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HB 1961, HD1
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 4:33 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: suzzy@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1961 on 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM

Testimony for WTL/EDT 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM HB1961

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sue Robinson
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 4:35 AM
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Cc: suerob@maui.net
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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Susan Parker-Robinson
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 5:35 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: rogerdalesmith@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1961 on 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Roger Smith
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 808-280-3626
E-mail: rogerdalesmith@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. It is not fair to single out visitors to Molokini to pay for this. Everyone in the state and every visitor to the state should pay.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 5:49 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: Tiffanykidder@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1961 on 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tiffany Kidder
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 808-344-3151
E-mail: Tiffanykidder@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

HB1961 is not the appropriate method to fund the Kahoolawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund. This bill is poorly thought-out and badly flawed.

We humbly request you do not pass HB1961.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 5:49 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: malenka007@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1961 on 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: fMarsha Gruenemeier
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: malenka007@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 6:09 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: evnpoqui@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1961 on 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Evalyn Schultz
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: evnpoqui@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

I've seen our overhead costs continue to rise over the years without the ability to increase fees to the public due to pricing ourselves out of the market, and our reduced ability to pay our bills and remain in business. I also see no correlation between Molokini and Kaho'olawe. The additional fees could be the next step in putting us out of business, which would not assist the State in tax collection (excise or income) and would increase the unemployment burden.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 7:20 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: jeff_lee_taylor@yahoo.com
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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeffery Taylor
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jeff_lee_taylor@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

LATE TESTIMONY

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:32 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: oceanicint@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1961 on 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: John K. "Lee"; Bell
Organization: Oceanic International
Address: 91-444 Komohana Street Kapolei
Phone: 808-682-5488
E-mail: oceanicint@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:42 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: sundiver@maui.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1961 on 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Baker
Organization: Individual
Address: PO box 565 Kihei, HI
Phone: 808-879-3337
E-mail: sundiver@maui.net
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

This is absurd! Bus is off by 30-40@ and you're ruining these small companies who are barely making it as it is! If you want to tax anyone, go after the corporations grossing millions every year who take hundreds of people out at a time and leave the small old local style companies alone!

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:46 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: divinhawaii@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1961 on 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nick Fidelibus
Organization: Individual
Address: 424 Nahua Street Honolulu, Hawaii
Phone: 808 551 9349
E-mail: divinhawaii@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

This is a bill that wastes time. Accounting, verification, and enforcement of this fee is impossible. The commercial operators already pay for their permits. If additional fees are necessary they should be tied to the fees of those permits, not a per person fee.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:58 AM
To: WTLTestimony
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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Gleason
Organization: Individual
Address: 152Halona street Kihei, Hawaii
Phone: 874 8858
E-mail: mauibyrd@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:22 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Cc: jmondle@cox.net
Subject: Testimony for HB1961 on 3/15/2010 2:45:00 PM

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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jeff Mondle
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jmondle@cox.net
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:
Respectfully submitted

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Steven Hogan [stevehogan@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 12:02 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE REHABILITATION TRUST FUND (HB1961 HD1)

My Name is Steve Hogan

I have been the owner of Makena Coast Charters. I have been taking people diving at Molokini for 30 years.

RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE REHABILITATION TRUST FUND.

Imposing a surcharge on customers of ocean recreational activity tours at Molokini island, including the reefs and reef lands off the shore of the island, I cannot see why money generated from our visitors to Molokini should be deposited in the Kaho'olawe rehabilitation trust fund. (HB1961 HD1)

Each time we have seen a raise of fees I have asked to see the budget to see the justification. I believe in every branch of government a look at where money is wasted and excessive funds are spent needs to happen. An evaluation of each department and project may get the funding needed. If this fee is implemented, I want ask again, where the funds are going?

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 229
Testifier position: oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ricardo Tino
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Phone: 808 8910475
E-mail: tinodivers@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/15/2010

Comments:

As a scuba instructor I have to move away from my job that I have been doing for more than 15 years the last 10 here in Maui. I did have to find a second job in order to support my family, due to the very high cost of living in HI. Never the less I keep a part time in the scuba industry and it has come to my attention the changes through-out these past years. There is a lot of non- sense regulation that of course, they do no come free in our part as diving operators, thing are becoming hard for a lot of business so that every day I can see more and more people trying to sell their business because there are not making revenues. On the other hand these businesses are putting money in from their own pocket so they can keep their doors open. I am sure every body knows this fact already, WHAT I CAN NOT UNDERSTAND is how our state and local government, gets hard and tuff with their regulations on us and there is no fun anymore. The Stated of Hawaii is one of those states that the majority of their economy is base on the tourist industry. Everybody comes to Hawaii for sun, beautiful beaches and THE SEA, but soon they are not going to be able to enjoy all the activities of the OCEAN HAS TO OFFER OFF SHORE. It looks like in the future the off shore activities in the sea will be off limits for tourists in Hawaii.

I work with return tourist customers and I can hear their opinion about the recent changes and they are thinking about going to other diving destinations in the future to have less pressure and expense for their recreational activities (scuba ,snorkel, fishing). It looks to me that instead of having the State helping us try to do better business and produce more revenues which in terms will be more tax dollars for them, is a little WAR between them and us which they get to win all the time, because we are not fighting back, we are more concerned with surviving. I understand that the purpose of all this regulations are to protect our sea and reef systems, but these is not something new and they are not rediscovering the wheel, I just think that they can do that, without having to affect business integrity. We are all willing to cooperate but the State needs to stop seeing us as the enemy, we can easily work together.

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