



**HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM**  
**A S S O C I A T I O N**

Testimony of

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**Honolulu City Council**

**Bill 6 (2018)**  
Relating to Public Nuisances

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Dear Chair Martin and members of the Honolulu City Council, mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers — of which many are located in the Waikiki stretch—supports Bill 6 (2018) which aims to amend Section 29-16.6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, to exclude the public nuisance exception of having objects such as rolling kiosks on the sidewalks in the Waikiki Special District.

Over the years there have been notable complaints from local residents, visitors, and the traditional brick-and-mortar businesses in Waikiki regarding the sidewalk kiosks that are circumventing the law. Many of these kiosks make it difficult for the public to walk safely on the sidewalks, and also engage in conducting transactions off the beaten paths thereby giving them an unfair advantage over businesses that are paying a premium for rent space in the Waikiki area.

With public safety a major priority objective for HLTA, we support this bill as it seeks to make the walkways and sidewalks less congested and safer for the public. We thank the Honolulu Police Department, and our partner visitor industry organizations and businesses for their collaborative efforts in finding solutions to this issue. We urge the Honolulu City Council to pass this bill.

Mahalo.