

LATE TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY – SB ~~2492~~ by Ron McOmber

One of the Lana`i Park Councils concerns over the years has been, what will we do when Maui Boaters find our quiet only beach park.

We now face an on slot of commercial boaters dumping thousands of their customers on our island to use our beach park without regard for the limited size of the park.

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SB ~~2492~~ will assist by asking DOBAR to stop illegal transporting of their customers to use our only beach.

For some years, we have requested the Dept. of Boating to help us in this matter but because there are no rules to act on, they have not been able to assist.

We believe this Bill will provide The Boating Dept. tools to stop illegal ferrying of people to Lana`i with the intent of spending the day on our small beach.

The rules of our Lana`i Park Council state that a commercial operator must receive a permit from Castle & Cooke before they can use the beach area and facilities. We are not aware of any requests made to use the beach park.

In 1976 this community asked the State to create Manele-Hulopoe area a Marine Life Conservation District. This was our first attempt to conserve the area for our family's future use.

In 1987 Castle & Cooke purposed a hotel in the Hulopoe area. Again the Lana`i community stepped up and asked to intervene in the permit process. The County of Maui agreed and a community group started Lanaiians for Sensible Growth, (L.S.G.).

L.S.G. signed a memorandum of agreement (M.O.A.) in 1987, which included the formation of a Manele-Hulopoe Park Council. The Council is made up of nine members, representing 2 members from Castle & Cooke, 3 L.S.G. and 4 community members. The Council meets monthly on the third Thursday.

As the State, Maui County, and tourism has grown, so has ocean activities through out the islands.

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Here's the last spreadsheet summary of visitor counts I could find:

Totals, Paragon and Maui Nui only

2003	6,803 (6 months only)
2004	7,612 (8 months only)
2005	10,909 (9 months only)
2006	15,862 (10 months only)
2007	18,030 (10 months only)
2008	8,412 (4 months only)

**Totals,
Trilogy
Guest
only**

2003	12,755 (6 months only)
2004	15,357 (8 months only)
2005	18,269 (9 months only)
2006	24,080 (10 months only)
2007	23,719 (10 months only)
2008	8,024 (4 months only)

Total "Guest" (Excluding Expeditions)

2003	19,558 (6 months only)
2004	22,969 (8 months only)
2005	29,178 (9 months only)
2006	39,942 (10 months only)
2007	41,749 (10 months only)
2008	16,436 (4 months only)

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