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Wish to say a few words on the coming
regulating of surfboarding.

I read the statement that surfboarding, if
restricted will be a blow to the tourist trade -
Not so, Hawaii, having some surfing, is just
that, some - Very few tourists surf in Hawaii -
I have heard there - I would say, conservatively -
2% of the tourists surf - surely not a basis for
a comparison, Surfing is a dangerous sport - a
sport in lieu with water skiing - both dangerous -
both by a very small minority - but both sports
can kill a swimming area and reduce tourist
attractions.

Surfing attracts vandalism, and that is
exactly what should be avoided. Tourists come
to enjoy leisure - not hot rods on surfboards.

The shark scare has caused considerable damage -
surfing will only add to damage.

Of course the surfers are well behaved in the council-chambers - but just how have they behaved in the past. If strict regulations and the licensing is not promulgated and certain areas set aside, it will be impossible to control surfing.

Also, if by living lax, a swimmer is injured by one of these surfers in a swimming area, the city would be liable to suit for negligence in control. Property values could suffer in areas insisting these surfers.

I would not be deluded by promises of weeding out the bad apples etc - I would put my foot down - and like any other body - the surfers should be restricted and licensed.

an interested taxpayer.