yet they never drive the beach and ensure people are following the rules. It seems like the path that takes the least effort on the part of the organizations tasked with the stewardship of our island is being taken here when they haven't first taken the steps necessary to try to improve the situation, they just go straight for the off-switch. I urge the legislature to block this bill and instead direct the DLNR and Police to build and execute plans that will lead to driving awareness and enforcement of our laws to ensure the beaches stay open for generations to come. Please don't take away something that is so precious to so many of our community.

Mahalo,

Kaikea Elias



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:21:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kawika	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am against the "pilot" program of the bill SB 178. I feel like a regulation should be implemented to keep the beaches safe and functional but if so to be discussed with the community of Kaua'i.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:22:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brittany Murguia.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill on behalf of how most locals feel about this new bill. We have the right to use our vehicles to get to certain locations of the long stretched beach to fish or with our families. We treat these beaches with respect from either fishing or driving our family to certain locations of the beaches. The long stretch of sand is to hard to walk for our kapuna and keiki. We have the right to be able to get to any location on the sand.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:24:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kainoa Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Committee,

My name is Kainoa Lum, I was born and raised on the east side of Kaua'i, since growing up on the island, my family and I would make numerous trips throughout the year to enjoy our beautiful beaches on the west side of the island. Fishing, surfing or just hanging out on our pristine beaches is such a privilege that we get to enjoy as residents of Kaua'i. As for kekaha, the only way to access the beach behind the GMO fields, and drag strip are VIA 4x4 on the sand. If they were to implement a pilot program to stop driving on the beaches, let's hope they have beach access points every 100yds with a parking lot to park your vehicle while you access the beach. No body wants to carry their beach necessities 2 miles up the coastline to enjoy a pristine beach, and that goes for polihale aswell. If they implement rules and have regulation it would be much more enjoyable, than slapping the community in the face with a pilot program for two years that implements permits to drive on the beach. DLNR are already short staffed on our island, because I have friends that work for the department. So before implementing more rules and regulations, try enforcing the rules we already have. Taking away our access to beaches we can barely access already, would be detrimental to our kama'aina. Please listen to the community and make the right decision. Mahalo Kainoa Lum

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:25:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Madeleine Greczyn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Law makers obviously tried to keep this new change quiet hoping it would pass without notice. The fact that me and so many other community members didn't hear about it until less than 24 hours to submit testimony shows that. Everyone who lives on Kauai and especially the westside has driven on the beach as long as anyone can remember to recreate or fish and it is part of the culture here. To take it away so suddenly would not only be devastating to the community, but also just another example on how law makers in Hawai'i prefer to simply make new laws without the people's best interest at heart. I strongly OPPOSE this legislation!!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:28:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daphne Colobong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a resident of kekaha. we are raising 2 boys who we teach how to be able to provide for themselves and not have to rely on making sure they have enough money to have to buy food. we need access to the beaches that this bill is trying to close down. It has been apart of this island living and to take that away is to tell our keiki that their future in fishing and providing is a punishment for them. how can we access the place where we can escape from our home to get exercise and be able to put food on our table. please DO NOT let this pass. Polihale is our access to Napali during the summer, where or how do you expect is to be able to launch our small boats to continue to access the coastline without coming from the boat harbor in kekaha.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:31:15 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick Lyons III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not take away our options to drive to our loved fishing spot or family gathering. We understand there have been bad apples doing bad on our beaches and its facilities but please there are more families who respect and care for our beaches and other beach goers then the few bad apples.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:32:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
thomas tanigawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I feel this is very unfair for the locals if the westside of Kauai. For the westside of Kauai already has zero things for family and kids to do. Majority of westside flocks to the beach after school and on weekends to fish or surf or just enjoy the beach and sunshine. this will be another thing taken away. It would be very devastating to the community to take away our privilege of driving on the beach one less things for kids to do is one more reason for them to go and do drugs/alcohol because of the lack of activities on the westside. Do not take away the one and only thing there is to do on the westside of Kauai.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:38:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ricky Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

i have lived in kekaha my whole life. i am a free diver and use the access to the ocean on the west side to make sure i am able to provide for my family. the ocean is not something anyone should have the power to make restrictions like the ones you are trying to put into place. We have never taken our ocean for granted and we always teach our keiki to leave things better then when y ou got there. if you shut access to the beaches where do you think all this people will end up going or doing? this is NOT a positive change in our community. we humbly ask that you oppose this bill so we can continue to gather from the ocean and let our keiki play along the shores of our island home. what is hawaii without our beaches? how would this be a positive impact in our keiki's eyes? what will this do to show them that we are doing god for them. how could you already pass one meeting without actually coming out here and observing FOR YOUR SELVES that not all people who actually use the beach access the RIGHT WAY. We DO NOT DESERVE THIS. its the actions of people that don't even live on this side that caused all the problems but we are the ones who will be majorly affected by all of this. we as fisherman/community members of Kekaha should have the right to use these beaches. we do not come to your home town and take away your parks.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:44:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jade Nakamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I am born and raised on the island of Kaua'i. This to me doesn't make sense, why would you take it away from the locals? Us locals love to enjoy the beaches with our family and friends but with you not letting us drive on the biggest beach, we won't be able to enjoy. I get it there is people out there who ruin it for us but there is other ways to handle the situation. Like patrolling for parties, closing the beach at a certain time. We have been driving on these 2 beaches for decades before my parents was born. Why only now do something? Please think about how many families drive on the beach that you will ruin. Also, how are we suppose to enjoy the beach when the sand is piping hot in mid day? How is the kupuna that was raised driving on the beach suppose to enjoy the beach if they can't walk far on the sand? How us locals suppose to enjoy our gathering rights, if we have to walk everything down to the beach. I know for a fact that the DLNR people also drive on the beach with their family. They will know what i am talking about.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:45:26 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
huntet cabral	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello,

I oppose this bill and do not support it bill to be written.

- HC.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:47:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
carter koetje	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Believe that this bill is a huge pile of shit for lack of a better word. I have spent my whole life as a resident of Kekaha and using these beaches for surfing fishing and enjoyment. I'm there at least 3 times a week I have watched it and observed it for many years. With that being said I'm not sure what you are protecting by not allowing us to drive on the beach. Yet seed companies and shrimp farms are allowed to dump all of there contaminated wast water into the ocen. I also see this being a huge problem for our kapuna and disabled. As I'm sure your aware there is no ADA access on these beaches making the only way for these people to enjoy the beach is to drive there. To take this away from them seems completely unfair. I hope you reconsider tour bill and possibly talk to the west side community the people that notice what the real problems and have real solutions.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:47:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steve knox	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill! There are several reasons for my testimony. One being they my family and I have been camping and surfing and fishing on these beaches for the last 27 years. Without access to these remote spots it will greatly affect our mission to surf and fish without others. Fishing is part of our daily lives and so is surfing. We need this in our lives to find inner peace. So much is being taken from us to n this day and age. I'm a small business owner of a restaurant and my livelihood has been destroyed due to corona virus. Now you're planning on destroying one of the things that has helped keep me and my family happy. Please consider that many of us rely on these beaches as part of our daily routine. The majority of us take care of the beach. There was a few kids who ruined it for the ones that respect the land. Please reconsider this bill.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:49:48 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Candice Lecroix	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178.

Being born and raised on the west side of Kauai access to Kekaha Beach and Polihale State Park is an essential part of our way of life. We access our fishing, diving, and surfing grounds through these areas. When I was growing up you could drive on the beach from Kekaha along PMRF through Nohili point and to the end of Polihale state park. Our beachline is continuously being taken from us, and we are the last place in Hawaii that has the ability to raise our children in the way that we were on this beach.

There is no doubt that there are too many more people on this island, and too many people are abusing our resources and not teaching their children how to properly take care. Instead of making a clear cut restriction on driving on the beach we need to enforce more consequences for those that abuse our beachlines not take away them for the majority of people who do use them responsibly.

No matter your opinion on this subject this bill should not be passed because it offers no clear description of what this "permit" system entails. Will permits be given for fishing, for surfing, camping, or for cultural practices? Will permits be given for recreation? Essentially by passing this bill we are allowing DLNR and the county to shut down our beaches without a publicly supported or acknowledged system in place.

And if permits for these things are allowed, will non-residents be able to take permits otherwise used by local residents? Will locals have to purchase permits to access shoreline that they were raised on to provide for their families? Until there are specific plans in place this bill should not be even considered to be voted on.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:50:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alyssa Miyamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Alyssa Miyamoto

605 Aewa St. Eleele HI 96705

To whom it may concern,

I, Alyssa Miyamoto oppose of bill SB178.

Why are you guys out to get the locals?? How are we too get down to our fishing right spots? Or our surfing spots where we all grew up on? I am and will always be a westside kauai citizen and i am at these beaches almost once a week, sometimes every single day when the surf is great, and witnessed no such thing where this bill should even brought up! Please tell me why you guys just want to take away our rights and lives from our people! This bill is a huge pill of shit and you all know it. How the hell are you guys going to "preserve" the beaches when you "lawmakers" let all these seeds companies for over 20yrs dump poison and cancerious chemicals into our oceans? Knowing that they are dumping this you still let them do it all these years! So please tell me how us locals who actually take care the aina ruins the beaches by driving on it!!!! What you trying to preserve, the sand fo not get tire tracks???? Maybe instead of bothering and messing with the families of the westside , why dont you guys regulate burnsfield and kick all the crack heads out, maybe you actully might be "preserving" something there but no you guys just wanna mess with local families that already dealing with alot from COVID19 restrictions! Ron Kouchi you have no reason to bring this bullshit bill up and this bill has no right getting brought to senate!

Sincerely,

Alyssa Miyamoto

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Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:55:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cippy Ragocos III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a 3rd generation fisherman I oppose this bill. I am getting older and making it harder for me to fish if I cannot drive on the beach to fish.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:58:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Conor Kennedy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Ever since I was a baby, the area from Kekaha to Polihale has been my favorite place in the world. Much of this is due to being able to drive on the beach, as it is the only practical way to access much of this special area. The idea of practical access being taken away is devastating.

I can understand why driving on the beach is controversial. I myself am very much against it when it comes to many, easier to access, areas. However, the stretch from Kekaha to Polihale is different.

Many times I have seen, or been, injured far down the beach, where the ability to drive back was potentially paramount in providing care. This is why I call driving on the beach "practical access." Yes, we can walk down the beach to get to the same places. We can and if this bill were to pass, we will. This would put lives at risk. Without the ability to drive on the beach, we will lose the community support that has saved many injured people in the past.

Aloha,

Conor T Kennedy



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:59:15 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adam King	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern, as a lifelong resident, and an avid surfer, paddler, fisherman, and outdoor enthusiast I've been blessed to have the opportunity to utilize Kauai's outdoor recreation access for decades. Sadly what we are seeing here is a mismanagement of our resources. Instead of managing our outdoor recreation sites the solution the state and private land owners are creating is just to close down access. This is very damaging for the mental and physical wellbeing of our island community, we need an outlet and a healthy outlet as well. By restricting access and closing down more and more land and resources local people are frustrated and feel squeezed by tourism, military, and private land owners as we feel our lands which we care so deeply about and steward are being taken away due to greed and liability. Driving on the beach is a amenitie we have had to acess our limited fishing and surfing grounds for decades. Many of our coastline areas are either lacking acess due to private estate development or unstustainable agricultural practices or taken over by the military. You must weigh the health and fitness of the local community with the hazards of beach driving. Many places around the mainland and the world are set aside as national forests/coastlines/ lands to allow and promote outdoor recreation. Here in Hawaii the private holds of the mismanagement by the state don't allow the same recreational opportunities which is so vital for our lifestyle/ and our physical and mental health. Please consider allowing our limited freedoms we still have to our outdoor recreation to continue and opening up more recreation options instead of just taking them away and forcing the residents to fall into the rut of resentment and drugs and Alcohol due to the lack of any pono recreation opportunities. We must protect our recreation by weighing our community's physical and mental health with the apparent hazards of the later. Please continue to allow beach driving as a way to acess our rights to shoreline activities

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**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:01:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chloe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My name is Chloe Higa and I'm a resident on Kauai. The proposal to have a 2-year pilot program is unacceptable. Our community should continue to have the freedom to drive on Kekaha and Polihale beach.

If the pilot program is approved, there would be more traffic along the side of Kekaha beach and at Polihale State Park which is more dangerous. Also, having country workers, lifeguards, or having police patrol having to aide DLNR to keep watch is a waste of time and resources when they should be focusing on more important matters.

By controlling who goes on the beach by having permits is unreasonable. Having the community need to sign up for permits will also cause a big mess being there will be a lot of applicants who would want a permit. Implementing permits to drive on the beach will also cause more dangerous traffic along the side of the road of Kekaha beach. Both Polihale and Kekaha beach have a limited amount of parking as is. Those reasons being cause danger and pose a threat to more accidents. With that being said even more so should we allow the continuation of driving on the beach so it doesn't cause more issues.

In my eyes, driving on Kekaha and Polihale beach cause no threat. But implementation of the pilot program will cause more danger than residents driving on the beaches of Kekaha and Polihale.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:05:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
JAMES VALLEE	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose. As a resident and user of both beaches, we often drive on the beach to fish or access remote surf breaks. I see no harm caused by responsible vehicle use on the beach, similar to Pismo Beach in California.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:06:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alejandra Contreras	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Yes I strongly oppose this Bill. Driving on the beaches of Kaua'i is a privilege that locals have and it would be taking away from the camping and fishing and spending time with family and loved ones in places that tourist cannot reach. This is a direct attack on local culture. Some of the best memories I have had have been while camping at kekaha or poli hale.

mahalo nui loa for taking the time to read my statement.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:08:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lance Alexander Sallee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I believe it is unfair to take away the driving privledges at our local beaches for various reasons. One of the reasons being that many of our world class waves have miles of white sand beaches that require a 4x4 vehicle to get to them. Without a 4x4 vehicle it is nearly impossible to walk that far and enjoy the beach for the day. The beaches that many local families have been going to for generations. Surfing is a part of the Hawaiiin culture and this bill is making it extremely difficult for us to access our beloved beaches. In addition, what if we did walk for miles in the extreme heat and got injured while surfing or god forbid a shark attack happens? How are we going to have the resources available to save that person? By the time we walk back to grab our phones or call 911 the person would have bled out! By having our vehicles with us we are able to have the necessary means of transportation to help people and help ourselves in a sticky situation. Also, It is unfair to take away this right to the local people who have been doing this for generations, while stilll allowing the government/military to do it.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:09:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Calvin Threat	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To Whom it may concern,

I'm a resident of Waimea and I am writing in opposition of SB178. I think that this bill is the last thing the citizens of west Kauai need, and in fact punishes this community due to the actions of a few. Trust between DLNR and the community is broken and we need to do more to build it up. First thing that would help, would be to enforce the laws as they are currently.

Thank you for your time.

Calvin Threat

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:10:14 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Ruiz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill makes no sense! There is a law already in place, it just needs to be enforced. That is you can drive on the beach to unload or load your equipment, not joy riding. This bill would only put people in danger incase of a emergency. There are hardly any access roads to these beaches already. Oppose this bill!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:10:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daryl Domingo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I'm opposed to SB 178. Driving on kekaha beach and polihale should be kept open. As a fisherman this is a way of providing food for my family. I believe fisherman and surfers or anything to do with ocean activities should be permitted to drive on the sand. There should be more DLNR officials at the beach to monitor activities that are not ocean/beach related.

Thank you,

Daryl



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:13:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gary A. Lopez Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm opposed to this and believe there should be other solutions rather than this two year pilot program.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:13:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gavin Raquel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Being able to drive out on the beach, setup a pop tent, grill some burgers, throw out a fishing pole or two, paddle out for a surf sesh or just talking story with friends/family is part of a lifestyle for residents that live on Kauai. To some, going down to Polihale with the family and camping over for the weekend in your own little spot is kind of a time to bond. Taking that away would be like taking away part of their lifestyle or tradition. Another negative impact would be the need to put in more parking in which takes away from the natural beauty of the island and its beaches.

Regulating the way people drive on the beach would be something more reasonable. Punish the ones that abuse the privilege.

I OPPOSE to this bill simply because it is part of a lifestyle here on Kauai

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:13:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Coots	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, and ot whom it may concern,

I am a resident born and raised on Kauai, and lost my leg to a shark attack in the same area that is being ocnsidered for the pilot program. As I contiune to pursue my passion as a handicapped surfer, I utilize my 4x4 vehicle to get in and oiut of the surf spot in this area, and the new legsialtion would probihit me from physically participating in surfing in the area. It is too far of a walk otherwise. I am a staunch marine activist, and have spent a great poriton of my life in the proposed area, and have found zero beach erosion or adverse imapct to the beahc because of the off road driving. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mike

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:16:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lance davis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am against this. If you guys shut down beach access by vehicles not being able to drive on the beach a lot of us will not be able to access the west side beaches because there is not enough parking lots or walking beach access to get to the beaches that we value so much for surfing, fishing, etc.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:19:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evan Agor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Hawaii State Legislature,

My name is Evan Agor and I was born and raised on the beautiful Westside of Kauai. Driving and camping on the beaches of the Westside is a lifestyle for many of the island's residents. It is something very special to me that I grew up doing along with many other families on the island.

Growing up in Kekaha, I have spent more time on the coastline than in my own home. Upon graduating from Waimea High School, I left Kauai for a little over a decade ago to pursue higher education and a career in aviation. Throughout my career and job experiences, I have traveled across the globe and visited some of the most beautiful places on the planet, but yet nothing compares to Kauai.

In 2018, I was fortunate enough to move back home, I got married and in 2019 my wife gave birth to identical twin girls. I have been looking forward to the day when they are grown enough to take camping. If you restrict vehicle access to these beaches it will be extremely challenging to bring my family camping and allow them to experience the amazing lifestyle that I once lived.

I understand that you will be charging a fee and issuing permits to camp/drive on beaches which I believe is fair. I will gladly pay whatever is requested to obtain these permits. However, with past experiences, the process and formality has been flawed, making these permits nearly impossible to attain. I hope this will not be the case.

Operating automobiles on the beach is something that makes our island one the most unique and special places in the world. By relinquishing our right to drive on our coastlines through Measure SB178, you are not only punishing us, but you are also punishing our innocent Keiki. Please do not take this right away from us.

Thank you for your time.

Mahalo,

Evan Agor

Airbus 330 FO

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:20:34 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cheryl Stoddard	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My boyfriend is a third generation fisherman with my son being the fourth, my dad is also a fisherman. With my boyfriend and father getting up in years it would be very difficult for us to get to our fishing spots with all our gear. So I ask for small consideration as you go through this bill and please keep the kapuna and those who have been doing this for generations in mind to us this is a way of life not just a luxury.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:25:34 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gannen K. Grace	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I really don't like this bill due to the fact that it just makes it harder for us as people who uses the beaches to gather food, family events, etc. We do not need this bill...



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:25:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
seth tuzon	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

While I do understand the need to balance public safety with recreational needs I don't feel restricted access to beaches are the answer. By doing so would essentially make popular surf, fishing and family recreational areas inaccessible. Being able to transport the necessary equipment to enjoy the recreational state parks would be impossible and severely inhibit the use of the beaches and gathering rights. Also, while there is no way to measure the unintended consequences that will happen like over crowding parking areas, theft, car vandalism that will inevitably occur due to the concentration of vehicles in remote and unsecured parking areas. I believe funds should be used to step up enforcement of existing laws instead of restricting law abiding citizens due to the behavior of a few.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:27:24 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Regarding bill SB178 i oppose on the basis we need to fight for our way of life, especially for our keiki. Being born and raised ton the Westside, driving on the sand was a way of life for us. We were taught from a young age how to and most importantly how to respect others and the privilege afforded to us. Throughout the years we have all seen areas that have been taken away one by one by private landowners and the homeless population. We often discuss how we lack positive outlets for our residents and keiki, the beaches on the Westside is our last sanctuary for many of us. My heart would break for the many kupuna and children who spend many weekends swimming, fishing, and surfing. What are the alternatives for them, especially on the Westside? I am also not blind to the recent problems we have had with crowd control and reports of drivers speeding. I think many of us are willing to work with the state on solutions to fight for our kids, kupunas and the many who use this access to live a simple life they have come accustomed to. We need to be fighting for them, the people, our island residents first vs fighting to take away something so precious. Fight for them first! Fight for creative solutions!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:28:29 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Larry & Miriam Mata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We strongly oppose SB178!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:29:03 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am in opposition of this bill. This is another example of the State taking away our rights as citizens and tax payers. Driving on the beach on the west side is a part of our culutre here on Kauai. There are miles of coastline that are only accessable if you are able to drive on the beach. Without the ability to do so will keep us locals away from areas where fishing and surfing are so greatly enjoyed. This bill passing will be stripping us of yet another important part of our culture here on Kauai.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:31:47 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Samuel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Free and open spaces are healthy to society. I understand Polihale, but targets loses and regains it's sand every summer and winter..

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:32:29 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
colby aana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose of this bill because that is one of the beaches I collect food for my family fishing, throwing net etc, also free and open places are good for a health society

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:33:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keegan Pleas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a life long resident from Kekaha, I wholeheartedly opposed this bill as I believe it will be detrimental to the community.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:33:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sandi O'Shaughnessy	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I strongly oppose SB178 due to the restrictions it will put on fishermen and recreational beach users. It can be dangerously hot on the beach during the days, to require people to walk long distances in order to get to the shoreline will result in undue injury and hardship. The beaches belong to the people, not the state. We deserve to use them safely.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:33:48 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason Rasmussen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill. Please allow us the freedom to be able to drive cars on the beach at Polihale with respect.

Thanks, Jason Rasmussen

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:34:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
cynthia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not take away our ability to drive on the beach. Getting a permit is another way to take more money from those who are not the abusers. There has to be another way. Increase patrol, put up a kiosk check in before entering the dirt road and require a permit for overnight camping only. The majority of us enjoy day trips and love and respect our aina and deserve to enjoy the liberty of driving on the beach. Thank you for your time and work. :)

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:34:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Carvalho	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Michael W. Carvalho

January 29, 2021

Opposition for SB No. 178, Relating to driving on beaches.

Kouchi, on behalf of another party, has introduced a two-year beach protection pilot program. I strongly oppose SB No.178, which would establish no vehicles authorized on Kekaha and Polihale beaches.

The community of Kaua'i has already experienced the loss of Polihale privileges during summer of 2020. Since reopening, the community has shown immense respect for our land by protecting it through individual and organized beach cleans ups, not racing on the sand, no large gatherings, and following time restrictions. Driving to destinations on Polihale and Kekaha sand has been used exclusively to properly socially distance while showing appreciation for our land. To take away this right would mean removing miles of beach options for families. Driving on the sand, to and from a selected area, has not been proved to cause harm to the beaches of Kekaha and Polihale.

In hopes for the Kaua'i community to continue our right to enjoy the miles of sandy beach in Kekaha and at Polihale which are only accessible via driving on the sand, I strongly urge the committee to oppose bill SB No. 178. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:35:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
hillary hunsicker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill. This would be absolutely devastating to our community. I have raised my child on these beaches and as part of the surfing and fishing community I believe this will have a terrible effect on our island.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:35:13 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anthony Vail	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill would tear out the hearts and souls of so many local families. For us to lose our right to be able to drive on the sand without a permit would be devastating to our community. As a surfer and fisherman who respects and takes care of all West side beaches I can't imagine this new order going into effect. Instead of restricting us you should be opening more access and stop controlling our ability to use our natural resources as a method of sport lesisure and livelihood.  
Please rethink this bill

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:36:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michelle Hunter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Driving on the Kekaha beaches and polihale is an amazing privilege and we all need to remember that and respect what a special gift it is. I can understand some changes to better protect the beaches and ocean, increase trash pick up, etc. But taking away our ability to drive on them would be insanely disappointing and cause more harm in my opinion. Especially during this pandemic, families and kids need to be outdoors and having fun and experiencing all the wonderful benefits of the ocean. If you were to eliminate driving on these beaches, you would basically be taking away those beautiful beaches completely. It is impossible for a family to park and then carry all of their beach items and children across the burning hot sand of the west side to access the shoreline. When I think of Kekaha and polihale I think of my most amazing day trips spent at the beach, surfing and splashing around and building sand castles with the kids. If you take away driving, you are taking away memories and opportunities that are healthy and what the community needs!! The surf community and families completely rely on vehicle access to these special locations, do not take that away!! Mahalo

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:37:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Braxton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Imagine taking away something that's been going on for generations, things that people enjoy, sure maybe you're saving erosion here or there, but at the end the day it's inevitable, you say you'll need permits to do so and everyone on Kauai will still go get those permits and you'll end up giving those permits out to anyone and they'll still run the beach hard. Take into account that the things you're taking away is from everyone not just individuals, you'll just cause issues.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:39:07 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
joshua stone	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

It is with a sad heart that I have to reach out and write this. I do understand the fragility of our ecosystem on the small little island and at the same time also realizing the need to support a healthy lifestyle on this family island. In regards to that one of our families most treasured past times is being able to go fishing in where can set up without disrupting other beach goers Who use the shoreline systems for beach recreation such as surfing swimming or even just walking on the beach or exercise. It is quite dangerous when fishermen are forced into one area along with beach goers.I do understand that we can still walk to beach we're trying to walk that distance with the gear needed for a family to go fishing properly catch food it's quite disheartening to think of.

and even if the day is not spent fishing just to be able to take the family out to a somewhat secluded area and get a little privacy for our own Ohana is such an essential part of living it's not that I'm against public but especially in these trying times of a pandemic I think it is not a smart decision to force everybody in to having to go to the same beaches and sit so close to each other but we have great access to one of the largest sandy beaches in the entire Hawaiian island state. I truly hope that this message reaches the right people with an open heart of understanding of us trying to survive during this dark time in history and realizing that this would just add more of a burden on the people of this island and sad and many people who have grown up with these traditions. I don't understand why the sudden need to take this vital treasure away from us especially when the hearts of the people have already been so defeated by the current situation of Not being able to open up restaurants are our hotels and any bit of likelihood needed to sustain a family is so important right now.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:39:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kristy Pimental	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I understand that we on the island of Kauai is one of the only islands that is still allowed to drive on beaches. I understand that it is a privilege but I think that DLNR need to do their job in managing the behaviors of the community that is abusing the privilege! Growing up here polihale was always a gathering place. For us family's to come together and spend a long weekend together and enjoy the beach and each others company. Also we'd bring boats to do boat ride into napali or for the men to go pick opihi or throw net as the end of polihale is a designated launching ramp. I am 24 and we used to go camping since I was like 5....even then there was people that would drive fast on beaches drive in front camps! That's all things DLNR should be advising. There isn't enough camping pavilions or camping permits for everyone especially during the summer...hence why everyone camps on the beach!. I think this is something DLNR manage not completely take this privilege away from the community and the ones who respects the aina.

Aloha,

I have been a resident of Waimea Valley my whole life. My family and I frequent Kekaha/Polihale beach almost every single weekend. I have seen reckless driving throughout my life on the beach, by strangers as well as people I know. I now have a family with children from ages 13 to 3 years old.

There has been an increased anxiety for me as my youngest son, who was recently diagnosed with autism, does not quite understand 'danger'. It was never a worry for me before (the reckless driving) because my son would always remain near me. However, in the last few months his growth has made him very unpredictable.

These past few months have been the most frustrating while at Kekaha Beach (we go from Intersections to Targets). There have been numerous occasions where people have been driving 50+ MPH down the beach and even near the vehicles with families. There was an incident recently where we were set up not 30 ft away from the water when a truck drove RIGHT IN FRONT of our tent between us and the water (we were the only people in that area-I even took a video of it).

We as locals can only do and say so much. To yell 'slow down' to a truck that's driving fast has not really been effective. We have seen families camping dig a trench in the sand to prevent vehicles from flying past their camps with kids. We have seen people chase trucks that speed past acting stupid on the beach to let them know that its unacceptable. We have tried to do our part and keep our beaches safe for each other. We have tried to spread the word to slow down and drive responsibly and respectfully. But I have seen no changes in the acts of residents that use our beaches.

I do not want this bill to be passed. We drive on the beach so we can lug our tent, chairs, beach toys, boogie boards, food/drink, and kids with ease and passing this bill will make it so much more difficult to bring what we need. HOWEVER, I do believe that there is consequence for stupidity and lack of respect. If this is what it will take for there to be more enforcement and safety along our west side beaches, then that's what it will take. It is unfortunate that it has to resort to this, but if our community members cannot learn to drive responsibly, then I will do what I need to do, as a responsible member of the community, to use our beaches, even if it means getting the necessary permitting to be able to do so.

I just ask that if this bill is passed, the permitting process be carefully thought over. For if the same people that drive recklessly on the beach now, get a permit, they will continue to do so in the future. I also think there should be priority (if permitting is limited) to west side residents. If the bill is passed I hope there will be more enforcement happening.

Mahalo for your time,

Tehani B.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:43:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Simplicity Love	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178. Access to our Beaches is sacred and a fundamental right right of the people.

infilly oppose this SB

thank you.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:44:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
gavin klein	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Gavin Klein. I was born and raised in Kekaha, and still reside here today. I remember driving on the beach all the way from Kekaha to Poihale. I drive up to Kokole point almost everyday to fish, surf, and enjoy the sunset.

With this bill you restrict access to people and leave the beaches parking lots in disarray. There is no infrastructure to support this change.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:48:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lauriana pereira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Kekaha beach and Polihale beach has always been a local favorite; even more so if you live on the west side as I do. Kekaha beach spans so long and taking away driving access cripples access to over 50% of the beach. The area that is drive access only, or a very long walk, is the areas many locals go to fish, camp, etc. For Polihale beach many people camp down there, especially in the summer months. I love camping down there, going to the beach there, but if drive access gets taken away then what will you do about parking? There is a VERY limited amount of access to parking spots that is not on the sand. So do you have a solution for parking issues? Is it worth it to do so? Is upsetting the locals this much really worth it? What is the reason why?

What I want to know is why? Being able to drive on the sand, set up your spot, and enjoy the beaches has been a practice that we have been able to do for years. Something that makes Kauai Kauai. Think about how much has been taken away from the locals already. Kauai has HORRIBLE affordable housing. All of the tourists buy out all of the houses for vacation rentals. Every day there is more and more that is slowly being taken away from the locals. You are taking away years of tradition and things that families look forward to. At the end of the day isnt our government officials supposed to look out for the locals? How are you doing that?

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:49:03 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rory Morris	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am in total disagreement with this bill. With so much of our freedom already taken away from us, this would be a breaking point for so many Kauaiians. I grew up surfing and fishing this coast. I take my kid to look for crabs at night and sunrise shells in the morning. We have family get togethers to get away from the hustle and bustle we live in through out week. Don't take this privilege away from those who do follow the rules. Those who were taught to always leave it better than you found it. Do not shut us out. I believe as a community we can regulate those who "don't think about others" and find a solution that would allow the county to keep Polihale open to the public. Please, it is not just a beach to so many families on this island. It's a sanctuary, a home away from home, a place for one to decompress, or simply a place where appreciation can be found, taught, most importantly to find love in a world that seems so lost. So many people would not be able to afford a permit and being able to book some kind of trip out there would be very hard considering everyone else that wants to enjoy as well.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:49:25 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jacquelyn Nelson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not do this! Please do not change Kauai. Please continue to allow us to drive at Polihale Beach. Thank you.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:50:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
andrea abalos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178 because there is no other access to get to the beach down kekaha and there is no parking area where it would be accessible walking. Kekaha and polihale beach sand access needs to be kept open because it is one of the only areas on the island where it can accommodate many families where we can safely follow covid social distance regulations. Other beaches are so crowded and or privately owned. Please reconsider decision!

mahalo,

Andrea Abalos



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:55:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kalina Jones	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I would be very disappointed to see this bill go through. I've grown up with many amazing memories of pulling up to polihale, sleeping right next to the water, under the vibrant nights sky in the bed of our family truck. Or driving down to targets with a truck load of boards and the pop up tents. We have the best beach days, scoring waves, trading boards, lunch on the beach, naps, and repeat. These memories are my favorite. But If this bill goes through I will have to say bye to all of my favorite memories, not only for me but my children and future generations as well. I oppose bill SB178 for the safety of surfers as well. Targets is the best wave on the island and stopping the beach driving will not stop the surfers. It is also the most powerful and dangerous wave. God forbid someone got severely injured and dies because there was no cars on the beach to drive them out and emergency vehicle didn't get there in time. I hope this testimony is taken into concideration.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:55:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keokiana Kanelopoulos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

First of all thank you for all your do for Kauai. I am writing to you today because I am strongly opposed to bill 178. This bill will take away a precious part of our local communities way of life. From fisher men to surfer, we will all be affected by this. We have lost or on the verge of loosing so many special places around this island, such as Kipu falls and queens bath. Please don't take away another thing from us. I strongly plead with you not to pass bill 178.

Mahalo,

Keokiana Kanelopouolos

**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Miihah Fu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Miihah Fu

(808) 652-5346

January 26, 2020

Oppose S.B. No. 178, Relating to Driving on Beaches

My name is Miihah Fu, I am of Native Hawaiian descent and Kaua'i has been home to my family for generations. I strongly oppose bill S.B. 178, Relating to Driving on Beaches, that would prohibit vehicular access to the majority of the west coast shoreline in Kekaha and Polihale.

The proposal before us is absolutely heartbreaking and I know I speak for most locals when I say we do not agree with the matter at hand. Throughout the years the people of Kaua'i are constantly being robbed and pushed aside for the sake of gentrification. The ocean is our home when we have nothing left. For many of us, it is how we feed our families.

Throughout the past 30 years, the people of Kaua'i have been pushed aside for money and greed. From the construction of resorts and million dollar houses that cut off easy access to our shorelines, to the so called "affordable housing" that's only affordable for those who decide to leave their mainland lifestyle. Being able to drive on the beach at Kekaha and Polihale is now the only privilege we have left that tourists don't have access to. These beautiful beaches are two of the last spots where we can

easily distance ourselves from the general public when we want to take our families out to fish for the day, or to just relax without being overrun by the constant influx of visitors. Kaua'i officials have gotten to the point where they care more about the money coming in rather than the quality of life for its own people. For us Kā• naka, it is a place of physical and spiritual sustenance. A place we can go to connect with our Kā•puna and all those who came before us.

I understand the events that took place at Polihale in 2020 plays a huge role in the move to cut vehicle access to the shoreline. But I can also argue that myself along with others were involved in helping load up and pack out a lot of the 'Ā• pala that was left behind. The true locals know to leave a place better than we found it, so please don't take this away because of a few bad apples.

My family along with other Kā• naka here on Kaua'i have grown up on these shores for generations and again, it's truly the last thing we have left. So we are essentially begging that you hear the cries of the people of Kaua'i when we ask you to please not take this away from us. I want to be able to show my keiki at least one thing that we are still able to do/access that their great grandparents were also able to enjoy. On behalf of myself and all my extended 'ohana, we urge you to reject S.B. No. 178. Mahalo nui loa.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:56:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ryder guest	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Driving on the sand and accessing the west side that way is a way of life and doesn't cause any harm , we pick up trash and Malama the place. The only thing it's gonna do is have everyone turn against it this is not a good idea, leave it the way it is for us.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:58:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matt Holzman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Thank you for taking you're time to read my testimony.

If you take away our access to the sand, you take away the essence of Kauai. This breaks my heart. Please don't take away what has givin us a way to release our frustrations and heal. Please don't do this. It will destroy our culture as people from Kauai.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:58:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jolene	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

I am writing in opposition of bill SB178 that will force our community to purchase a permit to drive on the beach of Polihale State Park or any beach in Kekaha under the jurisdiction of department of land and natural resources. Fishing is a way of life for alot of our west side community and by taking away the driving on the beach or having them to go and get a permit to do what puts food on our table would be a burden for us! Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

Jolene Silva

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:58:48 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Kaiakapu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**Aloha mai kakou,**

**My name is Christopher Ka’iakapu and I STRONGLY OPPOSE Bill 178. I am from the ahupua’a of Hanapepe. I’m a Native Hawaiian, conservationist, surfer, fisherman, off-road enthusiast, and beach recreationist who has called the westside of Kaua’i my home for my entire life. Polihale and Kekaha beach have always been a special resource and sanctuary for me, my family, and friends. The ability to drive on the beaches helps make this so, and affords us the opportunity to distance ourselves from crowds, towns, and the hustle-bustle of daily life. As a kanaka raised to be aina-minded I have always understood the sanctity of Polihale and the special respect it requires being both a resting place of our ancestors as well as a unique ecosystem housing native and endangered species. From a conservation perspective, I most definitely acknowledge the need for more education and protection of these areas. However, I do not believe driving on the beaches is the root problem, nor is banning driving on the beaches the solution. I believe the root problem that needs to be addressed is education and immigration. These areas need more signage, educational media/marketing, roping off of sensitive areas, and fines for damaging native plants and habitat. These areas also require restrictions (not widespread banning) on the number of daily users and visitors, particularly “new residents” and those from outside the moku of Kona. I believe steps toward a more comprehensive solution include meetings with stakeholders of these areas, native hawaiian hui, and fostering of partnerships to co-manage the areas where all interests can be balanced responsibly with more community engagement.**

**Mahalo nui loa,****Chris Ka’iakapu**



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Trent Ishizu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Kekaha beach and polihale has provided for our family for many generations, please do not stop that from happening! There should be no permit needed to occupy a public beach!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:00:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joel Koetje	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Joel Koetje am opposed to Stated of Hawaii 2021 SB no. 178 as a Senior Citizen of Kauai. I find the bill discriminatory againt anyone that may need access to our shoreline for anthing to include fishing, surfing, camping, mainly any form of family activiy that may need transpotration for small children , elederly and anyone else of speical needs . As you know there is no ADA Access to either of these beaches making this bill a huge loss and disadvantage for the community.

27 January 2021

E nā hoa makamaka o ka 'āina kā'ili lā o Kaua'i nui kuapapa,  
aloha nui nō kākou.

My name is Tiele-Lauren Doudt, I was born and raised in Kīlauea on the island of Kaua'i and just recently returned from completing my professional degrees in Honolulu. Over the past decade of living on O'ahu, I have received a high school diploma from Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian Language, and a Master of Arts degree in Hawaiian Studies, all from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Although the economic opportunity is bountiful where I received my professional and educational training, in the final year of my graduate program, I felt deeply moved to return home to the place of my birth to assist in any way that I could with cultural and language studies. After spending some time working and volunteering with food distributions at 'Āina Ho'okupu o Kīlauea, I gained employment beneath the Nā Kama a Hā'upu division at Mālama Hulē'ia focusing on education, research, and community outreach.

Like so many others on Kaua'i, I have spent a great amount of time enjoying the sands of Polihale, moreso throughout my childhood with my family. My mom and uncles used to take us camping, fishing, and surfing at this beach during the summer months. It has a very fond place in my heart and is perhaps one of the most significant sites of Kaua'i. Although I am not completely informed on the context behind this pilot project, I do strongly suggest that a co-management system is to be employed for future stewardship of the Polihale area. This initiative could encompass more diverse issues, such as general education, community outreach, public safety, infrastructure management, and dune protection and/or rehabilitation for Hawaiian burial sites.

At the time, I do not think that it is the government's responsibility to enforce any semi-permanent bans without first consulting with the main stakeholders of this area. I think that a co-management coalition would be most beneficial in making sure that all of the needs to best protect and manage this area are to be met. I am not the most qualified or experienced in co-management systems, but I do think that Kaua'i has an excellent collection of experts who would take this project and management plans seriously.

Mahalo for protecting our sacred sites.

Tiele-Lauren Doudt  
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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mikeal Owen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to express my gratitude to the writers of SB178. There are valid reasons for banning driving on the beaches. That being said at this point the reasons for allowing locals to drive on the beaches out ways them. This has been a difficult year for everyone. One of the greatest things about living on Kauai is finally being able to enjoy our island without having to weed through hoards of tourists. Driving on the beach allows us to spend time with our families in a socially distanced way since we are able to find our own spot on the beach. The parking lots are run down and do not have the capacity to accommodate the many people who use Polihale & Kekaha for a myriad of reasons. Polihale has always been a place where ohana can gather to spend time together and it's difficult especially for the keiki and kupuna to be able to access the ocean with out driving on the beach. As locals we respect our beaches and have been taught to leave things better than we found them. I know we can continue to respect these places and our community without having to sacrifice our freedom and heart-warming experiences. I oppose SB178.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:03:24 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kendall koetje	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The west side community has little to offer the elderly and its youth other than its beaches. This too should not be taken away from the community that has the least.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:07:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lucas Godfrey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi I am a frequent user of the beaches of Kekaha and I believe that we should be able to continue to drive on the beach to provide access for surfing and fishing its healthy for the community to be able to participate in this sports and the access is already limited with the military base so to continue to restrict access would be wrong. thankyou.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:08:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stanton Yoshimori	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I'm just blown away hearing what might happen to one of my favorite places to take my family (Kekaha Beach). I say this because my family loves going down there to camp, fish, and just making memories together. We make the drive out there maybe once a month from Lihue and the drive is worth it when we reach Kekaha Beach. It's takes all our stress, worries, and anxiety away and appreciate life and what we have left here on Kauai.

Mā• hā• 'ulepā« was already taken away from us who actually respects the place. My family comes from generation's of fishermen who always went down there on the weekends to relax and fish. We all been thought something down there and it's something we will never forget. My Grandpa Tamo Yoshimori is 92-93 can't enjoy this spot because the walk is to far from CJM's. So now he just goes to Waimea Pier to do something he enjoys.

I oppose this just like the rest of Kauai

Mahalo,

Stanton Yoshimori



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:13:40 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aaron Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not take this away from Kauai people. Be create, manage this park better DLNR. Driving on Polihale and Kekaha beaches are a part of the cultural identity.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:11:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carlos Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am in opposition of SB178. Born and raised on Kauai, it is our privilege and an honor to be able to drive on our West Side Beaches to enjoy the surf, enjoy time with our family, enjoy outdoor activities that keep us healthy/sane and overall, enjoy our island. We do this respectfully. It is a gift to live here and driving on the sand on our West Side Beaches is one of those rare opportunities not everyone is given. I realize there are many people who take advantage of these situations, but please don't take this away from our Keiki and please don't take it away from the Locals who actually practice driving on the beaches safely & respectfully.

During the beginning of Covid, driving on the sand on Kekaha Beach Park was a ritual we did every evening at sunset to get my son out of the house and do something active. Because of those moments, Kekaha Beach Park (Intahz) is now one of his favorite beaches and a memory he will cherish, rather than perceive negatively.

I can only imagine if everyone parked on the side of the road, rather than spread out on the sand, how congested and potentially dangerous the parking areas would get. Keiki would be running around by the road, perhaps more cars would be broken into, maybe even more accidents as people pull out. More rubbish would be by the roadside. There's a lot of negative associated with this. Right now, we can all spread out and social distance on the sand. If this wasn't allowed or if permits were needed to drive on the sand, everyone would just be congested together, side by side, in the parking lot!

I encourage everyone to take a look into the future and see what this might do to our Community. We are lucky to call Kauai home. The freedom of the open beaches, the ability to drive on the sand and be yards away from others, it's truly a privilege. Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:16:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
luke hacker	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not make Kauai resident have to pay to use public beaches, we get thousands of tourist every week here who come here and so it makes no sense to charge local people who a lot are struggling day by day to make ends meet and have families,how is that right? We as people who actually live here shouldn't have to pay for something that is part of our lives and has been for generations, this is so backwards and makes no sense,make the tourists pay, not the people who already live here , the beach is a healthy outlet for us and especially during a pandemic where people are already struggling, why would you do something like that, what happened to being good person and taking care of your fellow people? It's so wrong what you people are trying to do , have you no shame at all?

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:17:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Colin Valhuerdi	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I grew up in the town of Kalaheo. A short drive to kekaha which is where I spend most of my time surfing/fishing/enjoying the beach with friends and family. To take away that during this time is negligent. Our people need more outdoor activities. At a point during this pandemic I had succumb to extreme depression and went into a mental break down because I was stuck inside for so long and unable to do the things I truly love to. I tried taking my life. Although and thankfully unsuccessfully. To do this and deny people the right to go drive to their favorite place in the world is a stab in the heart. Please reconsider your proposal. Simply to strip it all away is not the answer. People rely on these areas to feed their families. They have to drive on the sand to get to their fishing spots to put food on the table. Now you all might still have your jobs and are getting paid quite handsomely. That's not the case for most local families. Especially those from the west side. You'll quite literally be taking away one of their last resources for food. Are you going to be bringing people groceries on a weekly basis?!? I didn't think so. Do what's right. Do what's Pono. Leave the country, country!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:18:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dorene Matias	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Dorene Matias and I am for this bill.

This will help to control the destruction of our burial dunes

and our beaches. I am also sadden by the disrespect we (Kauai residents)

have shown and done to our own back yard. This bill is a good bill, it will help

With protecting our beaches for two years. Longer would be nice!

Thank you for your time.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:54:05 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
fenton1017	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a resident of kekaha I bring my dogs to the beach and surf almost everyday. It would really bum me and allot of people out.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:24:09 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jodie Kona	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

For 3 generations my family has launched our boats from polihale/Kekaha beach. From the age of 4 I have been doing this with my family and continue to do so with now my own family. I have so many memories of the life style that is now slowly being ripped away from the local. I wish to continue having these memories with my family and share with other as well. Taking away this from the local community is like taking away our souls. we are so limited already with what we have left. I understand that it can get abused and has gotten abused. But why punish the innocent ones, who respect and take care of the aina. The state should inforce laws more and have a warden posted at polihale state park. What do we pay these warden for!!!! If they cant do thier jobs. In all my 40 years I have only seen wardens out at polihale/kekaha a handful of times. And yet they dont inforce law! They cherry pick who they want to cite! So go figure people will absue the useage of these parks.Instead of taking away our livelihood you should look into enforcing the laws more. Its a shame how our wardens here are nothing close to the mainland wardens. Those wardens are on top of it!!!! Puts hawaii to shame. That is the area you should be consentrating on. Then things like this wouldnt happen.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:30:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a long time resident of Kauai, I oppose this bill, driving on the sand and accessing these beaches should not be dependent on permitting. I have three kids who will not be able to enjoy the beaches in its entirety the way I did growing up. If you really must regulate, you should require all tourists and visitors to the island to obtain permitting for all beach use. Residents should be exempt. Our freedoms are already limited and FREELY going to the beach is one of the few pleasures we have left here. Thank you



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:31:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
robbie mccann	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Aloha, I recently heard news of this bill, and I wanted to say that I and literally everybody I know (mostly all born and raised on Kauai) are outraged that this is being proposed. As you are probably local and already know, locals have been driving on those beaches for generations and it's not only for fun, it's actually a necessity at times to reach and access the shoreline because of its size and extreme heat during the day. Fishing is a large part of the reason for driving and that literally puts food on the table for many families, and is a very cherished and rare gathering right for Hawaiians. Also recreational swimming and surfing down towards PMRF is extremely important to the community and denying vehicle access to the sand would be a slap in the face to the entire community, that's the last public stretch of sand down there and it's way too far to walk ( would you walk 2 miles on blistering hot sand with beach gear and kids?) to enjoy like we rightfully have for so many years. And in all the years of going down there, I have never seen trash left, our community as a whole is great about leaving our beaches clean. Please do the right thing and leave those beaches just how they are. Thank you for reading.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:41:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mason Koetje	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

As a Kekaha resident my whole life the ability to go out to polihale and fis, spend time with family and sit there has been a big part of my life. We really don't need this restriction to ban driving on the beach. During the covid pandemic I haven't gone to polihale. Not because I haven't felt like going but because of the pandemic and distancing from people not in my household. I looked forward to receiving my vaccine and going back to polihale. Please don't take away the ability to drive on the beach. Many of us wouldn't make the walk from the parking lot to get some space from other people. As a type 1 diabetic I have special equipment that I simply cannot leave on the beach when I go for a swim. I cannot risk it getting stolen from the parking lot either. This would make my life much more difficult. Please reconsider, and change this bill.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:45:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chandee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As someone who grew up in Kekaha my family would spend our time at Polihale and Kekaha beach (Inters, Targets, etc.) camping, swimming, fishing, crabbing, spending time together. We were taught to leave the place better than we found it. With the amount of tourists and other families that visit this side of the island we often found ourselves driving down the beach to an area that was distanced from others, safe to swim, or simply had fish biting in that area. Now days, my parents drive on the sand to gather kaunaoa to help with my step-dad's cancer. There is no way either of them could walk that far to gather that. This is an old Hawaiian practice. By requiring a permit to drive on the beach you would be taking away priveleges from many families who do the same.

The tourists will still come to enjoy the beaches as they normally do but local families will be lumped in with them if they are unsuccessful at acquiring a permit. This bill will cause more people to be gathered in areas closer to the road/parking. There will be no distancing for families and their children. Also consider the fact that many local and Native Hawaiian families use our vehicles that we drive on the sand to help remove trash that is left behind by others. Whether it be backpackers from out of state who left their broken tent behind in Polihale or a piece of trash that floated ashore from the ocean current. Don't punish the majority for the actions of the few.

Instead, consider organizing a beach clean up. Consider educating people on other sides of the island about what this beach and the privelege to drive on the sand means to families in the area. If safety is your concern, realistically its safer than driving on the beaten roads around the entire island.

Driving on the sand is more than just a leisure activity for young kids. This is something that we've been doing for generations. It's a part of our lifestyle and our family traditions. We do it to spend time with our families. We do it to gather food from the ocean. We do it to get medicine. I am against bill 178.

Mahalo for your time.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:48:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Leanne Castro	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Polihale is not only a beach, but it is apart of our childhood. Growing up, Polihale was the place to go during the weekends and enjoy time with family. Passing this bill will not only take away access to drive on the beach but it will take away the people from the beach. Polihale gets super hot during the summer time and walking on the sand in the summer to get to find a spot on the beach will leave your feet burning. Also, there is a limit of parking on the outside of the beach. With the limited of parking and having to walk in the hot sun to find a spot near the water will be difficult for families with kekis. Polihale is a family beach where we all can enjoy making new memories. This bill will take away the fun and excitement of the people of Kaua'i.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:49:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jay Sussman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern I , Jay Sussman support this bill.

[Jay Sussman](#)

I have been a frequent user of Polihale beach for over 40 years. What used to be an early surf with a group of us and a few fishermen with specialized jeeps for travels on the sand has turned into a chaotic freeway on any given holiday or weekend. Sacred burial sites and environmentally sensitive dunes have turned into toilets. No matter what your opinion on this bill is please take care of this treasure we all have here on Kauai.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:52:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kristin Rocha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This is just the government limiting what freedoms we have. There is no benefit to the island. If all you need is a permit to drive on the beach, it is not to protect the beaches, it is to put money in the pockets of DLNR. Not to mention if it is only for 2 years, again this shows it is not meant to protect the beaches. If that was their priority, this bill would look different. It would be no driving on the beach FOR ANYONE and it would be INDEFINITE. To make it so that only those that pay can drive and only for a limited time, it shows this is only to deepen pockets and restrict those who cannot afford to pay any time they want to go to the beach.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:52:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Derik Broadnax	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I wish to **oppose SB178**. Being able to use or vehicles on our beaches is a great priveledge that allows us to fully access surf spots and camping opportunities with our Ohana.

Aloha,

Derik

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:13:52 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Quinn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This testimony is outrageous! How does restricting vehicle use on Kekaha Beaches help with protecting them at all in the first place? What significant or dramatic impact does the usage of vehicles have negatively on Kekaha beaches? I feel like this is an act to regulate the citizens of Kauai and take away the only fun we ever get to have ever since you guys let the COVID Lockdowns ruin our lives. This bill should be classified as illegal and vetoed as soon as possible! This is going to far and these ridiculous laws should be ignored entirely!



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:14:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
John Henriques	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:14:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tim Roderigues	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB178 for the following reasons.

1. Taking away the freedom, and rights of Kauai residents to access the beach for fishing, and other water based activities
2. The number of vehicles driving on the beach is minimal, and there is little impact to the environment
3. Waste of limited DLNR resources to set up a permit system, and the counties ability to manage a system, and enforce this legislation. We all know that the state can't deploy such a sysetm in a timely manner, and execute on a plan like this.
4. Waste of taxpayers' dollars when there are clearly other priorities that need to be fixed. Road repairs, economic recovery, and controlling the pandemic.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:16:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joshua Peralta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose. I have been fishing and taking my family to Polihale for generations. Please do not take this God given right away from us.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:17:29 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle LaBenz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose. Been going to Polihale for generations. Please do not take this right away from us.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:19:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol Hart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha and mahalo for giving me the opportunity to testify. My name is Carol Hart and I've been a resident of Kaua'i since 1986 and have lived in Kekaha for 27 of those years. The westside beaches are some of the most beautiful in Hawaii and perhaps in the world, and are the main source of rest, recreation, and renewal for the people who live there. After the 911 attacks in 1992, a large portion of available beach was taken from the westside residents because of the Navy claiming they need more security. This bill would unfairly restrict the rest of the beaches for all. I have been fortunate enough to enjoy Polihale and Kekaha beaches on many occasions, and while I agree that driving on those beaches has been abused, taking away this opportunity for all is the wrong way to approach dealing with those who have no respect for the place or other users. This would punish all for the wrong doing of a few. Anyone who has utilized these areas, especially during the summer, know that the sand is extremely hot and it's very difficult to set up near the water without burning one's feet! And, there are great distances between parking and areas commonly used for recreation - carrying chairs, fishing gear, coolers, surf boards, towels and other beach equipment by walking is ridiculous. I am also skeptical that the funds raised will be entirely committed to maintaining the westside beaches.

I suggest working with the Waimea and Kekaha communities to deal with these problems...many of us have organized and volunteered to repair and maintain Polihale through floods and other events in the past, it can be done in the future. Perhaps having agreements with community organizations for stewardship, such as the successful agreement between the West Kauai Business and Professional Association and Pa'ula'ula (Russian Fort), would be a better solution.

I strongly oppose SB178.

Mahalo

Carol Hart

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:25:25 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
rachel curnan	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

As children we grew up camping and fishing on polihale & second ditch. We drove to our spot and unloaded our things. If driving wasn't allowed back then we wouldn't have experienced that. Our parents wouldn't have been able to lug everything down the beach as they keep an eye on 3+ children. Camping and fishing is something I would love to share with my future children and the next generations in the same spots I went with my parents. If we all do our part in driving safe and to even tell others to stop driving recklessly if they are that'll make a big difference. I don't want to lose the opportunity to show the places to the next generations because of a few bad apples. It's our job to tell them to do right before they lose it for the rest of us. We have to respect the beaches and parks and I hope as Kaua'i Community we can come together and fix this problem before the only solution is to take it away from us.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:28:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Saryna Garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Good morning,

I oppose to bill SB178. We have been driving on the beach for as long as I can remember and making that change now when everything is so restricted due to COVID would be damaging to families. We malama always and take care of the land as well as the people. Not allowing our families to be able to drive on the sand to get to the hard to reach spots and properly distance from people really saddens me. If you want to have permits for beach access by vehicle it should be require to all visitors with rental cars not to locals. Don't take more away from the locals. Most families make rash last minute decision to take a dip on those hard to reach sections of the beach and having to have a permit in order to do so would make the minimal access we have on the island more limited. Our keiki look forward to the beach, our keiki look forward to being in the "middle of now where". Being able to take a cooler, a tent, kids essentials and etc to those secluded places would be nearly impossible. Taking another piece of free access would cause more harm to our keiki and their families. Local families are struggling already why make things more restrictive.

We have schools limited, we have sports limited to none, we have families struggling to put food on the table and even pay rent and now we are fighting to keep access free from more permits.

I oppose, and do not support bill SB178.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:28:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melissa Lahti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I was only made aware of this today 1/27/2021. I've spoken with many in the community who are also unaware of SB178! Many, many community members disagree and we ask for more time to inform the community! Not allowing beach access by vehicles for these areas especially for fishing and camping is not supported by the majority of the community!! You must allow input from the community on this matter and allow time for the community to respond! Not all have internet access and you should also allow other means as in written testimony from community members opposing this! Please allow proper time for the community to make further testimonials on this subject! Many would like stricter enforcement at beaches...permits ect. But the majority of community disagree with this decision!!! NO TO SN178!!!! Melissa



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:31:01 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jo Valarie Valarie Gonzalez	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Jo Valarie Gonzalez and I just wanted to chime in on the topic at hand, regarding SB 178. I'm from Texas and while I know that doesn't sound like I'd have much input, we too have beaches, islands and wildlife that need protecting. One example is the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle. This Turtle is the rarest species of sea turtle and is the world's most endangered species of sea turtles in addition to being one of only two living species in the genus *Lepidochelys* left.

The reason I bring this up is because, in Texas we've found away to appease the wildlife, community members and tourists alike. I'd like to give a couple of examples of how we do this:

1. During peak seasons, like spring break, summer or winter break "roads" are created on our beaches using sand pactor machines. This ensures that no one is driving through sand dunes and that there's a natural flow of traffic. This is paid for by a 7-41% hotel occupancy tax. Kaua'i/Hawaii could also impose a similar tax to achieve the budget needed to create temporary roads (similar to our contraflow) during these peak times.

2. Another way we have found to protect our wildlife and sand dunes is by cordoning off parts of the beach during peak mating/hatching seasons, similar to how we protect the monk seals.

I think with will and creativity we can find a way to both, protect the wildlife and appease the island residents and visitors.

For questions or more information on how we can use Texas or other beach resort areas as a model for our beautiful island, please feel free to reach out as I'd love to help plan and implement ideas that have already been proven to work. Thanks again for your time and consideration.

Jo Valarie Gonzalez  
Jovalarie@gmail.com

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:42:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kylin Arruda-Sukehira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill due to the residents of Kauai, including myself, and how we enjoy our happiness on the beach. This is our home and we've been doing this for years and would be such a heartbreak if you'd take that away from us. We are already going through a COVID crisis and would put many people in Kauai in a position where they feel even more heartbroken and sad. We don't want that. We live on a small island and there's barely anything we can do here, especially people who don't have jobs? The beach is where we go to be in peace and enjoy happiness. Especially families who finally have the time to be together more than they ever had been in their lives. I understand that you want to protect our beaches but we are local residents and we know how to take care of our beaches. Tourists are the ones who don't know a thing about our island and what we do to protect it. I strongly hope you don't do this to us and our residents. We are the people of Kauai and our voices are strongly important.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:42:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Do not allow this to be passed. How are surfers, fisherman, elderly and families going to get to far away locations on the sand?! Think about us! Do not pass this! Instead, have dlnc do their damn job and patrol the areas to make sure people are driving like idiots or vandalizing or littering in areas. DO NOT TAKE AWAY DRIVING ON THE BEACH FROM US! LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO PAY INTO YOUR PAYCHECKS.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:53:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jace Schaefer Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha

I am writing in opposition to bill SB178 relating to driving on beaches on Kauai. We here on Kauai is already very limited to activities due to limited access due to over development and private land blocking right of ways. We are also limited because of own state and county rules that don't allow certain activities due to liability (ex. Riding dirt bike on state land). Hawaii as a whole should take notes from some places in the mainland that allows full beach and mountain access where you can drive your car or ride your dirt bike.

Especially in this time of pandemic where the kids don't have much to do as is and where mental health is a big problem you are proposing to take away or make harder for them to have access to activity that maybe there way of decompression. What you should be proposing is MORE access and allowing for more activities on the island not less.

Mahalo

Jace

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:58:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaumaka Fu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose Bill SB178 that restricts vehicles from driving on the beaches of Polihale and Kekaha without a permit. These restrictions will negatively impact the residents of Kauai who were raised on these shores. Instead, the County of Kauai should work with the DLNR on a pilot program that educates both the residents of Kauai and those visiting our island about the significance of these shores, cultural sites and safety protocols to ensure the continued protection of Polihale and Kekaha beaches.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:00:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brianna Shaw	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Growing up on Kaua'i we are taught to respect the land from which we take. The beaches on the west side of our island provide a space for gathering and fishing, as well as a place for people to go and enjoy a beach that is not overrun by tourists.

There is irony in the fact that we fight to protect these places, yet a military base sits between this stretch of beaches, testing missiles and polluting the ecosystem of these fragile places.

Amidst the chaos of a global pandemic, the people of Kaua'i have been restrained to the limited spaces available to us for recreation. Traveling is unsafe, and for the protection of our island as well as financial restraint, the people of Kaua'i have done what we do best. Playing outside. Through this shift there has been an influx of the amount of people as well as the amount of cars/ trucks on these beaches. Add in the fact that specifically Polihale was closed off to the public for an extended period of time, resulting in hoards of people flocking to the sands of Kauai's west side.

Accessing these places is only available through 4wd. We have been lucky on Kaua'i to see these places stay undeveloped as to not attract the kinds of people who don't properly understand or respect these spaces. Unfortunately that does not keep out all the troublemakers, but that is the case with most things in life. To take away driving on the beach removes the access to these places for all the residents of Kaua'i that have for generations enjoyed and respected these sacred spaces. It would be wrong to all together take away the privillage to operate and have vehicles on the sand. Putting in place stricter rules would be the most feasible option. Security could be placed to patrol the beaches on ATV's as we have had in the past. Education is also highly beneficial to keeping these places what they are. As a young child we were taught to leave these spaces better than we found them. To respect these places so they can not only be enjoyed now, but for generations to come. To keep access to these places available the way that is has been my whole life.

Change is inevitable, especially as we see our small island grow beyond its capacity. Some things though, should not be changed, and this is one of them. The coastline of the West side of Kaua'i has long been a place for families to hunt and gather, but more than that I think we all know the benefits it allows the people of Kaua'i to nourish their spirits and minds. Being in these spaces you can feel the energy they hold, and all who experience it are better because of that. The moments I have spent camping on these beaches are irreplaceable. Stories from generations old to young are swapped around campfires. Families and friends gather without the hindrance of technology and have a place to experience human connection and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Taking away the privilege to drive on the beach takes away these experiences.

I humbly ask that you consider these reasons I have written here today, and take into account the wishes of the people of Kaua'i as you make this decision. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony, and consider my thoughts.

With Aloha,

Brianna Shaw

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:22:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not close westside beaches for driving vehicles on without a permit. It would be devastating to our community as a fisherman and surfer who deeply respects and cares for all of the westside beaches. Especially to old time fisherman who cant easily access there favorite fishing spots in the middle of the beach that is miles away with all there gear. I understand some people drive foolishly and ruin it for everyone but that shouldn't punish the whole community. We have already have had everything taken away from us slowly.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:24:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edgar Vicoy Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because riding sand on the beach is a way of life here on Kauai. Also there are only a few beaches we already we can ride sand on

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:39:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Roselani Kahoohalahala	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB178. Kaua'i's beautiful and sacred beaches and endemic flora and fauna should be protected from the desecration, pollution, litter, and erosion that vehicles and massive gatherings are causing. Permits would significantly reduce traffic along our shorelines, but still allow access. Please provide parking areas for vehicles with no permit. Mahalo!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:47:54 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
micah henderson	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

I am against this bill. You are slowly taking away everything we have. It is our kuleana to take measures and clean up after ourselves but we use the beaches to catch food for our ohanas. It is shame of the state to take that away from us. It's a way of life and part of our culture to be on those beaches to gather. Please remove this bill if your hearts is for the people. Especially you Ron Kouchi being that you are a Kauai resident and your kids grew up here. If they are here I'm sure they will take the opportunity to drive to a good spot on the beach instead of walking miles because the only accessible spot is packed. Please remove this bill. Mahalo

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:00:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tate Ishizu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a fisherman, I can speak for many of us that driving on the beach is crucial to our way of life. As well as bringing us together, kekaha and polihale beach provide a feeling of seclusion far away from things that cannot be replicated anywhere. If a bill like this were to pass we myself and many other fisherman would not be able to continue to fish where we have been for so long. Many of the places on the beach are not accessible by walking down to the keawe bushes, soft sand, and hot weather. Driving on beaches on Kauai has provided myself and so many other families with many many memories. Taking this away would cause unnecessary uprising of upset citizens, driving on the beach is not the issue the issue is lack of empathy for the land by a few. Don't let the actions of few ruin the traditions of many.

thank you for your time,

Tate Ishizu

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:09:52 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fletcher Parker	Individual	Oppose	No

## Comments:

Aloha, my name is Fletcher Parker. I was born and raised on the island of Kauai and have grown up enjoying the beaches on the west side of Kauai. If this bill is passed it will be severing a lifelong connection that has provided a cultural, physical, and emotional experience for so many people in our community. If the regulation of the beach access is going to come into play I believe the people of the community deserve a say in how that takes place. From fishing to surfing to substance collecting of food staples and cultural collections the beach access is a right that needs to stay available. A long walk in the hot sun of the west side over the hot sand is completely a deterrent and will stop the majority of our families from accessing the shoreline. The fact that PMRF buffers the coast line of a big portion of our coastline already blocks the direct access from the direct high water mark. I predict lawsuits will arise if all driving access is blocked and this will add an unnecessary strain on our already limited state budget that has been lacking in our resource management planning. Please take into consideration how many families you will be effecting and how many family traditions you will be ending. Thank you for reading and considering our testimonials and concerns.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:10:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patrick McLean	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

It is clear to me that the group proposing this measure does not have a good understanding of the functions and uses involved on beaches of West Kauai.

1- Beaches here are exceptionally large and typically have relatively few people on them. Access to some areas on foot could take in excess of one hour. For a hiker, this may not be a big problem. However imagine a young family who has finally made the time for a get away and is required to physically pack kids, coolers, gear, chairs, etc. Imagine a person pursuing cultural rights such as fishing or other with somewhat prohibitive access.

2-Summertime beaches are the biggest and significantly hot. I have literally blistered my feet in the past.

3- Most residents on Kauai and especially the West Side, have forgone higher paying work in other places to have the opportunity to live a richer life. Restrictions on relatively harmless use of beaches or other "Country" attractions will be met with animosity and further distress the economy.

It is hard to understand what the proposal is attempting to achieve. Is there a safety concern? Is there a damage to cultural areas concern? You might find better cooperation with an explanation for the restrictions.

If safety and cultural issues are the concern, there certainly could be more creative ways to address the issues other than excessive access restrictions. Speed limit? Camping Limits? Closed off cultural areas? We can only guess at solutions as of now with no explanation of the concerns by the State.

Mahalo for your help in finding an appropriate and balanced solution.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:13:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erik Siles	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Driving on the sand at Polihale and the beaches of Kekaha has been an amazing blessing to the residents of Kauai, particularly those that live on the westside. Having grown up in Kekaha I have countless special memories with friends and family out on these beaches; which are only accessible with a 4x4 vehicle. Surfing perfect waves, watching the flawless night sky while camping, overnight fishing trips, etc. These are sacred memories and to take this away from us and future generations is wrong. Ask yourselves, what good will come of this? Will this benefit the community or harm it? These beaches have been an escape for locals as many visitors do not have access to 4x4 vehicles. Why would you want to take away the only beaches that locals have?

Again the biggest question that needs to be asked is how will this benefit the community? I already know how harmful it will be and the outrage it will cause. I hope you all can see it as well.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:38:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
April Lopes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE to SB178. My choice to oppose basicly cause i LOVE the area there. When i go with my family we go with intent to leave the are better then what it was when we got there. The drive may be far but it is beatiful out there. With that being said, the parking lots is not close at all. Having children that love the beach will have to suffer to get across the HOT sand to get to the water. They maybe people that dont think of others and drive across the entire beach. But when we go we observe for a location and then head to an area and park and stay til our day is over. Getting a permit just does not sound about right.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:38:46 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
bryce dato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe this is unnecessary, we need access to the entire beach! Could you walk 3 miles in? This is for the families with children looking to enjoy the beach and do Kauai has been doing!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:46:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Maldonado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I would like to oppose SB 178 RELATING TO DRIVING ON BEACHES. It has always been special growing up on Kaua'i and being able to bring your whole ohana to these bigger beaches easily, driving on the sand a posting up away from a crowd. Especailly during a pandemic where you want to social distance. Please do not pass this bill.

## Support Senate Bill 178 Relating to Driving on Beaches

I **wholly support Senate Bill 178** which would establish a two-year pilot to protect the beaches in Kekaha to Polihale by prohibiting vehicles on the beaches except by permit.

I am a direct lineal descendent of nā kūpuna Kahiko (the people of old) of Polihale. My 'ohana, Na 'Ohana o Kilauano, who are descended from Kumahakaua, continue to care for nā 'iwi kūpuna and other cultural and natural resources of Po'oahonu and Polihale *to this very day*. We are tremendously grateful for this bill, which will finally enforce existing rules that prohibit driving on the beaches. It's about time! The abuse upon our beautiful and sacred wahi pana during the summer of 2020 was an *atrocitiy*. Hundreds of trucks raced over the dunes and shoreline over the summer. Users left mountains of trash on the beach or in the bushes and ditches, broke the bathroom fixtures, and toilet paper and human waste were left on our burial sites! We wept over this abuse. We also cleaned the mess, along with the State DLNR.

I understand that many people feel that the State is taking a "right" or "tradition" by banning vehicles on the beach. But driving on the beach is not a right, tradition, or even a necessity. Cars are a modern convenience. I have heard from fishermen that this ban would impede their access to places on the shoreline too difficult to get to (with their coolers) by foot. But as I learned growing up, the journey to the water by foot makes you appreciate its beauty so much more once you get there. Take a backpack and only go as far as you can -- or go somewhere else. Moreover, I have heard that people plan to continue driving on the beach no matter what. Thus, I hope that the Legislature will fund more DOCARE officers at Polihale, as well as work with the County Parks & Rec and KPD to enforce *no driving* on Kekaha Beach.

Perhaps a future plan for Polihale will include boardwalks in appropriate places to allow easy access to the shoreline in areas that are hard to walk to. Until then, limiting vehicles will help manage behavior, allow the area the regenerate, and make the beach safer for community, especially keiki, to play along on the beach without fear of being thrown from trucks or run over by them.

Mahalo nui loa for passing this bill!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 1:11:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Justin Murray	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

If enacted this would be a shame, I am always for regulating our natural resources here on Kauai because unfortunately you give people an inch they take a mile. I don't believe this is the case here the majority are respectful and leave no rubbish etc., there will always be bad apples. With regards to the pollution created by vehicles on the sand we all know there is negative effects which are going to occur until we find a clean source of fuel, but restricting vehicles on the sand will not be worth eliminating a way of life that is so special to us lucky people that won the lottery and get to live here and pull up to the ocean with our children and friends. It's a special thing we have please don't take it away from my son and myself and the island of Kauai full time residents. Now proof of county of Kauai residence to drive on the sand would be a good thing.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 1:17:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chalissah Kenney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Beaches on the West Side of Kauai, specifically Polihale State Park beach and Kekaha Beach are used for many reasons and should stay open for Driving access. Fishermen and those who fish drive on these beaches to Provide for their families and bring food on their tables and without driving access these fishermen will have difficulties providing food for their families.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 1:39:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chase Crane	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha. Let me start by saying I oppose bill SB178 for trying to deny access to driving on beaches. Everyone here on Kauai has grown there development to the ocean by being able to drive on these beaches. Having family gatherings, taking your kids to the beach, fishing, surfing and so many other things. So many of these things keep people out of trouble, build relationships, feed there families, and overall make people happy. Everything lately has been so much negativity and suicide rates are at an ultimate high. Do you feel like the best thing to do is take away something that people love so much. It is not the right thing to do. I am a firefighter for the county. So as a steward of this community I am speaking on behalf of everyone who uses these beaches for the reasons I listed earlier and urge to vote and say no to this bill. Mahalo

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:07:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jondelle Aceret-Ipac	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My kids live for riding sand and going to beaches on the sand. My kids love to go fishing and boogie boarding kekaha beach&targets. This the closest beach that we can go on the sand next to polihale to watch the sunset. Us people on the west side, this is what we look forward to when it comes the weekend.

Don't punish the ones that actually have a sense of maturity to clean up after ourselves and take care of the aina. I also teach my kids that when they see opala on the beach to clean it up even if it's not ours. We bring our own trash bags and throw our trash away..

Young kids they drive on the beach racing each other and I have to call my kids to stay under the tent because they drive so damn close to our trucks! We even dig holes In the sand so that people would drive cautiously and respectfully and not near where we are parked.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:23:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Liam Hall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

People shouldn't be allowed to drive on the beach.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:24:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lucas McSweeney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe people should be allowed to drive on the beach because it is very difficult to get to your favorite places without a car. It is the only place in the aloha state to drive right up to the water, and I think it should stay that way. It is a lifestyle. It can be done safely.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:27:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Skylar Stewart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe that the citizens of Kaua'i should BE ALLOWED to drive on the beach. Polihale is such a big beach, so it is hard to get across the beach fast and safely. Also being on the beach is such a big part of our lives here in Hawai'i. Not being able to drive on the beach would take away from our lives here on Kaua'i. Driving on the beach is a part of our lifestyle here on Kaua'i. It should not be a question whether we should be able to drive on the beach. Also it is hard to get to certain surf spots if you can not drive to the surf spot. Having to walk to the surf spot could be a risk because if you get hurt while surfing it would be very hard to get back to the car/safety.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:25:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bradley Pratt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 3:10:05 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
michelle ouye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To who it may concern,

please except my testimony, I Michelle Ouye, oppose what you are trying to put in place that keeps us from having access to the beach and ocean where we practice our food gathering rights with our family.

Me and my family are very respectful to our beaches and ocean please don't let others mistakes ruin it for us who do respect our beach and ocean, how about you folks add more bathrooms and showers that way people don't defecate on sacred ground and maybe add some educational boards to help others who don't know the area get educated that way they know how sacred our grounds are that they are visiting and they'll show more respect please don't stop our access to the beach that helps provide for our families and family life style please try other options before resorting to this. me as a Kauai Born resident I for one teach my kids to respect our beaches as I do please don't cut our access, i for one is gonna also help educate people who I see that are disrespecting our ocean there I believe us locals got our eyes open that we are at risk of loosing it all because it is also our duty to make sure who ever is around that they are also respect the beach and ocean give us a chance to make it right

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 3:16:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dillon SEELY	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill and think it goes against the rights and freedoms of people of Kauai. My friends and famliy do not want the state to impose further restrictions on Kauai beaches

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 3:47:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pulelehua Cummings	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Lots of locals drive on sand for easier access for swimming and fishing on the beach! More convenient as well for families with children to drive on the sand to enjoy the day at the beaches stated. Kekaha, and Polihale. Imagine packing for the entire day at one of those beaches, you have children and you have to park at the top and haul everything down to the beach and back up?! Just because some people don't follow rules doesn't mean that we all do!! It's our norm to drive on the sand to the beach! Please don't take that away from us!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 3:23:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donna K Santos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a Native Hawaiian from Kaua`i and I am in support on this bill -- SB178.

I believe this is will help to protect our historical and cultural resources in West Kaua`i. I urge your support of SB178 too.

Mahalo piha,

Donna K. Santos

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 3:55:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Reid Tanita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose closing Polihale and Kekaha beach to driving on sand. Enforce the ones who abuse and exploit the resource. Don't punish the truly local families that respect and know the cultural significance of the areas. It's a place to teach my children what was taught to me from my grandparents and parents. Go and see for yourself who is abusing the resources. You will see that most times the stereotypes are true.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 4:06:29 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Oltraver	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not close the driving on the beach on the westside. With such a limited number of beaches on the westside already and Kauai population rising every year plus tourists, driving allows us to be able to use more of the beach and have space for everyone. My entire family surfs and not being able to drive on our beaches would drastically limit the access points to waves or even avoiding rip currents and moving to safer spots. Please consider the community on the westside which already has far less resources than the entire island.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 4:06:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tiana Albarado	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

These beautiful beaches play such a huge role in many people's lives. My other half and I love driving on the sand to find the perfect fishing spot or just a place to set up for a beach day. Yes there are other spots to fish and swim that don't require driving on the sand but do you see how packed those places are? People surrounding you left and right. We are distanced when we drive on the sand and I don't ever have to worry about someone setting up their beach chair, umbrella, tent, etc right beside me. It's a nice escape from everyone. I remember when my other half and I were younger we'd walk from second ditch parking area to the beach/shoreline since we didn't have a vehicle with 4 wheel drive. It was so hot, and we only took what we could carry (our plate lunch, towel and a boogie board) because there is such a hassle to walk back and fourth through the sand and sun. By the time we'd sit and stay we couldn't stay long (less than an hour) because like I said we couldn't carry all these things with us from the car. Now, we sit and enjoy the sunset sometimes when we drive on the sand. It makes you appreciate that we have the privledge of doing this. Whenever we head to the beach we leave it better than when we got there. Please don't take this away from us.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 4:12:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
cy akaji	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi, I am opposed to this bill because of the fact that we use the beach as a way to get too and from the ocean with our families, young and old. For recreation and for sustainable reasons, growing up on Kauai I always had access to the ocean and mountains for whatever reason and I thought that my children and their children also would, and that the state of Hawaii would make sure of that, but how my home has changed in front of my own eyes in less then a generation I know that is not true. I have never seen the state fight for more access only more restrictions. More Access is being taken from us every year and everyone I know has had enough.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 4:30:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jonathan Rellin-Kouchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not approve of this bill. Surfers and Fishermen and a bunch others who respect the beaches and don't drive like idiots should not be penalized from the few who don't. Being able to take advantage of off road privileges is what makes Kauai KAUAI.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 4:48:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jelacia Freitas-San Agustin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose Bill SB178 that will restrict vehicles from driving on the beaches of Polihale and Kekaha without Permit. I am a native of Kekaha and currently reside in Waimea and I believe this will have a negative impact on our community. Though I understand that there will always be individuals who will take advantage of our privilege there are far more in our community that are responsible and and willing to take care of our beaches. I suggest that the county of Kauai work with DLNR to create a pilot program to educate residents and visitors about the significance of these beaches and on beach safety.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 4:49:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Debra Hookano	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please don't pass this Bill we use the beaches responsibility and it would be hardship not to be able to drive on the beach. We have the Base and the dump already taking valuable Westside areas. We love to fish and surf on these beaches and would not be able to do that if we had to haul all of our gear down the beach. You would be creating a problem by making people clump up in areas accessible by parking areas and how would we socially distance then? I'm 60 and my husband is 69 are we supposed to walk a mile along the sand to access some of the areas we use to fish or surf? It's hard enough share waves at the spots now and if we can't drive to the spots we frequent then the line up will be even more crowded. We drive down to enjoy the sunset every evening and never see a issue with people abusing their right to drive on the beach. I suggest who ever created this Bill come down and enjoy the sunset and please let that change your mind.

Mahalo Debra & Liko Ho'okano

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 5:17:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
marc esposito	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to bill measure SB178

i am a fisherman and avid shell finder and that is a big part of my wonderful experience at Polihale

I think this would change the ability to fully enjoy Polihale and kekaha beaches

Marc Esposito

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 5:17:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mallory Hudson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please vote no on this bill.

I grew up in Kalaheo, on the south west side of the island and have been fortunate enough to enjoy the long, beautiful, white sand beaches. The best way to enjoy them is to drive on them.

We have to drive on the beach to get to the surf spot at Targets one of the best waves in the world. And then there is the beach at Polihale, the most beautiful place in the world. It is miles and miles of white sandy beach, where we take our 4 wheel drive Toyota trucks and pick our favorite empty spot, to swim and fish and surf. Perfect for social distancing!

Please do not take this away from our community. If you start with 2 years, who knows how long it will go, and that is not fair to Kauai's children. I understand you want rules but do not take driving on the beach completely away. I have been enjoying the west side beaches for over 30 year and sure they change with the tides and sand bars but they are not being destroyed from driving.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 5:30:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Darrian Muraoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha To Whom It May Concern,

I am in full support of SB 178. I believe it is important to protect our beaches in Kekaha and PÅ• lihale to the fullest extent, however there is the possibility that some of the Kekaha community and those that utilize these coastlines will not abide by the bill if passed unless strictly enforced. Sometimes I feel that its as if we lost a sense of 'Ä• ina momona, meaning when our land thrives, our people thrive but we must feed each other mentally, spiritually, and physically with knowing what our function is with place. With the kilo (observation) of dumped cars, trash everywhere, and major gatherings on our coastlines (that often don't pick up after themselves)- it's as if we forgot where we are and the importance of wahi that we're on. PÅ• lihale sands are burial grounds according to the Papakilo Database, but we fail to recognize that as people and as a state. Driving our 4x4 was a means of a way to gather for our 'ohana and communities at the coast, however we've abused that privilege again and again. Because we don't know how to respect ourselves and the 'aina in which feed us, we now need permits and that is understandable. I do feel though that if we want to have a bill in place we need to STRICTLY enforce it. Permits only go a long way- there were days at PÅ• lihale when several campsites were "illegal" because they didn't have permits and yet they still had the privilege to camp. I believe that this pilot program that is to take place for three years will also help in restoring our land, but I do believe we also need an enforced education program of these places that we love. I hope this pilot program (if SB178 is passed) will be able to bring back our pilina (connection) to place whether we live within Kekaha or come from other wahi pana (place) that share the same characteristics of feeding us as the communities we are. When connection to place is understood, we can then make judgements that will lead us to be better stewards of 'Ä• ina and return in our function of 'Ä• ina momona. In closing, my hope is to not only have everyone that cares about this matter testify, but also start communicating as a Westside community to address these problems together rather than having them addressed on the state floor.

Mahalo for your time,

Darrian Muraoka



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 5:36:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
karlgene	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hello my name is karlgene fiesta and I live on the westside half my life and riding on the beach being able to enjoy the beautiful sand of the westside is the only reason why we love the westside and is the only thing we have . Please help us with this testimony the beach is the only thing we have.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 5:56:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
elijah kali	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 6:18:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kaikoa perreira-alquiza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Poli Hale State Park beach and Kekaha Beach should have Driving access for those who fish to provide food for their families. I personally use both Beaches to Fish and Dive to provide food for myself and my Family.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 6:53:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thatcher Magoun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Thatcher Magoun respectfully submit the following testimony in OPPOSITION of SB178.

I live in kalaheo and do a fare amount of shoreline fishing and not being able to freely drive on the beach would restrict the fishing access on most parts of the beach dramatically with that my self and other members of the community would have the ability to go down throw lines and catch fresh fish greatly reduced and that would lead to over fishing in other areas that are much more accessible.

Please vote in OPPOSITION of SB178

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:50:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawehi Taniguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Kawehi Taniguchi and I am a resident of Kauai. I was born and raised on the island of Kauai and I grew up camping and driving on these beaches with my family and friends. I am 23 years old and I recently graduated from Western Oregon University. After living in Oregon for 4 years and experiencing their permitting system for parks and beaches, I support the intent of SB178. I, however, have a few concerns that need to be addressed before I can say that I support SB178.

While I support the intent of the bill, I oppose requiring permits at only Polihale and Kekaha beaches. I recommend making the bill effective state-wide to ensure fairness and transparency. I also recommend that permits be issued on a yearly basis for residents and that permits be issued to each person, not each vehicle. I also recommend that you charge reasonable prices for a permit to residents.

I am concerned that SB178 will be ineffective without proper enforcement and since DLNR seems to be stretched thin on the island of Kauai, I would recommend creating a community hotline where community members can report others who are recklessly driving on the beach. This hotline should also include an email where community members can send proof (a video) of the person driving recklessly. This would encourage people to abide by the rules of the permit system.

I would also recommend that the state define the repercussions of disobeying the permitting system. For example, the 1st minor offense should result in a warning, the 2nd offence should result in a fine and the 3rd offence should result in the state revoking the persons permit for a period of time.

I prefer not to have a permit system at all but, if a permit system is what we are going to get then the state needs to define how the system will work. In addition, the state should disclose why the permit system is exclusive to Polihale and Kekaha beaches because a system like this should be state-wide.

Mahalo,

Kawehi Taniguchi



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:48:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Aba	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I fish the beach of polihale when the swell is not to large, but for me to carry all my gear down will be impossible. Please reconsider and rember the fisherman.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:54:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jade mederes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I love polihale and my boyfriend takes me out in his little boat the we launch from the beach. He loves fishing there please dont take this away from us..

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:00:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hunter Parbo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Polihale State Park has been a camping site for my family for decades. Having driving access to the beach allows us locals easy access to the ocean to launch our boats and access the NÄ• Pali Coast where we often go for subsistence purposes. By blocking beach access, the NÄ• Pali coast will no longer be available from such a close distance making it a riskier trip for smaller vessels to get to in undesired and unpredictable water conditions and moreover, preventing Polihale Beach Park from being the desired launch site it currently is for access to the NÄ• pali Coast.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:22:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kellie Hughes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please no!

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:24:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Austin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I believe that the banning of driving on the beaches on the westside of Kauai will do more harm than it will do good. Places like Polihale State Park and Kekaha Beach are just few of the places that families, friends, and individuals go to enjoy the outdoors. A place that we can relax and spend time with the people we love. Kekaha beach is also a beach that myself and many others go to fish to feed our families. By passing this bill, the people of Kauai will once again be limited to outdoor activities. Although at times these beaches have been disrespected, trashed, and uncared for, I myself have walked the shoreline picking up any trash. Many others have also done the same to these beautiful beaches that we enjoy and appreciate...

Before the passing of this bill, as a resident of Kauai, I respectfully ask that the decision be made carefully on what is best for the entire community of Kauai.

Sincerely,

Austin Galas

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 8:53:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew Wellman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

My wife, baby, and I have some of the best times of our lives being able to watch the sunset and find our own piece of solace driving to a secluded spot on the sand. I will not be able to bring everything necessary to take care of a baby and enjoy our beautiful beaches without accessible transportation. This is what makes Kauai special, this is what makes our home. We care for wild life and we care for ourselves. Please allow at least local residents the ability to access the beaches by vehicle.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:19:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Honorable Senators,

I support this bill. Driving on beaches directly affects issues relating to the environment, human safety, and historical preservation.

Oil from cars pollutes the sand, and the impact of tires disrupts the natural state of the sand dunes. Native plant species may be harmed by cars accessing the beach and driving through unmarked areas.

Driving on the beach can be dangerous. Beaches are not designated roads and this creates a risk for beach-goers walking across the sand when they are not expecting to encounter a car.

It is important to recognize and respect the significance of beaches like Polihale in ancient Hawaiian culture and mythology. Disrupting the beach by driving on it is disrespectful.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Julia Barzilai

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:25:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lawrence Hose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB178, primarily as a waterman, citizen, and parent. The unobstructed access and use of the beaches in question have always been a lifestyle and subsistence necessity. Now, more than ever, with the impact of covid, we are not only in need of as many open areas, the long time residents are actually able to enjoy the limited resources we usually are forced to defer to tourism. Local residents are the only ones impacted, and the majority of that impact will have no positive benefit on the people you serve. Also, what is the entity is pushing Kouchi to file a bill that works so hard against the interest of those actual communities on the west side of Kauai?



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 9:55:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kiley McGahan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the decision to restrict people from driving on the beach at both Polihale and Kekaha. We are unique for many reasons, but the capability to enjoy our large and long beaches via vehicles makes Kauai unique.

I happily support more rules and charging visitors for day use/ camping. However, I do not agree with the decision to prevent residents from driving on our beaches.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 10:06:46 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
bronson fune	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I highly oppose bill SB178 it is extremely unnecessary to prohibit the use of driving on our beaches. Being born and raised on the west side I provide for my family and put food on the table by driving responsibly on the beach to fish and gather. If you have ever been to any of those beaches you know how big and far it can be and is unrealistic to park and walk to any given fishing spot. Especially for our older kupuna that means they are not able to drive up to a spot like we do now. And for all our Keiki who surf use the beaches to get out and stay active and out of trouble. Please do not pass this bill.  
mahalo.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:14:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
WY	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I OPPOSE TO BILL SB178

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 7:26:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Raquel Santos	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose **SB178!** please stop and take into consideration that our beach access is not easy as some places here on Kauai. The beach is far from the side of the road. While we understand how detrimental this may be however how do we take our kupunas to the edge of the water to go see a loved one that was scattered in the ocean? How to we take our keiki's to the water where we all go to free and cleanse our selves.

Help me understand how Ron Kouchi who is a long lasting resident here on Kauai can introduce or even bring a bill like this forward. I remember when I was a little girl campaigning for you, **NOT ANYMORE!** You are supposed to help us not make our life miserable.

**STOP! STOP !STOP I OPPOSE BILL SB178!**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 7:29:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley Almeida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Why close the beach to the public driving on sand? We have been driving on the sand since forever. West side need those open don't take that away from us not only us but our keiki who look forward to riding on the sand for swimming, fishing, camping and sunset looking. Look how much beaches and back roads have gates now, Can we access them with a vehicle no, WHYcause get gate. If you ask me 2 years is a long time for us, WHYcause 2 years not going be 2 years. 2 years going eventually turn into 3 years then 4 and then 5 and so on. We know how the state work, we have seen it to many times. enough is enough. leave the west side be. In other words leave it alone.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 7:43:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carlie Kaohelaulii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

January 28, 2021

The Honorable Ron Kouchi and The Hawaii State Legislature,

RE: SB178 Relating to Driving on Beaches, Introducer Ron Kouchi - Oppose of BILL SB178

Dear Assembly Members/Senator Kouchi:

My name is Carlie Kaohelaulii and I am a community member who resides in Hanapepe.

I oppose bill SB178 Relating to driving on beaches at Polihale and Kekaha area.

Driving on the beaches: (1) Gives us access to areas that are not reachable by foot for gathering food from the ocean. Which is a given right to us the native Hawaiian community. (2) Allows us access to practice our cultural and spiritual connections to our aina. (3) Allows us to enjoy our aina with our ohana and friends with out having to walk miles. (4) Makes it easier for families that have elderly or handicapped family members to drive up to the water line.

This issue is a very important issue. You are not only taking away access beaches from the kamaaina, but you are taking it away from the westside community. The community from which you came from. Many of us and myself was raised and brought up driving and enjoying spending time on these beaches. Not having access to targets, polihale is detrimental to the westside communities. We already have a lot of restrictions due to COVID-19.

Please vote to oppose this bill and allow us to continue to drive on the beaches.

Sincerely,

Carlie Kaohelaulii

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Makaweli, HI 96769

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 8:38:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tia Koerte	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a born and raised Kekaha resident and a frequenter of both Kekaha and Polihale beaches I oppose SB178.

Mahalo.



**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 9:38:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kainalu Kaiwi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I kainalu kaiwi oppose the bill because therefore every summer me and my family camp out at polihale Beach where we also bring our boat that we launch from the sand that gives us a shorter and easier way to napalm coast where it is like a family tradition. All we are asking for is to give us access to launch our boats so that our family tradition live on

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 9:42:52 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
seth porter armstrong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

wow! who asked ron to introduce this one. looks like a sneaky way to charge a fee for locals for a state park. We already pay taxes! you want money for the park, charge the tourist a per/car fee. had you done that 5 years ago there would be a huge budget for polihale..the beaches eroding is nothing new , been happening for millions of years. its a natural process. We humans think we can stop it ,HAAA! Not going to happen. For the most part, people that drive on the beaches are care takers. Picking up rubbish around them, drift nets , plastics,ect. take away this right ,destroy a lifestyle.. On top of that ,whos going to police this . You guys cant even afford to send an officer down on the daily to check for permits. We get the transients , homeless,ect. living out there, taking over the pavilions , staying in one camp spot for weeks at a time. NOW, all of a sudden you going to have DLNR officers available to police this. Meantime down in kekaha we going to let up to 10 water crafters zip around 50 yards offshore through up to 70 paddle in surfers. WHAT a JOKE! DLNR needs to do some prioritizing..

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 10:02:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dominik Kekoa Makaneole	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

For miles of beach this is really the only way to access most of it. because of the military base and shrimp farms. Most are locals who surf and fish here. Don't pass this bill.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 10:21:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Layne Fernandez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi, As a life long Kekaha resident I oppose this bill. I was born and raised on the westside and my best memories growing up was camping and fishing with my whole family, not allowing us to drive on the beach would mean no more camping/fishing for my niece and nephew and ending our family tradition as well as other westside families. Also a lot us are fishermen and we rely on being able to drive on the sand to get to more favorable spots, i can't imagine having my 66 year old dad and 11 year old nephew walk from 2nd ditch to the target range just to fish for a couple hours. Please do NOT pass this bill.

Thank you, Layne Fernandez

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 10:42:50 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kuaika taovao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle K Deperalta	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hi,

I oppose SB178, for us/our west kauai community all we have is the beach. We do not have the pleasures of a golf course, skatepark, dirtbike track, bowling alley, arcade room but we have the access to the beach where we are able to feed, exercise and train our keiki the same way we have been brought up in life.

Please don't change our way of life.

Mahalo

Kyle Deperalta

**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anya K Kaohi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beratania St

Honolulu, HI 96813

Committee on Water and Land

Friday January 29, 2021 1PM

31st Legislature, 2021

Public Hearing to 01-29-21 1:00PM in Conference Rm.229

Position: STRONGLY OPPOSE SB178

Committee Chair Senator Lorraine R. Inouye,

Committee Vice Chair Senator Glibert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Senate Member.

I am Anya Kawelukawahineholiolimaloa Kaohi, I was born and raised in the town and the valley of Waimea, Kaua'i. My family and I have been apart of this community for many generations.

For me this is a very hard letter to write, I see both sides of this bill. Personally I know I don't think this bill needs to be placed. What I do think is that we need to preserve the lifestyle we have come to know and love. I am a steward of our beloved island, gathering for our family and community.

Permits for beach access, really. Why does the west side community have to suffer for others bad actions. We are a community that works together to preserve a lifestyle, and respect of our land.

Anya K. Kaohi

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**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kiinani Mata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB178 at this time.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 11:36:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tyron samio	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

What the hell another FUNDRAISER and can you tell me what they gonna fix with the money, did they show the people a plan so the PEOPLE and THE STATE both agree on, if not limit we trucks can and cannot drive, have you ever carry all your fishing gear from POLIHALE PARKING LOT down to the beach for FISH.....or YOU PEOPLE DONT ENJOY GOING TO THE BEACH ALOHA

01/28/2021

Senator Ron Kouchi  
Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Representative Dee Morikawa

Ano'ai Kakou Senators and Representatives,

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I am ho'omaopopo that there is a handful of people that abuse the privileges at Polihale & Kekaha. Majority of those individuals are the younger generation that has not been taught to Malama (take care) of our beaches, culture, and lifestyle. We (as adults), were privileged to have that mana'o passed down to us from our parents, grandparents, aunties, and uncles. NOW, more than ever (in this uncertain times of COVID), Makua have been spending an abundance of time with their keiki. Placing SB#178 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, will take away opportunity to learn life lessons for many of our Westside Keiki & mental/emotional support for their parents. Many of us, go to the beach to detach from struggles, strife, and hardships of life. While I understand that this bill is not taking away our access to the beach, it WILL affect how "we go to the beach". Polihale & Kekaha Beach is a very big beautiful beach, BUT to carry your ukana (cooler, food, necessities, etc.) from the "parking lot" to the edge of the water (WITH CHILDREN) would be a challenge. Now, with social distancing in place (6 feet apart), that would be far for some, especially our Kupuna whom still enjoy the beach.

It is to my understanding that the purpose of this bill is to create a system that allow vehicles to drive (subject to a fee & permit) on Polihale State Park and Kekaha Beach Park. I realize there is a law that has "no driving" and hasn't been enforced, and this may be a "legal" form of that rule.

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As the days go on, most of our cultural practices and gathering rights are being lost or taken away. As for our ‘ohana, going to the beach especially Polihale, have been a gathering, cleansing and healing practice.

Me ka ha'aha'a

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**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Langi-kaaumoana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Nicole Langi-Kaaumoana,

Born Lihue, Kauai raised kekaha, kauai. Today as a mother on the westside we as a family grow & learn many ways of living from our land the we have here on earth for us! My family & I have a small boat which we use to go fishing& hunting, we as a family teach our children how to live & grow from our lands! So we wouldn't want to stop that for our children/grand children! We must keep our tradition going not jus for us but for the future! Yes we have a small boat harbor, but some of those family out there can afford bigger boats to go form our harbor. We as a family, community we help each other, learn from each other & always there for each other!! Mahalo

**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dustin Aguilar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I grew up being able to drive on beaches to dive and fish. If we are no longer able to drive on beaches I will not be able to take my kids to the same places I grew up goin to.

Senator Ron Kouchi  
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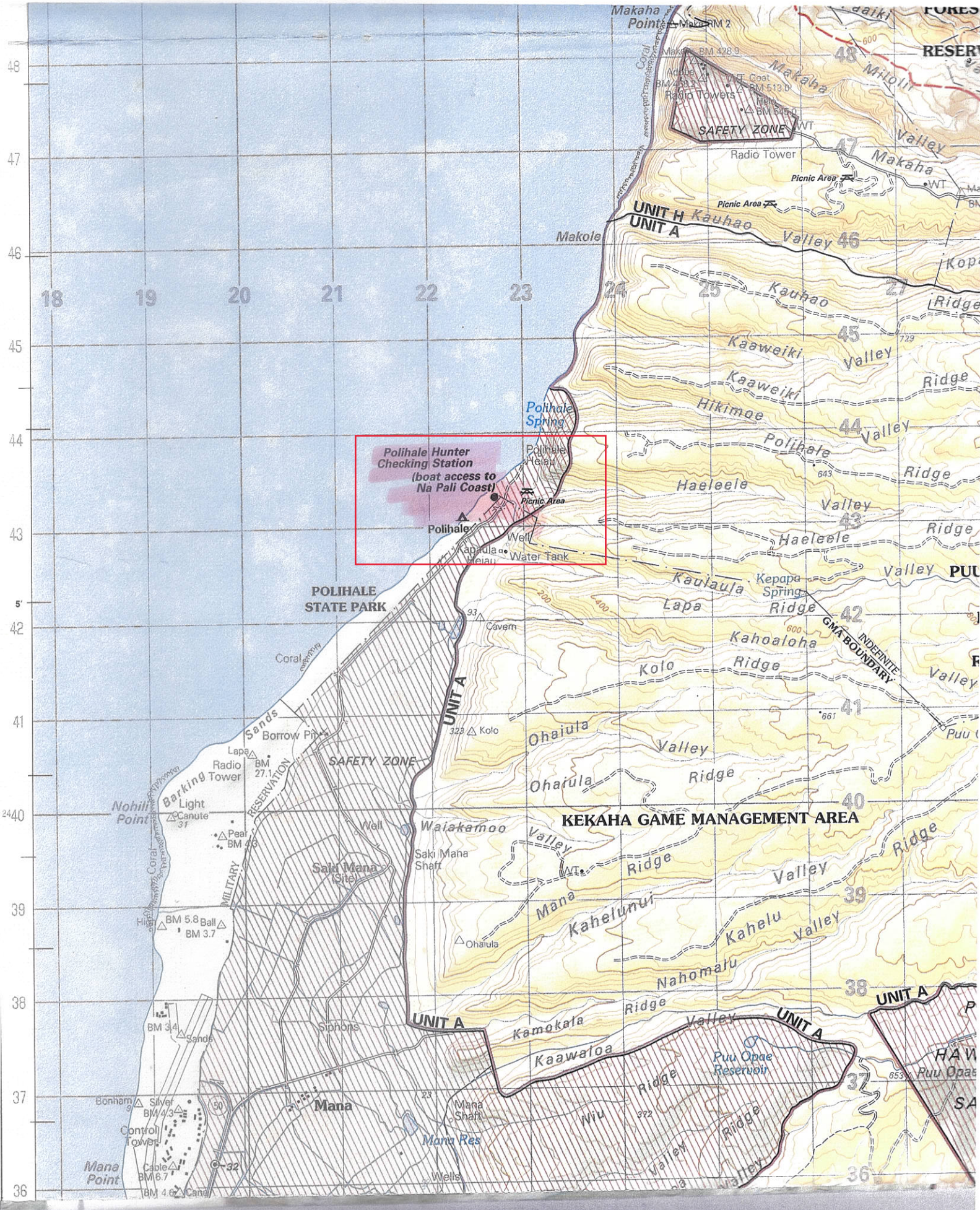
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As for myself, although most of our cultural practices, have either been diminishing or been taken away, going to the beach, Polihale, especially, has been a Hawaiian healing and cleansing practice (Emotional/Mental Support).

Mahalo again for reviewing my testimony.

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**Polihale Hunter Checking Station**  
(boat access to Na Pali Coast)

**POLIHALE STATE PARK**

**KEKAHA GAME MANAGEMENT AREA**

**UNIT A**

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**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adm	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to make it known that I DO NOT agree with or support any such measure that would restrict driving on Kekaha beach, or Polihale Beach. I do however believe that stricter enforcement could be and should be considered. This does not mean a permitting regulation, rather, using the current number of DLNR employees to patrol and enforce inappropriate conduct.

I, Adam Jaramillo, oppose SB178.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 12:16:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley Serrao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am opposed to bill SB178. My ohana and I respectfully use Kekaha beach multiple times a week to fish, crab, surf, and spend quality time with our family and friends. Restricting beach access will break many traditions that local families have created over the years. There needs to be a balance of restrictions and access, cutting it off completely is not the answer. Maybe more monitoring by authorities for the speed of drivers would be good, as families gather on the beach it does upset us to see disrespectful drivers speeding up and down the beach... we have kids playing all around and they should be able to roam freely with out us having to worry about dangerous drivers. There are bad apples who ruin it for everyone, leaving their trash, speeding, etc. but those of us who respectfully use our land appreciate it in full. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 12:23:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robyn Hoopii-Manuel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

As a resident of Waimea/Kekaha for 37 years. I will have to oppose to stopping driving on the beach. This has been all we have as a community, everything is slowly being taken away from us and sold short for a dollar. It is a shame what this has fallen to. We have bigger problems in island that should be resolved vs taking away the only out source we have on the west. Fishing, swimming, surfing, family bonding for generations taken away. This is saddens me because our home is NOTHING relatable to other islands, believe it or not 80% of beach users respect what we have, walk the beaches after 8 hours of work and clean our beaches for free. Our keiki present and our future keiki will appreciate all Ohana days spent on these beaches. Mahalo

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 6:48:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
timothy j mckenna	Individual	Comments	No

## Comments:

I started driving the beaches of westside Kaua'i in early 1969 with my '42 Willey's Jeep. At that time there were very few 4WD options and even fewer individuals who even cared to tranverse the beaches. That was then and the reality of now is quite different.

The Westside is almost magical in it's draw on people to get away from it all and enjoy the seculsion with Family and Friends. With all the people populating Kaua'i now and the accessiblily of 4WD vehicles, it can be a nightmare scenerio of densely populated users of the beaches.

No one suffers more from this than the locals of the Westside. Things get out of hand, the State closes the beaches to all. Most of the people causing the over use is from other parts of the Island or State. They are able to go home to their local beaches and enjoy. Westsiders on the other hand, have nothing to enjoy. The powers to be, who probably couldn't tell you where Kekaha is, let alone been to Poli Hale, prohibit beach access. Barking Sands Missile Facility disallows use of the rest of Westside beaches, so the locals are left with approximately one mile of beach to use. We desperately need some kind of resolution to this problem of over crowding and over use.

There are beach access programs that seem to work and generate enough capital to hire additional personel to facilitate the program. I strongly suggest looking at the program instituted by the State of California for the Pismo Beach State Park. Pismo Beach has the only legal beach in the whole state that is permissable to drive a vehicle on. The State regulates access through daily or yearly fees. There is also policing of the beaches by Calif game wardens.

Also, how the State of Hawaii listened to the locals of Hanalei side and instituted the new restrictions of Ha'ena State Park is commendable. Perhaps the same could be applied on our side of the Island. Sorry to say, but something has to be done.

**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 2:14:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adam Killermann	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I'm writing in as a concerned citizen who is strongly opposed to SB178. As a life long Westside Kauai resident I fear this bill will severely impact our way of life in many ways. First off I'm a fisherman who relies on the coastline to supplement food for my family. This bill will drastically reduce the ease of fishing on a huge swath of coastline and will further concentrate fishing to a smaller area leading to a huge increase on wildlife pressure. I realise that fishing won't be blocked but most modern fisherman who fish down there have a amount of gear that makes walking in basically unfeasible. Furthermore I have two young kids who love the ocean. The water conditions often aren't feasible to swim at with young children due to large waves and dangerous currents. We often have to drive down the beach in search of an area with a sand bar or other sheltered area to find a safe place for our kids to swim. Again walking down the beach for miles on a hot day with young kids is not really feasible. I fear this bill will force families to choose to swim in areas that are a lot more dangerous. Another reason we like driving on the sand is to get away from tourists which have been coming in record numbers every pre covid. A lot of the recent tourists are forgoing traditional vacation activities and instead mostly due to social media seeking out areas where locals could find a reprieve from the crushing oppression of the sheer number of visitors we are seeing. Further more there are more than as few companies, such as Kauai Overlander, offering 4wd camping vehicles and are directing them, illegally, to go off roading on our Westside beaches. These people are usually very inexperienced and driving on sand and can create even more dangerous issues. Furthermore every rental car company forbids taking their vehicles off road and yet this rule doesn't ever seem to be reinforced and there are no repercussions for breaking these rules. Instead of a blanket ban on all vehicles maybe we could pressure rental car companies to actually enforce their own rules. I understand the majority of vehicles on the beach are local but every year that ratio ticks closer and closer to even. Infact certain days usually weekdays I've counted more rental cars on the beach then locals. Finally driving and camping on the beach with our family's is a way off life on the Westside. Please don't destroy that for us. I have so many fond memories growing up on both those beaches it would be heartbreaking to me to not be able to make me memories with my young kids. Aloha and thanks for allowing me to submit testimony.



**LATE**

**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Russell McCluskey II	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I respectfully oppose bill SB178. Our community has suffered enough this past year financially as well as emotionally. Making it illegal to drive on the beach on the west side without a permit would take away spur of the moment trips to our favorite fishing, surfing, worshipping, gathering, and all around outdoor life that we've grown up doing. Some of the best spot on the beach to do our outdoor activities are well out of range to walk our equipment out to, especially over extremely hot sand and in the heat of day. Please reconsider and Decline this Bill.

Mahalo,

Russell McCluskey II



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**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 2:21:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Levana Lomma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am writing to vehemently oppose this Bill as it is a violation to the people's constitutional right to freedom of movement. Once again government intends to remove a God-given right from the people and then sell it back to them in the form of a "lisence". There is nothing LAWFUL about this Bill whatsoever.

Our state is completely crumbling under the boot of Communism. To think, that we will no longer be able to enjoy the shores upon which we used to play freely as children without APPROVAL from our government is DISGUSTING!

I urge you: preserve liberty in Hawai`i, vote NO to SB178

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**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 2:28:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rylan Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am NOT in support of SB 178

**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 2:32:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ross rentrop	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because it cuts off access to fishing and surfing areas. It also would require us to leave our vehicle at an area where it cannot be observed. So that would put our vehicles and personal property at a greater risk for vandalism and theft.

**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 4:22:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrew Rayne	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha! My family and I are avid beach go-ers and we love the feeling of posting up all day at Poli Hale or "Targets" with our kids. We respectfully drive the beach to find seclusion. We go to surf, fish and have fun in the surf, sand and sun. We always pick up our trash and any opala that has washed up on shore. Please don't punish us by taking away this privilege. We vote, volunteer in our community and take an active role in our island scene. Driving up to our spot on the beach is our favorite pastime and who we are as Kauai'ans.

Mahalo,

The Raynes

**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 5:16:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jason c	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We don't have much for your kids to do on Kauai now days Kauai people is all about the get up and go to the beach and that all depends on the weather. How do you expect us to get a permit 10 minutes before we decide to go to the beach?

**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 7:24:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
austin gapsis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Government does not give back rights when it takes them away. Access to so much of our islands are lost already removing a means of access just strips us of our god given rights. If the issue is bad behavior address those that act poorly. We shouldn't all be treated to our lowest common denominator.

**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 9:21:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Kuzma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please do not restrict access to our west side beaches. I understand not driving at Polihale, because we can access most of that beach from roads, but there is no access for the public to the west side beaches besides driving on the sand. This is a horrible idea. We already can't get into PMRF anymore. This is too much. We need our recreation areas. I vote no on SB178

**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 9:51:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chris Berg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Mahalo for allowing me to testify on this matter. I am apposed to SB178. The West side beaches have been used by genrations to access the ocean for food and recreation. The access points to the beaches were reduced after 9/11 causing more users at Polihale and Intersections. Stopping access to the beach will only cause more fustration among local residents and push hunting and recreational activities to other over used areas of the island. Polihale park needs a strong managment program that other parks and open spaces can follow but SB178 is not it.

Respectfully, Chris Berg



**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 11:34:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin houck	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I work two jobs and heard about this measure two nights ago but have been too busy until now to submit testimony. Unfortunately I don't have the time to share complete discourse, so I'll just share experience -- when I get off work in the winter I go straight to targets and surf immediately prior to sunset, barely making it home in time to make dinner for my spouse and extended family. In the summer I'm fortunate enough to be able to plan my schedule around the longer days to go early morning or after work straight to polihale and launch my kayak for a nine mile round trip paddle to Miloli'i. While I don't exercise in a gym, nor attend a church, I strive to celebrate the MÄ• nÄ• shoreline respectfully year round, nearly everyday. All of this usually requires driving responsibly and cautiously on the sands of ka moena hohola o MÄ• nÄ• .

This measure must be paused or dropped immediately to allow for public discourse.

Mahalo pumehana, Kevin

**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/29/2021 5:35:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Durwin Akita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this SB178 bill. I was born and raised on the westside of Kauai and growing up, we would drive on the beach to find fish to provide for our family. This has taught me a lot of life skills.

Some of these areas have family iwi sites. Which are sacred to many I know of.

You should tax the visitors that come here to our island, not US local people!!! Include a bill that will be added on in the plane fair to Kauai and have a portion of that paid to our island for visitors fees!!!

Trying to regulate our beach access is perturbing to our local people. We shouldn't have to pay any fees to access our beaches for food, cultural practices, etc... as mentioned above, if you want to make money, charge the visitors, not the locals!!!

**LATE**

**SB-178**

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Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Hatcher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We drive to surf on the beach in Kekaha. We camp as well. We keep the beach cleaned up by removing trash. We drive to the border of the base and walk to the surf spots there too. The base is closed to us so this is our only access to those surf spots too.

**LATE**

January 29, 2021

Aloha Committee Chair Inouye:

I support Senate Bill 178 regarding driving on the beach at Polihale.

I think I would ultimately recommend no joyriding on or off the roads. I would recommend a permitting system with decals for local residents similar to Ka'ena State Park. That way you would read rules, cultural and ecological impacts and understand the repercussions for bad behavior as part of the permitting process.

Driving on the beach is not a constitutional right nor a customary or traditional practice. It is a kuleana and a privilege to Malama a place and its resources. I support the two-year moratorium and to develop a management plan ideally community lead and managed.

I also feel that a controlled gate in to be in place charging our visitors and not local users. In Ha'ena, we are creating jobs and educational opportunities for our community (community-driven) to Malama our resources. Ha'ena State Park and other places have created a model and a statewide template, it is there to adapt or adopt.

Mahalo Niu Loa, Presley Wann

**LATE**

**SB-178**

Submitted on: 1/29/2021 11:10:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hokulea Nakaahiki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose! Too many things are taken away from our Westside community.