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Testimony COMMENTING on S.B. 3206
RELATING TO DATA ABOUT SNORKELS AND MASKS

SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: 2-10-2022 2pm

Room Number: VideoConf

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Funding estimated at \$100,000 would be needed for the Department of
2 Health to implement this measure including, medical records system changes, training and data
3 analysis and reporting. The Department requests that passage of any appropriations in this
4 measure does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Department's
5 supplemental budget request.

6 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the intent of S.B. 3206 that
7 requires first responders to record in the incident report for each water rescue event the type of
8 snorkel and mask, if any, worn by the person who was rescued or recovered. The Department is
9 providing comments in regard to emergency medical services only.

10 Every year an average of 66 Hawaii residents and visitors experience snorkel related drowning
11 events, including 20 which are ultimately fatal. Data is not systematically collected on the
12 circumstances of the event or type of snorkel. Understanding snorkel use can lead to better
13 public health messaging and improvements in snorkel design. The Department of Health
14 recently installed a Department of Transportation compliant NEMSIS 3.4 pre-hospital medical
15 record system statewide. Although the system meets all state and federal requirements, the
16 system has no data entry fields for collection of snorkel information nor does any other
17 commercially marketed medical record system. In order to collect, study and report the
18 information proscribed in this bill, changes need to be made to the existing pre-hospital medical
19 record system. Systematic data collection is needed. Three components are required: 1) the
20 addition of snorkel specific data fields, 2) training for field personnel, and 3) reports

1 summarizing the newly collected data. The data fields would include (to name a few) snorkel
2 type, circumstances of the event, and familiarity with use of snorkel equipment. To fulfill the
3 intent of this bill, funding would need to be appropriated for the project.

4 Although the bill mandates this data collection, the department does not recommend a mandatory
5 requirement. Providing the paramedic and emergency medical technicians a convenient way to
6 document in the pre-hospital medical record is the preferred way.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 9, 2022

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

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice DeCoite, and Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Members Baker, Fevella, and Riviere,

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

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/7/2022 2:40:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Andrea Loasby	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Senate Bill 3206

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 8 weeks ago. 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.

Andrea Loasby

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 6:41:27 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators -

I humbly ask for your support of this bill to help prevent any further unnecessary loss of life and tragedy to families. Mr. Loasby was a close and dear friend who we recently lost in a tragic snorkeling incident. This bill would help to begin the process to prevent this type of tragedy from happening in the future and poses no undue burden upon first responders.

Thank you in advance for your support of this measure

Harold Becker

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 6:45:45 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Senate Bill 3206

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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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.

Sue Peterson

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 5:58:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

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Thank you.

Ashly Sheild

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 7:16:36 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Allan Biese

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 7:33:25 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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Whitney Jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 6:38:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators -

I would kindly ask and strongly urge you to support this bill. Mr. Loasby was a very close and dear personal friend who was lost unnecessarily due to a tragic and preventable snorkeling accident. This bill would help take steps to ensure that no further lives are lost and allow for careful and considerate actions on the part of first responders while posing no undue burden.

Sincerely,

Jeff Becker

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Senate Bill 3206

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022

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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.

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Alecia Anderson Schmitz

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 7:12:17 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators -

I am writing to ask you for your support and approval of SB3206. I recently lost my dear friend David Loasby due to the a tragic snorkeling accident which is fully preventable. This measure will help ensure that no other families in the future have to suffer the same while presenting no undue burden on our vital first responders.

I kindly thank you in advance for your support of this measure

Amy Shaw

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 5:47:48 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

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Emilee Kaminski

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 6:21:25 AM

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Wendy Kottke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Kottke

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Michalewski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Michalewski

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 7:41:20 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Valyssa Holschbach	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Valyssa Holschbach

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 8:10:01 AM

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Moe Maldonado	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Moe Maldonado

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 10:40:52 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jennifer Moore	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.

Jennifer Moore

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 11:03:14 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
jacquelyn Taylor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jacquelyn Taylor

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 7:06:42 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Seantors -

I strongly ask that you support this measure as it can be a vital component in helping to prevent further tragedies for families. Mr. Loasby was a very dear friend of mine who was lost in a tragic snorkeling accident due to this very issues. With your support and help we can begin the process of preventing this same issue from happening to families in the future.

Your support is greatly appreciated -

Dar Carlson

SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 7:59:51 AM

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Hanna Hollmeyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 7:15:34 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Senators -

I sincerely ask for your support of this measure in helping to prevent further unnecessary tragedies for families. Mr. David Loasby was a very dear friend of mine who we recently lost due to a tragic and preventable snorkeling accident. Your support of this measure will help our first responders gather the necessary information to prevent this from happening in the future.

Your support of this measure is very important to me and I greatly appreciate it.

Christina Becker

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SB-3206

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Luke Holschbach	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

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Sincerely,

Jessica Varsek

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SB-3206

Submitted on: 2/8/2022 11:24:59 AM

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Steve Van Domelen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Van Domelen

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February 8, 2022

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

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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 hurt knowing that it might have been preventable. Since the tragedy, I have done digging and found that studies on these masks has shown that carbon monoxide 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 definitely increases your risk of drowning. This seems like such a basic request.... when a snorkeler dies, document what type of equipment the victim was using. A study 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 the fact. We cannot let this valuable information go uncollected.

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. Many times, the rented condos have snorkeling equipment available for use, so if a warning were on the original packaging.... It would do no good. 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. And yet the masks are sold widely. 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 local residents as well as 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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jeffrey Paul Verhoeven	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

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Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Senate Bill 3206

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

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.

Jeffrey Verhoeven

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SB-3206

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
James P Verhoeven	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 3206

SB-3206

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Mathew Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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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

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Carl A Michalewski 2/8/22

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SB-3206

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I am writing in support of SB3206. This bill has sadly been introduced in the honor and memory of the late David Loasby who tragically drowned just before Christmas 2021 in Makena, Maui after going snorkeling with a full face snorkel mask. His snorkel gear was found but his body was never recovered. The drowning scenarios on Maui and the state of Hawaii are far too frequent and sadly many are fatal. The passing of SB3206 will begin to pave the way for true understanding and pertinent documentation of snorkel gear worn when the drowning victims body is recovered.

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.

Kimberly Burger

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SB-3206

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

Comments:

IN SUPPORT OF SB 3206

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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.

Theodore Meyer

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SB-3206

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Jane Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3206

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Robert Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Robert Speer

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SB-3206

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Jeff Teske	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SB-3206

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Keely Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Keely Speer

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Jim Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jim Miller

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SB-3206

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Cheryl Daley	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.

Cheryl Daley

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Senator Lynn DeCoite

Senate Bill 3206

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SB-3206

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kim Schneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair Senator Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Senate Bill 3206 DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022 TIME: 2:00 p.m. 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 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. 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. (Kim Schneider

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill to gather more data regarding types of snorkeling masks used during rescues/recoveries. My husband suffocated using a FULL FACE SNORKEL MASK. Please prevent more deaths.

SB-3206

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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Michael Molezzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Michael Molezzi

SB-3206

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Marcela Molezzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Marcela Molezzi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dana Wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thank you!

Dana Wood

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Sincerely,

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SB-3206

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Andrew Hennings	Individual	Support	No

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Andrew Hennings

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SB-3206

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Beverly Rowntree	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Beverly Rowntree

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SB-3206

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Robert Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Robert and Jacalyn Clark

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SB-3206

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Megan Wasserman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Megan Wasserman

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Cathy Janssen

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SB-3206

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Jon DeSmidt	Individual	Support	No

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Jon DeSmidt

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SB-3206

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Michelle R. Millward	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Michelle R. Millward

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SB-3206

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sharon Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Nearly daily we read about drownings or hear sirens heading to nearby tourist beaches for water incidents, too many resulting in death. We watched rescue efforts to find Mr. Loasby off our lanai for days and it broke our hearts. We know the rescuers feel this every time when it ends badly. With every snorkeling incident we wonder what equipment was used and shake our heads every time we see someone with a full face mask wondering of the safety risks.

It's critical to collect 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.

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.

Mahalo,

Sharon Smith & Don Barbieri, Kihei

SB-3206

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Suzann Lavington-Speer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Suzann Lavington-Speer

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SB-3206

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Testimony for PSM on 2/10/2022 2:00:00 PM

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Elizabeth Jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lavinia Roman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Rachel Lance	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Rachel Lance, and I am a PhD researcher at the Duke University School of Medicine specializing in the physiology and survival of human beings in extreme environments, such as underwater. I also worked for many years as an engineer with the US Navy, where I specialized in the design and testing of underwater breathing systems.

Full face snorkel masks (FFSMs) present an as-yet-unknown level of risk to snorkelers. Through the clever use of the word “snorkel” in their name, they have slipped into the commercial market without regulation or scrutiny, as if they are the same type of product as the simple breathing tube snorkel with which we are all familiar. However, although they allow the same sport of snorkeling, FFSMs work very differently. Unlike a normal snorkel, FFSMs manipulate and direct breathing flow in a deliberate, functional way that traditional snorkels do not. They have mechanical valves and seals, which snorkels do not. They FFSM themselves perform an active function that allows people to breathe, and they have parts that can fail, which might interfere with the gas supply. In short: in my opinion, FFSMs may allow snorkeling, but they are more than just snorkels. Rather, they would be more appropriately classified as breathing equipment. I think that calling an FFSM a snorkel is like calling an airplane a parachute simply because both allow you to travel through the sky and descend to earth safely. In reality, one is more complex than the other, and therefore needs more testing and oversight.

However, our route to testing and regulation for FFSMs, which will hopefully stop the rash of FFSM fatalities, is complicated by the fact that it’s almost impossible to conduct proper statistics on the devices. Are more people dying with FFSMs? Or is it simply that we don’t have complete statistics? Is one type of mask causing most of the deaths, with the other ones being safe? Can we therefore prevent deaths simply by removing one or two problematic models?

I recently completed a research project that found one problematic feature for some models of FFSM that could lead to user breathing issues (the paper is peer-reviewed and will be published in the academic journal *Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine* on Feb 11), and other peers in the field have found other problems with different model FFSMs as well. Passing this bill is an important public safety step toward gathering the data we need to understand how widespread this problem is, what is causing it, and hopefully stop the deaths.

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Sarah Speer	Individual	Support	No

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Nathan Hesser	Individual	Support	No

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IN SUPPORT OF SB3206

I am testifying in favor of SB3206. I am the son of David Loasby. I have been living on the Big Island of Hawai'i for 7+ years, in this time I have heard firsthand how flawed these "full-face mask" designs truly are. I have acquired numerous lifeguard friends who have simply found floating bodies in the water, all undocumented unfortunately, wearing these full-face snorkel masks. Additionally, I also know a number of friends, coworkers and superiors working on chartered boat tours who strongly advocate that no customers participate in snorkel activities with a full-face snorkel mask. These masks conclude to have minimal ventilation causing the user to inhale their own carbon dioxide resulting in drowning. Duke University and other reputable entities are currently in the process of performing studies to debunk these flawed full-face mask designs. 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.

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. You are simply voting to save uninformed innocent people from dying, unfortunately I warned my father of every risk...

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On Dec 14, 2021, Mr. David Loasby, a healthy active man and avid snorkeler entered the water off of the beach in from of my home to go snorkeling. He was wearing a full-face snorkel mask – he was never seen again. Watching his family suffer the unimaginable agony of waiting for the rescue team to find their loved one was heartbreaking – his body was never recovered.

This has become a reoccurring story off the beaches of Hawaii over the past few years. Why? What equipment was used? Are the full-face masks safe? Where is the research?

It's critical to collect 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.

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Mahalo,

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