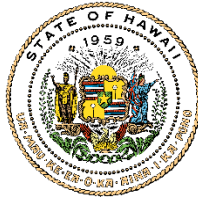


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Testimony of  
DAWN N. S. CHANG  
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on  
WATER AND LAND

Thursday, February 1, 2024  
9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 2475  
RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY

House Bill 2475 proposes to include advertisements and offers in the definition of "commercial activity" as used in chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and provides that advertisements or offers for commercial activity are prima facie evidence that the owner made such advertisements and that the commercial activity is being operated at the location being advertised. **The Department strongly supports this administration measure.**

There has been a rapid expansion of commercial ocean recreational activity within a relatively short period of time, leading to overuse of boating facilities, strain on natural resources, and user conflicts between recreational and commercial ocean users. Many illegal commercial ocean operators claim that their customers are friends and/or family who are not paying for services, which hinders the Department's efforts to enforce illegal commercial ocean activity.

This measure expands on the authority provided by Act 232, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023 (Act 232). The scope of Act 232 was restricted to Kāne'ōhe Bay ocean waters, and the Department believes that expanding the scope statewide will greatly assist the Department's efforts to enforce illegal commercial activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAWN N.S. CHANG  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT

RYAN K.P. KANAKA'OLE  
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KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
LAND  
STATE PARKS

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 4:04:05 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Richard Kersten	Sea Paradise Scuba Inc.	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong opposition to this bill! Commercial activities are already defined upon renewal of permits.

Richard Kersten

President

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 4:14:51 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Blake Moore	Teralani Sailing Adventures	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Opposition to HB2475 - Relating to Commercial Ocean Activity

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 2475, titled "Relating to Commercial Ocean Activity," which proposes to include advertisements and offers in the definition of "commercial activity" as used in chapter 200, HRS. Additionally, the bill suggests that advertisements or offers for commercial activity would be considered prima facie evidence that the owner disseminated or directed the dissemination of such materials.

Upon reviewing the details of this measure, I am concerned about the potential implications it may have on businesses engaged in commercial ocean activity. While I acknowledge the importance of regulating commercial activities to ensure public safety and ethical business practices, the proposed inclusion of advertisements and offers within the definition of "commercial activity" raises questions about the scope and potential unintended consequences of this broad categorization.

By considering advertisements or offers as prima facie evidence of the owner's responsibility, there is a risk of unfairly penalizing businesses for the content disseminated without due consideration for factors beyond their control. This approach may disproportionately impact businesses that rely on various marketing channels and platforms, potentially stifling their ability to promote services and compete in the market.

I urge the committee to carefully reassess the provisions outlined in HB2475 and to engage in open dialogue with stakeholders in the commercial ocean activity sector to develop a more nuanced and balanced approach. Collaborative discussions could help address concerns related to consumer protection and industry practices without unduly burdening businesses with unintended consequences.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss my concerns further during any upcoming hearings or meetings related to HB2475.

Sincerely,

Blake Moore



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:23:22 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Inca Robbin	Hula Girl Sailing Charters	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We oppose this bill.

Thank you,

Inca Robbin

President

Hula Girl Sailing Charters

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:37:02 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Virginia Armstrong	Splashers Ocean Adventures DBA Kona Snorkel Trips	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The failures of the agency to direct commerce activities are not reason to legislate newly, more a call to action to legislate correctly and enforce the rules appropriately. A founding pillar of the united states legal system is that the you are innocent until proven guilty - The burden of proof shall be on a person charged with a violation of commercial activity restrictions under this chapter or rules adopted by the department to establish that vessels or equipment, or both, are not being used for unpermitted commercial activity or that the person's conduct is authorized pursuant to a permit, lease, or license issued by the department. This statement appears to be in direct contradiction with that premise.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:46:18 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
George F. Garnes III	Gemini Charters	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Opposition Testimony for HB2475

George F Garnes III, 142 Kupuohi St Unit F5, Lahaina, HI 96761 808-283-8043

To whom it may concern,

RE: HB 2475

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB2475, which proposes significant restrictions on commercial ocean activities in state waters, particularly on weekends and holidays. As a sailing catamaran company, these proposed regulations would have a severe impact on our operations and completely jeopardize our ability to remain viable.

I understand the importance of effective ocean recreation management, and I appreciate efforts to strike a balance between conservation and commercial activities. However, the current language of the bill fails to consider the practical implications on businesses like mine, which are unfairly targeted and constantly blamed for various issues.

The boating industry on Maui is often unfairly singled out for environmental concerns, safety issues, or other challenges that are not solely within our control. While we are committed to responsible practices, this bill unfairly places the burden on our industry without considering the broader context and the shared responsibility of all stakeholders.

I urge the committee to reconsider the proposed restrictions and work towards a solution that accommodates the interests of both conservation and the local business community. Collaborative discussions with stakeholders could lead to a more balanced approach that achieves the intended goals without unfairly scapegoating our industry.

I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my concerns during any upcoming hearings or meetings regarding this bill. Thank you for considering my testimony, and I hope that we can find a mutually beneficial resolution.

Sincerely,

George F Garnes III, Vice President Gemini Charters







January 30, 2024

Committee Chair's Full Name  
Committee Name  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI. 96813

RE: Opposition Testimony for HB 2475

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB2475, which proposes expanding the definition of "commercial operator". As a commercial operator, these proposed regulations would have a severe negative impact on our operations, would leave our company without a voice, and potentially jeopardize our ability to remain viable.

I oppose HB2475 due to its overexpansion of the definition of commercial activity. This change risks unfairly burdening small businesses and local entrepreneurs, crucial to our community's economic health. Such broad regulation could hinder small-scale and informal activities, stifling innovation and creating unnecessary barriers for start-ups. It's vital to maintain a balanced approach that supports sustainable growth without imposing excessive constraints on the very businesses that enrich our community.

Sail Maui, originally Paragon Sailing Charters Maui, has been in business since 1985 and I've worked for the company for 5 years, but I've worked within the Maui boating industry for 25 years. This bill would severely limit our company's ability to operate, provide jobs for our employees, Maui residents, pay a livable wage, positively impact our local economy, and provide our residents, friends, family and visitors with wonderful lifelong memories while snorkeling, sailing, and whale watching along the coastlines of Maui and Lana'i.

I understand the importance of effective ocean recreation management, and I appreciate the efforts to strike a balance between conservation and commercial activities. However, the current language of the bill fails to consider the practical implications on businesses like the one I work for, which are unfairly targeted and constantly blamed for various issues.

P.O. Box 10399  
Lahaina, HI 96761  
[www.SailMaui.com](http://www.SailMaui.com)



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HAWAII, USA

The commercial boating industry is often unfairly singled out for environmental concerns, safety issues, or other challenges that are not solely within our control. While we are committed to responsible practices, this bill unfairly places the burden on our industry without considering the broader context and the shared responsibility of all stakeholders.

I urge the committee to reconsider the proposed restrictions and work towards a solution that accommodates the interests of both conservation and the local business community. Collaborative discussions with stakeholders could lead to a more balanced approach that achieves the intended goals without unfairly scapegoating our industry.

I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my concerns during any upcoming hearings or meetings regarding this bill. Thank you for considering my testimony, and I hope that we can find a mutually beneficial resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CKinkade".

Carrie Kinkade  
Director of Administration & Human Resources  
Sail Maui  
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**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 7:56:47 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Colombo	Hawaii Ocean Rafting	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**TESTIMONY (HB2475):**

**Subject: Opposition Testimony for HB2475**

**Peter Colombo, 5095 Napilihau Street, 109B #242, Lahaina, HI, 96761.  
[peter@hawaiiocceanrafting.com](mailto:peter@hawaiiocceanrafting.com). (808) 446-2492. January 30th, 2024.**

**RE: 2475 HB RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY.**

**I am writing to express my strong opposition to 2475 HB RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY, expands the definition of commercial activity. As a small native Hawaiian business owner with a tour boat operation, these proposed regulations would have a severe impact on our operations and potentially jeopardize our ability to remain viable.**

**After losing our home, shop, place of business and small boats in the Lahaina Fire, our hope of rebuilding remains in us being treated fairly. As a small native Hawaiian owned tour business I am being lumped in with everyone else. This is the issue I see over and over again. The persons submitting these bills are out of touch with who is actually operating commercial business, many are like me ( local, small businesses) that are eco-conscious and sustainable. Instead of expanding the definition of commercial activity, it should be better defined, so smaller businesses and native owned businesses are not treated the same as large corporations or large group operations. Can the goal be to make commercial tourism more sustainable instead of making it more difficult for the small business operators like me to continue working by increasing fees and permit gross receipt minimums? All that does is drive big business, commercialism and quantity over quality.**

**When changes are made to support smaller operations, we will know decisions are being made for the people that live and work in the community, not just for the state's profit.**

**The issue of too many unpermitted companies operating does not get resolved by putting restrictions on those of us that operate on permits and within all regulations or monitoring social media. What needs to happen is more enforcement. The \$1 per person OSF or the 3% in harbor taxes that we are paying now should go to funding DLNR officers to visit areas and verify permits. It is not complicated.**

**As a native Hawaiian, I would be forced to leave my home and island because decisions are being made by a group that has no accountability to the people they are making the decisions for. There is no benefit to this bill for the community, especially native Hawaiian's like myself. Find a way for these positions to be elected and with a term instead of giving them more power.**

**I understand the importance of effective ocean recreation management, and I appreciate efforts to strike a balance between conservation and commercial activities. However, the current language of the bill fails to consider the practical implications on businesses like mine, which are unfairly targeted and constantly blamed for various issues.**

**The ocean recreation industry is often unfairly singled out for environmental concerns, safety issues, or other challenges that are not solely within our control. While we are a small, eco-minded native owned business committed to responsible practices, this bill unfairly places the burden on our industry without considering the broader context and the shared responsibility of all stakeholders.**

**I urge the committee to reconsider the proposed restrictions and work towards a solution that accommodates the interests of both conservation and the local business community. Collaborative discussions with stakeholders could lead to a more balanced approach that achieves the intended goals without unfairly scapegoating our industry.**

**I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my concerns during any upcoming hearings or meetings regarding this bill. Thank you for considering my testimony, and I hope that we can find a mutually beneficial resolution.**

**Sincerely,**

**Peter Colombo, President, Lahaina Charter Boats Inc. DBA, Hawaii Ocean Rafting.**

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:01:20 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christopher Kasper	Malolo Charters	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I strongly oppose this bill. It will put undue financial stress on impacted businesses and their employees. It will not solve any commercial recreation issues.

Mahalo

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:06:47 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Kasper	Malolo Charters	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

I strongly oppose this bill. It will put undue financial stress on impacted businesses and their employees. It will not solve any commercial recreation issues.

Mahalo

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:32:58 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Koa Fuller	Komohana charters	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:35:56 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nichlas holm	Hawaiian rafting adventures Inc	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.





**Testimony Before the House Committee on Water & Land**  
Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m. HST  
Conference Room 430 & Via Video Conference  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: Opposition to Bill HB2475**

To the Honorable Chair Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair Mahina Poepoe, and Members of the Committee:

I am compelled to express the Kauai Chamber's strenuous opposition to HB2475, a part of a series of proposed legislations including HB2476, HB2477, HB2474, and HB2093, which collectively represent a concerning trend towards overly restrictive regulations on Hawaii's commercial boating industry. HB2475, in particular, seeks to expand the definition of commercial activity in a manner that we believe could have unintended and far-reaching negative consequences on both the economy and the community fabric of our state.

The broadening of the definition of commercial activity as outlined in HB2475 risks encompassing a wide array of activities that, while technically commercial, are integral to the vibrant tourist experience Hawaii is renowned for. This could lead to increased regulatory burdens on small businesses and entrepreneurs who play a critical role in our tourism ecosystem, potentially stifling innovation and diminishing the diversity of experiences available to visitors and residents alike.

Moreover, the proposed expansion could exacerbate the challenges of navigating Hawaii's regulatory environment, already perceived as one of the most complex and unfriendly towards businesses in the country. At a time when we should be streamlining processes and encouraging economic growth and diversification, HB2475 appears to move in the opposite direction, potentially deterring investment and entrepreneurship in the state.

It is also important to consider the broader economic implications of such a measure. The tourism industry, of which commercial boating is a vital component, is not just a major economic driver for Hawaii but also a significant source of employment and community development. By imposing additional constraints on this sector, we risk undermining its viability, leading to job losses, decreased state revenues, and a decline in the quality of life for many who depend on tourism for their livelihoods.

We urge you to reconsider the passage of HB2475 and to engage in a more holistic and inclusive dialogue with stakeholders from across the spectrum to ensure that any changes to the definition of commercial activity are thoughtful, targeted, and conducive to fostering a healthy, dynamic, and sustainable tourism industry in Hawaii.

Hawaii's future success depends on our ability to balance economic development with environmental and cultural preservation. We believe that by working together, we can find pathways to regulation that support this balance without unduly burdening the industries that are the lifeblood of our state.

We look forward to your leadership in guiding Hawaii towards a prosperous and inclusive future.

Sincerely,

Mark Perriello  
President & CEO

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 10:26:49 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Don Prestage	Sail Maui	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I oppose HB2475 due to its overexpansion of the definition of commercial activity. This change risks unfairly burdening small businesses and local entrepreneurs, crucial to our community's economic health. Such broad regulation could hinder small-scale and informal activities, stifling innovation and creating unnecessary barriers for start-ups. It's vital to maintain a balanced approach that supports sustainable growth without imposing excessive constraints on the very businesses that enrich our community.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 10:33:57 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kieran Oliver	Liquid Hawaii	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are firmly against any new fees and taxes and believe DOBAR has sufficient revenue from our business. Clean up the corruption and embezzlement of our tax dollars before you take more of our money. You all are the real criminals. Maybe try protecting our resources and doing studies on our ecosystems with our tax dollars instead of lining your pockets.

January 30, 2024

Subject: **Opposition Testimony for HB2476**

James Walsh, 2673 Iolani Street, Pukalani, HI. 96768

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Committee Chair Linda Ichiyama

Water and Land Committee

415 S Beretania St.

Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Ichiyama,

RE: HB2475 Commercial Ocean Activity; Advertisements and Offers

**I am writing to express my opposition to HB2475 Commercial Ocean Activity; Advertisements and Offers.**

I am opposed to this bill as written. The bill itself is an attempt to address a real problem within the state, which is illegal commercial vessel operations. As a legal commercial company for the past 35 years here in the state of Hawaii, it is frustrating to see illegal operators out there. That being said, this bill is poorly written in my opinion. At one point the bill states that the “burden of proof shall be on a person charged with a violation of commercial activity restrictions”, this seems to me to be unconstitutional. The burden of proof of a crime shall be on the government to prove, not the individual.

I think a better solution is to allow the police/DOCARE officers to do their job and question the passengers of a suspected illegal commercial boating operator. Good policing should be able fix this problem. The DOCARE officers fully know which vessels are suspect in this illegal activity. Ensure that they have the tools they need to appropriately address this problem.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Jim Walsh

General Manager

Atlantis Submarines ~ Maui

Thursday, February 1, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

State of Hawai'i

House Committee on Water & Land  
State Capitol, Conference Room 415

**JOINT TESTIMONY OF DOUG CHIN AND ERIC ROBINSON OFFERING  
COMMENTS ON HOUSE BILL 2475, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN  
ACTIVITY**

Dear Chair Ichiyama, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Committee Members:

We are legal counsel for a hui of commercial use permit holders throughout the State and respectfully **offer comments** on House Bill 2475.


HB2475, along with HB2474, HB2476, and HB2477, is “part of a comprehensive ocean recreation management package” put forth by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. We agree there is room to improve the management of ocean recreation and that enforcements should be brought against unpermitted commercial activity. Although we are generally supportive of the aim of HB2475, we note that the bill does raise constitutional due process concerns. As an example, the bill would place the burden on alleged violators to prove their innocence. When paired with the criminal liability being proposed under HB2249 (Boating and Ocean Recreation; Criminal Penalties) HB2475 would be unconstitutional.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony offering comments on HB2475.

Sincerely,



Douglas S. Chin



Eric S. Robinson

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:17:24 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tait Heitz	Big Island Divers	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2475. It is unclear what this measure means for small businesses operating legally. Specifically this section regarding transferring commercial permits:

(C) Requirements governing:

(i) The transfer of any state commercial, mooring, launching, or any other type of use or other permit, directly or indirectly, including but not limited to the imposition or assessment of a business transfer fee upon transfer of ownership of vessels operating commercially from, within or in any way related to the state small boat harbors;

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:27:44 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Bill Murtagh	Li'i Makau, Inc.	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Wasn't aware of this until now, not enough time to prepare testimony. Strongly oppose.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 9:09:35 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Debbie Patton	Captain Steve's Rafting	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill.



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 4:19:19 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nick Croft	Explore Kauai Scuba, LLC	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committees,

My name is Nick Croft from Explore Kauai Scuba, LLC on Kauai. This bill is confusing to me and I think it's to keep non permitted boat operators from running illegal commercial charters, which is a good thing. However, I do not like how it ammends more rules to "commercial activity". I feel like everything being introduced for amending rules is set on taking over control and not needing to have public hearings. The rules already don't allow illegal charters, so they should be able to act to them already, right? That's why I am wary of this proposed bill.

Mahalo for your time,

Nick Croft

owner/operator, Explore Kauai Scuba, LLC

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 9:46:19 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeremy Selg	Adventure Time LLC	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

As a Beaches and Shores commercial permit holder I strongly oppose this bill. Our Public Access established under the Costal Management Plan are vehemently protected by ruling of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. The language of this bill aims to prohibit or deny that access.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 12:30:49 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brooklyn Jolee Samm	Blue Water Rafting	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

DLNR should not be able to expand the definition of commercial activity.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/3/2024 7:00:26 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shawn Rotella	G-10 corp	Support	In Person

Comments:

I support this bill as a measure to help dlnc do the job they need by addressing commercial activity without permits. This is a very logical proactive measure.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 11:51:09 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Patricia Cadiz	HST Windsurf, Kitesurf & WingFoil Lessons	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB 2475.

This should serve as a useful enforcement tool for ensuring that all operators are permitted, insured and compliant with state laws and rules.

Thank you.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 6:28:26 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gregory Fogarty	Pacific Marlin Club	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I highly oppose this bill.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:36:50 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Greg Howeth	Lahaina Divers Inc.	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Greg howeth and I am the owner of Lahaina Divers Inc. I support HB2475 because the DLNR needs a way to enforce the rules on the businesses who are operating illegally, with out the proper permits and creating the over crowding problems that are leading to the konflikts between ocean user groups.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 10:32:36 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Antoinette Davis	Activities & Attractions Association of Hawaii, Inc.	Support	In Person

Comments:

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

Overtourism is a global opportunity. We applaud the DLNR for creating a Bill to expand the tools used in Kane'ohe Bay to eliminate illegal commercial operators. For years, we have communicated the need to support and work collaboratively with legal operators while eliminating the scofflaw.

We support HB2475.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Antoinette "Toni" Davis



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:57:47 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Caitlin Maratea	Banyan Tree Divers Maui	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB2475. Unpermitted commercial operations are a rampant problem in a number of ocean recreation industries. Currently, enforcement lacks the ability to penalize illegal operations without catching them in the act of financial exchange. Since much of this happens online these days, it is hard for the DLNR to enforce illegal operations.

Each island is dealing with varying levels of over commercialization. Permitted companies are operating alongside non-permitted companies and they all look the same to the community who feels pushed out of public spaces. I genuinely believe that expanding the ability to enforce the current permitting system would help curtail illegal operations, would decongest our harbors and shorelines, and ensure that licensed and insured businesses are operating safely.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:53:40 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nolan Laramore	Iruka Hawaii LLC	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

Hi everyone,

I captain a small commercial boat that takes people snorkeling. I feel as if I have a special connection to the implications of this bill. I personally see everyday what overcrowding and over exploitation of our beautiful natural resources that commercial boating has brought upon us. I have personally witnessed a beautiful reef get deteriorated from constant visits from hundreds of visitors daily. I see tour guides and locals disturbing unassuming sea life to show tourists and others. I feel as if I can personally see the need and requirement for a bill like this, a bill that will limit the amount of commercial activity using our waters. However, the way the state plans to impose these restrictions is slightly unfair and debatably corrupt. Everyone, and all companies should have equal share of their right to access to our waters. However, to protect our environment which is the basis for the demand for the bill, activities should be further governed and restricted in lieu of limiting commercial permits. Simply regulating how many commercial boats are allowed at a single reef at once would greatly reduce the impact of tourism on our environment. There are many other tools and means available to DLNR to protect our land and natural resources other than limiting commercial permits and using public auctions for distribution of those permits. Only the largest and most ecologically disruptive companies will survive. The small businesses built by the locals of our islands, the companies that are the most aware of the need to preserve our environment, will be forced to cease operations. I strongly urge the committee to reconsider the method in which they propose to protect our environment. This bill may destroy many local businesses. There are avenues available to the committee to preserve our environment without distrusting local businesses.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:52:32 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
(JIMMY) James Antunez	Hawaii Surfing Academy	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

To whom it may concern!

I must make this message as clear and simple as possible. This is like an Ohana, and you council members are the parents, and we, the surf schools operating legally on the north shore, are like the keiki, making a living, paying taxes, providing jobs, and feeding our own Ohana! Paying Bills!

Your Late Council Member, Heidi Tsuneyoshi, and the council members of 2021 passed Bill 34, which was supposed to be a benefit! For who? For her? The Hawaii Government was supposed to control and organize the permits BEFORE terminating and eliminating the only places or surf spots for beginners to learn how to surf on the north shore of Oahu and have the visitors and local beginners choose which legal surf school to obtain their surfboard training!

I am sorry, but when Retired Police officer Rich Fikani made his assessment weekly to show which surf school was legal and which was not, it was a 50,50 ratio! We have his statement when you want to see it! When Heidi Tsuneyoshi made her assessment of Puaena Point, it may have been overcrowded because there were illegal surf schools operating as well as legal surf schools!

Heidi Tsuneyoshi stated that Puaena Point was being desecrated, not true, and the rock that she said was a healing rock is nowhere to be found! I have been to Bishop Museum and spoke to the historian and also looked at the supposedly healing rock photo and it is nowhere to be found! I took a photo of the rock that Heidi said was the healing rock and it is different! The historian told

me that the book that was written was questionable, and the other books written do not state Puaena Point to be a sacred place! Let's bring facts to the table. I am ready, and please correct me if I am wrong!

You, the Hawaii Leaders, were supposed to prevent this from happening! What's happening now is no one has their permit to operate at the only places to take beginners who are part of the visitor industry, and people have their Bills to Pay and stomachs to feed, so they're forced to break the law!

Another issue is with the State coming up with a map from 1988 that states the area for surfing lessons at Haleiwa Beach Park/Puaena Point was supposed to be for swimming! Ed Underwood and his team are doing their part in rezoning the area, but it is taking time! But why give commercial permits in an area that was supposed to be for swimming? I have had my permit for this area since 2015!

The legal surf schools operating should be grandfathered in and limited permits!

A simple solution would be a vehicle sticker that registers the Legal Surf School, and we would be willing to pay for it! Commercial Parking Stickers for the North Shore!

That is a good solution, laws can be amended and we hope you act fast because if someone gets cited and this goes to the Supreme Court, we will prove that Bill 34 was unconstitutional!

Legal Surf Schools should not have gotten sucked down the drain with the illegal Surf schools! Anyone can build a website, advertise to the public, pay Google, and not register with the State of Hawaii or C & C of Honolulu and teach surfing however they want! And now, thanks to the Government, you have left the door open for more illegal activity! Please, the legal surf schools who operated respected the Hawaii government, and you did not respect us!

Hate to complain, LEADERS, and do not hold this against me, this is our livelihood, and with all due respect, we are not desecrating the place we love to share Aloha and surfing with the visitors who come to the islands! Mahalo For Your Time! MALAMA PONO





Testimony Before The  
House Committee on Water and Land (WAL)  
**IN SUPPORT TO HB2475**  
February 6, 2024, 10:15AM, Room 430  
Via Zoom

We are Olan Leimomi Fisher and Kevin Chang, Kua'āina Advocate and Executive Director, respectively, testifying on behalf of [Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo \(or KUA\)](#). "Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo" stands for "grassroots growing through shared responsibility," and our acronym "KUA" means "backbone." **Our mission is to connect and empower communities to improve their quality of life through the collective care for their biocultural (natural and cultural) heritage, serving as a "backbone organization" that supports creative and community-driven solutions to problems stemming from environmental degradation.** Hawai'i's biocultural resources continue to be negatively impacted by political, economic, and social changes, and the increasing dangers of climate change make fostering and empowering resilient communities acutely critical.

Currently KUA supports three major networks of: (1) almost 40 mālama 'āina (caring for our 'āina or "that which feeds") community groups collectively referred to as E Alu Pū (moving forward together); (2) over 60 loko i'a (fishpond aquaculture systems unique to Hawai'i) and wai 'ōpae (anchialine pool systems) sites in varying stages of restoration and development, with numerous caretakers, stakeholders, and volunteers known as the Hui Mālama Loko I'a ("caretakers of fishponds"); and (3) the Limu Hui made up of over 50 loea (traditional experts) and practitioners in all things "limu" or locally-grown "seaweed." Our shared vision is to once again experience what our kūpuna (ancestors) referred to as **'āina momona** – abundant and healthy ecological systems that sustain our community resilience and well-being.

**KUA supports HB2475 as an incremental step toward 'āina momona.**

This bill will provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DLNR-DOBOR) with the necessary enforcement rules concerning what constitutes "commercial activity" to include the numerous ways these illegally unpermitted services are advertised via word of mouth, social media, etc.; and placing the burden of proof on the party that advertises. These **unpermitted operators often disregard laws and cultural understandings – likely spreading more misinformation than genuine knowledge of the Native Hawaiian culture, places, and animals – endangering conditions for everyone and confusing more and more tourists along the way.** We remind our legislators that DOBOR was transferred from DOT to DLNR stewardship in 1991 – over thirty years ago – and KUA appreciates this measure as a strong starting point to finally begin shifting DOBOR's mission and culture from previously prioritizing commercial and revenue generating activities to a more balanced approach *with preservation of our natural and cultural resources also considered at every turn.* **Nearshore resources and communities engaging in mālama 'āina – care for that which sustains us – have long awaited reforms in DOBOR due to the rampant over commercialization of our shared public trust resources.**

**‘Āina Momona is not achievable without prioritizing the well-being of kama‘āina, locals and Native Hawaiians alike, that intimately know and care for our shared places.**

Nearshore resources are currently impacted by rampant abuse by illegal commercial activity or abuse of legal commercial privileges, which among other things disturb fishing grounds, cause conflict and overcrowd of public areas, hinder access points, and impair community boat ramps. Community calls have often gone unheard due to DOBOR’s limited capacity and/or enforcement capabilities. Bills like HB2475 aim to address this overlooked and quickly growing issue. Please **PASS** HB2475.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

**Aloha ‘Āina Momona no nā kau ā kau.**



# MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND  
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 430  
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 AT 10:15 A.M.**

To The Honorable Linda Ichiyama, Chair  
The Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Water & Land

## **SUPPORT HB2475 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY**

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **SUPPORTS HB2475** which includes advertisements and offers in the definition of "commercial activity" as used in chapter 200, HRS, and provides that advertisements or offers for commercial activity are prima facie evidence that the owner disseminated or directed dissemination of such advertisements or offers.

The Chamber notes that over the years, over-commercialization of state ocean waters has been unnaturally encouraged via social media and through unpermitted ocean tour operators who advertise and operate without regard for laws, rules, regulations, and cultural awareness. These unpermitted commercial operators set up advertisements and online payment schemes, circumventing commercial ocean activity laws and restrictions. Subsequently, when attempting to enforce against illegal commercial activity, department staff have oftentimes encountered difficulty in proving that commercial activity or compensation of the alleged illegal commercial operator occurred.

We support this bill which expands a tool used by DLNR to eliminate illegal operators. We applaud that DLNR can work with and collaborate with legal operators while eliminating scofflaws. The problems caused by illegal operators often cause a black eye and/or retaliatory actions on the entire industry, negatively impacting legal operators, who uphold industry standards.

For these reasons we **SUPPORT HB2475** and respectfully ask that it be passed on to the next committee.

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.



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 10:21:14 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Manu Powers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writng in opposition to HB2475

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 12:11:50 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin Tinneny	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 12:26:39 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Bruner	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

I am writing to oppose House bill HB2475 . My name is Ryan Bruner and I am the owner of Hawai'i Ocean Adventure Tours. We started our company in 2016. I am a small family owned business operating out of Haleiwa Harbor. This bill along with others proposed here will effectively put me and many other small companies like mine out of business. These companies Have been created and ran by people like myself who love the ocean, and do our best to show locals and visitors, our unique perspective. Many of us have young families, and we all rely on this income to feed and house those families. I personally have two young boys, three and seven years old, as well as my wife, who depend on this income to provide a living. Myself, as well as many of the other business owners that I know are not Wealthy, in fact, we are just getting by at this point. Any increase in fees or restrictions on transferring commercial slip permits would be a Debilitating and devastating to our livelihood. Please vote no and kill these bills. Sincerely Ryan Bruner.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 1:35:22 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nicole Andricci	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Opposition Testimony for HB2474, HB2476, HB2477, HB2475, AND HB2093

Nikki Andricci 557 Kaikoo Pl Wailuku, HI 96793 1/30/24

[Committee Chair's Full Name] [Committee Name] [State Capitol] [City, State, ZIP Code]

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill Number's HB2474, HB2476, HB2477, HB2475, and HB2093, which proposes significant restrictions on commercial ocean activities in state waters, particularly on weekends and holidays. As someone who works for a small local business, these proposed regulations would have a severe impact on our operations and potentially jeopardize our ability to remain viable.

Sincerely,

Nikki Andricci

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 1:47:22 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kristy Ford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose!

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 1:57:57 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin Ford	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 2:01:58 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Sean Pierce	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 2:40:55 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chelsea Genova	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 3:01:01 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Pamela Townsend	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 3:08:42 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lindsey Elkington	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 3:37:08 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Theo King	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Leave the definition as is

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 4:02:32 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Brian F Sward	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The failures of the agency to direct commerce activities are not reason to legislate newly, more a call to action to legislate correctly and enforce the rules appropriately. A founding pillar of the united states legal system is that the you are innocent until proven guilty - The burden of proof shall be on a person charged with a violation of commercial activity restrictions under this chapter or rules adopted by the department to establish that vessels or equipment, or both, are not being used for unpermitted commercial activity or that the person's conduct is authorized pursuant to a permit, lease, or license issued by the department. This statement appears to be in direct contradiction with that premise.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:08:28 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rebekah Kaufmann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill and would like to share why. This bill if passed would devastate the scuba industry in Hawaii and have many detrimental effects to the local communities, eco tourism and overall environment.

I own and operate a scuba diving tour company on the Big Island of Hawaii. Kohala Divers operates out of Kawaihae small boat harbor and has been operating since 1984. My husband and I are the 3rd owners of the company. I have dedicated the last 20+ years of my life developing the business into a thriving operation that does so much for the community.

The scuba diving industry in Hawaii is a unique industry that attracts high dollar visitors that return year after year. They bring big dollars to our visitor industry in a sustainable way that is good for small businesses, hotels, condo ownership, restaurants and more. The type of visitor that comes to Hawaii for scuba usually comes with that being the top priority to why they visit. If Hawaii were not able to accommodate safe long lasting scuba operations these visitors would not come but would choose other international destinations that do support this industry.

Scuba businesses in Hawaii are small family run businesses that hire people in our community with sustainable wages and and support our residents. It takes years to have the knowledge, certifications, and resources to maintain a safe and thriving scuba business.

If this bill passes the ocean sport industry could very easily be done away with. My life's work will mean nothing and Hawaii will only have large corporations running boating businesses that put profit over sustainability and make sustainable eco- tourism unrealistic.

Please oppose this bill and help the ocean recreation business continue to operate and contribute to Hawaii's economy in a sustainable way.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OPPOSITION TO HB2475**

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

As it is written HB2475 seems excessively restrictive and arbitrary. I may be in support some measure of this type bill however as written it is fraught with challenges. If in fact the bill “*only*” pertains to unpermitted individuals or operators then I would support it. Another challenge however is the assumed direct responsibility of the individual or company for placing advertisement. Given that this may occur through an unauthorized third party or even in some instances to negatively impact the individual or operator I’d suggest this is a troublesome bill creating far more problems than solutions.

I am not in favor and therefore OPPOSE HB2475 as written

Sincerely,

Michael T. Kelley

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:46:36 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jack	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:47:12 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Shelley Carey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2475 due to the impact it would have on small business



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:51:45 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Scardaci	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 5:57:09 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Peter Wood	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We Oppose this bill.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:08:36 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ashley Roussel	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2475 due to its overexpansion of the definition of commercial activity. This change risks unfairly burdening small businesses and local entrepreneurs, crucial to our community's economic health. Such broad regulation could hinder small-scale and informal activities, stifling innovation and creating unnecessary barriers for start-ups. It's vital to maintain a balanced approach that supports sustainable growth without imposing excessive constraints on the very businesses that enrich our community.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:10:21 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB 2475 due to the detrimental impact it will have on small businesses.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:24:52 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jenn Carey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB 2475.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:31:56 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
David Quintanilla	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 6:35:31 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nicholas gambino	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

No comments

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 7:25:52 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ckessler00@gmail.com	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 7:58:26 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kristen Kessler	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the bill.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:03:45 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chandler Countryman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:04:10 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jason Munning	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the bill.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 8:14:36 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jason Novello	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill because of the limiting effects it will have on Maui's boating community

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 9:13:50 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Russell Keller Laros III	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 9:31:48 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Seth Howse	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2475 because it is bad for small businesses and employees of small businesses.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 10:03:18 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
KATRINA ZAVALNEY	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB2475 – Oppose - The failures of the agency to direct commerce activities are not reason to legislate newly, more a call to action to legislate correctly and enforce the rules appropriately. A founding pillar of the united states legal system is that the you are innocent until proven guilty - The burden of proof shall be on a person charged with a violation of commercial activity restrictions under this chapter or rules adopted by the department to establish that vessels or equipment, or both, are not being used for unpermitted commercial activity or that the person's conduct is authorized pursuant to a permit, lease, or license issued by the department. This statement appears to be in direct contradiction with that premise.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/30/2024 10:04:52 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chris Freed	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB2475. It helps DOCARE officers do their job. I am a commercial mooring permit holder in Haleiwa harbor and have observed unlicensed charter activity. When I have brought this illegal activity to the attention of the harbormaster, and DOCARE, they said there is a burden of proof that their actions are illegal. Even though the illegal operators solicited their services on the websites and social media, I was told that they need to see an exchange of money as the burden of proof. Everything is online now days. I think this bill is keeping up with the times



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 3:21:14 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Lisa Hatzenbuhler	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill to define commercial activities and to help get rid of illegal commercial activity. Thank you

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 6:08:24 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kodi Toulon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There are issues in certain activities and not in others. Expanding the definition of anything just creates issues.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 6:25:29 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
chelsea toia-vaas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

HB2475 - OPPOSE - Expands the definition of commercial activity

Testimony:

I oppose HB2475 due to its overexpansion of the definition of commercial activity. This change risks unfairly burdening small businesses and local entrepreneurs, crucial to our community's economic health. Such broad regulation could hinder small-scale and informal activities, stifling innovation and creating unnecessary barriers for start-ups. It's vital to maintain a balanced approach that supports sustainable growth without imposing excessive constraints on the very businesses that enrich our community.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 7:24:12 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rachel Dailey	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Opposition Testimony for 2475 HB RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY

Rachel Dailey

Lahaina, HI

01/31/2024

Chair Linda Ichiyama

House Committee on Water and Land

Dear Chair Ichiyama,

RE: 2475 HB RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY

I am writing to express opposition to 2475 HB RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY.

Sincerely,

Rachel Dailey

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 7:53:00 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Valentin Neamtu	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill tries to expand the definition of "commercial activity" and to hold boat company owners responsible for advertising their businesses. This is just an attempt for the DLNR to fine boat company owners for frequently.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 7:58:21 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Maren Anka	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

House Committee on Water and Land

Dear Chair Ichiyama,

RE: HB 2475

I am writing to express opposition to expanding commercial activity

Sincerely,

Maren Anka

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:27:57 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tim Honderick	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Pass this bill please

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:31:45 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
victoria martocci	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Subject: Support Testimony for HB1809 Relating to Commercial Ocean Activity

Victoria Martocci  
Lahaina, HI  
01/31/2024

Chair Linda Ichiyama  
House Committee on Water and Lana

Dear Chair Ichiyama,

RE: HB1809 Relating to Commercial Ocean Activity

I am writing to express support for HB1809 Relating to Commercial Ocean Activity. A healthy and resilient community *includes* locally owned small businesses, of which this industry is in the majority. Those which are compliant with rules, regulations and laws are well supported by this measure, which in turn will support of local communities of which they are a part of.

I appreciate the opportunity to further discuss these matters at any upcoming hearings or meetings regarding this bill. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Martocci



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:35:27 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Capt. J D DuShane	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

oppose

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:39:30 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Miranda Miller	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Opposition Testimony for HB2475

Miranda Miller

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1/31/24

Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

430 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Dear Rep. Linda Ichiyama,

RE: HB2475

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB2475 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL OCEAN ACTIVITY, which proposes significant restrictions on commercial ocean activities in state waters, particularly on weekends and holidays. As a CHARTER SAILING COMPANY, these proposed regulations would have a severe impact on our operations and potentially jeopardize our ability to remain viable.

As a charter sailing business, we rely on tourism throughout the entirety of the year, weekends and holidays included. In order to make the money we need to keep the business successfully operating and having enough to pay harbor fees and taxes to the state, we need to be able to

operate as many days possible. There are certain times of the year that are slower than others so being able to operate 7 days a week helps.

I understand the importance of effective ocean recreation management, and I appreciate efforts to strike a balance between conservation and commercial activities. However, the current language of the bill fails to consider the practical implications on businesses like mine, which are unfairly targeted and constantly blamed for various issues.

The RECREATIONAL BOAT CHARTER INDUSTRY is often unfairly singled out for environmental concerns, safety issues, or other challenges that are not solely within our control. While we are committed to responsible practices, this bill unfairly places the burden on our industry without considering the broader context and the shared responsibility of all stakeholders.

I urge the committee to reconsider the proposed restrictions and work towards a solution that accommodates the interests of both conservation and the local business community. Collaborative discussions with stakeholders could lead to a more balanced approach that achieves the intended goals without unfairly scapegoating our industry.

I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my concerns during any upcoming hearings or meetings regarding this bill. Thank you for considering my testimony, and I hope that we can find a mutually beneficial resolution.

Sincerely,

Miranda Miller

Dive Instructor, First Mate

Kapalua Kai Sailing

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 9:30:29 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Uilani Naipo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure.

- U'ilani Naipo

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 9:30:56 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Street	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Renee Street, 178 Hale St, Lahaina, HI 96761

renee\_street@hotmail.com

31 January 24

Dear Legislative Committee,

RE: Opposition Testimony for HB2475

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB2475, which proposes significant restrictions on commercial ocean activities in state waters, particularly on weekends and holidays. As a Scuba Diving Professional, these proposed regulations would have a severe impact on our operations and potentially jeopardize our ability to remain viable.

I have been an Open Water Scuba Instructor for the past decade. I have had the pleasure of working in a number of countries including Honduras, Indonesia, Samoa, Thailand, and Malaysia. Several years ago I returned to the United States to work in Maui. I joined Dive Maui in Lahaina, Hawaii and have been working there for over two years. Together with the owners, we have worked to create a successful scuba training facility helping to train not only recreational divers but also dive professionals. Always as a part of these courses, we emphasize conservation and ocean protection. We aim to create ocean ambassadors who will spread the word to others on saving and protecting the ocean and the importance of Hawaii in that mission.

We have been fortunate to have steady customers year around, without a measurable high or low season. Even during the pandemic, scuba diving was bringing tourists to Maui. This tourism brings money, jobs, and helps to cement Hawaii's reputation as a worldwide premier tourist destination.

In addition, between December and April, Dive Maui operates daily whale watching trips. I work as a whale naturalist on these trips. This business not only brings in tourists to Maui. But also educates thousands of people each season on the importance of conserving and protecting our ocean. We speak at great length about whales, the ocean, and the role of humanity in protecting both. Therefore, limiting, restricting or ending Dive Maui's ability to educate and train the public

will have a detrimental effect on tourism, conservation, and the public's perception of Hawaii's role in ecotourism.

I understand the importance of effective ocean recreation management, and I appreciate efforts to strike a balance between conservation and commercial activities. However, the current language of the bill fails to consider the practical implications on businesses like mine, which are unfairly targeted and constantly blamed for various issues.

The scuba industry is often unfairly singled out for environmental concerns, safety issues, or other challenges that are not solely within our control. While we are committed to responsible practices, this bill unfairly places the burden on our industry without considering the broader context and the shared responsibility of all stakeholders.

I urge the committee to reconsider the proposed restrictions and work towards a solution that accommodates the interests of both conservation and the local business community. Collaborative discussions with stakeholders could lead to a more balanced approach that achieves the intended goals without unfairly scapegoating our industry.

I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my concerns during any upcoming hearings or meetings regarding this bill. Thank you for considering my testimony, and I hope that we can find a mutually beneficial resolution.

Sincerely,

Renee Street

Open Water Scuba Instructor, and Course Director

Dive Maui, Lahaina, Hawaii

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 10:03:25 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Victoria Davis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha and Mahalo,

Opposing this bill, though it was looking really good to begin with. Agree with advertising unpermitted tours should be grounds to prove intent. However, seems additional measures are thrown in that outside the scope of the bills intent.

In particular, item (6) is preventing discharge (yay!), but seemingly with 'under the radar' rewording HB2477 to do so by:

"(c) Requirements governing:

(i) The transfer of any state commercial, mooring, launching, or any other type of use or other permit, directly or indirectly a including but not limited to the imposition or assessment of a business transfer fee upon transfer of ownership of vessels operating commercially from, within or in any way related to the state small boat harbors; and

(ii) The use of state small boat harbors, launching ramps, or other boating facilities belonging to or controlled by the State, including but not limited to the establishment of minimum amounts of annual gross receipts required to renew a commercial use permit, and conditions under which a state commercial, mooring, launching, or any other type of use or other permit may be terminated, canceled, or forfeited; and

(D) Any other rule necessary to implement this chapter pertaining to small boat harbors, launching ramps, and other boating facilities belonging to or controlled by the State"

Please remove this portion of the bill and keep it to the advertising portion.

Sincerely,

Victoria Davis

akaTori Cullins





**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 1:05:50 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ken Cherry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 2:54:29 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Anela Kealakai	Individual	Oppose	In Person

Comments:

My name is Anela, and as an elopement and wedding photographer in Hawaii, I rely heavily on the collaboration with local boat businesses to create memorable experiences for couples. I am here to express my opposition to HB2475, which proposes to expand the definition of commercial ocean activity to include advertisements and offers.

- **Impact on Marketing and Promotion:** The expansion of the definition of commercial activity to include advertisements and offers could significantly limit how boat businesses market themselves. As a photographer, I often showcase these businesses in my portfolios and promotional material. This bill could inadvertently restrict our joint marketing efforts, essential for attracting couples to choose Hawaii for their special moments.
- **Restriction on Small Business Growth:** Many boat operators are small, local businesses that rely on cost-effective advertising methods, including social media and online platforms. HB2475 could place undue burdens on these businesses, limiting their ability to reach new clients and grow.
- **Adverse Effect on Elopement Packages:** Part of the allure of elopements in Hawaii is the seamless integration of various services, including boat tours. Restrictions on advertising could hinder my ability to effectively communicate the full range of experiences available to couples, ultimately impacting their decision to elope in Hawaii.
- **Potential for Confusion and Compliance Issues:** The broadened definition may create confusion among business owners about what constitutes permissible advertising. This could lead to unintentional non-compliance, disproportionately affecting smaller businesses that may not have the resources for extensive legal consultations.
- **Need for Clarity and Fairness in Legislation:** While the intent to regulate unpermitted commercial activities is understandable, the approach in HB2475 seems to cast too wide a net. A more targeted and clearly defined approach would be more effective and fairer, ensuring that legitimate businesses are not caught in the crossfire of regulation.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to reconsider the implications of HB2475 on small businesses, especially in the context of the collaborative nature of tourism and event services in Hawaii. A thriving small business ecosystem is crucial for the state's economy and cultural vibrancy, and this bill, as it stands, could hinder that vitality.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 3:44:12 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Randall Emry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 6:40:54 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gary Eakins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I have family living on Big Island and I visit them many times per year. I view my role as a “guest” to Hawai’i with much responsibility. This includes making the effort to learn about cultural awareness, respect for natural resources, land and ocean safety, and ways to give back. For knowledge I cannot find on my own and in vivo learning of new skills, I seek out ethical small business owners and compensate them for their time and knowledge.

I strongly oppose HB2475. While HB2475 aims to ensure natural resource protection, in action it will have the opposite effect. This is an aggressively overreaching bill which proposes the prohibition or denial of public easements for commercial activities. I aim to leave a small footprint with ocean recreation, hence I have favored shore access activities. In order to learn safe snorkeling and diving techniques, read ocean conditions, and appropriately distance from ocean wildlife, I sought out licensed small business operators. While this bill may impede unlicensed operators, Hawai’i residents and tourists could also be denied invaluable instruction from the many licensed operators who have respected natural resources and followed all permit instructions for decades. These operators are integral knowledge sources, especially when a large portion of the public are visiting tourists who do not have adequate understanding of safe and appropriate conduct on the beaches and in the ocean. Again, I strongly oppose HB2475.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 9:04:31 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/1/2024 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Danielle Eakins	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I am a doctoral level clinical psychologist residing and practicing on Big Island. I strongly oppose HB2475. In addition to private practice, I work for an Indigenous public health institute where we center Indigenous knowledge and values to improve health and well-being. As we all know, ocean recreation is vital source of well-being for kama'aina and visitors. Additionally, safe ocean recreation that ensures natural resource protection requires knowledge acquisition.

While HB2475 aims to ensure natural resource protection, in action it will have the opposite effect. This is an aggressively overreaching bill which proposes the prohibition or denial of public easements for commercial activities. Licensed beaches and shores commercial operators have a very small footprint. Many of these operators have decades of respectful ocean use while being invaluable knowledge resources to residents and visitors. HB2475 will do little to eradicate unethical unlicensed operators and instead will jeopardize the livelihood of those who have contributed to community while also taking away the opportunity for much needed learning.

Thank you for your consideration, Danielle Eakins, PhD

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 6:28:44 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Glenn Harrington	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose all expansion of rules put forth by DLNR and DOBOR. They do not represent or help the people and are only concerned with constituents and highest bidder mentality. Many people depend on water recreation to provide for their families. The DLNR in charge of Maui and on Honolulu are absent not doing their jobs and should be fired for incompetence. I would be fired if I worked like they do. They don't even show up to hearings.

we need new leadership. Now

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 6:32:52 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrea	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Commercial ocean activity should only be considered actual "activities".



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 12:29:45 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gary Wong Wagner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

there needs to be more clear laws on what is considered a commercial activities and what is not. We need to regulate and make sure only permitted vessels are operating and running commercial activities. This will protect the livelihoods of companies who are running with legal permits.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 4:27:24 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB2475 we are seeing overcommercialization of our ocean resources and the DLNR needs more tools to regulate.

Mahalo,

Tamara Paltin

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/4/2024 7:30:32 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
George Vierra	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support HB2475 especially the funding component

George

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 8:57:58 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kai Nishiki	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Fully support - DLNR must have the tools to regulate over tourism and commercial activity negatively impacting our residents' quality of life and our public trust resources.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 9:21:07 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jenny Smith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill due to the impact it would have on small businesses in Hawaii.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:08:07 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Annika Young	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 10:50:34 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chandra Bertsch	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support HB2475 if it gives DLNR/DOBOR better tools to regulate the rampant illegal operators who are conducting unsafe and dangerous activities and tours.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 2:39:10 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Scott	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose



**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 5:07:58 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kanoe	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose HB2475

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/5/2024 6:53:00 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Angela Yoon	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly oppose this bill. This will be hurting many jobs and livelihoods. Please don't do this.

**HB-2475**

Submitted on: 2/6/2024 12:04:02 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2024 10:15:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
James R Sowa	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose, how is this going to be enforced?

Maybe ensure business that register as a business is aware and fees included in being licensed to operate in HI. Also when enforcing do you check every boat?