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| Jeff Strahn | Maui Dive Shop | Support | No |

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| Dr. Kioni Dudley | The Friends of Makakilo | Support | No |

Comments: I hate it when government deliberately sets out to injure the people. This was the case some years back, when the state needed more money, and legislators decided to get it by tricking the business people of the state into having to pay late fines. Up until that time, GET taxes were due on the last day of the month. By changing the due date to the 20th, hundreds of thousands of hard-working people could be dunned for serious amounts of late fines as they forgot to file early and passed the due dates. I know. I've paid hundreds of dollars in fines. I'm just a little guy with two rooms I rent out. This whole ugly, rotten imposition needs to be reversed. This bill would return the due date to the end of the month. I ask you to support it. For the people.

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| Richard Kersten | Sea Paradise Scuba Inc. | Support | No |

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TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF SB 794

Aloha Chair Senator Kim and Vice Chair Senator Ruderman:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC) Hawaii's State-wide organization. We represent the 300 Small Commercial Passenger Vessels operating out of State Harbor facilities. We speak in **Support of SB 794:**

We support this bill which will give a full month to submit the GET. It has been difficult to provide this information in 20 days. We believe it will take an unnecessary burden away and result in a more effective tax collection system.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon Pres, Jew