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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &
INTERGOVERNMENTAL & MILITARY AFFAIRS
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 225
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023 AT 3:01PM**

To The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair
The Honorable Senator Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs,

SUPPORT OF SCR 220 RELATING TO PREDATORY COSMETICS ESTABLISHMENTS

The Maui Chamber of Commerce would like offer **our SUPPORT of SCR 220** urging the County of Maui to immediately and substantially increase the fines assessed against predatory cosmetics establishments for violating the Maui County historic districts ordinance.

We wholeheartedly support this bill. This activity happens across the mainland and I have experienced it considerably in Las Vegas, which led to me to avoid those areas while shopping. We see this same behavior happening in Lahaina across Front Street, which hurts neighboring businesses as residents and visitors bypass these areas.

We hoped this issue would be solved with the Maui County Historic Districts Ordinance and agreements with these companies. We understand there is a challenge with having enforcement officers but we feel raising the fines for something as egregious as this, where prior agreements aren't being honored, is important. If this behavior is allowed, it will continue to proliferate.

We support the efforts of the Lahaina Town Action Committee and West Maui Taxpayers Association to get this resolved.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer **our SUPPORT of SCR 220**.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2023 12:16:35 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/31/2023 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tiffany Winn	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I work on Front Street and hear nothing but complaints about the practices of these businesses. They follow people down the sidewalk and harass people nonstop. I experience it first hand daily. Anytime I walk the street I pick up discarded samples that are littered everywhere. I'm sure many of their samples also end up in the ocean. They have been a parasite to front street for too long. Many people won't even come down to visit front street anymore because of these businesses. They destroy the flavor of our massively important historic district. Please do something. We have all been begging for years for some kind of action against these practices.

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Testimony for PSM on 3/31/2023 3:01:00 PM

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Kekai Keahi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha my name is Kekai Keahi and I am in full sorry if this bill.

These predatory cosmetic companies and ours employees are very, very aggressive in their pushing of their products. I have witnessed them going up to customers and getting into their faces pedaling their products. When a passerby refuses their advancement they get very aggressive and verbally abuse these passerby. In our town of Lahaina they are set up in numerous spots on front street. They belong to the same company and all of them are foreigners from Isreal who change our their employees employees every so many months. These employees tend to be young and attractive, but very, very in your have aggressive. They're have been altercations with these employees and the local community which led to first fights and these employees getting best up. We need help in pulling in these aggressive dallas tatics and restored dogs to Lahaina town once again.

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