

February 06, 2022

The Maui News
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Dear Editor,

On December 14, 2021 a 53 y.o. California man was pronounced dead after being pulled from the ocean fronting Kaanapali Shores Place. Locals are well aware of a strong rip current there that snares unsuspecting visitors to Maui. The same day a 62 y.o. Wisconsin man was last seen snorkeling with a full face mask in Makena. His body was never recovered. My sincere condolences to the family and friends grieving yet another loss of life ever so common in Hawaii, more so in Maui County, where three out of four ocean drownings involve tourists. Year after year the ocean drowning numbers continue to climb despite collaborative efforts by ocean safety officials to increase meaningful prevention and education initiatives:

<u>10 Year Period</u>	<u>Hawaii Average</u>	<u>Maui County Average</u>
2005-2014	57 per year	12.5 per year
2006-2015	58 per year	14 per year
2007-2016	65 per year	17 per year
2008-2017	68 per year	18 per year
2009-2018	71 per year	19 per year
2010-2019	75 per year	20 per year

These numbers **DO NOT** include other drownings that occurred in rivers, streams, ponds, pools, and bathtubs. To address this growing trend and preventable loss of life, in 2010 the Department of Health (DOH), Emergency Management Services and Injury Prevention Branch (EMSIPB), authored the Hawaii Injury Prevention Plan 2012-2017. This document gave birth to the Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (DAIPAC) which is comprised of ocean safety stakeholders in both public and private organizations. The Snorkel Safety Subcommittee emerged in response to the overwhelming data which shows snorkeling as the #1 activity associated with drowning.

Preliminary studies conducted by the Snorkel Safety Subcommittee were necessitated after professional independent laboratories declined requests to test snorkel equipment. Reputable labs such as Underwriters Laboratories, Consumer Product Safety Commission, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and Consumer Reports have the staff, equipment, and knowledge to fairly evaluate snorkel equipment. Possible theories or probable explanations as to why victims drown while snorkeling include: hypoxia induced Rapid Onset Pulmonary Edema (ROPE), snorkel resistance, horizontal immersion, pre-existing medical conditions such as Left Ventricle End Diastolic Pressure (LVEDP), rebreathing of exhaled air, valve malfunction, overexertion, mask design flaw, swimming inability, lack of snorkeling

experience, adverse ocean conditions, orinasal seal leak, dead air space, inability to remove mask quickly, and/or recent air travel.

There is no conclusive evidence as to why victims, mainly tourists, drown while snorkeling in Hawaii's oceans. More witness and nonfatal drowning victim interviews are needed to compile meaningful data. Without data, all you have is an opinion which brings me to my next point. Was the snorkel equipment used an underlying or contributing factor that lead to drowning???

When a weapon is allegedly used in a murder, the weapon is preserved as evidence. When a vehicle is involved in a deadly motor vehicle crash, the vehicles Event Data Recorder (EDR) is subpoenaed to determine speed, seatbelt, brake, and accelerator use just prior to crash. Similarly, SCUBA equipment is analyzed for malfunction following fatal underwater tragedies. Until authorities can prove or disprove snorkel equipment was not an underlying or contributing factor in a fatal or nonfatal ocean drowning, 911 Emergency Medical Responders (paramedics, firefighters, lifeguards, and police) must preserve this vital piece of evidence (data) for further evaluation and dissemination by DOH EMSIPB, DAIPAC, or via autopsy records. At the very least, brands and models of snorkel equipment most frequently involved in incidents may emerge. Currently, this is not being done and important and potentially trending data is not being captured.

On Tuesday February 08, 2022 at 1400 hrs., a hearing is scheduled for HB 1903 (David Loasby Law) to address issues with data collection relative to aquatic emergencies and snorkel equipment used, if any. The companion bill in the senate is SB 3206. Likewise, if you witnessed or had a nonfatal drowning experience while snorkeling or swimming, please fill out the survey at www.SnorkelSafetyStudy.com. You can also email questions to SnorkelSafetyStudy@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Colin Yamamoto
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February 26, 2022

Re: **SUPPORT** for **SB3206** Relating to Data About Snorkels and Masks

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Senate
Committee on Judiciary,

Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea (MPW) is a Hawai'i non-profit organization founded on the North Shore of O'ahu in 2005. Our mission is "working to replenish and sustain the natural and cultural resources of the Pūpūkea and Waimea ahupua'a for present and future generations through active community stewardship, education, and partnerships." For eighteen years, we have focused our stewardship and education efforts on the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD), one of only three MLCDs on O'ahu and eleven statewide.

Due to the Pūpūkea MLCD's extreme popularity as a premier snorkeling destination and our constant presence there, we see first-hand the unfortunate number of snorkeling-related rescues conducted by our City and County lifeguards. Often, in the moment of an in-water emergency, whatever mask a victim was wearing is tossed aside as resuscitation measures are taking place and there is no documentation of gear type.

We **support SB3206** to require first responders to document which type of mask a victim was wearing when the emergency occurred because we indeed notice that far more in-water snorkeling emergencies happen with people wearing full-face masks in comparison to the traditional two-piece mask and snorkel. Collecting this data would allow the Hawai'i Department of Health to assess the risk of certain equipment, and ultimately take action to inform and protect the thousands of people who snorkel throughout Hawai'i each day.

Voting in favor of SB3206 would enable updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for much-needed snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Mahalo nui,

Jenny Yagodich

Jenny Yagodich
Director of Educational Programs &
Makai Watch Coordinator
Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 7:22:02 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Andrea Loasby	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

I am testifying in favor of SB3206. This bill was introduced in honor of my dad, David Loasby, who died due to using a full-face snorkel mask at Chang’s Beach in Maui just this last December. During the search for my father, every first responder I communicated with mentioned significant concerns about full-face snorkel masks and explained that they’ve been seeing an increase in drownings for those using full-face snorkel masks throughout the last several years. Once the search for my father concluded, I wanted to know how many people have died while using full-face snorkel masks versus standard snorkels and masks in Hawaii but was told this data is not currently collected in a meaningful way or available for analysis.

Collecting this data is crucial to analyzing and responding to the risk related to specific snorkeling equipment.

Please vote to pass SB3206 including the funding necessary for data collection so data-driven change can be taken to avoid other families from experiencing the pain mine and many others unfortunately have.

Respectfully,

Andrea Loasby

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

I am testifying in favor of SB3206. It is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose bodies are never recovered. Without this information the Hawaii Dept. of Health cannot assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks.

Please vote in favor of SB3206 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Thomas L. Powers, Ph.D.

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 8:01:24 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Katelyn Maher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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Katelyn Maher

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 8:13:55 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

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Suzann Lavington-Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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Suzann Lavington-Speer

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 8:32:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
monty downs	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha and thank you for hearing SB3206. I am testifyiing in favor of this Bill. The recent HTA-sponsored Snorkeling Safety Study confirmed that snorkeling is far and away the #1 cause of trauma deaths for our visitors to Hawaii. Many possible factors may be involved, including the snorkeling equipment itself. This Bill, by mandating the documentation of the snorkeling equipment that was being used whenever a rescue or a body-recovery is reported, will help the DOH asses whether or not equipment (e.g. Full face mask & snorkel or classic 2 piece mask & snorkel) might be a factor in these heartbreaking tragedies where a family's "Vacation in Paradise" is turned into family hell. This data has the potential to reduce the number of these tragedies, and that would be nothing short of glorious.

Please vote in favor of SB3206, which does include fairly modest funding for an update to the DOH statistic-tracking system, an update which would allow for the snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Respectfully Submitted, Monty Downs, M.D., Secretary, Kauai Lifeguard Association

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 8:43:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
ashly sheild	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,

Ashly Sheild

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 2:13:54 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Molezzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

I am testifying in favor of SB3206. It is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose bodies are never recovered. I am personally engaged in this effort due to an incident that occurred with a personal friend using a full-face snorkel mask that may have contributed to his death. Without this incident data, the Hawaii Dept. of Health cannot assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks. Please vote in favor of SB3206 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Sincerely,

Michael Molezzi

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 5:16:41 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jeff Teske	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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Jeff Teske

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 5:59:19 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jessica Varsek	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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Sincerely,

Jessica Varsek

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 9:00:01 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

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Donna Richardson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Donna Richardson

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 1:14:39 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Michael Speer

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Santo Neri

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 3:17:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Audrey Selnick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,

Audrey Selnick

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 3:39:12 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sarah Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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Please vote in favor of SB3206 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Sarah Speer

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 3:59:42 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nathan Hesser	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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Nathan Hesser

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 5:38:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kimberly Burger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Please vote in favor of SB3206 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Thank you,

Kimberly Burger

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 7:18:18 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Theodore Meyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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Theodore T Meyer

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 3:58:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Catherine Loasby	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This Bill is very important to help save lives.

IN SUPPORT OF SB 3206


My name is Julie Urbon. I *strongly* support SB 3206 which would require first responders to document what type of snorkel equipment is used during rescue and recovery incidents. It is my understanding that this information is not currently collected in a consistent or standardized manner which cripples the Dept. of Health's understanding of the true risks of full-face snorkel masks.

This bill was introduced in honor of David Loasby, who died while using a full-face snorkel mask in December 2021. I was there with his family just before the incident occurred. I see daily the pain this has caused his family.....Not just that Dave lost his life, but the added anger and guilt because it very well could have been prevented. Since the tragedy, we have done digging and found, through studies on these masks, that carbon dioxide can build up and can render the user unconscious. But apparently no one is willing to *definitively* say that there is a direct link to increased drowning? I think it is safe to say that going unconscious while in the water will increase your risk of drowning. This seems like such a basic request.... when a snorkeler dies, document what type of equipment the victim was using. Studies, like those that have been done, can only go so far. The studies show that there are concerns. Once the product is on the market, any "additional data" is unfortunately gathered after an incident occurs. We cannot let this valuable information go uncollected. Those incidents can be deadly.

Many tourists who come to the islands only snorkel a few times a year and don't know a great deal about the differences in the types of masks that are sold. There are snorkel tours on Maui that ban those masks on their boats. Why would they do that if they didn't see the connection? They are the ones most familiar with the equipment. If THEY are nervous about the masks... we should all take notice and listen. There should be a heightened awareness to locals and visitors alike. That awareness won't happen until they definitively link the mask to an increased risk of drowning. And that can't happen if we don't collect the information! Had we gone on a snorkeling tour, we might have heard about the risk through the tour operator, but instead we snorkeled at the beach near our accommodations. A beautiful vacation turned into a horrific nightmare because "not enough information is there to conclude those masks are dangerous" ? **Then we need to collect the information!** It is simply one more question for first responders to ask or determine if possible. In a car accident, isn't it documented whether the passengers were wearing seat belts? It harms no one to collect this information. I think it sends a horrible message if the state is unwilling to take a simple step to be more thorough in the investigations into these drownings to safeguard its residents and the tourists that are such a part of the local economy. I appreciate your time. Imagine it was a member of your family....

Mahalo,

Julie Urbon / julieurbon@gmail.com



SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 2:15:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jennifer Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jennifer Moore

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Carl Michalewski 2/28/22

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Appleton Wisconsin

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Susan Michalewski

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 5:19:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mark Simmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Support this bill

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 5:40:05 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mathew Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

I, Mathew Speer, testify in favor of SB3206. After being personally affected by the tragic death of my father-in-law I strongly feel it is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those who are never recovered. Without this information it is impossible for the Hawaii Dept. of Health to assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks. While I understand this will not change the past I believe this is Hawaii's opportunity to lead the way in ocean safety.

Please vote in favor of SB3206 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Kind regards,

Mathew Speer

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:25:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jeff Becker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in favor of HB1903. It is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose bodies are never recovered. Without this information the Hawaii Dept. of Health cannot assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks.

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SB-3206

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Harold Becker	Individual	Support	No

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:31:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Moe Maldonado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:33:06 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mike Erickson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF HB1903

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Please vote in favor of HB1903 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

Mike Erickson

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:33:25 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Christina Becker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Please vote in favor of SB 3206 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:34:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dar Carlson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Please vote in favor of SB 3206 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:37:04 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Amy Stockman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:38:26 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jim Stockman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:54:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jacob Gibbons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in favor of SB3206. It is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose bodies are never recovered. Without this information the Hawaii Dept. of Health cannot assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks.

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Jacob Gibbons

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:18:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brenda Biese	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in favor of SB 3206. It is important to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose. Hawaii Det. Of health cannot access the risk of equipment.
please vote in favor of SB3206 and funding to Hawaii dept. of health.

Brenda Biese

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:47:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Emilee Kaminski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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Emilee Kaminski

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 4:37:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Megan Wasserman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in favor of SB3206.

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Megan Wasserman

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 4:45:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Patrick Wasserman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you,
Patrick Wasserman

SB-3206

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 4:26:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alecia Schmitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senate Bill 3206

DATE: 3/3/2022

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

I am deeply saddened by the necessity to testify in support of SB3206. David Loasby was a friend of mine who recently drowned wearing a full face mask. In the hope of preventing more tragedies of this kind as happened to David and his surviving family, it is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those who are never recovered. Without this information it is impossible for the Hawaii Department of Health to assess the risk of equipment, such as full face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks.

Please vote in favor of SB3206 and funding for updates to the Hawaii Department of Health's system to allow for snorkeling equipment data collection and analysis.

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 5:06:03 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sue Peterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 10:51:33 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Elizabeth Jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am testifying in favor of SB3206. It is imperative to have data on snorkeling equipment for incidents related to rescues and recoveries including deaths and those whose bodies are never recovered. Without this information the Hawaii Dept. of Health cannot assess the risk of equipment, such as full-face snorkel masks versus standard masks and snorkels, or take action on the presumptive risks.

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 8:10:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/3/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Eric Loasby	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please help save lives. Many peer reviewed articles and studies have been completed, or in the process of proving this flawed design is very hazardous for snorkelers. Also, these full-faced snorkel masks have been banned and taken off shelves in multiple retail stores. I have lived in Hawaii for almost 10 years, also acquired many boat and ocean-enthusiast friends, all of which abide by unwritten rules to never allow use of these masks in their businesses involving snorkeling.