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**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023
1:05 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1034
RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR**

Senate Bill 1034 proposes to require that at least three hundred parking stalls at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor remain at no cost for recreational ocean access and for the practice of traditional and customary Native Hawaiian rights. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates this measure's encouragement of recreational ocean access, but opposes this measure.**

The free parking stalls at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor were set aside by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) for recreational users. Any change to the amount of paid and free parking at any small boat harbor in the State is subject to BLNR approval. The Department does not believe the number of parking stalls at any small boat harbor should be set in statute, as it would hinder the Department's ability to respond to changes or other needs in a timely manner.

Parking fees help to ensure that repair and maintenance costs are offset by those who use the parking lot, rather than by taxpayers and the boating public who do not. Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor is one of the most heavily used public facilities in the State, which results in increased repair and maintenance needs to ensure that its parking areas remain in suitable condition for safe public use.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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IN OPPOSITION of Senate Bill 1034

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Senate Bill 1034 proposes to require that at least three hundred parking stalls at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor remain at no cost for recreational ocean access and for the practice of traditional and customary Native Hawaiian rights.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) opposes this measure.

Once the area that encompasses the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor was a wetland where traditional practices ensured the sustainability of natural and cultural resources both on land, and in the near shore areas. There are family stories of the abundance of fish, wana, and other marine life. These practices ended when the area was dredged to create the Ala Moana Park. Currently, the Ala Wai Boat Harbor parking area is used by surfers who are not necessarily cultural practitioners although some may be.

We believe the three hundred public parking stalls at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor which are free to recreational ocean access is enough. We worry though that if put into statute then it is pa'a (permanent). This would set a precedence for all small boat harbors in Hawaii. This takes the ability to change parking structures if needed away. It is for this reason that Aha Moku regrettably opposes this measure as it is written.

Respectfully,

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SB-1034

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William W. Saunders, Jr.	Testifying for Save Our Surf	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Please, Senators,

Save our Surf and our access to our waves and vote to pass SB 1034.

I have been surfing on the South Shore since 1960 and parking in the lot fronting Kaisers, Rockpile and Ala Moana since 1966. The proposal to privatize the harbor and parking is unconscionable if it doesn't include the guarantee of permanent no-charge, no-tow parking for local residents so we can access the surf and coastal resources in the area.

Honolulu and Waikiki are increasingly becoming the exclusive playground of wealthy outsiders. Residents are not well served by a government which continues to promote the tourist industry on an unsustainable scale that primarily benefits the wealthy with their yachts and hotels.

We have fought this battle before. We are fighting it again, and we will not give up if this bill is not passed.

Save Our Surf

SB-1034

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Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ronald T Iwami	Testifying for Friends of Kewalos	Support	In Person

Comments:

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Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Room 229

Testimony in strong support of SB1034

I am Ron Iwami, President of Friends of Kewalos. Our mission is to Protect, Preserve, and Malama Kewalo Basin Park and the surrounding shoreline areas which includes the bowls surf area to ensure that the recreational user continues to have access and the ability to enjoy the area for future gnerations to come.

I surf almost daily at Kewalos that keeps me very happy and healthy. I can't imagine how it would be if I had to pay for parking. After I surf, I sometimes hang out to relax with friends and family. Free parking plays a huge role in beach access. If the public has to pay for parking to surf swim, fish, and dive people would come less, or give up coming. The mana would not be the same.

Thousands of people flock to Hawaii's beaches every day to relax and unwind,exercise, surf, dive, watch the sunset, for sustenance, and picnic, among others. Hawaii as an island state needs to support this ocean lifestyle by keeping the parking **free**. This is what defines us as a people. Free parking and access to the ocean is what makes Hawaii special.

Thank you for this opportuniy to share my manao.

Ron Iwami, avid surfer at Kewalos.

Manoa Valley



**TESTIMONY from the SURFRIDER FOUNDATION, O'AHU CHAPTER
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 1034**

RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR.

Before the Water and Land & Hawaiian Affairs Committees
Conference Room 229, February 8, 2023 at 1:05 pm

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, members of the Water and Land committee,
Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Fevella, and members of the Hawaiian Affairs committee,

The Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter strongly supports SB 1034 to ensure that this special area at the Ala Wai harbor remains freely available for all recreational users of the public trust resources in Waikīkī.

The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches for all people, through conservation, activism, research and education. Surfrider maintains a network of over 150 chapters and academic clubs nationwide, including 4 chapters in the Hawaiian Islands. We are fighting for ocean protection, plastic reduction, clean water, our coast & climate, and beach access.

The purpose of this bill - to require the maintenance of at least three hundred parking stalls at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor (AWSBH) at no cost for recreational ocean access and for the practice of traditional and customary Native Hawaiian rights - aligns with our core principles to ensure free and safe beach access for all people. The harbor was originally developed with the purpose of providing local people with a means to access the coastal resources in Waikīkī.

The Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor is public land and the state is mandated by the Hawai'i Constitution to hold all public natural resources in trust for the benefit of the people.

Despite resistance from the local community, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) as recommended by its Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) had reduced the number of free parking stalls in 2008 from 545 to 300. Another attempt was made in 2020 by DOBOR to reduce the free parking by another 125 stalls, which was unsuccessful due to public opposition. The most recent attempt to monetize public ocean access was in September of 2022 when the BLNR authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a private developer of the AWSBH. This action by a state agency does not protect the free recreational parking that was negotiated by the public in 2008 because the parking plan was "subject to change" in the RFP. This is a huge concern to Surfrider.

This bill simply requires the protection of the free 300 parking stalls to ensure free beach access for all people of Hawai'i and protect their traditional and customary Native Hawaiian rights.

SB 1034 should be passed because:

- **This bill aligns with the interest of the public** - The local community has been opposing privatization of the harbor and a reduction of the free parking numerous times over the last two decades through grassroots movements. Most recently in January of this year over 100 ocean users came together to fight for keeping 300 parking spots free of charge and open to the public for recreational use. This bill really captures the will of the community and is supported by over 600 individuals that are part of the Surf Parking Coalition.
- **The public has an inherent right to free ocean access** - this bill would protect free ocean access for all people. The Ala Wai harbor area is the last free parking in Waikīkī and removing free access would (1) add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their ocean access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, and (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks.
- **The Ala Wai harbor is a community cultural gathering place** for local families, surfers, sailors, paddlers, and swimmers and allows safe access to some of the most consistent and best surf breaks on the south shore. This harbor area is of significant importance to the Native Hawaiian culture and traditions, such as canoe paddling, fishing and surfing.

Under Hawai'i law, the State and its agencies are obligated to preserve and protect the exercise of traditional and customary Native Hawaiian rights. Gathering and access rights are the two most basic examples of traditional and customary practices protected under State law.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Natalie Wohner

Volunteer Outreach Coordinator
Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Senate
Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Kate Thompson and I am writing as the founder of surfparking.org in **strong support of SB1034**. I am a retired State employee nurse and I have lived in Hawaii for 40 years. For recreation, I sail my 1985 O'Day 35 foot sailboat and my friends crew for me. I live in a condo in Kailua but I spend many hours a week at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, often sailing three times a week. I see 200 people an hour surfers at Bowls Surf spot and I realized how important this area is for surfing and ocean access in general.

I know that the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) tried to reduce the free recreational parking in January 2020 and I attended the Land Board hearing at that time. See Harbor Parking Plan-Map attached. I have been watching DOBOR's use of the legislative path to privatization, with 2022 bills such as HB1654, and I realized how protection of free public parking will require the help from our elected officials in the Legislature.

There is a current RFP to develop the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. I have attached a copy and highlighted the areas of concern about the wording regarding parking.

Since 1957, the Ala Wai Boat harbor was created as a non-commercial harbor. Some parking stalls were reserved for boat owners and most of the total 1,000 parking stalls were free to the public. As part of my testimony, I am including a 1957 letter from the Governor King of the Territory of Hawaii, just before Statehood who said the Harbor shall be a non-commercial recreational area, attached below.

Since the passage of Act 197 in 2011, we have had harbor privatization bills hanging over heads, ready to cut us out of boating, surfing and beach access by increasing prices and reducing the number of free parking stalls.

The privatization of the DLNR ocean access lands at Kewalo and Ko Olina harbors have been 'hyped-up' to be great examples of public-private partnership', but they are not. The public has to continue the fight for originally

promised services such as free parking, boat ramps and even 'guest yacht' access for short weekend stays. Even the paid parking stalls are dangerous with strange scan code pay systems, often leading to \$50.00 tickets at Kewalo Harbor.

In December 2019, the 'mooring fees' around the state essentially doubled, and my rate went from \$7.00 a foot to \$13.00 a foot. My current monthly harbor fee, including a shower key, is \$565.00 a month, every month. In comparison, my friend in San Francisco pays less than \$500.00 a month for the same size boat in a top-notch San Francisco Marina.

I bring up this background information because the sudden increase in the cost is prohibitive for many middle-income boaters here, given the additional expenses of maintaining a boat. The significant jump in mooring fees in 2019, throughout the state, was a clear signal that the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) is trying to show the profitability for a potential investor. The legislature agreed that the cost of a slip fee should be increased based on an annual cost of living but DOBOR did not do this and instead worked for a price determination based on an "appraisal". But this appraisal priced Keehi and Ala Wai at the same rate of \$13.00 a foot even though Keehi Boat Harbor mooring fees should have been far less than other harbors due to lack of amenities, noise from airplanes, and a dirt parking lot that often floods out.

How much revenue do you think the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor generates? It generates a profit of over two million dollars a year after paying expenses. The current income from the parking fees of \$1.00 an hour meters and \$25.00 a month for boat owners generates about \$130,000 dollars a month. In the current contract, Secure Parking LLC receives 20% of the revenue for 'managing' the paid stalls. The bulk of the parking revenue (80%) then goes into the Special Boating Fund which is estimated at \$100,000 dollars a month.

I'm sharing all these numbers because as far back as 2008, DOBOR's rationale for reducing the free parking from 549 to 300 was that the income from pay parking stalls is needed to cover expenses for the free recreational parking, such as the shower water, lighting, and pavement upkeep. I obtained

invoices through the UIPA for the parking revenue (attached below) August 2022, which shows the monthly income from paid parking, even at the low rate of \$1.00 an hour, easily covers the parking lot expenses.

Please see the 2020 Hawaii News Now article attached below.

I support SB 1034 and respectfully request that any contracts or legislation written will protect and maintain the 300 free recreational parking stalls for the public access to the ocean and cultural activities.

Thank you for your time, I appreciate your interest in this important issue. I am available to participate in any discovery panels or for additional help.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Kate Thompson
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I have enclosed the following bellow:

- 1) RFP with highlighted wording for Privatization of Ala Wai Boat Harbor
- 2) Current Harbor Parking Plan-Map
- 3) Governor's King's Letter 1957
- 4) Parking Revenue August 2022
- 5) Photo of the area

Facing backlash, Land Board scuttles parking plan for Ala Wai Boat Harbor

Rick Daysog, Hawaii News Now

HONOLULU, Hawaii (HawaiiNewsNow) - The state Land Board on Friday shot down a controversial plan to eliminate 125 free parking stalls at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor.

"I think the sentiment of the board is not to do this," said Christopher Yuen, a member of the state Board of Land and Natural Resources.

"Unfortunately, this is something – where you're taking away what the people have enjoyed, the free parking – that strikes a nerve."

The plan would have eliminated more than 40% of the free parking stalls at the harbor. Grassroots organizations quickly mobilized to argue against it.

"From the Ala Wai Boat Harbor, all the way to Kapiolani Park, there's no free public parking. That's the reality, said Keone Downing, of Save our Surf.

"So you've chased out the local families from Waikiki."

Added John Shockley of the Free Access Coalition: "How do people like myself, the people of Waianae, the people from Papakolea -- how do we access the beach," he said.

State boating officials said the parking is needed to serve the harbor's growing commercial activities.

"We needed more space to take care of our tenants in our harbors as well as our guests and all of the additional commercial activities," said Ed Underwood, administrator for the state's Boating Division.

Right now, there are 298 free parking stalls here, but according to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, many of those spaces are taken up by people who work in Waikiki.

"There is a lot of people who use that that work in the hotels, there is hotel guests because they don't want to pay the hotel fees," said Underwood.

Surfers and boaters agreed but they are asking for a different solution.

"I come at 5 and all of the stalls by the fence and all of the stalls by the Hilton are taken and those are not surfers," said longtime surfer Kimo Chung.

In the end, the Land Doard instructed staff to work with the harbor's stakeholders to develop a more comprehensive parking plan.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

August 26, 2022

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: Authorize the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation to Issue a Request for Proposals for Development of Public Lands at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, Kalia, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii
Tax Map Key Plat Nos.: (1) 2-3-037 and (1) 2-6-010

APPLICANT:

Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR).

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Sections 171-6, 171-11, 171-13, 171-16, 171-17, 171-18, 171-19, 171-35, 171-36, 171-41, 171-53, 171-59, and other applicable sections of Chapter 171; sections 200-2.5, 200-2.6 and other applicable sections of Chapter 200; Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended. Session Laws of Hawaii 2011 Act 197, Section 9, Subsection (g)

LOCATION:

Government lands situated at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor (AWSBH), Kalia, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, identified by Tax Map Keys: (1) 2-3-037:012 (por.), :020, :024, :026, :033, :034; and (1) 2-6-010:003 (por.), :005, :016. These parcels shall collectively be referenced as the "Subject Property." Basic property information is summarized in the table shown in **Exhibit C**. The total area for development is approximately 11 acres and includes certain fast and submerged or reclaimed (filled) lands. The Subject Property is on a portion of Governor's Executive Order 4604.

Additional submerged lands may be included within the leased area subject to legislative approval to lease submerged lands.

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(a) and 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: No

UTILITIES: All utilities are available at the harbor.

EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS: Including but not limited to paved roads, parking equipment, parking stalls, potable water lines, sewer system, public restrooms, harbor office, lighting, slips, piers, ramps, wash down area and outdoor showers.

Fixed and floating docks may be included within the leased area subject to legislative approval to lease submerged lands.

LEGAL ACCESS: There is legal access from Ala Moana Boulevard connecting to Holo Moana Street, Hobron Lane and Kahanamoku Street.

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Within the AWSBH, there are currently 3-Leases (not included in the Subject Property), 5-Revocable Permits (RP), (an additional RP is conditioned on County permit approval) and 1 Mobile Food Concession. The Subject Property is managed by DOBOR as part of the AWSBH.

Exhibit A-1 Depicts AWSBH encumbrances, which may affect or adjoin the Subject Property.

Exhibit A-2 Depicts the current parking plan, which may affect or adjoin the Subject Property.

Exhibit A-3 Summarizes the AWSBH encumbrances, which may affect or adjoin the Subject Property.

Exhibit B Depicts Parcels A thru D and Moles 1 and 2 shown in the 2019 RFP.

Parcel A: TMK Nos. (1) 2-3-037:012 (por.), :024, :033 and :034

- Harbor management office – single story
- Paid parking stalls
- Public restroom
- Washdown area
- Trailer boat storage

Parcel B: TMK Nos. (1) 2-6-010:003 (por.), :005, :016.

- Public restroom
- Piers
- Boat ramp

- RP to Blue Water Shrimp International LLC pending county approvals.
- Pedestrian access to/from Ala Moana Blvd.

Parcel C: TMK Nos. (1) 2-3-037:020

- Single story structure
- Restroom
- Piers
- Storage and Catamaran mooring, HBM, LLC – RP

Parcel D: TMK No. (1) 2-3-037:012 (por.)

- Parking – Permit only
- Mobile food vendor, John’s World Famous Hawaii Hot Dogs LLC – RP
- Kiosk Parasail ticket booth, Hawaiian Parasail, Inc. – RP
- Pier for parasail boat
- Landscaping

Mole 1: TMK No. (1) 2-3-037:012 (por.)

- Parking - Permit and free
- Public restroom
- Access to fuel pier, Parcel C.
- Pier support mooring cleats, boat lockers, boat power and water.
- Landscaping

Mole 2: TMK no. (1) 2-3-037:012 (por.)

- Parking - Permit only
- Public restroom
- Access to lessee Hawaii Yacht Club (lease BO-99-2) which expires on July 29, 2034.
- Honolulu Transpac, Ltd.’s office space - RP
- Pier support mooring cleats, boat lockers, boat power and water.
- Landscaping

Prior to issuance of a lease, such uses that are inconsistent with the lease of the Subject Property will need to be terminated. DOBOR is requesting the Board to authorize the cancellation of revocable permits, concessions and contracts and delegate authority to the Chairperson to determine when the cancellations shall take effect.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

HRS Section 171-59(a) provides that a lease of public land may be disposed of through negotiation upon a finding by the Board that the public interest demands it.

The statute also provides a process under which the Board may select the lessee. The statute requires DLNR to: (i) provide public notice of its intention to lease public land

through negotiation; (ii) establish reasonable criteria for the selection of the lessee; (iii) determine the applicants who meet the criteria for selection; and (iv) select the lessee that submits the highest most responsible offer.

In the alternative, HRS Section 171-59(b) allows for disposition by negotiation if the use meets certain categorical criteria (e.g., marine, maritime, and maritime-related operations) provided that such lease encourages competition within such type of operation.

CHAPTER 343 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The selected applicant shall be required to comply with all HRS Chapter 343 and HAR Chapter 11-200 environmental requirements regarding the selected applicant's proposed use of the Subject Property during the development agreement phase of the project, and prior to any disposition by lease. The issuance of a lease shall be subject to compliance with Chapter 343, which may require the issuance of an Environmental Assessment (EA) with Finding of No Significant Impact ("FONSI") or Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"). The Board's approval of a final EA-FONSI and/or EIS is required prior to issuance of a lease.

As a pre-condition to the issuance of a lease, the applicant selected through the RFP process shall also fulfill any and all federal, state and county governmental requirements.

The prior Lessee to Parcels B and C under State Boating Lease BO-13120, obtained a final EA/FONSI on October 8, 2010 (dated Sept. 21, 2010 as the "Waikiki Landing" project) and supplemental Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) also on October 8, 2010 (dated July 30, 2010) to account for traffic impacts. The FEA also cited a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment prepared on January 12, 2004, for the "fuel dock" site (Parcel C). These documents will be made available to all prospective applicants.

BACKGROUND:

Boating Lease No. BO-13120 was issued to Honey Bee USA, Inc. for Parcels B and C on Dec. 6, 2013 and terminated on November 15, 2015.

Parcel B was previously the site of a haul out facility. License No. 74 was issued to Ala Wai Boat Works, Ltd. on April 27, 1953, and expired on April 30, 2004. Ala Wai Marine, Ltd. was a holdover tenant to License No. 74, and had been cited by the Department of Health Clean Water Branch for discharge and permit violations. Ala Wai Marine, Ltd. held a revocable permit (RP No. B-93-39) effective August 14, 1993, for boat storage and parking purposes until it was vacated in February 2009.

Parcel C was the subject of revocable permits, including RP No. B-03-06 to Magic Island Petroleum, Inc. (MIP) to operate a fuel facility and convenience store on December 1, 2002. The facility was in poor condition and required substantial upgrades and repairs. MIP indicated it would be uneconomical to invest substantial sums of money for repairs

without a long-term lease. It is currently being used for catamaran storage by HBM, LLC under a revocable permit. The Makai pier recently collapsed in January 2022.

At its meeting held on April 13, 2018, under agenda item J-4, the Board instructed DOBOR to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for development of public lands at AWSBH. The RFP process was completed in 2019 and did not result in a lease. A subsequent request was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

Vision: The Subject Property is located within AWSBH, which is the largest recreational harbor in the State and is situated at the Ewa end of Waikiki. DOBOR intends to issue an RFP to invite responsible applicants to partner with it in achieving its vision for AWSBH in the public interest. The goal is to transform the harbor into a world-class marina that meets the needs of residents and visitors who use the ocean for a myriad of activities. This transformation includes development of the fast lands to improve the aesthetics of the harbor especially since it is considered a gateway to Waikiki, improvement of the harbor and management services provided to tenants, and the development of DOBOR managed fast (and submerged/reclaimed) lands in this area to support the community and recreational activities of this legendary area. DOBOR is eager to optimize the use of AWSBH in keeping with the conservation mission of the Department. To this end, its vision includes helping mitigate environmental concerns in the area, including water quality management, and working with local and regional entities such as the Seabin Foundation, Ala Wai Watershed Coalition, Waikiki Beach Special Improvement District Association, and others. The Division seeks a partner that will help it attain Clean Marina certification or other appropriate designations. Finally, the Division wishes to partner with the Division of Aquatic Resources on the Governor's sustainability goals for Hawaii, as announced at the 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress, specifically the 30 by 30 initiative—to effectively manage 30% of Hawaii's nearshore waters by 2030—and seeks a marina partner that will help it attain these goals.

In 2021, DOBOR requested assistance from the University of Hawaii Community Design Center (UHCDC) who prepared an Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor Vision Report. The report has been completed and DOBOR proposes that it be used to help provide guidance to potential bidders. The report can be viewed on the DLNR-DOBOR website via the following link:

[Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation | Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor Vision Report \(June 2022\) \(hawaii.gov\)](https://www.dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/2022/06/22/Ala-Wai-Small-Boat-Harbor-Vision-Report-June-2022/)

Rationale for RFP: DOBOR believes a Request for Proposals (RFP) method of procurement should be used to safeguard the public trust. Elements such as experience, past performance, resources, method of approach, and other criteria will be considered when selecting the successful applicant. An auction process would simply award the contract to the highest bidder, not necessarily one that shares in partnering with DOBOR and its vision for the AWSBH. DOBOR does not possess the expertise or funding for this undertaking and believes this facility should be upgraded under a lease arrangement with a private entity. Such an arrangement has excellent potential to increase the lease rent revenues generated to support DOBOR's operations. DOBOR will review submitted proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP.

Capital Improvements: DOBOR has been implementing a comprehensive improvement plan for the AWSBH. As part of this plan, since 2008, floating docks "B", "C", "D" and "F" have been completely rebuilt and placed into service. DOBOR has also replaced the concrete piers and revetment of the 700-row, replaced debris catchment, completed roadway and parking lot repairs, and upgraded electrical, telephone and water utilities. DOBOR is planning to upgrade the in the sewer system when CIP funds are made available. The 700-row piers were replaced in 2012 and improvements to the 600-row have begun with six new piers having been recently installed. The water lines are in the process of being replaced and is projected to be completed by the end of 2022.

To better manage public harbors in other parts of the country, private partnerships have brought more capital for much needed infrastructure development, optimized revenue to honor the public interest, and freed up these states to carry out their original mandates more effectively. This has been successfully done through leases in Keehi Lagoon with Keehi Marine, Inc. and La Mariana Sailing Club. To help it leverage CIP funds appropriated by the Legislature, DOBOR requests authorization for an RFP for a long-term lease so that the successful applicant may partner with DOBOR to bring AWSBH the improvements that it desperately needs.

Harbor Management: Management of AWSBH has consumed a disproportionate amount of staff time and financial resources. A development proposal which incorporates harbor management functions as part of redevelopment may be favored in order to promote efficiency of marina operation and allow staff to focus on ocean recreation management which has become a major priority due to the ever-increasing demands on the use of the near shore waters, and in keeping with the DLNR's mission of resource conservation and sustainable use.

Nationwide, states do not generally operate recreational harbors and marinas and where they do, they widely use third parties to manage them. Using third party harbor management, governments in other states have shown a good track record of efficiency and optimization of revenue. The City of Chicago has the largest municipal marina system in the U.S. It began using third party management of its 6,000 slips (three times the number in the entire State of Hawaii) in the early 1990s and has not looked back. Its revenues went from zero in 1995 to \$13 million per year in 2015. Similar trends can be found all over the country. Even Hawaii's own Kewalo Basin, a few blocks from AWSBH, has shown a similar trend.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP):

DOBOR's RFP process will begin with an invitation to qualified applicants to submit proposals for harbor redevelopment at AWSBH for the Subject Property. Request for Qualifications will be incorporated into the RFP and will request the requisite information from interested parties. An evaluation committee selected by the Chair and the Division will review the applications and determine which applicants meet the eligibility criteria to submit development proposals.

Upon selection by the committee, the successful Applicant and its proposal must be approved by the Board at a board meeting open to the public. Should the Board approve the selected Applicant and proposal, the selected Applicant and DLNR will commence exclusive negotiations of a development agreement and proposed lease for the Subject Property with the approved Applicant.

Accommodation Requirements: The Developer shall provide office space and related utilities for harbor management staff. The square footage of the office space shall be equal to or greater than the current harbor office unless otherwise agreed to by the Department. The Developer shall provide storage space for miscellaneous harbor materials that is at least one thousand (1,000) square feet. The Developer shall provide a minimum of ten (10) parking stalls to be used by harbor management staff and associated vehicle parking at no charge. This requirement may be subject to change should the Department receive the necessary approvals from the Hawaii State Legislature to lease submerged lands that include the slips and mooring spaces within the harbor. The Developer shall follow the existing parking plan approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) that provides for a minimum of three hundred (300) free public parking stalls, for a minimum of three hundred twelve (312) permit parking stalls for harbor tenants with valid mooring permits, and for a minimum of three hundred twenty-nine (329) paid parking stalls according to approved parking rates. The current parking plan is subject to change depending on the type and configuration of the new development project. See **Exhibit A-2** for the existing parking plan. Any changes to this parking plan shall be approved by the Board. Access for State Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel to inspect the lower footings of Ala Wai Canal bridge and State personnel to inspect waste catchment areas near the same location also needs to be accommodated.

Character of Use: The Subject Property may include any use(s) allowed under the Hawaii Revised Statutes, City and County of the Honolulu Zoning Code, Special Management Area Ordinances for the Subject Property, the Waikiki Special Design District and as provided in SLH 2011 Act 197, using the *Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor Vision Report* as guidance.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT:

The selected Applicant (aka Developer) may need to undertake various predevelopment activities before a lease can be issued and construction can commence i.e., due diligence; comply with HRS Chapter 343 requirements and county permitting and as provided in SLH 2011, Act 197.

The Developer will also be required to submit evidence of the applicant's financial capacity to complete the proposed development, including personal guarantees (construction bond); a lease rent proposal, a development agreement rent proposal, and a development timetable.

The Developer will be allowed to use only those submerged lands that have been approved by the Legislature subject to the Developer acquiring all required approvals.

A Development Agreement will be negotiated with the selected Developer, in which the agreement will set forth the predevelopment terms and conditions that the selected Developer must perform (including payment of development agreement rental fees) for a lease to be issued.

PROPOSED NEW LEASE:

The proposed lease shall include a survey map and descriptions of the Subject Property and easements according to State Department of Accounting and General Services standards.

Lease Term: Anticipated to be up to Sixty-five (65) years (as stated in HRS §200-2.5, or according to §171-59, as applicable).

Minimum Annual Rent: To be determined by the selected Applicant's proposal, but not less than the fair market rental, as determined by staff or independent appraisal, subject to review and approval by the Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

1. Find that the public interest demands that a lease for the Subject Property may be disposed of through negotiation pursuant to HRS Section 171-59(a) or any applicable section of HRS Chapter 171;
2. Delegate the authority to the Chairperson
 - (i) to publish a Request for Proposals ("RFP") consistent with HRS §171-59 for the selection of the lessee for redevelopment of Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor;
 - (ii) establish a selection committee.
 - (iii) establish the criteria for evaluating and selecting the lessee;
 - (iv) accept and evaluate the applications submitted by prospective lessees; and
 - (v) make a preliminary determination and recommendation to the Board of the best applicant;
3. Authorize and approve the Chairperson to negotiate and approve any modifications to the RFP process or requirements, if in the best interests of the State and consistent with HRS Section 171-59, and any other recommendation as discussed above, and subject to review and approval of the Department of the Attorney General.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Statts for

EDWARD R. UNDERWOOD, Administrator
Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Suzanne D. Case

SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Attachment:

- A-1 Map of AWSBH Encumbrances
- A-2 Current Parking Plan
- A-3 List of Encumbrances
- B Map of the Harbor showing Parcels A, B, C, and D, and Moles 1 and 2
- C Parcel Information

**Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor
Encumbrances**

Exhibit A-1



Exhibit A-1

Exhibit A-2

Parking Plan



Exhibit A-3

Current Encumbrances, AWSBH

Tenant	Notes	Lease, RP No.	TMK	Purpose	County Zoning Info
Secure Parking Hawaii LLC	RP Concession for parking on Moles 1 and 2	120	(1) 2-3-037:012	Parking Concession Contract	P-2 General Preservation District*, Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**, Resort Mixed Use Precinct (Waikiki Special District)
Galley Foods, LLC	Concession near helipad area	AWSBH-201201	(1) 2-3-037:012 (por.)	Mobile Concession Food Truck	P-2 General Preservation District*, Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**, Resort Mixed Use Precinct (Waikiki Special District)
John's World Famous Hawaii Hot Dogs LLC	RP	115	(1) 2-3-037:012 (por.)	Mobile Concession Food Cart	P-2 General Preservation District*, Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**, Resort Mixed Use Precinct (Waikiki Special District)
Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki Corp.	Lease	H-87-25	(1) 2-6-010:008 (1) 2-3-037:012 (por.)	Easement used by the Hawaii Prince for a Port Cochere	Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**
Hawaii Yacht Club	Lease	B-99-2	(1) 2-3-037:013	Yacht Club Purposes	Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**
Waikiki Yacht Club	Lease	B-99-1	(1) 2-3-037:006, 012	Yacht Club Purposes	P-2 General Preservation District*, Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**
Hawaiian Parasail, Inc.	RP	10	(1) 2-3-037:012 (por.)	Ticket Booth	P-2 General Preservation District*, Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**, Resort Mixed Use Precinct (Waikiki Special District)
Honolulu Transpac, Ltd.	RP	11	(1) 2-3-037:026	Office Space	Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**
HBM, LLC Catamaran storage	RP	39	(1) 2-3-037:020	Revocable Permit issued to HBM, LLC for vessel moorage	Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**
M Waikiki, LLC	Access Easement		(1) 2-3-037:012 (por.)	To conduct pool deck and outdoor dining activities within the portion of certain elevated deck abutting property	Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)**

*Lands zoned under the P-2 general preservation district are intended to preserve major open space, recreation lands, and lands of scenic and other natural resource value. Areas designated urban by the state but well suited to the functions of providing visual relief and contrast to the city's built environment or serving as outdoor space for the public's use and enjoyment are also zoned in this district.

**Lands zoned under the Waikiki Special District are subject to the standards found in the Waikiki Special District Design Guide.

Exhibit A-3

Exhibit B

Aerial Map of Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor Parcels A, B, C, D, and Moles 1 and 2

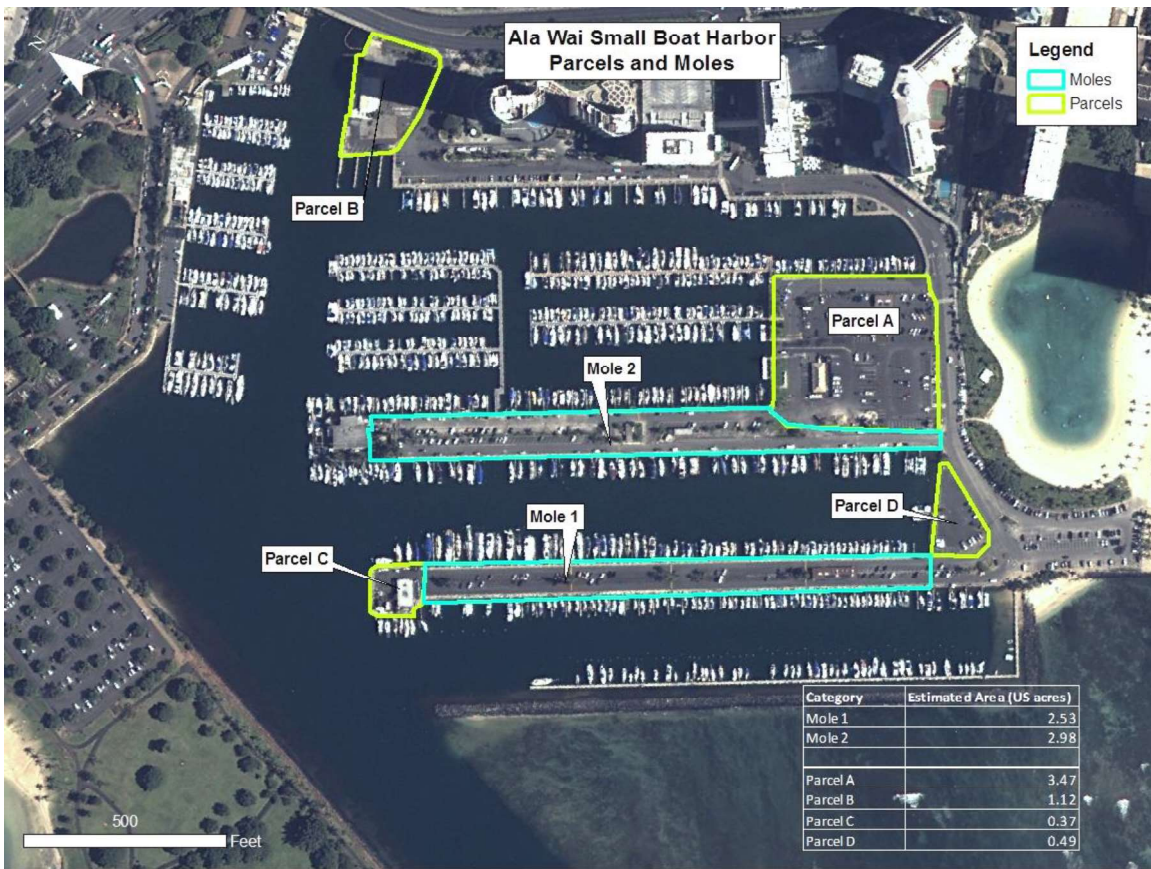


Exhibit B

Exhibit B

Exhibit C

Parcel Information

Parcel	TMK*	Current Permittee	Current Use	Area (acres)*	State LUC	County Zoning	CnC Property Tax Class	Trust Land	SMA
A	2-3-037:012 (por.)	* Secure Parking Hawaii LLC	* Paid Parking	3.47	Urban	* P-2 General Preservation District * Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)	Commercial	5(a)	Exempt
	2-3-037:024	* Galley Foods LLC	* 2 Mobile Food Concessions						
	2-3-037:033	* John's World Famous	* Harbor Office						
	2-3-037:027	Hawaii Hot Dogs LLC.							
B	2-6-010:016 (por.)	* Portion pending RP to Blue Water Shrimp Int'l LLC	N/A	0.229	Urban	* Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)	Commercial	5(a)	Exempt
	2-6-010:003	Vacant	N/A	0.462	Urban	* Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)	Hotel & Resort	5(a)	Exempt
	2-6-010:005 (por.)	* Portion pending RP to Blue Water Shrimp LLC	N/A	0.6518	Urban	* Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)	Pending amendment	5(a)	Exempt
C	2-3-037:020	* HBM, LLC	Catamaran Storage	0.3489	Urban	* Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)	Commercial	5(b)	Exempt
D	2-3-037:034	* Hawaiian Parasail, Inc.	* Hawaiian Parasail Inc. * Paid Parking	0.49	Urban	* Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)	Commercial	5(a)	Exempt
Mole 1	2-3-037:012 (Por.)	* Secure Parking Hawaii LLC	* Free Parking * Paid Parking	2.53	Urban	Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)	Commercial	5(a)	Exempt
Mole 2	2-3-037:012 (Por.)	* Secure Parking Hawaii LLC	* Paid Parking	2.98	Urban	* Public Precinct (Waikiki Special District)	Commercial	5(a)	Exempt
	2-3-037:026	* Honolulu TransPac	* Transpac Office						
Total				11.1617					

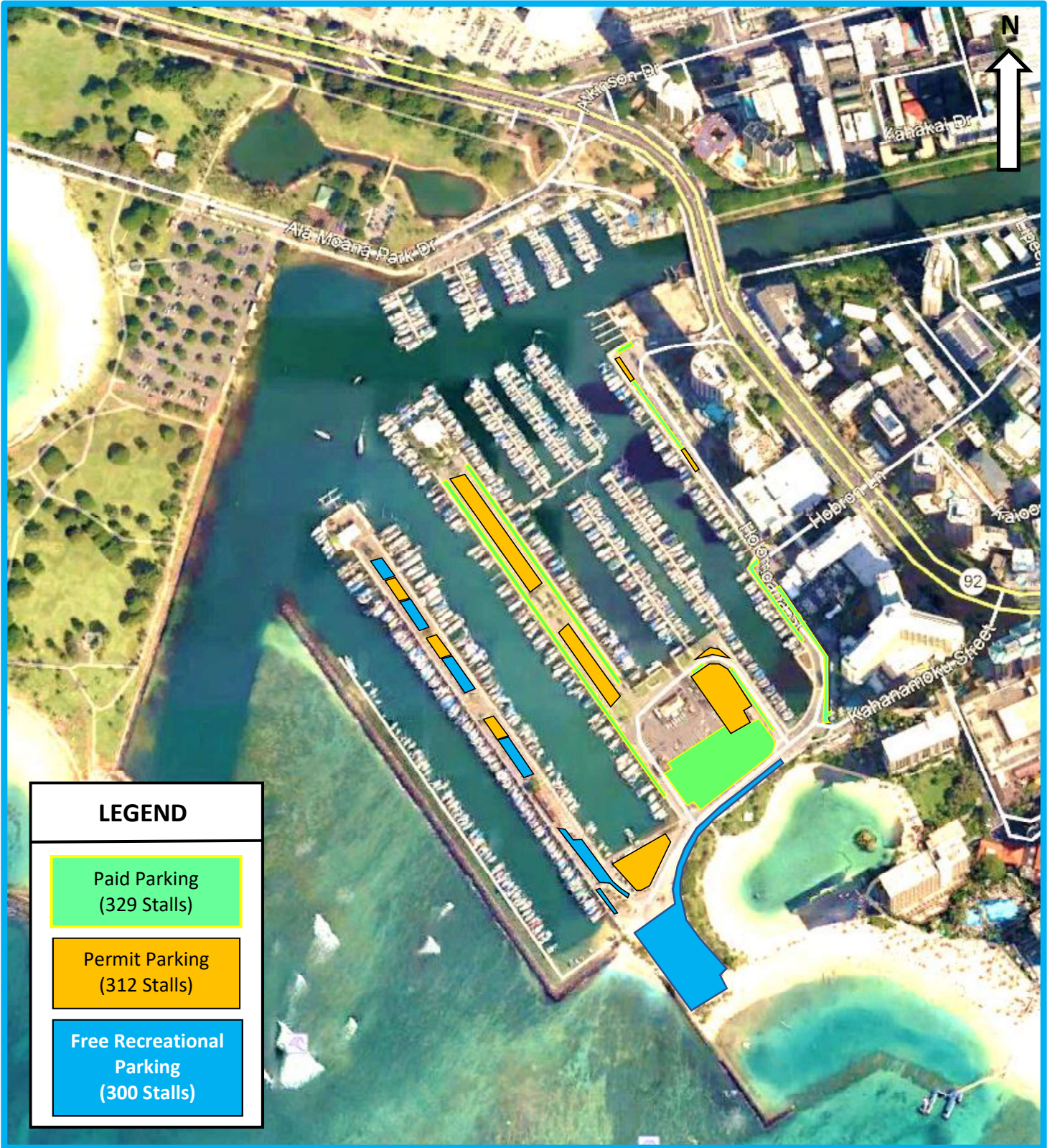
Exhibit C

NOTE: Selected applicant is responsible for ascertaining accurate info as part of their due diligence.

Exhibit C

Exhibit A-2

Parking Plan





THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII
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MEMORANDUM NO. 122

TO: Commissioner of Public Lands
FROM: Governor of Hawaii
SUBJECT: Transfer of land area at the boat harbor to
the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

The question of transferring the land area at the boat harbor being created off the Ala Wai entrance to the Board of Harbor Commissioners has been pending for some time.

I have finally decided to transfer this land to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for use as a boat harbor with the understanding that no commercial leases or other extraneous activities will be authorized by the Board, with the exception, however, of granting a lease of a limited area of land to the Hawaii Yacht Club for the construction and operation of a club house.

Will you get together with the Chairman of the Board of Harbor Commissioners to delineate the area to be transferred and draft an executive order for that purpose.

Samuel Wilder King
SAMUEL WILDER KING
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII

cc: Attorney General
Board of Harbor Commissioners

STATE OF HAWAII
 Department of Land & Natural Resources
 Division of Boating & Ocean Recreation

STATEMENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS

Account No: _____

Reporting Period from 08/01/2022
 to 08/31/2022

Secure Parking Hawaii

 Name of Operation or Firm

Agreement No: 120

Ala Wai Boat Harbor

 Location

Rental Rate \$ - Per -
 or 80 % of Adjusted gross
 receipts, whichever is greatest.

Jonathan Mauri

 Name of Owner

Note:

529 Koula Street, Bay 2
 Honolulu HI 96813

 Address
 (808) 600-7388

 Phone No.

1. Payment and correctly completed report must be received not later than 30 days following the end of month
2. Late payment fee and interest assessed for incorrect or late report delinquent payment.

1. Gross Receipts (itemize):	
a. Pay Stations	\$ 63,913.00
b. Pay-By-Phone	\$ 66,522.00
c. Permits	\$ 17,074.00
d. _____	\$ _____
e. _____	\$ _____
f. Total	\$ 147,509.00


2. Allowable Deductions (Specify)	
a. Refunds/Chargebacks	\$ 483.00
b. Merchant Services/Payment Gateway Fees	\$ 7,097.24
c. _____	\$ _____
d. _____	\$ _____
e. Total	\$ 7,580.24
3. Adjusted Gross Receipts (Item 1f less item 2e) :	\$ 139,928.76
4. Rental as a Percentage of Gross Receipts (80 % of Item 3) :	\$ 111,943.01
5. Less Minimum Fixed Rental Paid in Advance for Period Covered by this Statement :	\$ 0.00
6. Additional Rental Due (Item 4 less item %) :	\$ 0.00

NOTICE TO OWNER

Mail original of this statement together with remittance, if any to:

DLNR - BOATING DIVISION
 DEPT. OF LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES
 4 Sand Island Access Road
 HONOLULU HI 96819

I certify that this Statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and correct declaration of gross receipts for the period stated, pursuant to the terms, covenants and conditions of the permit to which this Statement applies.



 Authorized signature
 Manager

 Title

(For DBOR use only)	
Date: _____	By: _____
Receipt No: _____	Amount: _____

Date: 09/09/2022

Photo of the Area



Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Kerry Langton and I am writing in **strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). As an avid stand up paddleboarder and frequent Waikiki beach goer, I can't tell you how much this parking lot means to me. I live in Pearl City in the upper Palisades area and my trips to this beach parking lot are early in the morning.

I love how convenient the parking is to the beach in order to take my standup paddleboard close to the shore. I am not as young as I used to be when I first started carrying my board to and from the shore, I am now in my 50's.

I also love how this parking lot feels like a 'locals' spot where we can gather, talk about the surf, and enjoy the morning's early sun's rays and there is nothing else like it on this whole island.

Please consider how converting more or all of the free parking stalls will put hardships on people that already have a hard time in this high cost of living. Ocean activities are one of those activities that we don't have to spend a lot of money doing.

Please do not allow this potential new developer to get rid of the 300 free public parking stalls. It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local people.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kerry Langton

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:35:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John & Rita Shockley	Testifying for FREE ACCESS COALITION	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

The Free Access Coalition supports maintaining FREE public parking at the Ala Wai Boat harbor area that includes the lot for the popular surfing spot, Ala Moana Bowls. This lot must never be considered for any parking meter taxation. We hope the Legislature will codify this parking measure to protect free public access to Ala Wai and Waikiki.

Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:37:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brianna ortega	Testifying for Sea together magazine	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The ocean should be accessible for all, especially native Hawaiians and locals. If there is not enough free parking for local citizens, the beaches will be proven to be only for rich tourists who can afford to come to hawai'i and pay for expensive parking, or the rich people who live in hawai'i. Ocean access is critical to Hawaiian culture. Protect free parking. This is some of the last free parking at a beach in town. Think of future generations.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:35:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Damien Beri	Testifying for The Coral Conservancy	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Ala Wai Boat Harbor Free Parking is essential to the conservation goals and objectives of The Coral Conservancy. As a non-profit conducting coral research at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor, we rely on easy access to the ocean without needing to pay. In order to conduct coral restoration and research The Coral Conservancy, which operates on minimal public donations needs to be able to save costs on parking at the described location. Do not increase the amount of paid parking stalls. If the amount of paid parking stalls is to increase then it should only be for out-of-town visitors, and the funds should go into keeping the harbor clean by paying for someone to actively remove the trash and debris in the harbor.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:36:06 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jarrod Feinstein	Testifying for Surfrider	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Elimination of the surf parking at the ala wai boat harbor would be an absolute detriment to the community. The parking lot is a melting pot and gathering place for so many to enjoy. There is so much history tied up in this place it would be such a shame to lose it. Countless people have some of their best memories tied up with the waves, the community aspect, and the overall experience that is in large part due to the free parking. We can not afford to lose such a special gathering place in our community!

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 8:39:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jill Shirley Chapman	Testifying for Save Surf Parking At Ala Moana Bowls	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Jill Chapman and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Moiliili , and am a surfer that uses the area. I have been using the area for the past 16 years. I made friends here, learned to sail and surf here, and came into adulthood and had had my first date with my now fiance of 9 years here under the Friday night fireworks. Please keep this area free for the next generations to come, for them to learn, and make lifelong relationships and connect with the aina, to have the opportunity to experience what I have graciously been afforded the opportunity to do.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

Paid parking will cause surfers to park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the highly popular and world-famous surf spot “Ala Moana Bowls.” This causes serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn, besides the fact that the free-of-charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka’ako.

Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR’s recommendation that delegated BLNR’s authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR’s parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Jill Chapman

Chair(s) Lorraine Inouye & Maile Shimabukuro
Vice Chair(s) Brandon Elefante & Kurt Fevella

Senate Committee on Water & Land
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
1:05PM

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1034 RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT
ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR**

Aloha Chair(s) Inouye & Shimabukuro, Vice Chair(s) Elefante & Fevella, Members of the Senate Committee on Water & Land and Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Jun Shin. I am a graduate of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and a member of the Hawai‘i State Youth Commission, testifying as an individual in **Support** of **SB1034**, Relating to Public Parking at Ala Wai Boat Harbor.

This bill/measure is important because first and foremost, the public has a right to access our oceans. The Ala Wai harbor serves as an important gathering place for local families, surfers, sailors, paddlers, and swimmers. Removing free parking will frankly block access to the ocean. If free parking is converted to metered parking, working people who want to relax by themselves or with their families with the little free time they have will find it very difficult to consistently go to the beach as costs will add up over time.

Please keep the 300 free parking stalls free and the legislature should go a step further and amend this bill to restore all the free public beach parking that existed in this area when it was originally developed. Please **PASS Senate Bill 1034** out of your committees.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Jun Shin,
State House District 23 | State Senate District 12
Cell: 808-255-6663
Email: junshinbusiness729@gmail.com

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:01:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly Lucero	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF KELLY LUCERO IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Kelly Lucero. I live in Kunia and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH).

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kelly Lucero

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/5/2023 7:34:31 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Parker Sage	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Hey I'm a surfer from Oahu, I live in Mililani and surf often at bowls, the parking lot makes surfing at bowls possible and makes the water sports accessible. I'm 17 years old and have a huge passion for surfing and this will drastically effect my self and many many others. This is my first time ever testifying for anything and it's really important that the parking lot stays the same. I'll keep it plane and simple. Don't let the money makers change the island land any more this is outrageous.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:34:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Abbott	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I am in support of SB 1034. This bill is simple and clear. My support for this bill is to honor my husband Goro Sulijoadikusumo. On August 18 2021 I went to work and my husband went for his morning surf. He never came home that day. He was an athlete and a surfer. But he was also an engineer with Department of Transportation. He loved all things to do with roads, highways, cars and most of all he loved preserving our Hawaii and making Hawaii a better place to live and work. He and his friend parked at AWSBH that morning and many mornings like it. He was teaching me to swim there. I walked around on the one year anniversary of his death and I saw tons of kids and families and surfers, paddlers and everybody respecting and doing what they love. DOBOR says the AWSBH needs to be developed to make money. I say a harbor has its own value. Make it the best harbor for the boaters, paddlers, surfers and swimmers. We don't need to "develop" it for visitors who don't live here and might not even want to come to visit if we don't preserve what makes Hawaii special. We saw no visitors during the pandemic-but our people were in the water. This is why many of us sacrifice to live here, caring for our State by working for the State and by taking care of it's infrastructure and it's people. Please do this simple thing and pass the bill to preserve the parking. Thank you.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:54:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emanuel Pangilinan	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Emanuel Pangilinan and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Kaimuki , I am a surfer, and I utilize the parking lot to surf with my wife and two sons a few times a week, and every day in the summer.

To me free parking means free access to the Aloha Spirit.

Hawaii's greatest gifts to the World are the Spirit of Aloha and the activity of Surfing - both go hand in hand and are the cultural life-line of Hawaii.

Ala Wai Boat Harbor Public Parking allows local surfers to access to "THE BEST", and "MOST CONSITANT" waves on the South Shore of Oahu. Ala Moana Bowls, Rock Piles and Kaiser Bowls are the Heart of Honolulu. This stretch of reef offers hundreds of local surfers access to Honolulu's greatest assets-the ocean and world class waves. No other surf spots on the South Shore can compare to this specific span of reef right in front of the Ala Wai Boat Harbor Parking Lot- a breeding ground of the Aloha Spirit.

Beginners to “The Best” surfers on island utilize the parking lot to access the ocean and enjoy Surfing. The activity of Surfing frees the spirit, relieves tension and anxiety, and offers great cardiovascular activity- all essential ingredients to the cultivation of the Aloha Spirit.

To make locals pay to access this stretch of reef and ocean is to create an obstruction to the Aloha Spirit. To access the wave from Magic Island and paddle across the boat channel is simply Dangerous. Please let Surfing and the Aloha Spirit be FREE AND SAFE. Let the heart of Honolulu continue to beat freely.

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SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:50:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kahealani enoka	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Kahealani Enoka and I support SB1034. Myself and my 'Ohana have been longtime recreational users of the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor and to this day still continue to use this parking lot. As a member of the Rockpiles, Bowls, Kaisers, and 3's surf communities, I believe that the preservation of these 300 stalls is necessary for our keiki and future generations to have access to our oceans and recreational activities at no outrageous expense. With the Ala Wai small boat harbor and Ala Moana beach park being two of the most occupied open lots, it is imperative that we save and mālama what little we have left with these open spaces. It is our responsibility to protect our communities from any further development and save da lot 👍

Mahalo,

Kahealani Enoka

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:14:54 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret Hallahan	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Captain Margaret Hallahan IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Captain Margaret Mary Hallahan and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in San Francisco California, I am the president of the Outrigger Canoe group called Na Wahine O'ke Kai Outrigger in SF Bay. I have had the opportunity to canoe from our beach site in San Francisco bay for 40 years which we call O'Hana beach. I was introduced to Outrigger Canoeing by Master Waterman Steersman Napi at Anuenue Canoe Club 43 years ago. Three years later in the SF bay, I meet a canoe builder and Master Waterman Steersman Peter Balin from Maui. We were able to seed a Hawaiian Cultural Outrigger Canoe Base in SF Bay. We were the first canoe to welcome the [Hokulea](#) sunrise entry into the San Francisco bay with the Maritime Park Boat in 1995. We hosted the [Hikianalia](#) arrival in 2019 to our canoe site SF Aquatic Park. Please see the linked videos I made of the historic crossings. If Master Waterman Steersman Napi at Anuenue Canoe Club had not let me jump onto his canoe with one of the young paddlers 43 years ago all of this might of missed. Out on the water, people fall in love, mourn people they have lost, and heal from the sometimes daunting daily grind. The Hawai'i ancestors knew they had this gift. Making it harder to practice this gift you will be cutting off the spread of this important happiness around the world.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR's parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

As a licensed Captain, I have navigated near misses of swimmers with their surfboards in the channel. I called the officer of the day at the Coast Guard Station and they shared that surfers and swimmers have the full right to cross the channel at any time no matter how dangerous the swell is. As long as the swimmer or surfer is moving forward it is the boater's responsibility to avoid a coalition. Even if you must take your vessel into the rocks to avoid a coalition you must avoid the person in the channel at costs. Paid parking will cause surfers to park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the highly popular and world-famous surf spot "Ala Moana Bowls." This causes serious safety issues for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn, besides the fact that the free-of-charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka'ako. We have already lots one surfer by boat coalitions in the channel it needs to never happen again. Non-local Captains come into the channel every day and are not aware to look out for surfers swimming across.

Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai'i. This is the last place in Waikiki where local 'ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation that delegated BLNR's authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR's parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikiki. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Captain Margaret Hallahan

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Aloha to our respective Senate Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs,

I'm writing in support of SB-1034 for the maintenance of public parking at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor. I write in support as a 25 year old surfer, voyager, avid ocean user, member of the ocean community and a native Hawaiian scientist. My experience in the ocean like many others throughout the Hawaiian Archipelago is extremely reliant on access, zoning, legislation, and community. I have spent a lot of time using this space, frequenting this space, and creating relationships within the community at the small boat harbor.

I write in support of this bill because it is a form of organized legislation representing many public stakeholder groups who recognize that removal of ocean access is important enough to voluntarily come together and enter into advocacy. This measure is aligned and congruent with Mrs. Hobron's will and vision for the use of the boat harbor coastal lands; for ocean recreation. The access that the current and previous free parking provides for the strong ocean community, generational Hawaiian families, and the opportunity for our future keiki in Hawai'i is constantly threatened by private initiatives for the parking areas. It's time that we come together to forge something that would protect the place and people.

With respect to culture, the past and current planning initiatives DOBOR has introduced for new parking rates inevitably alters the incentives to utilize facilities and space, and thus, the demographic of users. It has been shown in other places that increase in monetary demands and privatizing ocean areas has resulted in a loss of connection for many ocean users, especially native people's (Hack, 2021) (Justine-Domingue, 2022)(Burell, 2022). The legislation here not only protects public ocean access but ethics and culture where racially-biased planning can find its way into management plans and proposals.

Over the past two decades, DOBOR has repeatedly tried to privatize the parking at the boat harbor, and recently drafted a partnered proposal with UH Manoa School of Planning Students that would commercialize the entire area. The plan includes a good amount of environmentally forward language and green-washing to justify commercialization to "solve" and fulfill the objectives they have set forth. The racial bias of climate adaptation along with a departure from acting in public interest by land owners or managers is a dynamic that has been studied in other places within coastal management with much criticism. DOBOR's stakeholder process has been criticized by the BLNR multiple times in past meetings (2020 and previously). I would suggest reading through previous BLNR recommendations to DOBOR and their previous plans, specifically the most recent proposal that was heard a few years ago. The public voices of support for maintaining free parking areas have always been well organized but seemingly not enough for the department and agency level to include in their process' to reach some form of collaboration with the public voice. This is a large reason why passing this Bill at a Senate and House level is so important for members of the public.

The issues of managing the harbor itself are long drawn out and do not go unrecognized by current harbor users. In fact, a good amount of management is through informal methods such as cleaning the beach, emergency-care and life-saving, directing first-responders, shower maintenance, and more. Much of the management is carried out by long-time recreation users themselves. While not included in the stakeholder process, many of us are still willing to collaborate for a better future in this special place we care about and SB-1034 is the first step to allowing the community to do so.

My support of SB-1034 is also grounded in legal precedent this bill can set for ocean communities and coastal areas throughout the State. I hope that the large public support for this bill speaks loudly that the public can collaborate with State and City here and throughout the islands to manage and maintain our areas fairly.

I am hoping that the Senate will agree to hear this highly organized effort to protect the public and enable a wonderful opportunity for citizens to take care of their places and work with government and agencies.

Mahalo Nui,

Kai Hoshijo

Testimony from Jared London
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1034
RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR.
Conference Room 229, February 8, 2023 at 1:05 pm

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, members of the Water and Land committee, Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Fevella, and members of the Hawaiian Affairs committee,

My name is Jared London and I am a resident of St. Louis heights and I use the parking in the Kaka'ako area very often wether it is for surfing, meeting friends, or just watching the sunset. I am a volunteer and core member of the Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter and I am **in strong support of SB 1034** to protect free beach access for all people at the Ala Wai Harbor / to keep the parking free of charge so everyone can enjoy and access the ocean. The ocean is a source of both happiness, freedom, and culture to many people. It is a poor idea to take that enjoyment away.

The area is a must have spot for locals to enjoy and is a part of so many people's lives. It isn't right to take away a free area that is used for people to enjoy themselves and be happy. It should be freely accessible to everyone local or not to share happiness when in the area. I personally surf here as a local and I come to meet people, spend a day with friends, or even just have a nice spot to watch the sun rise and set. The ocean and the area is also of cultural significance as well. Many people come to the Kaka'ako area to surf in a spot that is historically known to be an integral part of surfing culture and for Hawaiian surfers. People fish here for food. Not for sport but to feed their families. And with paid parking, many people cannot afford to enjoy this precious area, or use the resources available there whether cultural or otherwise. I am a college student as well as my friends. Many of us cannot afford to spend money all of the time to park here. Any sure we can go somewhere else but this spot is cultural to us too. Many people use the area and they also cannot afford to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to be able to use their cultural spot. It is not right and unethical to continue down the path of charging for parking here. Cultural or not, this area is important to every single person who uses it.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Jared London

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Submitted on: 2/3/2023 5:22:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Lanet	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Aaron Lanet, born and raised on Oahu, Maui, and the Big Isle.

As a resident of Honolulu, I support SB 1034.

Since moving to town, Ala Moana Bowls is my go to spot to relax and surf. Where everyone knows each other, families and friends gather during the weekends. By taking away these free stalls, you'll be breaking up the community that frequents here. Our quality of life is yet again put on the back burner for the tourists and greed.

We, residents of Hawaii already pay enough for high cost of living.

Best regards,

Aaron Lanet

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/3/2023 8:02:29 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this Bill.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 7:45:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Colonel (Ret) Ann Wright	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a retired US Army Colonel and have lived on Oahu for 20 years. I totally support keeping 300 parking spaces free for the community at the Ala Wai surf area.

I am at the Ala Wai surf area frequently enjoying watching community members, young and older, who surf .

I'm 76 and not surfing like some of the wonderful older surfer who surf there, but I am a strong supporter of the surfing community and the need for the State/county to provide 300 free parking spaces.

I have observed the towing company who has the contract for paid parking spaces on the remainder of the Ala Wai Small Boat harbor lurking to tow away vehicles that are one minute over their paid time.

It costs \$200+ to get one's car back and in violation of State law, the tow company will not accept credit card payment, requiring citizens to go find an ATM machine to bail out one's car that is 1 minute overtime. It takes hours to retrieve one's vehicl!!

It would be much better to have a metermaid come by and issue a ticket-which would be \$30?? instead of allowing contract Tow companies to make an exorbitant amount for towing a barely overtime vehicle.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 7:58:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ian k yee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Ian Yee, and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Nuuanu, and surf 4-6 times per week at the spot known as Kaisers, right in front of the parking lot on the beach. I have surfed at this spot for 45 years, back when the helipad was there. There is no other close, free, and easily accessible parking in this area. I am also Native Hawaiian, and believe it is my right to easily and regularly access the ocean. Converting the free parking stalls to paid would only marginalize many people who cannot afford to pay to go to the beach. Do not let the rich, or non-local people steal our ocean access merely by using money as a bludgeon for exclusion. Keep these same stalls in the same locations for free. And do not make them free, but locate them far away or difficult to access. We are an ocean going community. It is why tourists come to Hawaii. It is in our culture, heritage, and imbedded in the beauty of our islands. To take away this basic right is to deny our local people a basic need that is a part of Hawaii. Would you prohibit Olelo too? And for me, another beach or surf break is not an option nor should it be a choice I am forced to make.

I am not asking for non-locals to be excluded from this beach, so why should anyone ask for locals to be excluded by way of fees or money or limitation of access? It is disgusting that this is even a potential option and that I need to write this testimony in order to keep what has been a life long right to access the beach I choose without restriction.

Mahalo for your time.

Ian K. Yee

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 8:44:53 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Adam White	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

I support saving the free public parking at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. The public deserves access to our ocean waters.

It is so difficult for most of us to make ends meet on the island already. After bills, taxes, rent, work is taken care of, the place that I (and many others) go to relax and connect with Ke Akua is the ocean. Making our free public parking spots fee-based is just another way to keep the middle/lower income residents from having access to our best surf spots. Surfing has saved my life in so many ways. The ocean has taught me Malama Honua. For many, the ocean makes us better versions of ourselves and hence, better community members.

Please allow us to continue parking at this sacred place for free.

Aloha Ke Akua.

Adam

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 9:55:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lindsay Sunada	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

I'm part of the large surf community that surfs bowls every day, and benefits greatly from the free parking lot in that area. Getting rid of the free parking not only causes an unnecessary financial barrier to entry for people who want to enjoy the beach, but also hurts the thriving community of friends and neighbors who congregate around the water here every day. Please keep the parking free!

Mahalo,

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 10:34:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
richard swaja	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1034 as a surfer who utilizes the Ala Wai parking area.

This area is very important for the local community and access is imperative with free parking.

If taken away this will effect all generations!

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/4/2023 11:42:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yohan Loubry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha everyone.

My name is Yohan L. I am a young local resident living in Honolulu. I currently use the ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR parking when I surf, play volleyball or simply enjoy the beach and park after a day at work.

I am very worried about loosing access to free parking at ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR. Many surfers including myself will be tempted to cross the boat channel to go to Rock Piles or Bowls from Magic island with the known risk that it involves. It won't be long until we will see accidents happening. So please, keep Honolulu beach access safe, Keep the spirit of surfing and enjoying a few hours of activities accessible by anyone. The local communities very much needs this. It brings us together vs pushing us apart. It directly affects our wellbeing when our simple pleasures become expensive to do. Hawaii residents can't afford paying for beach / surf access...

Thanks for listening

Mahalo

Yohan

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 11:45:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katie Yee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF KATIE YEE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Katie Yee and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Nu‘uanu and have been surfing Bowls/Rockpiles weekly for almost eight years. When I paddled in 2019, our team parked at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor parking lot so we could paddle our team wa‘a from Kahanamoku Beach to the Macfarlane Regatta. The ease of accessibility from the parking lot to the water where it is a short paddle to the break is significant for surfers. I was surfing at Kewalos before I was introduced to Bowls and climbing down a rock wall and back up every time to surf was especially risky when the tide was high.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free of charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). In January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 11:48:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Libin (Kevin) Zhou	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Libin (Kevin) Zhou **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Libin (Kevin) Zhou and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I'm a surfer who lives in Palolo and I use one of those 300 parking spots almost every single day. This area is very special to me as I surf there multiple times a week and often go just to hang out and catch the sunset. Free access to that beach park means free access to exercise, stress relief and entertainment that I rely on weekly. Parking in general in that area is already really difficult and if those spots become paid It would cause a lot of headache and cost so much money for the people that go there often. Locals need more access to our public beaches and surf breaks, not more condos and paid parking lot that none of us can afford. Living here is already so expensive and we shouldn't be nickled and dimed just to access something we love like our beaches. Surfing in Waikiki is always inconvenient most people park super far away at the Waikiki shell and have to walk to many of the surf breaks in Waikiki. The paid parking is always really expensive and a 2 hour surf session could cost atleast \$10 or more depending on where you park in Waikiki. We can not let the Ala wai harbor parking to become the same as the rest of Waikiki. We already pay so much in taxes yet our infrastructure is so bad and we have to fight for access to many of the free things that make hawaii amazing like our beaches and surf breaks.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free of charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR's parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). In January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR’s recommendation that delegated BLNR’s authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR’s parking plan that provides for the 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Libin (Kevin) Zhou

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/4/2023 11:52:06 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angela Huntmer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for supporting your constituents by voting for continued access to ocean recreation parking for them at the Ala Wai Harbor. As a public trust asset and a state owned facility, public access must be protected. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 1:08:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ROBERT DUERR	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Public access to public beaches and surf spots is a Hawaii constitutional right. Hawaii ocean goers and surfers pay taxes. Families use beaches for recreational time. Free recreational time is important to family budgets. Ala Wai parking violators are towed mercilessly. They must pay in cash. And tow trucks circle like sharks.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 1:52:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juanita Aguerrebere	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a longtime resident and local of Hawaii, I support this bill to have free and safe public access. Free parking is essential to have safe access for all especially the youth of Hawaii. My children are Native Hawaiian, they surf and canoe surf as their ancestors did before them. We must keep safe places where young and old natives can gather that does not require a pay to play transaction like the rest of Waikiki.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 2:25:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
DANIELLE GONZALES	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Danielle Gonzales **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Danielle Gonzales and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am a resident of Waikiki that uses this area to access the beach and water.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 2:27:32 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marisa Pangilinan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My family and I use this parking lot to access the surf daily. We wouldn't be able to afford the cost of paying every single day. Please allow the 300 stalls to remain free to the public for use of the beach.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 2:56:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paolo Marra-Biggs	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support maintaining the free parking at ala Wai harbor

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 4:28:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Natalie Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Natalie Young **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Natalie Young and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live on the South Shore of Oahu, and Ala Moana Bowls is my home surf break. This is my favorite place in the world, a place I routinely come for not only my physical but also emotional & mental wellbeing. I am able to connect with nature here, de-stress, reset/find mental clarity, and enjoy time with friends. Accessibility to this parking area is crucial to myself and so many other residents I know.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Natalie Young

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/4/2023 5:37:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eamon Campbell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Eamon Campbell **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Eamon Campbell and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am born and raised on the island of Oahu. I grew up in Waipahu and recently moved to the Ala Moana area. I am a paddler and a surfer who uses the boat harbor parking lot often. This place is my home and it is very special to me that Hawaii is not like any where else in the mainland. I went to school in California and Florida and all of those states have pay to park at their beaches. Hawaii is special in many ways but it would feel less like home if it became like the mainland. The keiki of this island are spiritually connected to the ocean and it would be a shame to have the state put up a monetary barrier to the ocean.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free of charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). In January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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free of charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka‘ako.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Eamon Campbell

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 6:08:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Legrande	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please keep this parking accessible for surfers, paddlers, ocean goers. Allow the people access. It's a health and wellness thing. We should make it easy for our citizens to get in the kai. Thank you. Linda Legrande

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/4/2023 7:11:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jose castello	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF JOSE CASTELLO IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Jose Castello and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am a Honolulu resident that moved here because of the surf culture and I currently surf at this aforementioned location several times per week. This is how I get my daily exercise.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Jose Castello

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 10:22:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Gibbons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Save the parking spaces! Free surf parking for all surfers should be a right.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2023 11:07:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keola Nakanishi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Ocean activities are among the few remaining low to no cost options for recreation, exercise and cultural practices.

Please honor the commitment from years back to keep the remaining stalls not already converted to paid stalls, free. Failure to do so will result in a notable drop in morale, health, and satisfaction with/trust of decision makers.

Mahalo for your consideration

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 8:05:37 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diva Gustafsson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'd like to save the free parking spots

**Testimony from Kittana Wagener
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1034
RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR.**

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, members of the Water and Land committee, Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Fevella, and members of the Hawaiian Affairs committee,

My name is Kittana Wagener and I am a resident of Georgia and currently living in Honolulu, HI. I am a volunteer and member of the Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter and I am **in strong support of SB 1034** to protect free beach access for all people at the Ala Wai Harbor.

I support this bill because as a full time university student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, it is extremely expensive to be living here in Hawai'i. I came to Hawai'i in order to not only attend university, but also learn more about myself and learn more about the Hawaiian culture. With my rent, groceries, and gas especially being more expensive due to the inflation, it would make life much harder on me and many other university students if we were to pay for parking. I go to the harbor not only as a beachgoer, but also because this is the last spot that is free to park in Waikīkī.

While this is my perspective on the issue, I also want you to take into consideration people who also live in other parts of the island who also want to go surfing, sailing, fishing, etc. in the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. Not everyone on the island has the ability to pay for parking. The dollar(s) that would be spent for parking could be used towards rent, groceries, utilities, tuition, etc.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Kittana Wagener

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 12:02:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ming Tanigawa-Lau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Generations have built traditions and memories in the parking lot of Ala Wai Boat Harbor. It has become an area of huge community and sentimental importance. Preserving free, public access is critical not only to preserve these uses, but also to secure access for the practice of native Hawaiian rights and rituals. Friends, families, and community members gather here, hibachi, surf, fish, kanikapila, watch the sunset, talk story. There is nowhere else like this spot in Honolulu and it holds such a special place in so many peoples' hearts and lives. Getting rid of or charging for these parking spaces will destroy the community that has been built around this very special place. Please preserve Ala Wai Boat Harbor for the people.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 12:05:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Hart	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have been a long time user of the Ala Wai boat harbor parking for my recreational surfing. I have cleaned the beach there and dragged debris in from the many boats that have ended up on the reef over the many years. I take ownership of the ocean and playground I call home and that goes with my taxes paid as well.

Having a 15 month old keiki now I want to, and expect to have her have access to the ocean without having to pay for parking. To take my family to surf, swim and recreate shouldn't cost more than we are already paying.

Mahalo nui for reading our testimony and taking to heart our feelings about the matter.

Aloha,

Jordan Hart

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 12:21:16 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Seth Reiss	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support preserving free parking at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. I have used this parking lot since 1975, initially for surfing, and more recently for boating. So many of Oahu's recreational areas have become inhospitable to local users. Commercial users and tourist oriented activities have already encroached way too much on the use of the Harbor by local residents. Whatever is left should be preserved.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 2:03:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mia La Voie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support the adjacent law that allows all Hawaii beaches to remain public by assisting with continued public parking at Alawai boat harbor . Public parking available to residents and the like promotes overall traffic flow, keeping individuals from overcrowding other parking facilities and sojourning through sidewalks and walkways with beach gear , surfboards etc .

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 2:05:41 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Taryn Fowler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I've been surfing at Ala Moana area for over 20 years and deserve the right to free parking and safe beach access. Many regular surfers only stay about 1-2 hours. Please give locals the right to free beach access.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 2:24:29 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kyle Fujimoto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please let us keep our parking to go surfing. Isn't this why we pay all this tax money. Stop being money hungry and greedy.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 4:32:22 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Solomon Kawamae	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Solomon Kawamae and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am born and raised in Manoa Valley and, engage in the cultural practices of fishing, surfing, paddling, and education. I am an active member of our surf community, taking care of the beach access area in efforts of cleaning and maintaining the beach. I also, educate student visitors through a Surfing and Hawaiian Culture curriculum, where they learn about the cultural aspect of surfing and ocean safety and, the importance of protecting our land, water, and natural resources. What makes this place important to me is more than just a recreational area but, to continue to have free public and cultural access for cultural practice which can and will be used for educational purposes. This is the only beach access that is left for the local community in waikiki without having to be congested by private organizations and their businesses.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Solomon Kawamae

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 4:32:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathryn Choy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Kathryn Choy IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Kathryn Choy and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am currently living in San Francisco, however, I lived in Hawaii for eight years and called this place my surfing home. While going to school and working in Hawaii the community and friends I made while surfing at Bowls were unforgettable. Now, every time I come back to Honolulu to visit my in-laws and family I always make sure to get a couple surf sessions in at Bowls. This is would have been much more limiting to do during my time in Hawaii with the high cost of living and being a student and right after school. This place has a special part of my memories in Hawaii and I have seen how paid parking has made beaches inaccessible for locals in California. In my hometown in Carlsbad, California they've implemented so much paid parking that locals can no longer easily access the beaches they love and take care of. The people living in Hawaii are the ones taking the most care of the area and it would be so saddening to see this access taken away. The local 'ohana deserve for the state of Hawaii to do better than California and make sure to take care of those who spend their lives at these treasured places.

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kathryn Choy

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 4:39:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kyla Herrmann	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Kyla Herrmann **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is **Kyla** and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). **I am born and raised here and live in town. It's sad that the city is making access to nature harder and harder. Third spaces are critical to the quality of life here in Hawai'i. I am a surfer, a freediver, a sailor, a waterman, free parking for the beach and for these things is a necessity.**

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When I was an intern or a student the beach was one of the only spaces I was able to go that was free and fun. To go surf at bowls before or after work or class and then go on with living in this ever more expensive island. It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. It is truly important to keep kanaka, students, and seniors present in spaces. It is important to keep nature accessible to the people living here. Please don't price us out of nature. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kyla

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 5:10:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a local citizen and I approve this bill to keep free parking at the Ala Wai boat harbor. I have been coming to this site for recreational purposes for over 20 years. Putting a charge on this parking that has be free for decades will cause a disturbance for both locals and visitors. It is our right to have beach access and if there is a charge to this parking, it's almost as if that beach access right to the public is already taken away. Please reconsider and do not put a price for our beloved beach parking.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 5:20:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Puanani Kane	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Puanani Kane and I am in support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 free parking stalls. I am a surfer and a paddler. I am born and raised in Kailua and have been surfing at Ala Moana Bowls for years. The people who live on this beautiful island pay taxes to keep this area parking free. Please do not change anything and leave it the way it is.

It is important to protect the last free access to the ocean for our local ohana and practitioners. Please support SB 1034

Mahalo for you time

Puanani Kane

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 5:45:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Susan Swink	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Free parking is critical to maintaining a healthy lifestyle for the residents of Hawaii and progressing surf culture. It is the closest free parking I can get to pops which is my safe surf spot. Please keep some free parking for us.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 5:45:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthias Sim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In testimony of SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Matthias Kala'i Sim and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I paddle, surf and dive from this beach access.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration, Matthias Sim

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 5:51:01 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kathleen Ells	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly supporting this bill to save the last of this free parking for the residents and visitors to enjoy recreational activities at this beautiful ocean resource . Surfers snd families might not be able to enjoy surfing , boating snd beach going without the access to free parking . Please do not give away the last bit of this parking for the people !

People have worked long snd hard to have our voices heard to save this parking FREE

Mahalo

Kathleen Ells

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 5:53:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eden Chik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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TESTIMONY OF EDEN CHIK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Eden Chik and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). It is the only free parking on this side of Waikiki where we are able to park and head into the water. This access is important to my family and I.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Eden Chik

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Nohea Marlow and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in the Diamond Head area and I surf Bowls and Rockpiles at least a few times a month. It's a great place to surf, hard enough to find parking already, and having to pay for parking will just make it even less accessible to enjoy easily. Keep it a place where local surfers can still come and enjoy the surf easily without the added stress or fees. It's a public beach, lets' keep the parking public too!

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Nohea Marlow

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/5/2023 6:22:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennie Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

It is important to protect recreational parking. Please keep parking free for the community to enjoy.

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Testimony Supporting SB 1034 Relating to Public Parking at Ala Wai Boat Harbor

Submitted to Senate Committee on Water and Land and
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Wednesday, 1:05 pm, February 8, 2023, State Capitol Room 229 & Videoconference Hearing

Passing SB 1034 will guarantee future Hawaii residents the same recreational ocean access that I had. I am 75. I have parked at Ala Wai Harbor for access to Waikiki Beach and surf spots for almost 60 years. For a few years, before my wife talked some sense into me, I owned a 22' trimaran daysailer moored in a slip at Ala Wai Harbor. When my friends and family went sailing with me, we all used the public parking at Ala Wai Harbor.

Public parking lots which Hawaii residents use for recreational ocean access should be managed like a kind of park facility and maintained with public general funds. They should NOT be managed like pay toilets maintained with user fees. It's simply wrong for public agencies to charge fees for Hawaii residents to park on public property to use the beach, swim, fish, or surf. And it's simply wrong to allow private lessees, concessions, or contractors to charge fees for Hawaii residents to park on public property to use the beach, swim, fish, or surf.

Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of Committees,

My name is Kristine Chung, and I am writing in **strong support of SB1034** which guarantees a minimum of 300 parking stalls free of charge for recreational ocean users at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, which fronts the iconic South Shore surf breaks known as Ala Moana Bowls, Rockpiles, and Kaisers.

This is the second time in 3 years that ocean users must stand up for ocean access at this location- despite overwhelming public opposition to eliminating free parking for local recreational ocean users, the Administrator at DOBOR continues to disregard local voices pleading that we be allowed to practice our cultural activities without barriers to access.

I am a surfer, married to a surfer, with a son who learned to surf at this beloved spot. Many days, surfing has graced my life with a reminder of why I live in Hawaii, when the cost of living and exponential crowding via development has eroded my peace of mind.

Surfing in Waikiki is no longer accessible to locals because there is nowhere affordable or close enough to park and carry a board to the beach.

Please help us to preserve this link to our past, to a simpler time, to what makes Hawaii a beautiful and healing place to live.

The Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor has the last free parking for ocean users of these surf breaks. If it was not available, I and other surfers would likely park at Magic Island and paddle across the active boat channel, with the potential for grave injury to both surfers and boaters.

When the surf is good or there is a canoe race, there is already a need to arrive before sunrise to obtain a parking spot as the demand is great. Any reduction in the number of parking spots set aside for recreational ocean use is unjustified. Instead, DOBOR ought to improve signage, properly mark parking spaces, and tow hotel workers who park in this area daily with impunity.

Our keiki deserve this. We need our legislators to codify the 300 parking spaces for recreational ocean users into law. We cannot leave it to DOBOR and BLNR who have shown over and over that they put profits over people on public land.

Please stand for hard-working local families struggling to afford living in Hawaii who need the connection to their spirit found in the ocean. **Please support SB1034.**

Mahalo for your consideration,

Kristine Chung

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and honorable Committee Members,

I am writing in **strong support of SB1034** regarding keeping and codifying into law protection of the 300 parking spaces for recreational ocean users at no charge at this sacred place.

I am a lifelong surfer. Surfing is my passion and at age 65 I still teach surfing daily. As a Hawaiian, surfing is my proud cultural heritage. I have been coming to this spot, the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor and its surf breaks since I was 7 years old. We came here because my aunts, uncles, and cousins could park for free and spend the day together in the ocean. Precious memories. Memories I want my son to have with his keiki one day.

Our keiki and theirs deserve the same respect for what makes them feel alive in an ever more urbanized Honolulu.

This is our gem. It is the most important place in my life. I am in disbelief that DOBOR, after we met with them 3 years ago to fight this same fight, is again leaving the door open to take away our right to practice the sport invented by Hawaiians with free ocean access.

When we met with them 3 years ago, we testified that instead of trying to take away our freedom to enjoy this last place of joy, they ought to maintain the parking and protect it for what it is designated for: **Recreational ocean users.**

In 3 years, DOBOR has done nothing to improve the area, and despite many constructive suggestions offered by the more than 100 locals who showed up at BLNR's meeting 3 years ago (at 9 am on a weekday in with essentially no public notice) for how to keep hotel workers from taking these high-demand spaces, DOBOR Administration continues to ignore this illegal activity.

We have to arrive in the dark in order to get a spot; reducing the number of spots would only exacerbate the tension between ocean users and illegally parked hotel workers.

This truly hurts my heart. Local families, watermen and women, fisherman, divers, paddlers, all of us malama this precious spot. It is a violation of public trust that DOBOR short-sightedly does not.

Please support SB1034.

Mahalo,

Kimo Chung

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/5/2023 8:12:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sigourney Pastorfield-Li	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Free beach access is one of the defining elements of local life in Hawaii, and no where in the state is it harder to find and most needed than in Honolulu. The existing free parking that allows residents to access the water at the Alawai - places like Bowls and Kaisers - is absolutely essential to safeguard local quality of life, culture and values.

Those spots guarantee the water is accessed by locals (regulars) of all ages and walks of life, and keeping access free will safeguard a place that is so special to Hawaii, precisely by protecting how people mix and enjoy the ease of access to the water.

Taking away this parking would be an absolute disgrace and a selling out of the local community.

Mahalo nui

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/5/2023 8:17:36 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Dadds, PA-C	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a resident of Honolulu County and visit Ala Moana Bowls frequently to surf and support bill 1034 to maintain 300 free parking spots for any beach goers to park and enjoy the beach.

Testimony SB1034: Protect free Ala Wai harbour parking

05.02.23 20:30

Dear ladies and gentleman,

My name is Christoph Haring and I am a german master and PhD student in Computer Science at UHM as well as a graduated mechanical and industrial engineer (M.Sc.).

I am here to do a PhD in Quantum Information Science for wave dynamics im coastal areas to save Hawaii's coastlines facing future global warming, weather extremas and rising sea levels. I just arrived five months ago, but will probably stay at least five years. I am also a TA at UH for math.

But I am also a very ambitious surfer, who can't stay out of the water for more than a few days. I was lucky to get a car donated I can repair and be able to drive to surfspots. The free parking spots are crucial for some people like me, because I could not afford paid parking at all. Bowls is a famous and amazing wave that enables short board surfing in the south. As student with only a TA wage of 1500\$ a month it is barely enough to pay rent and food (and some gas). But it would not be enough to pay 5-10 dollar each time to go for a surf. I know many locals and native hawaiians now, who would be in the exact same situation. This would be against free beach access rules of the hawaiian islands and many many people would not only be sad like me, but also be probably angry even more about the constant worsening of their situation as locals connected to tourism and greedy people that want to suck every possible penny of normal people.

Dear committee, please take this serious and help a large group of nature and ocean lover that need this free access. Not only for people and foreigners like me, but to save an important cultural good of Hawaii. I know my voice does not count much, but watch the videos of the rally, the tv shows and listen to the interviews what this means for this community.

Thank you very much for your valuable time!

Kind regards,

Christoph Haring

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/5/2023 8:48:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rachel Look	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony of Rachel Look in strong support of SB1034 relating to public parking at Ala Wai Boat Harbor.

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committee. My name is Rachel Look and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH).

Being born and raised on Oahu, the Ala Wai Boat Harbor has been a part of my life as long as I can remember. I spent my days here learning to surf and spent my nights watching the most intimate fireworks show on the island. I'm grateful for the memories and lessons I've gained from this special place. Being able to park at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor without charge made this possible for me and I want this to be possible for future generations.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Rachel Look

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Submitted on: 2/5/2023 9:09:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ariana Deeley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this bill to preserve Hawaiian and local right to access the ocean. These parking spots allow locals to enjoy the ocean for their mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. Having free access to the ocean is vital for boaters and surfers. This is an important access point to bowls and many other popular and performance waves.

Thanks for your consideration as you prioritize free and accessible ocean access for generations to come.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/5/2023 9:13:59 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Fiocco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Michael Fiocco **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Michael Fiocco and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH).

As a frequent surfer of Bowls and someone who spends a lot of time enjoying the beach, these FREE parking spaces are essential and need to be protected. Charging local people to be able to enjoy the beaches they grew up at is wrong. There are plenty other beaches with paid parking, so providing the local people with 300 free parking spots is the least they can do. This beach is a special place to me and countless others so protecting our rights to be able to access the ocean FOR FREE is a very important issue we will all continue to fight for.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Michael Fiocco

Senate Committee on Water & Land
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
February 8, 2023 1:05 pm
Room 229
(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT OF SB 1034**

Chair Inouye, Chair Shimabukoro, Vice Chair Elefante, Vice Chair Fevella, and Committee Members

Like many other people in our community, my family and I use the Ala Wai parking area to access the beach and ocean regularly. I am writing to ask that you pass SB 1034 to protect practical public access to this treasured slice of beach.

SB 1034 is necessary and in the public interest.

The parking fronting Bowls/Rockpiles and Kahanamoku Beach is an important community resource. It is used by people and families from every walk of life, all accessing the ocean and beach together for healthy recreation. In the parking lot, you hear people talking story on every subject imaginable. And with time, you meet a cohesive and inclusive community of people who reside all over O'ahu. My own family surfs at the beach several times each week. As a baby, my son scoured the sand for interesting rocks. He learned to swim in the lagoon. He now surfs, paddles, and sails out front. He has celebrated birthdays and Thanksgivings on the beach, sharing food and happy times with people he knows from the parking lot at Bowls.

This sort of public access, and the community that it creates, should be protected against the pressures of development. Recent development concepts and a parking proposal sought to reduce the number of free parking spots and expand the paid parking areas. As a practical matter, access to the beach presently relies upon access to parking.¹ This access should not be transformed into a privilege that is contingent upon paying a fee.² This measure will simply require that any future developments must maintain the current level of unpaid public access.

SB 1034 solves a problem for DOBOR.

At a BLNR hearing on a recent paid parking proposal, DOBOR noted uncertainty about its authorization to enforce current parking signs. Those signs limit parking to ocean and recreational users. SB 1034 would provide DOBOR with the clear legal authority to designate parking for those uses.

Protecting access to public spaces for public uses is good policy. I respectfully request that you pass this measure.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify,
Richard Wallsgrove³

¹ It will be wonderful when public transportation options allow for practical access in this area. But we are not there yet. Parking is a presently a necessity, especially for people bringing equipment such as surfboards, paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, tents, coolers, etc.

² I am fortunate that I could afford to pay for parking. And I have no objection to paying for maintenance and improvement of public facilities. Such funds do not need to be raised via parking fees. User fees can be a useful policy tool. But here, such a fee pushes against the equally forceful public policy of beach and ocean access.

³ This testimony is submitted in my own capacity and not on behalf of the University of Hawai'i or any other entity.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 5:13:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elise Rivera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1034 because free parking is essential for equal access to recreational activities.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:10:09 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carissa Cabrera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Carissa Cabrera and I am an ocean conservationist and surfer. Every resident must have coastal access to the places they choose to visit as ocean users. By commodifying this parking lot, you are creating financial barriers to healthy recreation and further developing an area of the island already heavily impacted by anthropogenic stressors. I am testifying in strong support of SB1034, which would protect at least 300 free parking stalls. There are more innovative and sustainable ways to generate funding for DOBOR that does not jeopardize our way of life and continue us down a path of inequity to green, and blue, spaces.

Mahalo for your time,

Carissa Cabrera

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:17:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua Goodson	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Deciding on turning the free beach access parking at Ala Wai boat harbor into paid parking is going against what the Kaiser family intended when they gave that land to the state. I have been surfing there for 15 years and making those spaces paid is like giving them to the Hilton for their hotels. This would be serving tourists and not the thousands of locals who surf,swim and dive in this area on a regular basis. Monetizing something that was meant to be free for the people is a disgusting misuse of what the original intent was of the people who gave the land. Stop serving corporate greed and vote against this bill to prices locals out of their surf spot.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:21:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marissa Miller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to testify in full support of SB1034 relating to the protection of free parking at Ala Wai Boat Harbor. It is very important to me, as a frequent surfer at Ala Moana Bowls, to be able to park for free and have recreational access to this stretch of coastline. If free public parking became no longer accessible to me and my community, many of us would have to park at Magic Island and paddle across the boat channel to access Bowls, one of the most popular surf breaks on the island. This would lead to major safety concerns for surfers, as boats frequently speed through this channel. In addition to being a safety concern, this issue is also a concern for local residents' public access to Hawai'i's beaches. Much of the south shore has already become more difficult to access, due to overdevelopment and overcrowding. Bowls and the Ala Wai Boat Harbor is one of the few places left in the Waikiki and Ala Moana area where many local people come frequently to access the beach and ocean without having to deal with as many of the tourists and parking struggles that characterize most of the rest of Waikiki Beach and the south shore. Please consider the needs of local community members in support of this bill and protect free public parking at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Marissa Miller

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:25:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dustin Stephens	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our oceans are our parks for the residents of Oahu. Public access to ALL beaches is what Hawaii prides itself on. Not supplying adequate free parking to these areas jeopardizes local access. It is an obstruction to free public beaches. It will become a "pay to play" type scenario, where locals who have already been out priced by visitors in aspects of land and homes, will now be forced off the beaches their families enjoyed for decades. Please make the right decision in upholding and serving the people of Hawaii with free public beaches without privatization. Mahalo

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:48:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Carol Philips	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please protect free public parking at Ala Wai Boat Harbor for surfers and ocean users. Hawaii has a culture of free and open access to our ocean and free public parking is a big part of that access. Without the ability to take a surf board on the bus, most people have no way to access the beach with out a car.

Respectfully,

Carol Philips - Haleiwa

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 8:20:03 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Burns	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Sarah Burns and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am a resident of Honolulu and deeply support beach access for residents. Living expenses here are impossible to keep up with these days and to have a free place to recreate (surf, snorkel, swim) is incredibly important to our pocket books and our physical and mental well-being.

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In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR’s recommendation that delegated BLNR’s authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow

DOBOR's parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Sarah Burns

4026 Harding Ave

Honolulu, HI 96816

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 8:45:14 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Akio Suda	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I want to keep free parking stalls in Ala Wai Harbor.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 8:53:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Todd Ogasawara	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My family and I have been surfing here since I first started surfing and have consistently been going for over 30 years. Please continue to keep this parking area free. Charging me to go to the beach paying for parking is ridiculous. What if the waves are good and I want to stay out longer without worrying about renewing my parking meter so my truck wont get towed or fined. I think everyone that surfs or enjoys the public parks here would agree to keep the parking free. Thank you for your time.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 8:54:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Falinski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am fully in SUPPORT of protecting the 300 spaces at the Ala Wai. I have been sailing out of the harbor for over 15 years, and this parking is crucial to being able to use the harbor resource. There is no other parking in Waikiki that compares, and it allows residents to really enjoy the beach resources. Please consider your support as we envision a new harbor resource.

Kim

Honolulu, HI

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 8:54:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Kaeo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM KAEO IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR**

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is WILLIAM KAEO and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Palolo and I use the parking lot when I surf at Bowls, Rockpiles, Kaisers and Threes. I have been using this parking lot for over 30 years. Having free parking is important for all as the price of living in Hawaii is incredibly high. I thank you for taking the time to read my testimony and I hope you will consider guaranteeing free parking at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor. Aloha.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:04:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Villa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony of Subala Villa, in strong support of,

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Subala and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). The Ala Moana parking lot plays a huge part in my life as a surfer. If there is any swell in town, I always park here to go out and surf. It is very convenient and its free! It has stayed one of the few, free parking lots, that does NOT have to change. Prices are ridiculous for everything, we don't need yet another fee added to our lives. The ocean here is an escape, it should be as enjoyable as possible, and it should not cost us money. The community should not have to start paying to surf! Free parking is sure to be welcomed and enjoyed by ALL who use it whether to surf, canoe, swim, or spend time with ohana.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Subala Villa

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:09:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Manuela Arango	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This free parking makes surfing, diving, swimming, and boating accessible to all and should remain that way.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:14:48 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynnette	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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TESTIMONY OF LYNNETTE HAZARD IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Lynnette Hazard and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in town and am a surfer and a paddler that uses this area on a weekly basis. This is one of the only places locals can access the ocean on the south shore without financial burden.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Lynnette Hazard

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:15:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Colin Fujiki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF COLIN FUJIKI IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Colin Fujiki and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am a Neighborhood board member (district 3 sub 1) and avid surfer that frequently utilizes our ocean at the Ala Wai Boat harbor with my friends and family.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

COLIN FUJIKI

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:15:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Ohta	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill for the maintainance of at least three hundred parking stalls at Ala Wai boat harbor. Waikiki is not easily accessible for O'ahu residents, and this area is one of the few places with access to the Waikiki waters. While Ala Moana Beach Park is close to this area, the channel from the boat harbor (and the Ala Wai boat harbor itself) prevent Waikiki access from Ala Moana. Please maintain the parking here for the use of O'ahu residents.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:17:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alyssa Sprague	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Parking is hard enough to even find, as is. Putting a price tag on it will further keep locals and residents from enjoying our own beaches. You're catering to tourists and rich travelers, not to the very people who live here and deserve to have free access to Waikiki beaches.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:26:32 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
mele vulangi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in strongly support HB1034 Relaing to the protection of the parking stalls at Ala Wai boat harbor for ocean recreation users.

The people of Hawaii should have the ability to access the heart of Waikiki and other coastal resources This inherent right shall be protected under this bill. Doing otherwise would cause many issues such as the following: add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks.

I strongly urge you to support SB1034 so that we may protect the cultural significance of the Hawaiian culture and traditions such as: canoe paddling, fishing, surfing, etc.

Mele Vulangi

Young Professional

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:27:58 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Vidler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support free beach/ocean access for all of Hawaii's residents and visitors. Allowing paid parking and/or the further privatization of beach/oceanfront areas would subvert the public's fundamental right to free ocean access. Furthermore, SB 1034 is in the interest of public safety, as the subject parking area is the safest place to paddle out to nearby surf breaks.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:29:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael shiroma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I been surfing at kaisers for over 30 years, I now have a family that I take there to experience the lifestyle I grew up with and the beach I enjoy so much. It's a shame that our state is slowing trying to take public places and nostalgic lands marks away from us simply over a few bucks, this parking has been around for years and has created a family culture for all beach goers alike, please keep this parking open to the public and free of charge, please keep this place what is always been a community of family and friends

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:31:37 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christina Laney Mitre	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I grew up coming to this beach as a kid and in high school rode the waves and enjoy south shore during the summers. Now that we are older and have kids it's one of the few places we come with our keiki and have the toughest time finding parking as is. Please keep ample free parking available for the public, make more parking available! For us locals trying to find parking in Waikiki is so hard. We aren't here to do all the tourist things and shopping we are here to enjoy the ocean and our beaches with our families for generations to come.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:35:04 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Catherine Marquette	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support the maintenance of at least 300 free public parking stalls at the Ala Wai boat Harbor for recreational ocean access. This bill must be supported for a healthier community; it encourages outdoor and physical activities.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:35:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rise' Tapati	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have been surfing Ala Moana Bowls, Kaisers, and Rockpiles for the last 30 years. As a Native Hawaiian I believe it is my birthright to have access to these surf breaks to surf, as that is also a native practice/sport that was originated by my kupuna (native ancestors). I am also a former member of Anuenue Canoe Club, founded by legendary paddler and Native Hawaiian, Uncle (Joseph) "Nappy" Napoleon. He has been actively teaching and participating in our native Hawaiian techniques of Polynesian outrigger canoe paddling for decades in this very spot. To have to pay to park in this area to surf or paddle is uncalled for and impedes on my native rights to practice my culture. Is this about oppressing Native Hawaiians to practice culture? To me, absolutely YES! We should NEVER hv to pay for parking ANYwhere to do what our ancestors have been doing since the beginning of time. As for non-Hawaiians, SAME thing. If someone is a Hawaii resident, NO PARKING FEES. Non-residents, sure. How you would monitor this, that's the state's responsibility. This is a mere, weak solution. The easiest solution is ABSOLUTELY NO PAID PARKING in Ala Moana Bowls Harbor area.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:42:34 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joel Burgess	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Joel Burgess and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I have been surfing at Kaiser's since 2017 and know many people that have been surfing there for much much longer. The free parking spaces at this surf break are essential for surfers and beachgoers alike, and requiring payment to park will deter many surfers from going to their favorite surf spot.

Paid parking will cause surfers who want to surf at Bowls or Kaisers to park at Magic Island and paddle across the active boat channel to reach their preferred surf spot. Not only does this further clog parking at Magic Island, paid parking also causes serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Joel Burgess

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:46:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Kristina Alvarez **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Kristina Alvare and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I surfed Kaisers as a teen and grew up in poverty. Surfing Kaisers helped me escape the depression I felt at home and all the uncles, friends, community and relationships I've developed over the years helped shape the person I am today. If we had to pay for parking at my favorite surf spot, the community and relationships developed would not be the same. I was barely making ends meet as a teen and paying for parking would have been difficult. Although, now I can afford to pay for parking, it is unfair to those who are less fortunate. Please keep the parking free to the public so we all can enjoy the beach and learn from the community.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR's parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kristina Alvarez

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:48:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ana murray	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, many many many local people use the Ala Wai parking to surf. We have been parking here for years when we go surfing. To take away free parking would only hurt local people.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:48:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Mulkern	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

- The public has an inherent right to free ocean access

Our elected officials have forgotten their oath of office.

Those supporting this foregen concept should be removed from office along with those that are restricting public access to Laniki beach.

Kevin Mulkern

808 396 6595

TESTIMONY of ALISON SIH, **IN STRONG SUPPORT** of SB1034-RELATING TO
PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees, My name is **Alison Sih** and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Honolulu, HI and go paddleboarding and surfing often in this area. The surfing and paddleboarding community embraced me from my first paddle out at Rockpiles. I have developed strong social relationships and a strong sense of community by being able to enjoy this area along with my fellow beach, surf and SUP surfers. It is one place that all of us are able to enjoy the pure joy and beauty which is Hawaii and set aside temporarily many of the stresses which we face now with skyrocketing living expenses, COVID related illnesses and losses and the continuing frustrations with our land being purchased up by wealthy foreign investors and priced outside the ability of many local people to even own their own land which may have been in their families for multi-generation. The beach is where we go to feel free and commune with our ancestors and find peace. Free of the financial, family, social and spiritual pressures, which often overwhelm our daily lives. When the care of the community and the people which live here is outweighed by the ability to profit off of those who only wish to enjoy nature and the aloha spirit, it is a very sad day for the Hawaiian people. Those in political office need to stop and try to remember what it was like many years ago. In a simpler time, when you piled into your car, headed to the beach for a day of nothing but fun and sun. The spirits of native Hawaiians have been dealt blow after blow and yet we continue to live with aloha and hope. Hope that the things which make Hawaii so special to so many, will not be lost to the bottom line. Instead of trying to squeeze more out of those who give so much to this land, culture and ongoing tourism industry, leadership should look to give back to the community. Free parking is such a small gesture to the Hawaiian people to let them know they have not been wiped out and that they matter. Something so small could mean so much.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikiki. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Alison Sih

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:53:19 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cuong Tran	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB1034 requires the protection of the 300 free parking stalls that were negotiated between the state and the public in 2008 to ensure free beach access for all people of Hawai'i. In truth, the legislature should go a step further and amend this bill to restore all the free public beach parking that existed in this area when it was initially developed with the purpose of providing local people with a means to access the coastal resources in Waikīkī.

SB 1034 should be passed because:

- This bill aligns with the public's interest. The local community has been opposing the privatization of the harbor and a reduction of the free parking numerous times over the last two decades through grassroots movements. Most recently, in January of this year, over 100 ocean users came together in 2023 to fight to keep 300 parking spots free of charge and open to the public for recreational use. This bill really captures the will of the community and is supported by over 600 individuals that are part of the Surf Parking Coalition.
- The public has an inherent right to free ocean access - this bill would protect free ocean access for all people. The Ala Wai harbor area is the last free parking in Waikīkī and removing free access would (1) add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks.
- The Ala Wai harbor is a community cultural gathering place for local families, surfers, sailors, paddlers, and swimmers and allows safe access to some of the most consistent and best surf breaks on the south shore. This harbor area is of significant importance to the Native Hawaiian culture and traditions, such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:03:34 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Esteban Mogollon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is [FILL IN YOUR NAME] and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). [FILL IN PERSONAL INFORMATION, Where do you live, Are you a paddler or surfer that uses the area? What does this place mean to you?]

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

Mahalo for your time.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:03:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alethea Rebman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I write in support of SB1034. The shoreline is already difficult enough to access. Removing these free parking spaces will not only hurt recreational surfers but families looking for a day at the beach, people looking to view the sunset or take a swim in the ocean - the things that make living here worth the price of paradise. This is one of the last open free shoreline access parking places. Taking it away will take away a lot of aloha.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:13:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Stefan Mrozewski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rescinding free parking would create unacceptable financial and logistical barriers to public beach and shore access.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:24:02 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Benyshek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am writing in strong support of bill SB1034, which would protect free parking for the public at the Ala Wai Harbor. I frequent this location as a surfer and want to emphasize the importance of beach access for ALL people no matter their financial situation. As one of the south shore's most notable waves, the accessibility of Ala Moana Bowls is vital! Save our surf parking! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Elizabeth Benyshek

Chair, Surfrider Foundation O‘ahu Chapter

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:24:38 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Robert Bailey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF ROBERT BAILEY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Robert Bailey and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I have lived in Waikiki for years, and have been an avid user of the Harbor throughout living here as a surfer, sailor, and ocean swimmer. This space is vital to all who use it, and free parking allows people to occupy these spaces safely. Without this free parking, I would be unable to afford to utilize the ocean in the ways I have. I cannot describe how important this area specifically has been to my mental health and how important the free parking has been for my freedom. If any of the free parking is transitioned to paid parking stalls, if this area is developed, thousands of locals will lose out on the ability to use this space that is our home. The number of free parking stalls in AWSBH is lower than the number needed to support its daily users, so even limiting these free stalls would be VERY detrimental.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Robert Bailey

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:28:55 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chloe Moore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony of Chloe Moore IN STRONG SUPPORT of SB1034 which relates to public parking at Ala Wai Boat Harbor.

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Chloe Moore and I am writing in STRONG support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Honolulu and Ala Moana Bowls is my most frequented surf break. I surf 3+ times a week at this break. This is due to the fact that I don't have to pay for parking there. I love the parking area as it's an area of friendship and commerodery as well as a safe space to leave my car when I paddle out. If this lot becomes privatized and I would have to pay to park there, I likely would no longer surf at Bowls, which is my favorite break! This is a sacred space as it is the last free parking area in Waikiki and the people of O'ahu appreciate it! I don't surf at many other Waikiki surf spots soley based on the fact that I have to pay for parking and I do not currently have the income to afford this. I truely believe that access to the ocean and our beaches in Hawaii is a basic human right so I'm really hoping you'll consider passing SB1034 to protect this area for all.

If the parking lot at the AWSBH does become a paid lot, I, and many other surfers, will likely park in the free parking at Magic Island which means we will be paddling across an active boat channel to get to our favorite breaks of Ala Moana Bowls, Rockpiles, or Kaisers. This is alarming to me, as I frequently see how many boats use this harbor, along with the size of the boats, and this makes me worried for my safety and the safety of others. If people are paddling across this channel at dusk and dawn, there could be some real accidents.

Along with all this, many Native Hawaiians and locals frequent this parking lot for the cultural importance of water use (such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing) as it is their "home break"

meaning they've been coming to this break for years or decades. It is a place of family tradition and as if Native Hawaiians have not been pushed to suffer enough, the privatization of this parking lot would be yet another financial hardship for Native Hawaiians as it is the last place in Waikiki where locals can access the ocean without having to pay for parking. I am in this area a lot and I see the amount of local families that come to this area and park here. It is a culturally important area and an area where many local/native children will have some of their first and best memories.

The Ala Moana community is begging you to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for the local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikiki. Please please please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Chloe Moore

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:36:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Nakashima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please consider this as strong support for SB1034. We need to protect access to the ocean for Hawai`i residents.

Thank you.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:42:51 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dorian Daimer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Dorian Daimer and I am an avid swimmer and diver. I live in Kaimuki, but I often go the beaches in Waikiki. As such the parking spots at Ala Wai harbor are very important to me. I also use the parking spots in question when going on a boat dive or when sailing with friends. Please support SB1034 and maintain free parking and beach access for the general public!

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:49:00 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sunao Nakama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha for taking the time to hear me out. I am writing in support of SB1034 to keep Ala Wai Surf parking free. I have been surfing here (Ala Moana Bowls/Rockpiles) for almost a half-century. Having surfed the same place for so long, I have made friends with other surfers who share my strong connection to this place. This is why we "regulars" always surf here and it would be hard for any of us to experience this somewhere else. Why?

For most of us, once we find a spot we like, we tend to stay there and this goes beyond enjoying the waves. Surfing here helps with our physical and mental well-being. It gives us peace of mind that we all know each other and we all know the break so we can have fun but keep it safe. We also find comfort that if something does go wrong, we all have each other's back.

I cannot think of another place that can offer these things. Nor can I find one where surfers have to pay for parking to surf, but that is exactly what is going to happen if SB1034 does not pass. The averager parking rate in town is about \$4.50 an hour. I am retired on a fixed income and will find it hard to pay over \$1000 a year just to park and surf here: 1.5 hours x 3 days a week x 52 weeks a year = \$1053. Incidentally, 1.5 hours each surf session is a conservative number since that equates to only an hour of actual surf time: 30 minutes to wax the board, paddle out, paddle in, shower, dry off, and put everything away before driving off. I surf here 3 times a week but I know of other "regulars" who surf here almost, if not, every day.

I hope you consider these things before deciding on the fate of SB1034. Again, mahalo for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

Paoa

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:18:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kyle Seto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The free parking is invaluable to accessing this area of town where I have learned to surf, had barbecues, watched fireworks & paddled over the years. Without this parking I would be unable to continue these activities & more with my 5 y/o son, as the difficulties of paying for parking in a timely fashion while enjoying our activities would preclude us from even going there. In addition, any nearby areas, e.g. ala moana beach park & kewalos, with free parking would become that much more crowded, as that's where many folks would likely end up going. However, even with those alternative areas being available, the choice of activities & atmosphere would simply not be the same. Simply stated lack of free parking at the ala wai boat harbor would result in our family never enjoying this favorite area of coastline again, short of visiting the nearby hotels as a family staycation.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:26:11 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marc Lizama	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of the great state of Hawaii, I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed plan to require beachgoers to pay for parking. We live in a state that is renowned for its amazing beaches, and forcing people to pay for the privilege of having easy access to our beaches is wrong.

Charging visitors and locals to enjoy our beautiful beaches sends the wrong message and would have a major negative impact on our state. Beach parking fees would act as a discouragement to both visitors and locals alike and could have the unintended consequence of reducing tourism, a key component to our economy.

Access to beaches should be free and open to all. We should work to provide free and easy access points, such as bathrooms and parking, so that everyone can enjoy our beaches. Doing anything else is a deterrent to our amazing state and dishonors the spirit of the ancestor, elders, neighbors and visitors of our lands and islands . I strongly urge our representatives to reject this proposal SB1034 and keep our beaches free and accessible to all. Marc Lizama

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:29:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emily Perry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Emily Perry **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Emily Perry and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am a surfer who uses the parking for accessible entry to the ocean.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Emily Perry

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:41:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samantha Mislinski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

All beach parks should have free parking for residents, and access should be protected for future generations. We all have connections to the ocean and the beach whether it is recreational, or to gather food and fish, and we should also have free parking to access the beach and the ocean.

The Ala Wai harbor area is the last free parking in Waikīkī and removing free access would (1) add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks. Don't take away our access to the beach and ocean.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:47:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas O'Donnell	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This beach is special to me and the people who come here. Some of them daily, for them it is the way they make their living. For me this beach connected me with the community, led me to my wife and has kept me focused on supporting this area.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:51:33 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aloha Parker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF ALOHA PARKER KOANUI IN STRONG SUPPORT OF
SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Aloha Parker Koanui and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am from Waimānalo and frequent Kaiser Bowls with my family. We paddle, surf and fish in the area. The free parking is really crucial to us, cause it allows us to keep doing these things as a family, just as my family did before i made my own family. We hope to keep this going for the families after us too.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Aloha Parker Koanui

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:54:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ben	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Benji Whitenack **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Benji Whitenack and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH).

I am a UH-Mānoa PhD student who surfs as a spiritual practice. Ala Moana Bowls is a sacred space, and having the parking lot access restricted would impede on what is otherwise a graceful restorative process.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Benji Whitenack

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:04:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GWEN YOUNG	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear all,

Beach access by all is critical for not only for health, but for cultural practices in Hawaii. Free beach access is nearly non-existent in Waikiki area and there has been a history of keeping locals out of Hawaii.

Changing the parking lot in the area near the Canoes surf break to paid only, would be another absolute slap in the face to the local residents, who already barely afford to live here.

Please pass this legislation to reserve free parking for beach access.

Mahao nui,
Gwen Young

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:30:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aubry Casey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF AUBRY CASEY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Aubry, and as a former Oahu resident and surfer, I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). Being able to provide FREE access for all surfers, paddlers, etc. who choose to enjoy the beauty of the Hawaiian waters should be accessible to all.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Aubry

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:37:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Traci Aquino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Traci Aquino and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I use this parking frequently as I am an avid surfer at Kaisers and Rockpiles.

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Paid parking will cause surfers to park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the highly popular and world-famous surf spot “Ala Moana Bowls.” This causes serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn, besides the fact that the free-of-charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka‘ako.

Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR’s recommendation that delegated BLNR’s authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR’s parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to

change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Traci Aquino

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 12:47:23 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tae Min Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the maintenance of at least three hundred parking stalls at Ala Wai boat harbor at no cost for recreational ocean access and for the practice of traditional and customary Native Hawaiian rights.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:26:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valentin Navarro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Valentin Navarro and I support bill SB1034 relating to free parking at Ala Wai harbor. I believe this 300 stalls should remained free for everyone who wants to practice surf, walking around the lagoon or practice any other sport.

Thank you very much.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:46:09 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shyun Ueno	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Shyun Ueno. I am a lifelong O‘ahu resident and community member of the city County of Honolulu. I am an engineering consultant here in Honolulu with a Bachelor’s of Science in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). As an active member in the surf community who grew up on North Shore, it is of great personal interest to keep the beach and surf areas of urban Honolulu accessible to the local people who live here and use them.

I regularly frequent the Ala Wai Boat Harbor to use the beach and access the ocean. The convenience and ease of accessibility of the ocean is wholly dependent on the availability of the public parking at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. Privatizing parking access would be the start of damaging conditions to our surf culture and community in Honolulu by making access to nature, outdoor activities, and Native land even more scarce.

Although this testimony is in support of securing these free public parking stalls, my ultimate concern is protecting the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor from becoming an additional site of further gentrification in Honolulu County that will push out and replace gathering spaces for local people and Native Hawaiians. Because of the state’s increasingly high cost of living and various environmental emergencies occurring throughout Hawai‘i and especially on O‘ahu, it is more important than ever to fight to protect these spaces for our greater local community.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Shyun Ueno

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:47:25 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Fisher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1034 because it is the right thing to do for the local community of ocean lovers, surfers, paddlers, fishermen etc. Public access to the ocean is mandatory and to take away the parking is like taking away the access to many. Surfers will try to access this break by other more dangerous means or give up a place that has been surfed for generations. Do not privatize this access for the benefit of the rich only. Time to take care of our local community of ocean dwellers.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 1:53:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
amber bixel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Amber Jacroux Bixel, am in support of SB1034 - which would require the maintenance of at least three hundred parking stalls at Ala Wai boat harbor and keep the parking free for recreational ocean access. Restricting or mandating ocean users to pay for parking is doing a disservice to our community for the health and well-being of local residents.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:12:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
meredith sunnanonta	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am for the continued free parking. Local residents should be able to have our tax dollars cover the expense of maintaining a paved parking! I don't think that's too much to ask. If they require payment that will make me and many other law abiding, tax paying locals very very upset.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:12:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Guzik	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We need to have public access to the ocean and beach for all. Ensuring free parking at the ala wai makes this access available to all no matter what their socioecinoomic status is. I use the ala wai harbor for many different recreational activitres. It is busy and a huge park of the community. We need to do our best to keep it this way. I support this bill.

Warmest Regards,

Jennifer Guzik

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:18:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maile Edwards	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Losing these free parking stalls would devastate the surf community. Surfers would be forced to park in Ala Moana beach park and paddle across the channel, which poses a huge danger as boaters and sailers are constantly coming to and from the harbor via this channel. The number of free parking lots that provide convenient access to the ocean in town has dwindled in my lifetime. Between Ala Moana and Waikiki, the only free parking lots that provide convenient access to the ocean are Kewalo Basin, Ala Moana beach park, Ala Wai Harbor, and the Waikiki Shell. Please ensure public access to shorelines by protecting free public parking in Ala Wai harbor. Mahalo!

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:21:24 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hideki Kimukai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha elected board members

Pleaes protect our local communities and their free access to this amazing coastline resources. Mahalo nui for your consideration.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:47:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mackenzie Manning	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1034 to maintain and keep parking at the Ala wai boat harbor free for ocean recreation users. As a frequent surfer at Ala Moana Bowls, having this parking area remain in good condition and free for public use is important for the citizens of O'ahu.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 2:49:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christine Joy Villanueva	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm a local from 'Ewa Beach, and I don't go to Waikīkī that often. I actually try to go out of my way to avoid driving there because it's so hectic, full of tourists, and difficult to find parking. I fully believe, however, it's an important part of our island- not just for our economy, culture, and recreation, but also for the memories that everyone that's been has made.

I remember a much different Waikīkī as a child. And I think this bill is important for locals. We, as a community, have a right to use the beaches of the place we live in. That right includes free parking! Why does it feel like we're being punished for living here? The cost of living is already so high, the minimum wage miniscule, and the gentrification is oppressive. The right to free beach acces to all people of Hawai'i should be guaranteed and championed.

Hawai'i is much more than the environment, food, and aesthetics. It's the culture that makes our islands so special. And what makes culture? People. There are already so many other forces pushing locals away from our 'āina, why should we add more?

We should be investing money not into putting more things behind a pay wall but towards caring for our community. Our land is not something to profit off of. It's meant to be shared and loved.

Consider caring for our common spaces and ensuring community instead of privatizing land and water that cannot be owned, controlled, or profited from. We are only here for so long, and shouldn't we be making the world a better place for everyone to enjoy? Free public beach parking makes a huge impact to the local people that live here and care for their surroundings. Champion that right, don't challenge it.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 3:07:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reyna Pila	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF REYNA IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Reyna Pila and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live nearby in Kakaako and regularly surf Kaisers to Ala Moana Bowls for many years.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

Paid parking will cause surfers to park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the highly popular and world-famous surf spot “Ala Moana Bowls.” This causes serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn, besides the fact that the free-of-charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka’ako.

Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation that delegated BLNR's authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR's parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Reyna Pila

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 3:29:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Reagan Cline	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kakou, as a frequent surfer and beach park user, I'm writing in strong support of maintaining free parking by the Ala Wai harbor. Please protect our community's access to the ocean!

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 4:00:15 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hilary Baldi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Hilary Baldi **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Hilary Baldi and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am an outrigger canoe paddler who is strongly opposed to the removal of free parking access to those who wish to paddle and surf the waves of Waikiki. The plan to remove the 300 free parking spaces is a blatant disregard to the collective voice of the community.

Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Hilary Baldi

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 4:06:46 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Madonna Dizon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Codify the 300 free parking spaces. Waikiki has been turned into a tourist destination that is failing to embrace our people and our local population. For us it's about the people, for you others it's about the money. These 300 parking spaces are part of the final bastion that keeps Hawaii...Hawaii. Codify the 300 free parking spaces

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 4:09:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jean carlos rodriguez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

For us and the next generation.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 4:13:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren Webb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Lauren Webb and **I am writing in support of SB1034.**

I believe the public has a right to freely access the ocean. Making the 300 parking spots at Ala Wai boat harbor accessible only through pay inhibits the rights of the public and adds a financial barrier to a place with strong community cultural significance. This is unjust and might also pose a safety hazard for those parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel in order to access the surf breaks enjoyed by many. Please choose to keep our recreational areas accessible. Enjoying our natural resources should not be a privilege for the wealthy, but should be a right for all.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Lauren Webb

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 4:27:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Louise Sper	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kākou,

My name is Louise Sper and am writing in support of SB1034 to keep 300+ parking stalls free for the public at Ala Wai State Boat Harbor. I live across the street at 400 Hobron Lane and am a surfer and part of this community area which currently provides ocean access and parking accessibility to surfers and canoe paddlers here.

This community is primarily enjoyed by local residents and would be a financial hardship and another attack on Native Hawaiians and local residents who already struggle from cost of living and free access to our beaches and oceans and lead to negative impacts with Ala Moana Beach Park and the boating channel. I ask you to help protect this free access to the ocean for the people of this island and community, as development continues everywhere else. Please support our pleas with SB1034.

Mahalo nui loa,

Louise Sper

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 4:29:42 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
caesar	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

i grew up watching the fireworks here in waikiki. Were always afraid of the loud booms. and also watching my dad surf out at his homebreak. Now we have an even louder BOOM. Now they are trying to take away the culture and heritage; here at the "Bowl parking lot". The parking they will be taking/eliminating will cause unwanted sadness amongst the uncles and aunties who vacant these lots. Especialy taking away the passion. With the freedom to excersise ones expressions here out at the beach.

Many patrons who access the ocean use the parking for recreational uses such as fishing surfing boating etc. have been parking here for over 50 years why cant they leave this gem unturned. and work with the community to make it a better place for all with dobar included.

My uncle said this parking lot has been the only thing that hasnt changed once in his whole life. that is big and hard to say for many places in this time of era. i support this bill SB1034 because it will free up the parking so everyone who kokuas and malama this parking lot can enjoy it in the future. and they will be able to know that there childrens may thrive in the same environment they had grown in. We could use some sprucing up with new asphalt possibly and a makeover but we would hate it for some outer entity to take over this area and use it. instead of letting it be used by all. which miss hobron intended this to always be used.

i have been surfing here almost my whole life and to hear of what may happen is devistating and sad. a little sore but i understand things change we just would like this parking to be here for us a little longer. my dad surfing this spot his whole life and me and my brother are apart of this legacy. we are very lucky to have this access our whole life mahalo.

Aloha for your time and awareness.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 4:52:56 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Parker Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill aligns with the interest of the public - The local community has been opposing privatization of the harbor and a reduction of the free parking numerous times over the last two decades through grassroots movements. Most recently in January of this year over 100 ocean users came together in 2023 to fight to keep 300 parking spots free of charge and open to the public for recreational use. This bill really captures the will of the community and is supported by over 600 individuals that are part of the Surf Parking Coalition.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 5:23:13 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isabela Ure	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF ISABELA URE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Isabela Ure and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). Myself, friends and family surf and paddle this area and I am passionate about sustaining its accessibility.

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai’i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation that delegated BLNR's authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR's parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Isabela Ure

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 5:47:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Doug Fitch Schwartzsmith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Ala Wai Boat Harbor has already been designated for use by the people of Hawai'i so that they can enjoy the outdoors. Implications are deeper however in that many users enjoy culturally relevant water sports such as surfing, outrigger paddling, seafaring. The area is designated to enhance the physical, mental, and social well-being of the people. Impinging upon already limited parking would be yet another sucker punch that the public does not need (and at Duke Kahanamoku Beach no less!) Furthermore, the extraction of money for parking fees, interfering with access, and then, to top it all off, towing vehicles, all adds up to a spit in the public's already-blackened eye! Commercial ventures often slip through in the guise of serving the public good. Let's see the financial statements on this before we hand a permit to an out-of-state corporation.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 6:23:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaitlyn P Jacobs	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill! Access to the beach and ocean is a right that I have as a citizen of the state of Hawai'i. The Ala Wai harbor area is the last free parking in Waikīkī and removing free access would (1) add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks. This is a strongly supported bill within the community, especially with surfers and canoing teams, which is a cultural practice in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify!

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 6:25:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Chamizo	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Should not be passed. Public access is way too limited. This will only make it worse for local residents to enjoy our parks.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 6:46:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Celeste Yamanaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have been surfing at Ala Moana Bowls and Rockpiles for more than 30 years. This is a place of community for myself and the many surfers who share the love of the ocean. This community not only takes care of each other, but the area that surrounds our surf breaks, including the parking lot. There are five surf spots that the surfers utilize the lot.

After hurricane Iniki, my friends and I went down to help clean the parking lot. We continue to try to keep the area safe and clean. During the summer I am there 3-5 days a week. It is important to me to have access to the surf and have a safe place to park. I usually go surfing in the morning then head directly to work.

If there is no parking in the area for us, we would have to park at Ala Moana Beach park and paddle across the channel, putting us in danger of getting hit by a boat.

We are asking you to consider the needs of the local community. Waikiki has already been taken from us as has Lanikai and the North Shore. They have all been overrun by tourists and decisions have been made that cater to the visitors. We are asking that you keep this parking lot available free to the local community and not sell out to tourism once again. Thank you for your consideration. Aloha!

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 6:59:05 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alana Reis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB1034 should be passed. In addition, the legislature should go further and amend this bill to restore all the free public beach parking that existed in this area when it was originally developed with the purpose of providing local people with a means to access the coastal resources in Waikīkī.

- This bill aligns with the interest of the public - The local community has been opposing privatization of the harbor and a reduction of the free parking numerous times over the last two decades through grassroots movements. Most recently in January of this year over 100 ocean users came together in 2023 to fight to keep 300 parking spots free of charge and open to the public for recreational use. This bill really captures the will of the community and is supported by over 600 individuals of the Surf Parking Coalition.
- The public has an inherent right to free ocean access - this bill would protect free ocean access for all people. The Ala Wai harbor area is the last free parking in Waikīkī and removing free access would (1) add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks.
- The Ala Wai harbor is a community cultural gathering place for local families, surfers, sailors, paddlers, and swimmers and allows safe access to some of the most consistent and best surf breaks on the south shore. This harbor area is of significant importance to the Native Hawaiian culture and traditions, such as canoe paddling, fishing and surfing

Save our free parking stalls to save public access to the beach! We should not be priced out of the water! Pass SB1034

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:00:35 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pamie Sato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

I am an ocean swimmer who parks in the free Ala Wai boat harbor stalls only once a week. I know that many of the local ocean enthusiasts park there daily. It is excessive, greedy and unsupportive to the locals who are enjoying the area. For many of us, the ocean heals and is our primary source of wellness. Please allow us to continue to enjoy the waters in this beautiful area without paying for parking.

Mahalo, Pamie

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:06:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kristin Hamada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The water is for everyone. Charging people to access the beach is making it inaccessible to working people. All the parking near the water should actually be free to allow everyone to access it. Do not privatize the parking area either, this is for the public good. Many people who use this parking lot use it daily and are on a fixed income. Its a gathering place for many and to start charging for parking would break up the kaiser bowls community. Life is very expensive in Hawaii, why the need to take away a free pleasure of living here? Charging for parking would increase use by tourists and decrease locals use. The lots right next to this area are paid lots and no local people park there.

Keep the parking free and expand it to make the beach more accessible to all local people.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:08:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Clyde Lani	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

20 Years Ago This Area Was Deemed A Sanctuary For Our Local Community To Enjoy A Healthy Lifestyle At The Beach With The Parking Being Accessible To Our Local Community Free Of Charge As It Was During It's Heli-port Days.Uncle John Kelly And George Downing Led The Fight With The Save Our Surf Coalition So Please Let This Tradition Continue It's Really The Last Sacred Gem Of Beach And Parking That We Who Surf There And Play There Can Call Home Let's Keep Hawaii, Hawaii. Aloha And Mahalo,Clyde Lani.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:23:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lori NISHIDA	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The parking area of Bowls /Kaisers is important for our community. This area provides recreation for local residents and beyond. Please do not take away the few free parking options we have left in Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 7:41:14 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Courtney	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill SB1034. Protect our free parking!

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 8:18:20 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alex Torres-Tarver	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees.

My name is Alex Torres-Tarver, I'm a resident of Honolulu and frequent user of the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor parking area, whether that be to access surf, swimming, boating, or other ocean activities. I'm writing in enthusiastic support of SB1034, which would guarantee the continuation of free parking at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor.

The argument to protect these free parking spaces is quite simple: This is a coveted public space enjoyed by local residents. Protecting free parking ensures that residents won't have to overcome financial barriers in order to recreate in their own backyard. Free access helps preserve the surf, paddling, boating, and fishing cultures that are a quintessential part of life here, and essential to the health and wellbeing of residents.

It is clear that in the coming years, significant changes with regards to ownership and management of the Ala Wai Harbor might take place. What the community is asking is quite simple: whatever happens, protect our right to access this space. I hope that the state senate will pass this bill, and in doing so show that the health and happiness of Hawaii's residents holds priority over profit. After all, what is the point of governing bodies such as this one, if not to protect the socially and culturally significant spaces that their constituents deem essential.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration,

Alex Torres-Tarver

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 8:41:40 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paula Johansson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Ala Wai harbor is a community cultural gathering place for local families, surfers, sailors, paddlers, and swimmers and allows safe access to some of the most consistent and best surf breaks on the south shore. This harbor area is of significant importance to the Native Hawaiian culture and traditions, such as canoe paddling, fishing and surfing.

The public has an inherent right to free ocean access - this bill would protect free ocean access for all people. The Ala Wai harbor area is the last free parking in Waikīkī and removing free access would (1) add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:11:38 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wade Morisato	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Wade Morisato and I am, and have been, a avid surfer and user of the AWSBH since 1980 while I was still in high school. I started out surfing in Waikiki, but ended up frequenting the surf breaks in front of the AWSBH and fell in love with the place. I am in full support of bill SB 1034. Taking away free access to my surf breaks would be like taking away my home. I've seen a lot of changes take place over the decades that I've surfed there, and it's not good. Enough already, we need to keep parking free for the surfers, paddlers, and beachgoers of Hawai'i. This is OUR HOME! Stop stealing from the locals!!

Sincerely

Wade Morisato

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:16:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Erika Cito-Rodrigues	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF ERIKA CITO-RODRIGUES IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Erika Cito-Rodrigues and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live near university/manoa. We frequent this specific parking area weekly to surf. It's our absolute favorite surf spot and means the world to us and our friends. The parking makes it enjoyable for all of us to do the things we love in the water each week.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free of charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR's parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). In January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

Paid parking will cause surfers to park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the highly popular and world famous surf spot "Ala Moana Bowls." This causes serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn, besides the fact that the free of charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka'ako.

Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai'i. This is the last place in Waikiki where local 'ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation that delegated BLNR's authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR's parking plan that

provides for the 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Erika Cito-Rodrigues

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:24:29 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zechariah Robinson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Zechariah Robinson **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**
SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Zechariah Robinson and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). This parking lot is a weekly essential for us surfers. It's ocean therapy for us all. We thrive off being able to get off work and be just in time to surf.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Zechariah Robinson

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:32:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The people are having a hard time with money as it is! Please don't make it harder.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:52:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Paul Gamble	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha--

I surf Waikiki because it is in walking distance. But Honolulu is a big city with amazing nooks that are all attractive places to live. We are lucky to live anywhere in this beautiful city. We are also lucky to have such a beautiful stretch of south-facing coast line with healing waters that people use to recreate, relax, unwind, maintain mental health, have fun, and in many people's cases, have spiritual experiences. The ocean is a lot of things to a lot of people, and as tax paying, working people, I hope our government that represents us realizes that access to the ocean is a very important logistical consideration for the members of our community. By approving this bill, we continue to provide people that access so we can maintain a strong relationship with the ocean and our bodies, unplug from technology, and enjoy our lives. People who do not live within biking, walking, or electric powered biking distance do not need to be punished for the distance they live from the water that requires they drive.

As I said, I do not frequent the Bowls/ Kaiser breaks. But I know there is a **strong, connected** community of people that are grounded in local culture, and this bill will allow the parking lot to not discriminate against people who over the course of time might not be able to afford feeding the parking meter. Were this a spot that was comprised of much tourist traffic, I might think differently. But this lot is mostly local people enjoying the land and ocean, soaking up the sun, and I want to see it viable for members of all economic means to enjoy equally.

Mahalo,

Paul Gamble

Honolulu

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 9:59:46 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ikaika Okimoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm born and raised in Pauoa Valley. I've been surfing from Bowls to Kaisers for the last 25 years. The only time parking was hard to come by was during the firework shows or when the waves are pumping. I can't imagine paying for parking here. This parking should be for the locals to enjoy for free. There is enough paid parking everywhere else in the area for whomever to park. If we have to pay for parking here that would be a big disservice to the community of generations that have gathered and grown here.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:31:49 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tatiana Kringel	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Tatiana Kringel **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Tatiana Kringel and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live at 1177 ala kipa, I paddle board and surf here and I am a student who works a full time job. It is difficult enough that most places in town you need to pay meters and it can get expensive just to get around. Please don't add in more expensive for the locals, costs are already so high, please don't take away the places we use.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR's parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering

the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai'i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local 'ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation that delegated BLNR's authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR's parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Tatiana Kringel

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:35:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Whelan	Testifying for Surfrider	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As treasurer of the Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter I strongly oppose any effort to limit ocean access. This is against one of our primary missions to keep beach access open for all to enjoy. As I love this particular portion of the island greatly I would feel saddened to see this turned into another way to make money. I enjoy surfing, swimming and snorkeling there often. The additional expenses are not going to help local interests. This movement to protect the 300 free parking is what the locals need and not having that would forever change a place we all love.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 10:47:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mona Aschenbrenner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a PhD student at UHM and my friends and I use the Ala Wai Boat Harbour parking lot several times a week when we go surfing at Bowls. If this free parking lot turns into a paid parking lot, we could simply not afford to go surfing there anymore. Instead we would rather park closer to Kewalos and then try to paddle over to Bowls which is really dangerous as there are strong currents and also the channel to enter the boat harbor. In the end the whole community consisting of a lot of locals as well as other people would get destroyed as we all won't be able to go there anymore. Hence, it is not only a financial and safety issue but also a social issue. Please, keep that in mind.

Kind regards,

Mona Aschenbrenner

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:08:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaitlin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Kaitlin Joy **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Kaitlin Joy and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). Free public parking is an integral part of public access to beach and water use in this area.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kaitlin Joy

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:13:57 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rodney Ajifu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Sir, The Ala Wai public parking area has always been free to the people of Hawaii and it is disturbing our government is now considering charging a fee. The cost to live in Hawaii is becoming unbearable with the projected increase in our property taxes along with the inflated cost of ordinary household goods. There are many families who are on a fixed income and many families that I know who have moved to another state because of the high taxes and the high cost to live in Hawaii. I am therefore against the proposed fees to be charged at the Ala Wai parking facility.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2023 11:23:07 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dwamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB1034. Public Access to the ocean is required by law in Hawaii. By privatizing parking and forcing residents to pay for parking, you remove access that is required by law. Residents pay taxes in Hawaii and should be allowed to park there for free. The towing scam that takes place is already enough to deal with and there are very few “free” parking stalls in Waikiki. Thanks

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:15:37 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amelia Matera	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to support protecting the parking at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor.

TESTIMONY OF James Callahan **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**
SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is James Callahan and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am a paddler that uses free parking on the 700 row to access the ocean. I live in town and go to the AWSBH weekly by car. The AWSBH is the only location between Diamond head and Keehi Lagoon, where people can easily unload their vehicle and launch their surf-craft to access the surf diamond head of Magic Island.

The AWSB harbor has been for the public’s recreational enjoyment since the 1950s. Free of charge. No use fee. DLNR is preparing for a future private-public entity to run the AWSBH. This bill will guarantee that the new facility custodian respects the rights of the public as well as the visionaries that organized and built this public harbor.

DOBOR has done everything possible to prepare the harbor for commercial take over by changing the rules through the legislature. The DOBOR Administrator publicly stated that his branch “wants to get out of the business or running harbors.” For profit companies from the mainland, such as Almar Marine, who in California have a monopoly on marinas and their rates, have already dug in their heels with the Kewalo Basin and Iroquois Point boat harbors now under their control.

SB1034 is a Bill by the people for the people. The people know they cannot change DOBOR, we cannot stop the inevitable commercialization of the harbor. This bill offers the public hope that we will be able to utilize our parking spaces so that we can continue to enjoy the ocean. We’ve been doing this for decades and should be allowed to continue this tradition for decades to come.

Respectfully,
James Callahan

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 5:46:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Crystal Dombrow	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I surf Ala Moana Bowls 3 to 4 times a week and very much support this bill. There's already not enough parking in the area; the lot is often filled up at dawn. This is some of the most consistent and accessible surf on the south shore, and the only free parking on the south shore. The original intent of these parking spots was to provide locals with free access to the ocean and surf in the most heavily tourist developed area on the islands. If more spots are to be converted to paid spots, we'll have to park at Magic Island and paddle across the boat channel to access the surf, which puts us in danger. Please do not take away these parking spots, it's locals using them.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 5:59:58 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jordan Fahmie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please protect free public parking. There is nowhere else to park near the beach. Don't take beach access away from my family. Removing free access would (1) add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks.

Thanks!

Jordan

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 6:12:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aviela Weltman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF AVIELA WELTMAN IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Aviela Weltman and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live nearby in Kapahulu and love coming here to surf and relax on the beach after a busy day at work.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Aviela Weltman

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 6:54:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret Murchie	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please keep Ala Wai small parking free to public. It's important to allow locals healthy ocean access. Most of the harbor parking is now paid or by permit and this is one of the only places families can come and park and play

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 7:00:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karen Boyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this bill to preserve free parking and beach access for the people of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 7:14:14 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Claudine Ozzello	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF CLAUDINE OZZELLO IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,
My name is Claudine Ozzello, and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. While I am not a local resident, I still feel very connected to this community. I have been outrigger canoeing since 2015. I know firsthand how important it is to have free and unfettered access to public beaches, water and parking. I would not be able to afford this activity that nourishes my body and soul if I had to pay for parking each time I wanted to access the water. When my children were little, I took them to the beach daily to be in the sun, explore, discover and exercise. We were so loaded down with the costs of raising children. We relied on free beach parking to make this happen. It is unconscionable that you would take away the paltry few remaining spots of the original 900 that were allotted for locals. I strongly urge you to do the ethical and correct thing by preserving these spots as free and unfettered access for locals.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free of charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). In January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach. Paid parking will cause surfers to park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the highly popular and world famous surf spot “Ala Moana Bowls.” This causes serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn, besides the fact that the free of charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka’ako. Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional

and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai'i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local 'ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Claudine Ozzello

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 8:12:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
jaynee howe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please please keep this open to all!

I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH).

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 8:30:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicole Palko	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The cost of living vs. the cost of labor in Hawaii is extremely disproportionate, many people living here struggle to make ends meet. Everyone deserves free access to the beach for recreational purposes such as surfing. Finding free parking is already almost impossible at other beaches in town, such as Waikiki, unless you can find free parking and walk 10+ minutes with a surfboard. Hawaii is the home of surfing and to take away free access to some of the best surf in town is unfair to all of the hardworking locals who live here.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 8:30:59 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sophia Domingo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Sophia Domingo and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am from Maui and love to surf, but it is much more difficult to on O'ahu due to inaccessibility and lack of parking at many locations. It is really sad to me that the government is trying to take this away after agreeing to leave 300 stalls free. Everything is becoming so commercialized in Hawai'i and locals can't have anything free anymore. We already struggle to keep up with the extremely high cost of living here. Please consider this bill and support the community. We should not have to pay to play in the ocean, this is part of our livelihood, don't take that away.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 8:40:23 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aaron Fukuda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony of Aaron Kawaihiawailuu Fukuda IN STRONG SUPPORT of SB1034 relating to public parking at the ala wai boat harbor.

Aloha chairs, vice chairs and honorable members of the committee,

My name is Aaron Kawaihiawailuu Fukuda and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the ala wai state boat harbor (AWSBH).

I am born and raised in Kailua and love to surf at Alamoana bowls. This place has its OG surfers, it's up coming surfers and its recreational surfers. it's just a magical place and would really hate to have to pay for parking to use such a beautiful, spiritual and magical place.

Mahalo,

Aaron

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:18:57 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tayler Cobb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Tayler Cobb **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Tayler and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live on Oahu and bowls is my favorite place to surf. This is one of the only places we can park and surf for free, and the main reason why I surf that spot !

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Tayler Cobb

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:26:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melanie Lander	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Local residents value the opportunity to park for free when surfing or recreating in the Ala Moana boat harbor area. Without this resource, we will be additionally burdened by costs in order to participate in the activities that make Hawaii special. There are virtually no places that we can park for free in the Waikiki area, which keeps local residents from being able to enjoy the amenities of our own community. Please, do not further restrict our ability to visit this area, or I fear that resentment towards the tourism industry will hit an all-time high.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:30:45 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren Pelascini	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF LAUREN PELASCINI IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Lauren Pelascini and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in a condo on Piikoi and I surf Rock Piles regularly. This is a place where I feel most connected to Hawaii, where I can leave all my stresses behind and enjoy nature. I love Rock Piles because it’s one of the only places that I have easy access at a minimal cost without the constant buzz of tourists.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free of charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). In January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Lauren Pelascini

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:31:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Cashin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF SARA CASHIN IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Sara Cashin and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Aina Haina and I I work out of both the Kewalo Basin Harbor and the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor. Not only do I depend on this Harbor for my livelihood, but I also depend on it for my mental well-being. Almost all of my free hours are spent using the facilities around Ala Wai State Boat Harbor. Whether it is for surfing, paddling, general beach access, or to participate in my other community passion -- volleyball. My relationship to these places and the people who regularly visit them is what keeps me connected and informed. It is crucial that we keep local people involved in the affairs of town, as the people are the lifeblood of this land. Without communal enjoyment and connection to our ocean and environment, we suffer. Most can be made in so many other places, please protect our already limited free public access to the water and the beach.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Sara Cashin

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:45:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Quisenberry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because we need free parking for locals

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:48:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Eli Marcotte	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This parking lot is so special. It has been a sanctuary for so many. I am a UH student and love this parking lot dearly. During my sophomore year summer, I was houseless, sleeping in my car in this parking lot. Sleeping in this lot is safer than in other places on the island, especially in Waikiki. It is the only public parking in Waikiki that is relatively close to a surf spot. Taking away this free parking would hinder so many from getting beach access. I hope the parking stays free so I am able to surf and hang out with my friends by the small Bowls beach. Mahalo.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:48:39 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ian Lane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Legislators,

I fully support SB1034. The availability of nonmetered parking stalls is necessary to allow both locals and tourist a viable method to park their cars in a safe and relatively close area to where they enjoy the beach. There are enough financial increases that everyone goes through on the daily. There must always be free access to beaches!

Thank you for your time,

Ian Lane

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:49:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katarina Ruiz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you to the committee for allowing me the opportunity to submit my written testimony in support of SB1034. I also want to thank the organizers of **Save Surf Parking Coalition Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor** (*surfparking.org*), and all the passionate and talented surfers I have met out on the water over the years. I have had the privilege of using this recreational area as a surfer and would not be the same person without my experiences.

The 300 parking stalls are not free. We, the taxpayer, pay for the Hawaii Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation to steward the area rightfully, respectfully and with the public in mind. The State of Hawaii has a duty to uphold its Public Trust Doctrine as below:

“the right of the people to have the waters protected for their use [which] demands adequate provision for traditional and customary Hawaiian rights, wildlife, maintenance of ecological balance and scenic beauty, and the preservation and enhancement of the waters . . .”

“For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii’s natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State. All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people.”

Having the public pay additional fees to park in these stalls will further inequity between ocean-goers, deteriorate public health, not uphold the Public Trust Doctrine's duty to enter our waters safely, and will rob the opportunity for future generations to enter their "training grounds" and become a part of a lifelong surf community. Surfing is a Hawaiian spiritual practice, economy, and undeniably the substance of Hawaii's cultural image and historical significance, which distinguishes itself as such from the rest of the world. Many surfers and ocean-goers will not be able to afford extra fees, pay the (current) system of illegal cash-only towing collections, and will be shut out of their coastline. This is a painful reminder of a time in history when surfing was not allowed. Removing equitable and safely accessible access to the shoreline is a step in that direction. At a time when Honolulu is grappling with rising sea levels in its not-so-distant future (that studies show will have adverse impacts on surfing), we need to focus on protecting the shorelines. This issue is not solely about parking. Taking away this parking is a gateway to inadvertently allowing development to take precedence and remove shoreline protection. We

should be doing more to uphold our Public Trust Doctrine and protect our shoreline. That starts with safe and equitable access.

Thank you,

Katarina Ruiz

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:55:22 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angie Murphy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please protect the public parking stalls for the local community. Mahalo

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 9:57:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rita Shockley	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This parking should remain free To the people who live and surf in Waikiki. THis is the last free parking and it should remain that way. Get the money meters off our beaches. Local people and their familes have been surfing and enjoying the beach here forever. You have metered all the rest of Waikiki. Hands off!!

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:03:25 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane L Koushki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please continue to insurance the 300 sights for parking at the Ala Wai boat Harbor. Mahalo.
Diane Koushki

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:31:16 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlene C. Lemke	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a native Hawaiian who has been raised to enjoy ocean activities, I support SB1034 to ensure that 300 parking stalls providing access to the ocean be maintained free of charge for today's users and those of future generations. My father, Herman G.P. Lemke, was an avid supporter of beach access, and instilled in his family and many others the love of ocean activities.

Maintaining 300 parking stalls free of charge would be beneficial to those accessing the ocean to enjoy its many activities.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:37:43 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Vijay Martins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF VIJAY MARTINS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Vijay Martins and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I Vijay Martins, live in Palolo Valley, surfing Bowls is something that I enjoy during my free time, with no free stalls, not only will surfing be something now that I will have to pay for when I surf bowls it also will be a financial hardship having to pay every time to surf. And does not benefit the local community at all.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Vijay Martins

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:40:52 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
arleen velasco	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Ala Wai boat harbor is a hub for local sailors, ocean swimmers, surfers, wind kites, snorklers, runners, walkers and local who just want to enjoy the beach with their friends and families. Having free parking is critical to maintaining access to the activities all of us who live on this island enjoy.

The area is at sea level. Instead of allowing a developer to obtain a long term lease, the people of this island would be better served if the city worked with local individuals and groups and developed a plan for restoring local vegetation and making the area more of a park with additional free parking. Sea level change is already affecting our shorelines and damaging coastal infrastructure. The state has an opportunity to save free parking and rethink how to beautify the harbor such that it can accomodate the inevitable rise in sea level with minimal damage to any existing structures.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:50:21 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christian Squire	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1034 to protect the remaining 300 parking stalls that were negotiated between the state and public in 2008. In the true public interest of the community of these parking stalls should remain free for tax paying residents of Hawaii. This bill should be passed to protect the original purpose of this development to provide local people access to coastal resources. Privatization of the harbor will make it hard for local families, surfers, sailors, paddlers, boat owners, and swimmers to access the resources they have grown up with. The Ala Wai harbor is a cultural gathering place for Native Hawaiians many of which will not be able to afford the ever increasing cost of parking fees if these spots are not protected.

The public has a right to free ocean access. This bill should be passed in the interest of those who live and pay taxes here. Furthermore, reduction of parking spaces from the remaining 300 would displace individuals that would otherwise park in the Harbor to magic island, creating more traffic in the channel creating a public safety hazard.

Mahalo,

Christian Squire

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:53:05 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Karin Noguchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Karin Noguchi **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Karin Noguchi and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Makiki and frequent Rockpiles as it is my favorite break on the island. It is so nice to be able to pull right up and not worry about paying for parking or often times finding a spot. The community here is one of the reasons I come and I would be devastated to see it change.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Karin Noguchi

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:58:14 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allison Hamada	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear City/County of Honolulu,

Please keep parking at the Alawai Boat harbor available to the public for FREE. This is one of the last remaining ways the public can enjoy and have access to the water for surf and diving and paddling recreation and also have access to Waikiki for some local economy-building fun. Allowing this parking lot to no longer maintain a free status will FOREVER limit the public's ability to enjoy this amazing place and spot. Waikiki parking prices are SO exorbitant and continue to rise--this makes it economically unfeasible for many locals to enjoy their own island.. and also is a deterrent to those who would otherwise go and enjoy the many buisnesses in Waikiki that are unique to our island. Please, allow there to be free parking, help locals enjoy their own island and support their own businesses.

Mahalo for your time and kind regards,

Allison Hamada

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:06:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johanna Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB1034 requires the protection of the free 300 parking stalls that were negotiated between the state and the public in 2008 to ensure free beach access for all people of Hawai'i. In truth, the legislature should go a step further and amend this bill to restore all the free public beach parking that existed in this area when it was originally developed with the purpose of providing local people with a means to access the coastal resources in Waikīkī.

SB 1034 should be passed because:

- This bill aligns with the interest of the public - The local community has been opposing privatization of the harbor and a reduction of the free parking numerous times over the last two decades through grassroots movements. Most recently in January of this year over 100 ocean users came together in 2023 to fight to keep 300 parking spots free of charge and open to the public for recreational use. This bill really captures the will of the community and is supported by over 600 individuals that are part of the Surf Parking Coalition.
- The public has an inherent right to free ocean access - this bill would protect free ocean access for all people. The Ala Wai harbor area is the last free parking in Waikīkī and removing free access would (1) add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks.
- The Ala Wai harbor is a community cultural gathering place for local families, surfers, sailors, paddlers, and swimmers and allows safe access to some of the most consistent and best surf breaks on the south shore. This harbor area is of significant importance to the Native Hawaiian culture and traditions, such as canoe paddling, fishing and surfing.

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Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Greg Tamon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Greg Tamon and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH).

I have surfed at Ala Moana Bowls since the 60s and parking has always been free; and should remain free forever. I am in my 70s. As it is I leave my house in Pearl City at 4 am to ensure that I get my favorite stall! It has been a wonderful community of surfers, foil boarders, single canoe paddlers, etc.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:10:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ryan Smith and I am writing to support SB1034 and its guarantee of 300 free parking stalls at the Ala Wai State boat harbor. I live in the Ala Moana area and use the Ala Wai parking several times a week to surf at Rockpiles and Bowls.

Free parking in the Waikiki and Ala Moana areas is extremely limited outside of the Ala Wai Harbor and Ala Moana beach park. Removing the Ala Wai Boat Harbor free parking stalls, or significantly reducing them would negatively affect the ability of lower income residents to access the ocean in this area.

It would also likely cause surfers and other current users of Ala Wai to park at Ala Moana beach park and risk the dangerous crossing of the Ala Wai Canal instead of paying for parking. This will undoubtedly lead to surfers/paddlers being injured by boats and conflict between boaters and paddlers/surfers. It will also likely lead to Honolulu Ocean Safety personnel being tasked with rescuing persons in the canal area or being asked to restrict access to the canal for safety reasons. This will cause a further strain on Ocean Safety resources that could be avoided by leaving the free parking stalls at Ala Wai.

If development is allowed at Ala Wai Boat Harbor the free parking stalls should be prioritized for residents and ocean access, not sacrificed to the tourism monster and parking revenue. If these free parking stalls are changed to paid stalls or removed entirely, they will never come back and this area of Oahu will be changed negatively forever.

I implore you to find another stream of revenue instead of these parking stalls. Please support free access to the ocean for Hawaii residents.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:23:08 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Makana Kane Kuahiwinui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB 1034 in protecting the free parking stalls at Ala Wai Boat Harbor. I am a fourth generation O‘ahu South Shore surfer and this surf break, although man-made by the dredging of the Ala Wai Canal, has a long history in my family. My mother and grandfather taught me to surf at Bowls. My mother learned to surf from my grandfather at Bowls. My grandfather learned to surf from his uncle in Waikīkī and Ala Moana. And when Bowls was known as Poles, named after the pole markers used to create the boat harbor, many of the Waikīkī and Ala Moana Beach Boys started surfing at Bowls because beach access to Waikīkī spots like Queens and Canoes were hindered by the crowding tourists. Ala Wai Boat Harbor parking is the last free parking lot in Waikīkī and monetizing these parking stalls is yet another form of settler colonialism. Has anyone ever wondered why locals and Native Hawaiians do not frequent Waikīkī? The answer is access. Limiting access or hindering access to the ocean drives locals and Native Hawaiians away from those spaces. It's hard enough to surf these spots because there are so many foreigners imposing on our spots. Access to the ocean is paramount to Native Hawaiians and locals alike for our spiritual and physical connections to our ancestors are rooted in places like these.

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TESTIMONY OF PRISCILLA WANG IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Priscilla Wang and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH).

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free of charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR's parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). In January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

Paid parking will cause surfers to park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the highly popular and world famous surf spot "Ala Moana Bowls." This causes serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn, besides the fact that the free of charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka'ako.

Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai'i. This is the last place in Waikiki where local 'ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation that delegated BLNR's authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR's parking plan that provides for the 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikiki. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Priscilla Wang

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:29:18 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaitlyn Reitz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF KAITLYN REITZ IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Kaitlyn Reitz and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). Rockpiles, one of the surf breaks accessed by these parking stalls, is one of the first breaks that I was taken to when I was learning how to surf and continues to be my favorite wave to surf on O’ahu. Surfing is a way for me to de stress and you will typically see me in the line up a few times a week, creating a paid parking system for these parking stalls would greatly hinder my access to surfing as it would for so many others. I consistently see many of the same people surfing Rockpiles, all of varying ages and ability but all having fun as it is a sport that does not discriminate, however should a paid parking system be implemented many of these people would no longer be able to consistently access this wave and the community built around it. Many of the surf breaks on the south shores of O’ahu already have limited access due to the lack of available parking in Waikīkī and to implement paid parking stalls at the AWSBH would further restrict ocean access for residents, a ramification which is entirely unacceptable.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR’s recommendation that delegated BLNR’s authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR’s parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Kaitlyn Reitz

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:33:17 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Valerie Eshelman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of SB1034 which will ensure safe, accessible and free access to the water for my generation and for generations to come after me. The Ala Moana Bowls parking lot allows surfers and beach goers a place to park and safely reach the surf breaks of Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls, a place of alignment, mental and physical stress relief.

There are boat channels on the Royal Hawaiian side of Kaisers Bowls and the Magic Island side of Ala Moana Bowls. Surfers who cannot afford to pay parking fees may park on either side of the surf breaks and paddle across the boat channels which is dangerous. As a freediver myself, I have experience with boaters coming into close contact with me and speeding disregarding my safety. Not only will parking meters create hazardous situations for surfers and boaters, it will also limit the people who will be able to access the beach and ocean.

As we all know the cost of living here is expensive. Surfing and the ocean allows us, the maka'ainana, the caretakers of the land, to release the stress of working a minimum 40 hours a week. Many of us paddle out on the only surfboard we have that our uncle gave us for free or like me, with a board I saved up for a whole year to get. Surfing has always been free in Hawai'i. Surfing is something we do that is healthy for our bodies and mental health and it's one of the cheapest sports, if not free. If surfers have to pay for parking, those that cannot afford to pay may have to drive further away to another spot or park at magic island and paddle across the boat harbor endangering themselves. We must also consider those that decide the effort of paying is too much and stop surfing altogether, impacting their health and well being which in turn impacts the community as a whole.

Without a doubt, bill SB1034 has tremendous benefits for our community including accessibility and safety. Please take my testimony into consideration for the health, safety, and wellbeing of our people.

Mahalo,

Valerie Eshelman

Resident of Honolulu, Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:39:05 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryand Cardona	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of bill SB1034 because I frequent the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. This is my home spot where I love to surf, boat, fish, and swim and I want to be able to keep the parking free for my kids and their kids alike. If we were forced to pay for parking in this area it will most likely chase away the locals and people who have been using this area for a long time. Parking across the Ala Wai at Ala Moana Beach Park is not only dangerous for surfers trying to access Bowls but will also congest the beach park a lot more than it already is. The kind of "family and community" we have out here at Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls is like no other because the people here are always here and love the wave, people, and the ease of access to the ocean. I've met so many good people out here in the water and in the Ala Wai Boat Harbor parking. If we were charged for parking in the future a lot of this "Community" of people will not be the same because not everyone wants to go to access the water everyday only to have to pay for parking just to do the same activities we've been doing for years already. Ocean and beach access should always be free. The ocean for a lot of people is their way to get away or take a break from everyday activities. If i had to pay I wouldn't be frequenting this area as much as before. We need to save our free parking and keep it free ALWAYS. Keep Ala Wai Boat Harbor FREE. No parking fees and free beach access Always.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:39:42 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kira beltran	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF KIRA BELTRAN IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Kira Beltran and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Haleiwa and frequently use this harbor as a freediver who uses the boats in the harbor.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai’i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

KIRA BELTRAN

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:50:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jaclyn Kaya	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Jaclyn Kaya IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Jaclyn Kaya and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Moanalua and often use this area to go surfing with my two daughters and friends. We use this parking lot at least twice a week to surf at rockpiles and to paddle. This place is very special to us because we are able to recharge after a hard work week and it is very kid friendly to surf.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation that delegated BLNR's authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR's parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Jaclyn Kaya

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:51:44 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Audrey Lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Keep parking free for the users of the beach and ocean! Don't make everything about money and so difficult for the hard working people to just enjoy some water time. Thank you for considering the lives of the people who need to destress and be healthy by exercising in the ocean!

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:51:58 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jocelyn Silverlight	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of Waikiki and a neighbor to the Ala Wai Boat Harbor, I support passing SB1034 to protect the 300 free parking stalls from privatization. There has been too much reduction of free access to the beach and ocean. It is extremely important that the local community does not face any further financial barriers, financial risks or personal safety concerns while accessing the beach. I ask that the negotiations of 2008 be upheld to ensure free beach access for all.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:52:30 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kerl Moraga	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kerl Morga and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I've been a resident here on the island for over 15 years and have surfed at Ala Moana Bowls for 7 years. It is one of the few surf locations left in town where locals can trully enjoy surfing. Almost all of the surf spots in town require payment for parking. Having to pay for parking is already a burden that most locals have to face everyday when we go to work. Why should we have to carry the same burden when we go out to practice this one outlet we have in life that help us forget all the stressful things in life.

The AWSBH parking lot provides ocean access for Anuenue Canoe Club canoe paddlers and surfers visiting Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking spaces, 312 of which are reserved for permit holders who rent boat slips. The Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) asked the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) in 2008 to reduce the remaining 549 free parking stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the remainder. Following widespread public opposition and outrage, the BLNR approved DOBOR's parking plan with the caveat that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls once more in January 2020, converting 125 free stalls to paid parking, in complete disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

Surfers will park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the popular and world-famous surf spot "Ala Moana Bowls." This poses serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, particularly at dusk and dawn, not to mention that the free parking lot at Ala Moana Beach Park is already overcrowded due to the influx of new developments in Kaka'ako.

Converting more or all of the AWSBH's free parking stalls will exacerbate the financial hardship of local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices like canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from Hawai'i's exorbitant cost of living. This is the final location in Waikki where local 'ohana can access the ocean without paying for parking.

The BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation in September 2022, delegating BLNR authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). The purpose of this RFP is to find a lessee who will redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is required to follow DOBOR's parking plan, which includes 300 free public parking stalls, but the parking plan is subject to change if the new development is approved by the BLNR.

It is critical that we act quickly to protect our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikki. Please vote in favor of SB1034.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Kerl Moraga

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 11:59:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Brilowsky Ceballos	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a life long surfer and born native Hawaiian, I stand against the paid parking plans for Ala Wai Boat Harbor. I regularly surf at Rockpiles/Bowls and frequent this parking lot almost everyday. This is one of the last few areas near Waikiki that offers free parking and has a long history and surf culture. To turn this into paid parking I feel would drive away locals from a place where they grew up surfing and to serve for future generations to enjoy the beach access.

To: Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Committee on Water & Land (WTL)

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs (HWN)

From: Jennifer Lam Yuen
Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Support for SB1034, Relating to Public Parking at Ala Wai Boat Harbor

Chair and Members of the Senate Water and Land Committee and Chair and Members of the Senate Hawaiian Affairs Committee. I am Jennifer Lam Yuen, a member of a community of local surfers who frequent the waters surrounding the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB1034, which would require the maintenance of at least 300 free parking spaces for those who want to access the ocean for recreational use.

- I am a Polynesian female who has been an avid surfer since 2020. I started surfing because it was one of the only activities in which I could still connect with the land/water around me without risk of catching Covid-19.
- I noted my ethnic background because as a Polynesian, I can speak to the immensely positive effects linked between the body and one's land/culture. During the pandemic, the negative effects of isolation on my mind were reduced notably after I began engaging in surfing.
- I have come to be a part of a beautiful community of individuals who not only use the waters of this harbor culturally and recreationally, but also contribute to its upkeep.
- Having *free* and easy access to the ocean and all its possibilities (e.g., surfing or any activity that can maintain the physical and mental health of all who use it for traditional, spiritual, and recreational purposes) is an invaluable resource for local communities.
- Restricting access that has already become increasingly difficult due to tourism traffic will damage these communities considerably.

I implore you to **pass SB1043**, requiring the maintenance of at least 300 stalls at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Jennifer Lam Yuen
Email: jcly@hawaii.edu

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:07:45 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austin Correa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Arron Correa **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Arron Correa and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live on Seaside in Waikiki. I surf and use that parking lot weekly. It is paramount that parking remains free. As a struggling college student it provides a high quality wave with ease of access. I cannot afford the gas to drive to North shore in this economy.

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation that delegated BLNR's authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR's parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Arron Correa

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:23:21 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bronson Willing	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In regards to the free parking at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor, I feel that it is a commodity that needs to be preserved and kept. Primarily due to it's benefits for the community established there, as well as for public access. If metered parking were to be enforced, it would significantly impact the amount of people who frequent the area, and it would only be as a benefit to make the state more money (pennies at that). As one of the few places that have free recreational parking, I believe keeping it free is an essential part in keeping the comraderie not only in the surfing and boating community, but for public use as well.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:24:12 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauren R. Kaiser	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The public has an inherent right to free ocean access - this bill would protect free ocean access for all people. The Ala Wai harbor area is the last free parking in Waikīkī and removing free access would (1) add a financial barrier to the local community and restrict their access, (2) increase the financial risk of getting towed if the parking is converted to metered parking, (3) pose a public safety concern with people parking at Magic Island and paddling through the channel to access the surf breaks. The Ala Wai harbor is a community cultural gathering place for local families, surfers, sailors, paddlers, and swimmers and allows safe access to some of the most consistent and best surf breaks on the south shore. This harbor area is of significant importance to the Native Hawaiian culture and traditions, such as canoe paddling, fishing and surfing.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:32:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeanine & Robert Goldman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We support SB1034. the public parking should be maintained for people who do not live clse by and must drive there.

Thak you

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:34:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bruce Albrecht	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairpersons Inouye, Shimabukuro, and committee members,

As a resident of Hawaii and a long-time user of Duke Kahanamoku Beach/Ala Wai harbor, I think it would be a shame to see the one beach parking area in Waikiki still free for locals to be taken away. It is clear that the parking lot encourages local residents to utilize this area. If the DLNR converts it to paid parking, my guess is you will see fewer residents using this beach. This is yet another step in the direction of making Waikiki a place for tourists only. I suggest DLNR look for other methods to raise funds for their projects other than taxing local folks yet again. I strongly support SB1034 and hope the legislature will have the foresight to preserve these 300 spaces for residential use by enacting it into law.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:40:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Rice	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SB1034. The parking at Ala Moana Harbor needs to remain free for ocean goers. It's the only free place to park in Waikiki. And very important to the surf community which has built a culture around Kaisers, rockpiles, and Bowls. People surf before, after work, or whenever they get a chance and that access should not be limited for local people.

mahalo,

Dave Rice

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:43:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Seth Mona	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

One of the only surf spots on the island with free parking. Remember that please. Do you work out? Eat dinner? Sleep? That's a schedule. Do any of you surf? Are any of you under the age of 35? The point I'm making is that this parking, this surf spot, is apart of many peoples schedules. Kids, adults, older adults and even the tourists can come here and park to surf. On your last \$5 ? Let's go surf where the parking is free. So much has already been taken from Waikiki, why let this be another. I have met life king friends in this parking lot. I have had some of the best nights in this parking lot. I can take my time in this parknig lot. Please let this be. Aim the money hungry eyes somewhere else.

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:48:19 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashley Fonseca	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Ashley Fonseca **IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Ashley Fonseca and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I've been surfing at bowls, rockpiles, and kaisers for years and access to free parking is already difficult in it's current state. Privatizing this harbor contributes to the detriment of recreational outdoor activities for kama'āina and hurts the local businesses surrounding the parking entrance that rely on the foot-traffic coming and going through the entry.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR's parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

Paid parking will cause surfers to park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the highly popular and world-famous surf spot "Ala Moana Bowls." This causes serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn, besides the fact that the free-of-charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka'ako.

Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering

the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai'i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local 'ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Ashley Fonseca

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 12:51:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Pratson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support bill SB1034 as a member of the community and a surfer. Keep the 300 free parking stalls at Ala Wai Boat Harbor FREE !

Hawai'i's government is attempting to deal out a "cool contract" to some company, to control an exclusive, oceanfront land's parking condition, again! This parking area is located at the beach in front of the Ala Wai Boat Harbor, nearby where the 'Ilikai Hotel is located. The Hawai'i House and Senate leaders want to charge parking fees to an average number of people who drive to the average sized public parking land area! We Public people who use this area, are totally against any Hawaii Legal department forcing parking fees to any people at this Waikiki Beach location. The other end of Waikiki, Beach near the Diamond Head area, is already supplied with maximum paid-parking meters. Now in 2023, ALL SURFERS, SWIMMERS, PADDLERS, KEIKI CAREGIVERS, SUN WORSHIPERS, BEACH LOVERS, ETC. are in a position to being forced to pay for these parking spots near the Ala Wai harbor area. Please continue to leave the Ala Wai Harbor's current beach parking spots FREE to all PEOPLE!! I am a 60-year "appreciator" of this ocean activity location, and this beachfront area. I grew up with all of the other 'ohana, and the Kupuna that taught us how to malama our 'aina. Mahalo! Ku'umomi Ho.

(Also, a 45-year+ canoe racer, Waikiki hotel employee, and Ala Moana/Kaiser/Waikiki surfer – while growing up. Our Mother drove all of us 5 kids to this same area of parking in the past 62 years).

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:00:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amy Groves	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support free parking!!! Poor people need to surf!!!!

HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
WATER AND LAND & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ATTN: CHAIRS LORRAINE R. INOUE & MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO,
VICE CHAIRS BRANDON C. ELEFANTE & KURT FEVELLA

Testimony Strongly Supporting SB1034
Relating to Public Parking at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor

February 8, 2022, 1:05 p.m.
Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Alexa Deike and I am writing in **strong support** of SB1034. I am recent graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa with certificates in Environmental Law and Native Hawaiian Law. Today, I am testifying not as an attorney, but as a surfer and supporter of Native Hawaiian rights.

I want to acknowledge and mahalo Senator Lorraine R. Inouye and all the Senators, who signed on to SB1034, for hearing the voices of the community and bringing this important bill to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor (AWSBH).

In 2008, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) as recommended by its Division on Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) passed a parking plan that entailed a compromise between the community stakeholders and DOBOR that guaranteed that at least 300 parking stalls remained without charge. See Minutes of BLNR Meeting 5/23/2008.¹

In 2011, Act 197 was passed to add section 200-2.6 to the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) for the purpose of entering a into a public-private partnership for the development of portions of AWSBH facilities. Since then, DOBOR has brought requests for proposals (RFP) to develop the AWSBH that the community has opposed.

Then in January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to lower the amount of parking stalls again by converting 125 of the free stalls to paid parking. See DOBOR staff submittal from January 10, 2020.² Again, enormous public opposition occurred and the BLNR did not approve the amended parking plan but asked DOBOR to engage with community stakeholders.

The latest “endangerment” of the parking plan was hidden in DOBOR’s staff submittal³ that recommended the authorization of DOBOR to issue a RFP for development of public lands at the AWSBH. Quote:

¹ <https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/meeting/minutes/2008/080523-minutes.pdf>

² <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/J-1.pdf>

³ <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/J-1-1.pdf>

“The Developer shall follow the existing parking plan approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) that provides for a minimum of three hundred (300) free public parking stalls, for a minimum of three hundred twelve (312) permit parking stalls for harbor tenants with valid mooring permits, and for a minimum of three hundred twenty-nine (329) paid parking stalls according to approved parking rates. **The current parking plan is subject to change depending on the type and configuration of the new development project.**”

An average community would not be alerted that this change to the compromise is imminent by simply reading the agenda item posted by the BLNR one week prior to the hearing. Let alone can community members be expected to monitor every BLNR to see if the parking plan is up for discussion again.

Thus, securing the 300 parking stalls with an amendment to HRS section 200-2.6, will protect the compromise reached by the community and DOBOR. Section 200-2.6 regulates leases of the AWSBH and it is only appropriate to include the parking plan condition there.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Alexa Deike, Esq.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:10:09 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin Puerto	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This parking lot is a place where myself and countless others have grown up. It is a place that has given me lifelong friendships. It is a place of therapy that has helped me get through hard times. All this would change for the next generations with this bill moving forward. Please think about the children.

Aloha

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:21:58 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pili Valderrama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the maintenance of the parking stalls at Ala Wai boat harbor at no cost for recreational ocean access for residents. It's already hard to have access to affordable parkin in the area, and by no allowing the free parking it enforces local community to don't be able to enjoy the area.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 1:48:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charles Clausner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe this is an access social justice issue. Access to the beach is a right and priviledge of living in Hawaii and monetizing this further is a disgrace. I surf at Bowls and Rockpiles and know just how strong this community is together. By restricting the publics right to free parking spaces, you destroy community, connection, and access for all. I strongly oppose the proposed restrictions of free parking. Mahalo nui loa for your ear and time.

Sincerely,

Charles Clausner

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 2:03:04 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

Dear Chairs Inouye and Shimabukuro, Vice Chairs Elefante and Fevella, and committee members:

I strongly support SB 1034 and urge the committees to pass this bill to keep free access to the ocean.

As a surfer, I use the free parking spots at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor to access the ocean. I've made many great memories surfing the area with friends and other surfers. It's a convenient spot to access when working downtown. Please keep these spots free for all recreational ocean users while also allowing for the practice of traditional and customary Native Hawaiians rights. Thank you very much.

Andre Bisquera

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 3:55:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lurline McGregor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support keeping free parking at Ala Wai boat harbor. I paddle occasionally with Anuenue Canoe Club as well as park in the morning by the canoes to go paddling in a one man canoe. These stalls are predominantly used by surfers and paddlers. Since most tourists who stay in Waikiki who rent cars already pay for parking at their hotels, there are few visitors who use the lot, or at least that has been my observation over many years. While I definitely support any and all green fees on tourists, I strongly oppose any measure that negatively impacts local people. A parking fee at Ala Wai boat harbor would definitely hurt locals, which is readily evident by looking at the cars parked there - not expensive cars, just locals wanting to spend time on the ocean at one of the few easily accessible surf spots in town. This is not the population that should be saddled with regressive fees. Please keep parking free at the Ala Wai boat harbor. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 5:01:05 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kate Paine	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Sometimes those who represent citizens should back their needs. Most often voting is for money interests. Don't give away any Ala Wai to developers.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 5:20:34 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharlene Chun Lum	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator Kurt Fevella, Vice Chair

Testimony for SB 736 Relating to Housing

February 8, 2023

Aloha Committee Chairs Inouye and Shimabukuro, and committee members of Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs,

As a native Hawaiian kupuna, I am blessed to be able to spend time on most weekdays at the ocean where I stand-up paddle. Native Hawaiians understood the value of lokahi--the balance of body, mind and spirit--that one can achieve being in the ocean.

That is why I strongly urge you to pass SB 1034, which will provide 300 free parking spaces at Ala Wai Boat Harbor so local people may have access to the ocean to maintain their health and continue practicing traditional gathering rights.

Please continue to promote good health for our people by passing this bill.

Me ka ha`aha`a,

Shar Chun-Lum

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 5:28:17 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Heather Fatino	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Heather and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1034. I experience so much joy from connecting with our beautiful beach and ocean. Whether surfing, walking or sitting quietly taking in all the beauty that surrounds us in nature, I find it brings so many mental and physical benefits to my wellness. I don't want to see this loss of ocean access impact the health and well being of others in our community. Having barriers to access the beneficial resources of our natural surroundings that include added stress of financial burden and concern of how to access safely are key components that indicate the need to support the protection of the free 300 parking stalls. Access to coastal resources for our community can only bring positive results in building wellness in individuals as well as strengthening the community as a whole.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 7:38:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marvin Heskett	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support the continued free parking at the AlaWai Boat Harbor as a tax paying resident, as a surfer, as a father of a young surfer and as a person who appreciates and values the quality of life we have access to on Oahu. Furthermore, I do not support our government providing private interests control over our public lands. Limited private public partnerships may be a solution to improved maintenance and upkeep of our parks as long as we have free access to them and the resources they border. Please pass this bill at a minimum to help protect one of the last places on the South Shore of Oahu that we have to access the Ocean in the spirit of beach access laws which have been in place since before Hawaii became a state.

Mahalo,

Marvin Heskett

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 8:12:55 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marija Colic	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF DR. MARIJA COLIC IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Marija Colic and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I will in Honolulu and I go surfing in that area around 3 times a week. As someone who is visiting AWSBH area weekly, I understand how important is to keep parking free of charge for the public. Having public free of charge allowing not only surfers to freely and frequently access the ocean, but also many families that are spending their afternoons and evenings in that area. If these parking stalls become paid parking area, less local people will be able to use ocean as that would be an extra expense added to many other expenses that's local community facing. We are all aware of that. If that happens, people will be able to surf less often, to enjoy ocean less often that can significantly affect their quality of life and potentially contribute to the mental health issues. This cannot happen. We, the local community, need to work together to improve quality of life and appreciate beauty that ocean is giving to us.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free of charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR's parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). In January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai‘i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Marija Colic

SB-1034

Submitted on: 2/7/2023 8:25:54 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Larry Alfrey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support keeping the Ala Wai Boat Harbor parking free as is. We do not need another development put in this space.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 8:57:08 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Nakagawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF Michael Nakagawa IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Michael Nakagawa and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I live in Manoa and go to Bowls/Kaiser once or twice a week to go surf. Free parking makes it a lot easier for a local like myself to enjoy the ocean with friends and family.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free of charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30pm to 4:30am). In January of 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

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It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Michael Nakagawa

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:06:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marta Ruszczyńska	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This harbor is a very important place to my friends and me. This is where we come together to surf, paddle board, and hang out. Locals mostly use this parking since tourists already live in the Waikiki area, so they do not have to drive here. The upcoming changes we are trying to stop would only take money from locals who already suffer the consequences of over-tourism and the exponential growth of overpriced housing. The island is losing its character, and only the people who live here can maintain it. To live in Hawaii is extremely expensive, buying a house is unaffordable, and rent is skyrocketing. The income gap is expanding, and taking the opportunity from us to socialize and do what we love for free won't make things any better.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 10:16:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wesley yoneda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill for free access for recreation and cultural practice for everyone whether rich or poor it .

In 2008 they said they werent touching the parking but now they want to use it for future privitized ventures which people of Hawaii don't need or want just leave this place alone enough is enough.

Keep free access for everyone especially our keiki and their keiki for generations to come

thank Wesley Yoneda

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 1:24:35 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2023 1:05:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
evelyn lee	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF EVELYN LEE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Evelyn Lee and I am writing **in strong support of SB1034** to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am a surfer who frequents the surf breaks in front of the harbor and have used the free parking lot for years.

The parking lot of the AWSBH provides ocean access for the canoe paddlers of the Anuenue Canoe Club and surfers for the surf spots Kaisers, Rockpiles, and Ala Moana Bowls. There are 941 parking stalls with 312 stalls for permit holders who rent boat slips. In 2008, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) requested that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) reduce the remaining 549 free-of-charge stalls to 130 and implement paid parking for the rest. After huge public opposition and outcry, where the majority of the public wanted to keep all remaining stalls free, BLNR approved DOBOR’s parking plan with the compromise that at least 300 stalls remain free of charge (6h time limit and no parking allowed from 10:30 pm to 4:30 am). In January 2020, DOBOR attempted to reduce the number of free parking stalls again and convert 125 free stalls to paid parking in total disregard of the compromise reached with the community in 2008 and without any prior community outreach.

Paid parking will cause surfers to park at Magic Island and paddle across an active boat channel to reach the highly popular and world-famous surf spot “Ala Moana Bowls.” This causes serious safety concerns for surfers and boaters alike, especially at dusk and dawn, besides the fact that the free-of-charge parking lot at Ala Moana Beach park is already overcrowded with the influx of new developments in Kaka’ako.

Converting more or all of the free parking stalls at the AWSBH will detrimentally affect and exacerbate the financial hardship of local ‘ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices such as canoe paddling, fishing, and surfing, who are already suffering the most from the exorbitant cost of living in Hawai’i. This is the last place in Waikīkī where local ‘ohana can access the ocean without having to pay for parking.

In September of 2022, the BLNR approved DOBOR's recommendation that delegated BLNR's authority to the Chairperson to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP). This RFP is to find a lessee that would redevelop the AWSBH. This potential new developer is supposed to follow DOBOR's parking plan that provides for 300 free public parking stalls, but it allows DOBOR to change the parking plan to fit the type and configuration of the new development if approved by the BLNR.

It is imperative to act now and protect the last free access to the ocean for our local 'ohana and practitioners of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices in Waikīkī. Please support SB1034.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Evelyn Lee

SB-1034

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alexandra D'Angelo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY OF ALEXANDRA D'ANGELO IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

SB1034 – RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING AT ALA WAI BOAT HARBOR

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Honorable Members of the Committees,

My name is Alexandra D'Angelo and I am writing in strong support of SB1034 to guarantee at least 300 parking stalls free of charge for the public at the Ala Wai State Boat Harbor (AWSBH). I am a frequent surfer in the area, and rely on the free public parking to access the ocean in a space with very limited access for the local community.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Alexandra D'Angelo

SB-1034

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Foley	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear committee chair and members,

I am submitting testimony in support of SB1034. The free parking stalls at Ala Wai Boat Harbor are important for the recreational and cultural users of the coastal zone resources in Waikīkī. I strongly encourage the legislature to take a further step and amend this bill to restore all the free public beach parking that existed in this area since it was developed with the purpose of providing local people with a means to access their ocean, beaches, reefs, and waves. The taxes collected from the hotels and other developments in the Waikīkī should be sufficient to maintain this important public resource without exposing public ocean users to the risks of towing fees and the inconvenience of parking meters.

Sincerely,

Michael Foley, Ph.D., P.E.

Mānoa, O‘ahu