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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009
1:15 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 367**

RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION AND COASTAL AREAS PROGRAMS

Senate Bill 367 proposes to delete: (1) Requiring that commercial use and operator permits (permit) for commercial thrill craft and parasailing activities be issued at public auction, and (2) maximum term of permit issue of 20 years. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) does not support the proposed deletion of the existing language in section 200-37(1), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and takes no position with the deletion of the maximum term of permit issue of 20 years.

The Department notes that commercial thrill craft and parasail operators that have been issued a commercial use permit by the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) are the only commercial permittees that may have their commercial use permits issued at public auction after 20 years. All other commercial use permits are issued on a year to year basis and are renewed annually as long as the permittee has remained in compliance with all Federal, State, and County laws. The Department feels that all commercial operators should be treated equally and that all commercial operator permits should either be renewed annually or be required to be offered at public auction every 20 years.

The Department does not support the deletion of section 200-37(1), HRS, as the Department feels that the fairest and most equitable way to issue new commercial use and operator permits for commercial thrill craft and parasailing activities is by public auction. The alternative is for the Department to establish wait lists that are cumbersome to manage over a long period of time.

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February 11, 2009

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE
Executive Director

Subject: S.B. 367 – RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION AND COASTAL AREAS
PROGRAMS

Senator Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Ocean Tourism Coalition and we generally support this bill.

This bill would delete the processing of permits via a public auction and would also eliminate the maximum time for a permit of four (4), five (5) year periods; in other words, a maximum of twenty (20) years. This system of handing out permits is entirely contrary to our laws that relate to other commercial uses and was a "knee jerk" reaction to some abuses that were happening in Maunalua Bay and are completely contrary to Section 200-10 H.R.S.

It is our position that permits should be renewable on an annual basis and should be renewed unless there has not been compliance, there is a lack of payment or there are safety record problems.

The Ocean Tourism Coalition is in support of the passage of this bill.

Thank you.

fukunaga4 - Michelle

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Submitted on: 2/9/2009

Comments:

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keep them viable and healthy. I urge the committee to support and readily pass these measures.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify

February 10, 2009

Testimony of: Delorese Gregoire – Winners Camp
Hawaii Study Tours, Hawaii HomeStay

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SUPPORT

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The permitted businesses that operate in Mauanalua Bay have been so generous with the kids of deployed parents. Every time I have asked them for support by providing an activity or event, they have willingly given of their business resources.

The types of businesses that give back to our communities must be allowed to both survive and thrive. I need to know the children in my care will be safe on these activities. Because of their longevity, these companies have demonstrated an outstanding safety record. We should not cut that short by 20 years or 30 years or any term.

Long term operators become long term stewards of the resource they use. Short term operators become abusers of a resource as they are forced to cut corners to recoup initial investments which are high. Long term operators are invested in safe operations; our visitor industry needs to promote and support these operators. Remove this 20 year term without any reservation.

I urge the committee to support and readily pass these measures.

Economic Development and Technology
Senator Carol Fukunaga Chair
Senator Rosalyn Baker Vice Chair

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Senate bill SB367
Hearing Date: Feb. 11, 2009

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My name is Courtney Krantz. My husband Jeff and I along with our three children, have owned and operated our watersports company for 22 years. We employ 15 – 30 people depending on the season. Most of our employees have worked with us for over 10 years, this company is their long term career and livelihood just as it is ours as owners. I am writing to voice my strong support of this bill and its intent to delete the 20 year maximum permit term for parasailing and commercial thrill craft commercial use and operator permits. I also support deleting the entire provision that puts a permit up for auction after this 20 year maximum permit term. In fact, I cannot see the logic or the benefit in auctioning these permits, not only for the owners but for the DLNR as well?

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My name is Kathleen Takahashi and I am writing to voice my strong support of this bill and its intent to delete the 20 year maximum permit term for parasailing and commercial thrill craft commercial use and operator permits. I also support deleting the entire provision that puts a permit up for auction after this 20 year maximum permit term.

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I work in this industry and we need operators that will continue to create viable, long term I also want to suggest that the bill be amended to accomplish this purpose.

There may be imperfections in the way the bill was written. Therefore, I would like to suggest that section (l) is **left in**:

(l) All new commercial use and operator permits issued by the department for commercial thrill craft, and parasailing activities after June 18, 1996 shall be issued at public auction.

Delete: Section (k) ~~Upon expiration of the twenty-year period, the permit may be offered for public auction as provided in this chapter; provided that the previous permit holder shall be offered the right of first refusal in accordance with departmental rules; and provided further that the permit holder shall agree to match the highest bid offered at the public auction.~~

Please fully support this measure. Thank you for the work you all do.

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Testifier will be present: Yes

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Submitted on: 2/10/2009

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Submitted on: 2/10/2009

Comments:

Dear Committee:

I am strongly in support of SB367.

I am an employee of a company that will be adversely affected if this bill is not passed. I don't understand why any company should have their rights to operate taken away.

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Please pass this bill.

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fukunaga4 - Michelle

From: Beth King [kings@hawaii.rr.com]
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Subject: SB367

Aloha,

We are the King family. My husband and I run a small business renting PWC (jet ski) in Lahaina, Maui Hawaii. We have been in business since 1982.

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Thank You,

The King Family,
Beth King
Theo King
Logan King
Lia King
Lucas King

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please help

February 7, 2009

As a professor whose area of instruction is in the business of Culinary and Hospitality, I would like to state my support for SB367, which seeks to repeal the ridiculous twenty year limit on parasailing and jet ski operators. I find this limit to be extremely anti-business and it needs to be corrected, especially in this time of economic hardship for the State's small businesses.

Unlike parasailing and jet skiing, other water activities are not burdened with a term limit that prevents them from obtaining an adequate return on their investment. I know this from personal experience as I used to own another type of water activity before I sold the business over five years ago and I am fortunate that there was no term limit on my permit. As long as I paid my fees and my taxes and continued to operate in a safe manner, I could run my company without fear that I would eventually not have a business. A term limit on the length of my permit would have prevented me from being able to raise the capital necessary to start and operate my business and to obtain the funds needed to make the re-investments into my business to keep it safe for my customers.

I still love the watersports industry and I appreciate how it contributes to the high-quality experience of our visitors to Hawai`i. Tourism is a very fragile commodity that can be easily damaged. Hawai`i's hospitality industry has to be competitive on a global basis and this means that the state legislators must begin to recognize that they have a responsibility to assist that economic engine through sensible and business-friendly rules and regulations.

Mahalo for your time,

Ron Takahashi, CFBE, CHE, MBA
Associate Professor
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Testimony of: Christopher Haines

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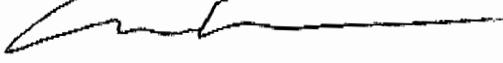
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I urge the committee to support and readily pass these measures.

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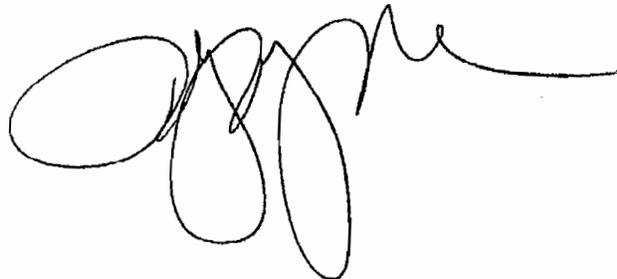
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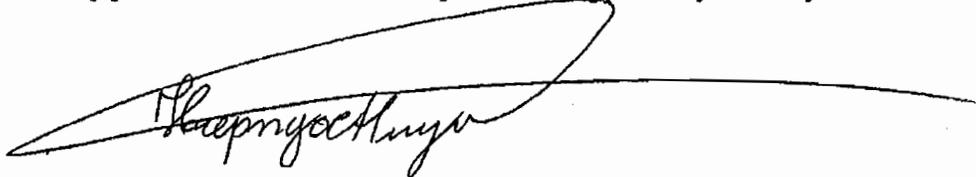
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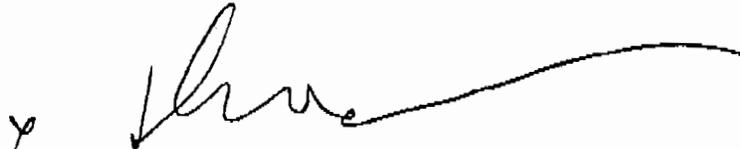
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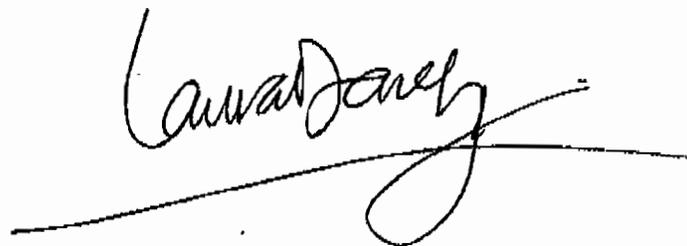
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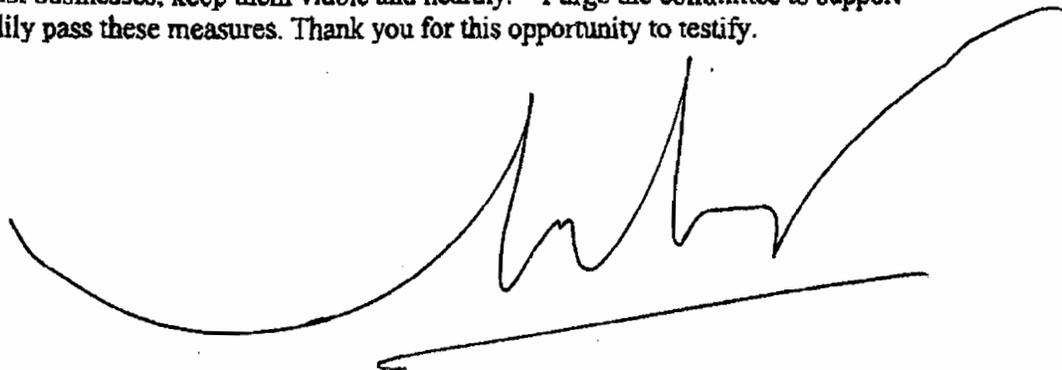
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Please keep our tourist operations safe by encouraging experienced operators. Please help small business by voicing your support of SB 367.

Thank you.

NAOM: OMORI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Naom', written in a cursive style.