

# **Letters**

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## Letters to the editor

### Keep some Hanauma traffic in Waikiki

A sensible way to keep tourists from overusing Hanauma Bay would be to create another sea life sanctuary right at Waikiki. All of the inshore waters and coral reefs along world-famous Waikiki Beach really ought to be declared a marine preserve. The ocean resources of this vital area to tourism should be protected for everyone's viewing enjoyment, just like at Hanauma Bay. Surely this would also serve to reduce the number of people crowding into Hanauma.

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The recreational, educational, and economic benefits arising from easily accessible ocean preserves are well known. Just like at Hanauma Bay, spearguns, gillnets, and barbed fishing hooks are inconsistent with the modern day use of Waikiki's inshore waters. Waikiki is clearly an area where an underwater sanctuary will do some good, and where the fish and other sea life are in need of protection.

City, State and private planners working to improve both Hanauma Bay and Waikiki should take action on such a worthwhile proposal.

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**Star-Bulletin**

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