

To The Board of Land and Natural Resources:

Regarding Item D-2

June 9, 2023

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit for Ten (10) Days to Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Hawaii for the Hawaiian Airlines Molokai Hoe Long Distance Canoe Race Event to Take Place Over Two Days Each Year in October 2023, October 2024, October 2025, October 2026, and October 2027, at Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2- 3-037: portion of 021.

The Molokai Hoe and the Na wahine o Ke Kai long distance canoe races are legacy events with the Molokai Hoe being run for over 65 years. This race was started as a way to bring visitors to Oahu during the slow season.

It has grown to attract visitors as well as local and international competitors from all over the world. It showcases one of our cultural practices to a global audience. Paddling across the Kaiwi channel sharing our beautiful blue waters through live broadcasting, filming, and social media, promoting the Hawaiian Islands.

I understand the square footage concept, but anyone is welcome to walk around tents and some actually stand in the shade of the tents. A charge of \$980.00 ea. day is being proposed yet we charge fireworks \$500.00 which has a greater impact on our resource.

With that being said, why are we charging any amount for this culturally significant sporting event.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify,

Keone Downing