

HLU Committee

From: Wendi Goodwin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 1:40 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Support for TVR amendment to Bill 105

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Housing needs, limiting oversized homes, and removing TVRs. We encourage you to listen to our community and act on these concerns. were repeatedly highlighted as urgent priorities to address West Maui's housing shortage.

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I urge you to pass this amendment to protect the future of our neighborhoods and ensure our recovery prioritizes local residents.

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