


HLU Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 3:28 AM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: My testimony for the local people of Maui and all of Oahu


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Aloha my name is Tarah Nalani Hemeon,

I am a single mom with 3 keiki. My

Ohana has lived on Oahu for 4 generations. We have deeply loved, served, and poured all our energies into this land and our communities. The security & stable ground has been taken away from the local people of Hawai'i by greedy foreigners who want to live in paradise with disregard for how we have suffered. The impact on our local people and spirit is far worse than heart breaking , It's an atrocity. Over the last 7 years my Ohana has been displaced 6 times due to inflation / pandemic and the increasing number of foreigners buying homes. I've been forced to compete with military who have many thousands of dollars given to them by the US government in housing stipends. Furthermore remote workers who have so much money to pay owners upfront has made it simply impossible to house my ohana and give my keiki stability. There's no way I could compete. The stress on my Ohana has taken a massive toll. Our keiki have suffered enough and it's time peace and justice is restored to our sacred islands

So many more homes have become short term rentals housing vacationers who have no idea what it takes to live, honor, respect, and nurture our beautiful islands we are so blessed to be a part of.

I pray  for foreigners to grow their conscience and really understand what they have done. We will not stand for it. This must end.

Tarah Nalani

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Subject: STR

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As a Maui condo owner I am vehemently opposed to the elimination of over 7k short term rental units. This is not a solution to any problem and would be a devastating economic blow to the island and its residents.

No, no, no!!

HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 7:33 AM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: fwd: Testimony
Attachments: Bill 9 Comments (Minatoya Bill); Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!; Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; I SUPPORT BILL 9; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out); Opposition to Bill 9 – Preserve Balance, Not Abandon Investment and Community Ties ; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

HLU Committee

From: Scott Garell <scottbgarell@gmail.com>
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Cc: Erika
Subject: Bill 9 Comments (Minatoya Bill)

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Dear Maui County Clerk, Ms. Lee, Ms. Kama, and Mr Cook-

We are Maui county Taxpayers and homeowners at Grand Champions in Wailea for the past 4 years. I am writing to express our STRONG opposition to Bill 9 (Minatoya Bill). Our reasons include:

1)The Bill would absolutely crush the economy of Maui and put so many local residents out of work.

After doing some research it looks like the range of impact would be significant:

- **Estimated job losses:** Anywhere from ~2,000 to 14,000, depending on modeling assumptions.
- **Output loss:** Ranges from ~\$1.3 billion to \$1.6 billion in lost tourism revenue
- **Maui Tax revenue reduction:** \$60–\$140 million annually

2)If the bill passed and we chose to sell, it does not make financial sense to think that the majority of local families could afford these properties which sell for ~\$1 Million.

3)There would be many challenges for locals living in a small condo in Wailea. As you know, Wailea is a tourist area with no schools which would mean long commutes to school or family visits if we ever sold or rented to locals. Plus, there are many other challenges of trying to live in a condo built for short term rental (1 parking space, no garage or storage, etc).

4)Even if the bill passed and we did not sell, at presumably low rental rates which would likely be needed for locals, we are not sure if we would even rent versus just visiting more often for our own family use.

5)Passing the bill would result in long and costly legal challenges for Maui with unlikely success based on other rulings in similar cases.

For these and other reasons, we STRONGLY oppose the bill.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Scott Garell

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HLU Committee

From: Jiya Chong <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:53 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is [Your Name], and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

We keep hearing that these short-term rental units on the Minatoya List "aren't fit" for long-term living, but many of us grew up in them or knew 'ohana or friends that did.

When people say these units "aren't suitable" for locals, what they really mean is, we weren't supposed to be there in the first place. That's the root of the problem. Most of our community have fond memories of these properties before they were completely overtaken and shoreline access blocked.

STRs didn't start as vacation getaways. Many of those buildings were long-term homes until investors turned them into commodities. The truth is, if those units were brought back to the long-term market, locals would live in them again and a few still do, holding on however they can.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

I know so many people who lived in these units and not because they were desperate or out of options. Because it was actually a good life. Some of us grew up in those homes. I have memories of Minatoya units, barbecues in the shared lawn, hearing the ocean at night. It was sweet, it was simple, and it was comfortable.

Please don't anyone tell you those places were never meant for locals or are something our families don't want to live in. We were there long before the keypads and lockboxes, before the listings on Airbnb. These weren't luxury escapes, they were everyday homes, full of working families, aunties, kids, kūpuna.

What's "unlivable" now isn't the unit, it's the system that turned our homes into investments. The reason it's no longer sustainable is because locals got priced out. Long-term leases disappeared. And suddenly, we're being told we never belonged there to begin with. Or our reality of remembering our childhood is made up.

That's not just false, it's disrespectful to the lives we built in those places. We made a community there. Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares. This bill is meant to address short-term rentals in apartment zoned districts.

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Jamie Kalama <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Jamie and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

After the fire, we started learning the full truth. Nearly 87% of the units north of Kā'anapali were short-term rentals, entire neighborhoods turned into ghost towns of empty condos with keypads instead of neighbors.

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Mahalo

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Mahalo

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HLU Committee

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Subject: I SUPPORT BILL 9

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Aloha e ~

Please please please support Bill 9. It is the right thing to do.

Māhala nui loa,

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HLU Committee

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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

I talk AT you guys a lot, and I can definitely bring some of my frustration out on you when I am fighting AGAINST a bill up for discussion. It is such a comforting and welcome change to be writing to you today in SUPPORT of Bill 9 alongside you all. Who would think that this supposedly "controversial bill" that's "dividing our community" would be one of the first times I'm fighting so hard to SUPPORT a bill that's been introduced. I like this much better. Mahalo for all of the care and attention you put in to preparing for the overwhelming amount of public comment to ensure that every voice is heard. Your hard work is noticed and appreciated.

I'm sure you've read all the facts and data from UHERO, but I really want to bring your attention to Maui Housing Hui's cost-benefit-analysis as well as the presentation from Matt Jachowski at the beginning of today's meeting. You're smart people - you know what the facts are and what the opinions are. Today we heard a lot of simply made up facts. We've also seen bad decorum throughout this process. I'm not talking about the clapping in the gallery. I'm talking about people sending AI testimony impersonating respected members of our community by intentionally butchering their Hawaiian names, using google translate to impersonate kanaka, and rushing their way to the front of the line when the doors opened instead of respecting the people who had been waiting since before 7am. I had hoped to give my first ever testimony on the microphone in the council chambers today, but was robbed of that opportunity by people who live here 2-4 months out of the year along with many others.

Bill 9 is truly an opportunity to drive a new vision and a new voice forward for Maui when it comes to how we prioritize our resources. How we move into a future that abandons the short-sighted policies of the 90s that led us to the multiple crises we are in today - water shortage, housing shortage, high cost of living, no food security. While we residents have to read about how great this tourism economy is supposed to be for all of us. If this industry was the "golden goose" they say it is, then why are so many people suffering? We have invested

and reinvested in the tourism industry and seen little community returns. This isn't your fault. You inherited this problem. I hear you guys in every meeting, you know there is no one bill that can solve all these problems alone. But this bill is truly a beautiful attempt to ease into a better way of doing things. To "phase out" from this extractive industry - not all at once. This isn't a ban. It's a phase out that will increase our housing supply in a short period of time. That will reduce the incentive for outside investors to view our housing as a get rich quick scheme. We hear this theme repeated across other issues: "managed retreat" from shorelines, "phaseout" from real estate investors, "diversify the economy" away from tourism... This is smart, balanced, and well-thought out policy - not the doom and gloom drastic measure some are crying about. How can anything that takes multiple years to implement be considered "extreme" when we are responding to a Housing CRISIS??

Many of you said today that you are searching for solutions, so I offer this, in addition to phasing out these STRs in residential zones:

- Allow Minatoya properties to opt-in to the Voluntary Deed Restriction program in exchange for a buyout (or to residents as down payment assistance to purchase these phased out STRs)
- Purchase some of the units as transitional housing for various populations (teachers, travel nurses, people fleeing domestic violence, people in recovery, etc)
- Expand the Long Term Rental tax break for Minatoya properties who rent out for 6 months consecutively (snow birds still get to use their condo half the year!)
- HOA fee and disaster insurance reform! STRs aren't the only HOAs suffering from high maintenance fees. Consider drafting legislation that allows for resident-occupied properties to opt-in to some kind of county insurance policy to cover disasters like fires, floods, and hurricanes. That is the core of what has driven fees up so much since the fires.

I also want to push back on the high fees in general. Have you considered that maybe off-island owners aren't the best managers of these buildings? As owner occupancy has decreased over the past decade, the interests of owner occupants in these buildings get drowned out by investors who want the HOA to subsidize amenities for tourists' wants instead of investing in residents' needs. We heard how much extra water they use - how many of these HOAs share the water bill collectively? How many include the pristine landscaping? How many deferred maintenance to save money?

This has already gotten to be too long of a message and I'm sorry for adding to the thousands of pages of testimony (real and fake) that you need to sift through. I also want to

suggest you have someone at OCS sort out the obviously fake or impersonated testimony out of the pile you review.

Mahalo again for all of your time and energy to ensure this bill is implemented the right way to benefit our commUNITY over "me, me, me". I truly appreciate all that you do for our county.

Mahalo,
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HLU Committee

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Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is [Your Name], and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

We're not being unreasonable in our ask to support Bil 9, we're late to the game. Cities and regions across the globe, from New York to Barcelona, have already taken bold steps to rein in STRs. They've recognized the damage STRs do to housing markets and community life.

In places like San Francisco and Santa Monica, regulations limit short-term rentals to primary residences and impose strict caps on rental days to prevent the conversion of housing into de facto hotels. What we have now with the Minatoya list is a majority of de facto hotels.

Operating without any full time staff, lock boxes and do as you please mentality.

Maui has allowed this to go on for too long, and now we're simply doing what should have been done years ago: protecting housing for residents and restoring balance to our neighborhoods.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Maile Rogers <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 8:38 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Maile Rogers, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. We are often told that we can "build our way out" of the housing crisis. But that argument ignores the truth of life in Maui Komohana: we don't even have enough water.

Our water is a public trust resource not a private amenity to be used freely by those who can pay the most. That's not just a moral principle, it's a constitutional one. Under the Hawai'i State Constitution and the Public Trust Doctrine, our County government has a legal and ethical obligation to protect water for present and future generations.

How can we fulfill that responsibility when thousands of short-term rentals, 85% of them owned by non-residents are using this precious resource at disproportionate rates, all for visitor luxury? Pools. Landscaping. Daily laundry. Turnover after turnover.

Meanwhile, families in West Maui are being told to conserve and be conscious. In the name of "growth," we're asked to believe that the solution is to build more, more units, more visitors, more demands on a system that is already past its breaking point. Instead of looking at the current housing stock we already have tied to resources.

The time for half-measures is over. Phasing out the Minatoya list means protecting our wai. I am also requesting no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Kristin Lemoine <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Kristin Lemoine, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. As a long time resident, I've had my share of friends that have had to move away due to financial pressures. It's a struggle DAILY for the average resident to merely exist in Hawaii. Housing is scarce and extremely over priced. Even people who make good salaries and have reliable jobs are struggling to make ends meet. We all deserve somewhere safe, clean, and reliable to rest our heads at night.

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Mahalo

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From: grace giletti <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Grace Giletti, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

Short-term rentals have taken over Lahaina. Before the fire, it was already impossible to find housing. After the fire, seeing what was remaining, it became clear just how many homes weren't homes at all; they were STRs. That's not balance, that's erasure.

We've been told phasing out STRs is "too extreme," that it'll hurt the economy. But the truth is: STRs have been hurting us. They drive up housing prices, overburden our roads, and leave our neighborhoods empty of real neighbors. What kind of recovery leaves us priced out of our own community?

And these STRs aren't job creators nor should you believe the numbers from 10,000 job losses. They don't hire cleaning crews full time, its majority transient, and most don't have front desks or full time maintenance staff on property. They don't support local working families the way long-term housing or union hotels do. We've got hundreds of open County jobs that could be filled if people had somewhere to live.

Also, respectfully I ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

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Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Adrienne, and I am writing in strong support of Bill 9. The diaspora of native Hawaiians, kānaka 'ōiwi, is driven by the skyrocketing cost of living in their homeland. This increase is, in large part, due to out-of-state property owners treating land and housing in our communities as commodities for their own personal wealth-building. This comes at a direct cost to local residents, and if this trend continues, the spirit of these islands, the spirit of aloha, of mālama, will be lost. I urge you to please put a stop to this loss of the community and culture that makes Hawai'i such a special place to call home. I am also requesting no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo,

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HLU Committee

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Subject: Opposition to Bill 9 – Preserve Balance, Not Abandon Investment and Community Ties
Importance: High

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Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Jean-Paul Zerbib, and I am a condo owner and responsible short-term rental operator in Maui County. I write with deep concern regarding Bill 9, which proposes phasing out short-term rentals in apartment-zoned areas—units that have long operated legally under the Minatoya List.

I understand and share the urgent need to address Maui's housing crisis and support wildfire recovery. However, Bill 9, as proposed, is not a targeted or balanced solution. It risks displacing thousands of responsible property owners and operators who have invested in Maui not only financially, but emotionally and culturally.

Many of us are not large corporate investors—we are families, retirees, and local partners who steward our properties with respect for community values and compliance with county regulations. These units generate essential income, fund local jobs, and contribute millions in tax revenue that support public services and housing programs. Eliminating them abruptly undermines trust, devalues lawful investments, and could trigger avoidable economic harm—especially to the very local residents the bill aims to help.

Rather than pursuing an all-or-nothing approach, I urge the Committee to consider more nuanced, enforceable regulations—such as caps, stricter enforcement against illegal operators, or incentivizing long-term conversions voluntarily—without upending stable, legal rental operations.

Please do not recommend Bill 9 in its current form. Let's work toward solutions that honor both Maui's people and those who have chosen to invest in its well-being with integrity.

Mahalo for your service and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jean-Paul Zerbib

HLU Committee

From: Liann Nakagawa <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Liann Nakagawa, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

What we're doing here on Maui isn't radical, it's responsible. Cities and regions across the globe have recognized that short-term rentals have contributed to unsustainable economies: skyrocketing housing costs, increased infrastructure strain, and over-reliance on visitors. By phasing them out, they're taking steps toward economies that prioritize local families over absentee investors.

In Spain, the government ordered Airbnb to remove over 65,000 illegal tourist listings, citing violations of regional regulations and the need to restore housing access for residents. Barcelona plans to eliminate all 10,000 licensed short-term rental apartments by 2028 to protect long-term housing availability for residents.

In the U.S., cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Santa Monica have implemented strict regulations on short-term rentals to curb their negative impact on housing affordability and community stability.

We're not crashing the economy, we're stabilizing it. By phasing out Minatoya STRs, we're taking a step toward an economy that prioritizes local families over absentee investors. This means lower rents, greater housing access for workers, and a stronger local economy built on residents.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares. Let this bill do what it was intended for the Minatoya list.

Mahalo

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From: Brandie Banis <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Brandie Banis and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

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Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is [Your Name], and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. We are often told that we can "build our way out" of the housing crisis. But that argument ignores the truth of life in Maui Komohana: we don't even have enough water.

Our water is a public trust resource not a private amenity to be used freely by those who can pay the most. That's not just a moral principle, it's a constitutional one. Under the Hawai'i State Constitution and the Public Trust Doctrine, our County government has a legal and ethical obligation to protect water for present and future generations.

How can we fulfill that responsibility when thousands of short-term rentals, 85% of them owned by non-residents are using this precious resource at disproportionate rates, all for visitor luxury? Pools. Landscaping. Daily laundry. Turnover after turnover.

Meanwhile, families in West Maui are being told to conserve and be conscious. In the name of "growth," we're asked to believe that the solution is to build more, more units, more visitors, more demands on a system that is already past its breaking point. Instead of looking at the current housing stock we already have tied to resources.

The time for half-measures is over. Phasing out the Minatoya list means protecting our wai. I am also requesting no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Allison Feldmann <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:32 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

I know so many people who lived in these units and not because they were desperate or out of options. Because it was actually a good life. Some of us grew up in those homes. I have memories of Minatoya units, barbecues in the shared lawn, hearing the ocean at night. It was sweet, it was simple, and it was comfortable.

Please don't anyone tell you those places were never meant for locals or are something our families don't want to live in. We were there long before the keypads and lockboxes, before the listings on Airbnb. These weren't luxury escapes, they were everyday homes, full of working families, aunties, kids, kūpuna.

What's "unlivable" now isn't the unit, it's the system that turned our homes into investments. The reason it's no longer sustainable is because locals got priced out. Long-term leases disappeared. And suddenly, we're being told we never belonged there to begin with. Or our reality of remembering our childhood is made up.

That's not just false, it's disrespectful to the lives we built in those places. We made a community there. Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares. This bill is meant to address short-term rentals in apartment zoned districts.

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Felicity Phimmasone <felicidy@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 4:42 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

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Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

I am writing in strong support of Bill 9. There's this narrative going around that STR units "aren't livable" that they're somehow unfit for long-term residents. But I'm here to tell you: we lived there. Not just a few people, hundreds of us, thousands over the years. 'Ohana, Kūpuna, Restaurant workers, and our community.

These units were never built just for tourists. Over time, they were taken over and converted. But before that, they were part of our housing market, the only housing some of us could find or afford. We made them homes, not luxury escapes.

They were starter homes for many 'ohana, they were also just simply homes that back in the 1970s and 1980s, a part of our community. They were affordable and our 'ohana could live comfortably while our keiki and ourselves knew our neighbors. This is what we need to bring back!

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo,
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HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:54 AM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: fwd: Testimony
Attachments: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

HLU Committee

From: Shyanne Olores <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:50 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Shyanne Olores, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. In West Maui, we don't just have a housing crisis we have a water crisis. Lahaina, and other parts of Maui Komohana face chronic water shortages. And yet, the majority of units on the Minatoya are visitors only.

Short-term rentals, especially non-owner-occupied, are heavy water users. Studies and common sense both show: when a unit is used for vacation instead of a home, water usage increases dramatically. Pools, laundry, showers, dishwashers, used multiple times a day by rotating groups of guests. No conservation mindset, no connection to 'āina, no kuleana. Meanwhile, our community is being told by county and state representatives that we are facing an unsustainable yield in water usage. There is literally no more water to even build affordable housing. We have been on water restrictions for years, where our community goes without while Minatoya short term rentals have zero restrictions. Housing is unaffordable, water is rationed, and the people who've lived here for generations are asked to bear the burden of a system that's been tipped out of balance.

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Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Toni Case <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:00 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Toni Case], and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

This crisis didn't just happen. For decades, tourism was allowed to sprawl past the resorts, eating into neighborhoods. By the time of the fire, 87% of homes north of Kā'anapali were STRs.

Removing STRs isn't destroying tourism. It's bringing it back to the resorts, where it was always meant to be. Even if we phase out the 6,000+ Minatoya STRs, our occupancy rate is expected to increase.

This is not about jobs either. These aren't hotels and the majority are without union workers and local staff. These are mostly remote-managed units. Meanwhile, we have hundreds of open jobs here in the County with real benefits jobs our people could fill if they had a place to live.

We've seen how STRs hollow out communities and inflate housing costs. And we've watched other cities take bold action while Maui stood still. We've waited long enough. Let's stop treating STRs like they're too big to challenge and start standing with the people who are still trying to come home.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

On a side note I flew into Maui yesterday and witnessed testimonies for both sides. I was very disappointed to see how these owners of precious properties have no compassion for our people. Yet they say they love Maui, Maui and all of Hawaii is the people that make it so special and the love for place. If they came here with that thought in mind we wouldn't even be here. Unfortunately many from outside of Hawaii don't know culture and what that feels like. Culture to them is success what they have no matter what it takes to get there. I am

hoping that you vote to phase out these strs. This bill matters for the people who truly love this place and its people. Mahalo for all you do and for taking the time to read my testimony. Mahalo

Toni Case

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Volcano, Hawaii 96785

HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:59 AM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Fw: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

From: Sara Sameshima <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:33 AM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Sara, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. In West Maui, we don't just have a housing crisis we have a water crisis. Lahaina, and other parts of Maui Komohana face chronic water shortages. And yet, the majority of units on the Minatoya are visitors only.

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Mahalo

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Palo Alto, California 94303

HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 1:07 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: fwd: Testimony
Attachments: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

HLU Committee

From: Will Noffke <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 12:28 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Will Noffke, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

Most of the Minatoya STRs don't create jobs with benefits or pathways for local residents. Most are managed by off-island agents. Meanwhile there are roughly 600+ County jobs left unfilled, jobs that actually build up our workforce and help families put down roots. We've lived the consequences of an economy on Maui built around investors instead of residents where our local community is pushed out due to no where to live, and extremely unsustainable rents.

I have lived in Lahaina since 2013. Up until 2023 I was a boat Captain out of Lahaina harbor. It has always been hard to find reasonably priced housing. Ever since the fire it is near impossible. I ended up leaving after the fire when the harbor melted leaving me with no job but I also felt guilty like I was taking up space. Its been the worst 2 years of my life and I came back to Maui recently trying to start over. Its been a couple months and I still cannot find housing. I'm not even looking for cheap housing there is just very few options. This weekend I put in a rental application for a small room in a 5 bedroom house. The were 3 room available and they all cost over 1/3 of my monthly wages and share a bathroom. After meeting the landlord, she called all 5 of my references then offered for me to move into one of the rooms. That night my dad went into the ER and by the time I called her back a full day later she had the rooms filled. This was June 9th almost the middle of month. I am still without housing. This is coming from a single person with no pets, flexible income, and the time to look daily and actually check out places. It is nearly impossible for my friends with pets and families to find housing. The situation is dire here please help us move past our tragedy and actually have a chance at a future in Hawaii. This decision will affect generations of how Hawaii's issues are handled. I ask you to please put the community you agreed to serve first

and help locals to raise their kids in their home community. Please choose what is best for the local community over money and vested interests.

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Brittny Perez <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 11:48 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

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Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares.

There should respectfully be no short term rentals until every Hawaiian and every local family has been housed at a fair rate that matches wages in Hawaii.

Mahalo

Brittny Kulanui Perez

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HLU Committee

From: Carmela Resuma <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 11:25 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

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Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Ron Prater <retarp7173@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 1:41 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Maui STR Ban

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I know the ban will pass. Here is what I plan to do.

I will never sell my vacation rental beachfront condo to a “local” for pennies on the dollar. My wife and I will move from the mainland to Maui. Roll out the welcome mat!!!! Expect us permanent elderly white residents around the middle of February.

HLU Committee

From: TheRoyalHouseOfHawaii <theroyalhouseofhawaii@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 2:10 PM
To: Tasha A. Kama; Nohe M. Uu-Hodgins; Alice L. Lee; Thomas M. Cook; Tamara A. Paltin; County Clerk; Maui_County Council_mailbox; Shane M. Sinenci; Gabe Johnson; Keani N. Rawlins; Mayors.Office@co.maui.hi.us; Maualei E. Tavares; economic.development@mauicounty.gov; Mahina.Martin@co.maui.hi.us; Rentalreservationslv@hgvc.com; cdbg@mauicounty.gov; Lois.Whitney@mauicounty.gov; Budget.office@co.maui.hi.us; cdbg@co.maui.hi.us; blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov; AH Committee; APT Committee; DRIP Committee; HCP Committee; HLU Committee; KAA Committee; WAI Committee; WASSP Committee; planning@mauicounty.gov; chancellor@crownofhawaii.com
Subject: Fwd: IMPORTANT & URGENT :TESTIMONY FOR JUNE ALLODIAL LAND TENANT HEWAHEWA HELU 3237:2 (NOTICE) (IMPORTANT) (DUE NOTICE) (DEMAND LETTER) URGENT DEMAND DUE END OF DAY FROM ROYAL PATENT ALLODIAL LAND TENANT HEWAHEWA HELU 3237:2 ROYAL PATENT/ALLODIAL LAND ...

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Date: Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 3:21 PM
Subject: IMPORTANT & URGENT : (NOTICE) (IMPORTANT) (DUE NOTICE) (DEMAND LETTER) URGENT DEMAND DUE END OF DAY FROM ROYAL PATENT ALLODIAL LAND TENANT HEWAHEWA HELU 3237:2 ROYAL PATENT/ALLODIAL LAND TENANT WITH ALLODIAL LAND TENANT RIGHTS AND A DEMAND WITH RESPONSE ASAP BECAUSE ALL DECISIONS AND DEVELOPMENT IS ALL ILLEGAL PROVEN WITH ALL UR CLOUDED TITLES BECAUSE ROYAL PATENTS COULD NEVER BE BEATEN AND IT FOREVER BELONGS TO THE ORIGINAL HOLDERS HEIRS OF THAT ROYAL PATENT! WAR CRIME! #LOVEJESUS #TAKECAREOFKEAKUASGIFTWHICHWASHIZLUVDATWASFREE&UJUSTNEVAGETEM #FREEDOMOF SPEECH #KAMEHAMEHA3RDS CONSTITUTIONFOREVA IF NO RESPONSE Û ARE A WARE CRIMINAL GOD BLESS MAHALO KE AKUA
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URGENT: RETURN OUR ROYAL PATENTS

-Kamehameha 3rds Constitution

From: TheRoyalHouseOfHawaii theroyalhouseofhawaii@gmail.com

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These landss were known to be fruitfull in my kupunas time.

The royal house of hawaii know all the answers for everyone single persons concern and plans
what goes on here! What is hawaii revised statute 172-11?! All these landowners are illegall
landowners! And will need to round up all heirs of the original holders of that land , ili, ahupuaa and
moku by law you need to get every original royal patent allodial title beneficiary of that ili, ahupuaa,
moku & mokupuni and if not

My papas kingdom laws and your illegal state laws ARE ALL BEING BROKEN!

How are local residents moving away from hawaii when they are actually the true landowners?
Which are our royal patents! That were foreign allodial titles! Witch america highly recognizes they
do not have by law power jurisdiction and authority foster & elam vs neilson so meaning im pretty
sure all of these decissions being made without gathering all heirs of the royal patents, are highly
illegal and please proove me wrong!

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owner! and is a leasehold grantor

the lawfull & truthful landlord are the royal patent heirs and descendants that can claim and evict
you off their royal patent anytime! What is hawaii revised statute 172-11!

ALL UR TITLES AND DEEDS ARE ALL INVALID!!! Because im pretty sire manipulating our royal
patents and turning it into TMK IS ILLEGAL!

-As for climate concerns, im pretty sure we all had go school so In every single ahupuaa and gulch you see is supposed to be flowing with clear water, and if not. that place wouldnt be considered an ahupuaa because there was water flowing 24/7. With the land restoration, you cannot just fix the beach or lowlands you will have to restore all uplands also im pretty sure we all went to school and learned the water cycle which is an ahupuaa system because it's all gonna have to go in the sea .

Pls think to urself how would these people thats knowledge or passed down knowledge from family for over 50,000 years has never been here like the royal hawaiians who are the LAWFULL OWNERS OF EACH ROYAL PATENT AKA ALLODIAL TITLE. those people shouldnt be telling the original peoples how to live when kanaka knew how to take care, live, drink, eat and expand life for all life to thrive but who really thrives? People who keep settling here for personal benefit in money, or health? How would you feel if ur family has been and continuing to be affected from genocide? Never let the red dragon, the money which is evil, lust, and greed. when in the leadership & in the care of kanaka, hawaii was known as one of the healthiest land in the ENTIRE world.

An entire islands water is already destroyed and we cant destroy any more of hawaii, for every single persons generation to come

-Any of these projects has never benefited anything to me whether it be financialy, emotionally and physically &. as especially as a beneficiary & as royal of this aina.

It developed sacred lands that wont be seen again, built on my ohanas burials, built above my grandmothers cave sysytems that provide all of u peoples water, built on cultural sites that could NEVER be brang back again, illegally evicted many kanaka at gunpoint after our mahele and overthrow of my aunty, illegally jailed kanaka shipping them like cattle across the world, created historical & generational traumas, and no more development because it is infact all illegal and invalid with all ur clouded chains of titles and poven to be war criminals because our royal patents could never be beaten!

-hawaiian kingdom laws are still very much valid and we had the 5th Constitution to ever be made IN THE WORLD!

-All of the illegal tmk owners are all illegal land owners VERY MICH PROVEN because as you all should know a royal patent which is an allodial title COULD NEVER BE BEATEN 172-11 and by ur illegal america squater laws

YOU ARE ALSO BRAKING UR OWN CONTRIES LAWS!! Whats foster & elam vs neilson!

With major corporations with big plans they are in need to hire

Many large landowners & development target many Native men using them as puppets for them to think it "easy money"

They continue on business as Usual allowing the corrupt government to mismanage our home-participating in the endless resource extraction model that is real estate development

knowing that then continue to lie to themselves by indulging in the benefits-of said business thru the invasive alc, drugs, social media and an infatuation with material items that distract them from the reality that these issues cant be ignored for much longer or we are sacrificing our sustenance culture lifestyle and subjecting our children to a disconnection from aina

Bringing more “jobs” that dont even help or benefit the community or either overall health of the people. Which is Corporate Slavery that lead to greater reliance on imports, which will

only lead to illness and disease. imagine knowing this will be the reality for your children if nothing is done and then choosing to not do anything to prevent any participation of genocide happening to my papas kingdom!

many invasives like developers or anyone that doesnt have a connection to hawaii, fetishize,romanticise,hawaii as a acai bowl surf paradise, and sell hawaii for their benefit

The reality & realprice of that, kanaka have the highest rates in

Drug addictions

Alcoholism

Welfare

CPS ripping native kids out of nat households

Highest rates natives incarcerated

High rates of native hawaiian runaways

Highest rates in Health problems

Highest rates in Mental illness

Highest rates of Homelessness

While native hawaiians going thru historical and generational traumas they have the highest rates of suicide

STOP BREAKING THE LAW THANK YOU GOD BLESS

- 1840 Constitution of the Hawaiian Islands

Declaration of Rights

- 1843 & 1844 Hawaiian Laws & constitutions
- 1846 Statute Laws of the Hawaiian Islands
- Distinction of Kanaka Maoli, Kanaka Haole-Hawaii Palapala

Hanau (Birth Certificate)

- Kuleana Land Act, p202.
- 1853 Statute Laws of the Hawaiian Islands
- 1859 Civil Code of the Hawaiian Islands Miscellaneous Rights of the People
- 1862 Statute Laws of the Hawaiian Islands
- 1865 Laws of the Hawaiian Islands
- 1870 Laws of the Hawaiian Islands
- 1872 Laws of the Hawaiian Islands Royal Patents inure to the heirs
- 1897 Palapala Hoopii Kue (Anti-Annexation Petition)
- 1900 Organic Act
- Article 4: Citizenship
- Section 19: Nationality
- 1993 Apology Resolution

-Hawaii Revised Statutes

Hawaii Constitution Article:

- 12-7
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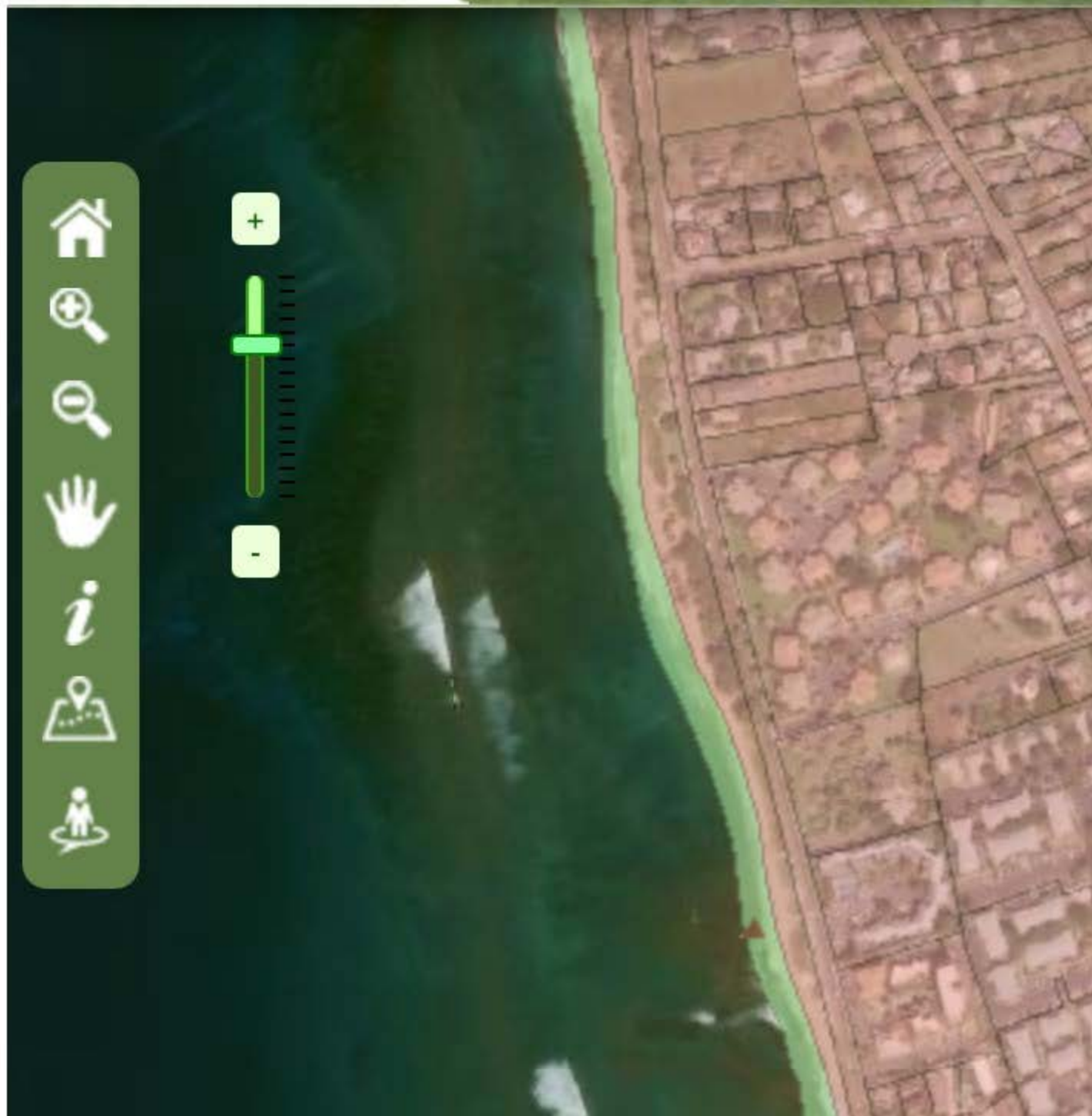
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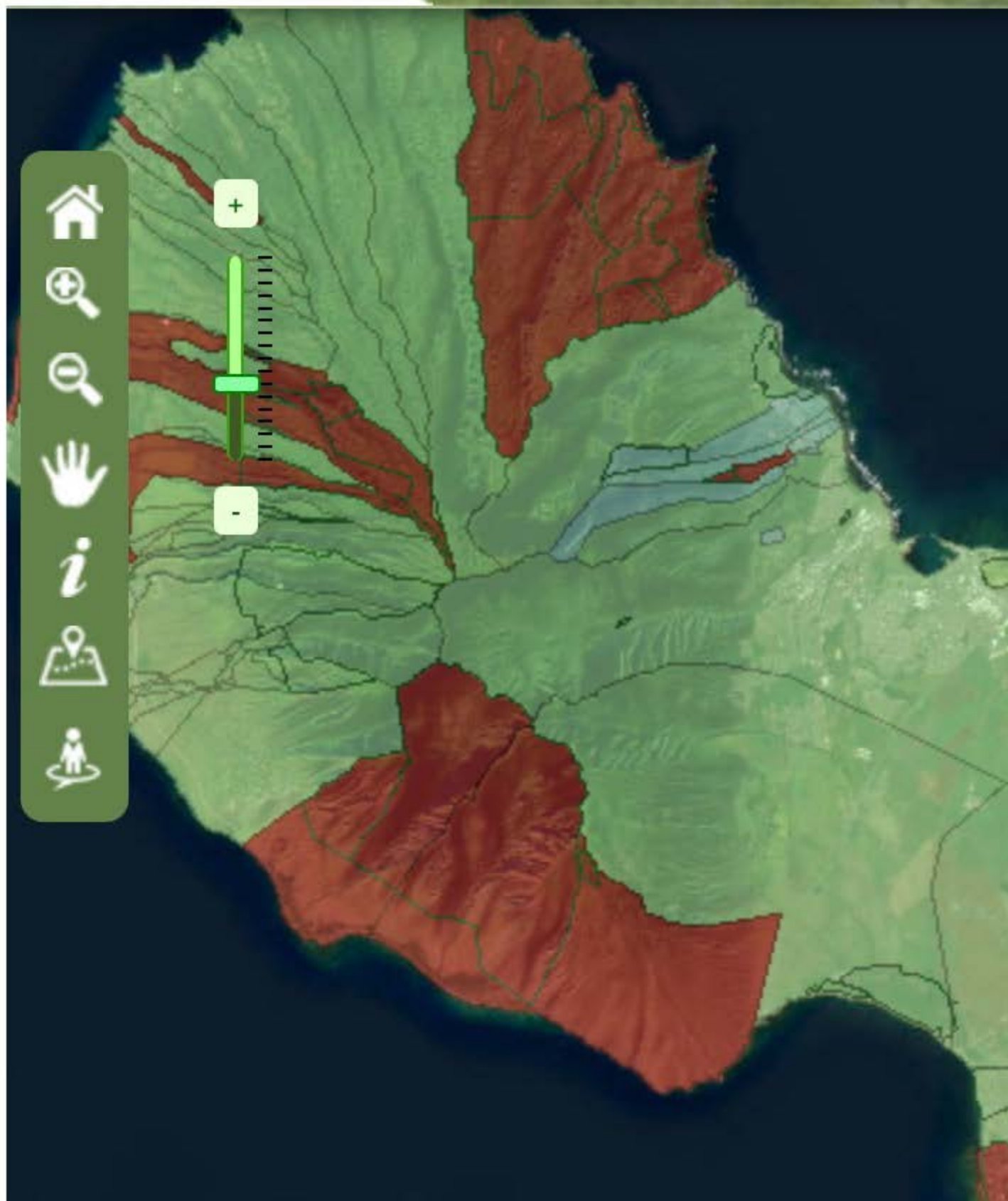
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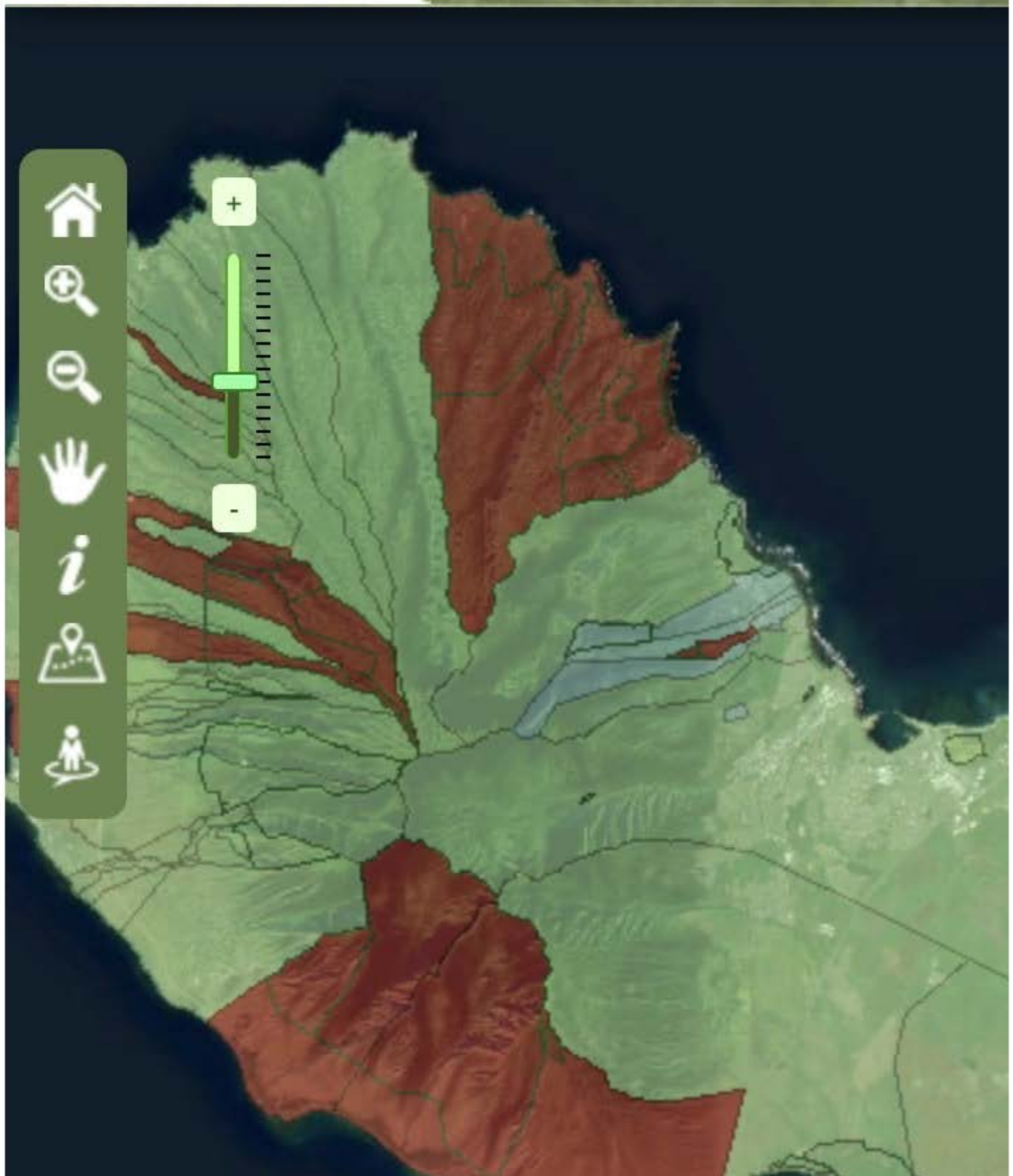
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HLU Committee

From: joe@mauiproperty.com@aph.compass.com on behalf of Joe Erlemann
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Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 3:54 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Update on Maui County Council Hearing – Bill 9 (2025)

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Aloha,

I'd like to provide you with an update following yesterday's hearing on Bill 9 (2025), which proposes amendments to transient vacation rental regulations in apartment districts.

The session concluded after hearing testimony from 60 individuals, with approximately 180 more still scheduled. As a result, the hearing has been recessed until Tuesday, June 18th .

We will share the exact start time as soon as it becomes available. Given the number of remaining speakers, it is unlikely all testimony will be completed by June 18, and a third hearing date is expected to be scheduled.

If you were unable to attend or would like to review the proceedings, you can watch the official recording here:

 [Testimony Recording – Granicus](#)

 [Maui County Council Facebook Video](#)

Key Information:

[List of Affected Minatoya Properties](#)

Note: This bill does not affect hotel or resort-zoned properties operating as short-term rentals.

We encourage you to stay informed and engaged as this legislation continues to develop.

Mahalo,

Joe Erlemann



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From: County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 3:59 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: fwd: Testimony
Attachments: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout;
Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya
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HLU Committee

From: Monse Lopez <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 3:42 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

O Monse ko'u inoa, I'm a 21-year-old young adult writing in support of Bill 9.

For too long, Maui's housing market has been shaped by outside interests rather than the needs of our people. Bill 9 is not just about land use, it's about community survival. It's about choosing us, the families who are born here, raised here, and those who contribute to Lahui. Maui doesn't need to secure more short-term rentals. We need homes for long-term Maui families. Homes where our keiki can grow up next to their cousins. Where kūpuna can age with dignity, not be priced out of their own neighborhoods. Where neighbors KNOW each other.

We NEED community. With community comes hope, power, and resilience. These are not abstract ideas. We've seen them firsthand over the past two years. It was us locals who stepped up. It was neighbors helping neighbors. That kind of support doesn't come from absentee landlords or part-time property owners. It comes from people who live here year-round and care deeply for this land and each other.

Yet how do you expect these values to survive when year after year, local families are pushed out? When your children can't afford to live on the land they were raised on? When the people living next door change every week, and the concept of "neighbor" becomes a stranger?

This bill isn't anti-tourism, it's pro-ohana. It's a step toward restoring balance. Toward honoring the voices of the people who live here year-round. We need policies that put kama'āina first.

We are not asking for much. We're asking for the right to stay in our communities, to raise our families in the places we love, and to recognize that Maui is not a commodity—it is a home. Please pass Bill 9 and show the next generation, my generation, that our future here matters. Mahalo nui loa.

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From: Monse Lopez <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Luana Katherine Kala Acosta <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is [Your Name], and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

We keep hearing that these short-term rental units on the Minatoya List "aren't fit" for long-term living, but many of us grew up in them or knew 'ohana or friends that did.

When people say these units "aren't suitable" for locals, what they really mean is, we weren't supposed to be there in the first place. That's the root of the problem. Most of our community have fond memories of these properties before they were completely overtaken and shoreline access blocked.

STRs didn't start as vacation getaways. Many of those buildings were long-term homes until investors turned them into commodities. The truth is, if those units were brought back to the long-term market, locals would live in them again and a few still do, holding on however they can.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Breanne Fong <bfong4@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 2:01 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is [Your Name], and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

After the fire, we started learning the full truth. Nearly 87% of the units north of Kā'anapali were short-term rentals, entire neighborhoods turned into ghost towns of empty condos with keypads instead of neighbors.

Phasing out Minatoya STRs isn't about pushing out visitors, it's about giving families a fighting chance to stay. Maui's tourism numbers are still strong, and even without these STRs, occupancy is expected to rise, not fall. This isn't an anti-tourism move. It's a pro-community, pro-'āina and a pro-livable future for our people.

Most of the Minatoya STRs don't create jobs with benefits or pathways for local residents. Most are managed by off-island agents. Meanwhile there are roughly 600+ County jobs left unfilled, jobs that actually build up our workforce and help families put down roots. We've lived the consequences of an economy on Maui built around investors instead of residents where our local community is pushed out due to no where to live, and extremely unsustainable rents.

Also, respectfully we ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares, that would weaken the bill and keep the cycle going. We can't afford more exceptions. We need real housing solutions, not more loopholes.

Mahalo

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Subject: Please help the Homeless

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Dear Council Members/Committee Members

I would like to express my opposition to Bill 9. I would also request that some assistance be provided for those who need housing.

First comment, the codification of the Montoya list is a real law and has been the basis for most of the condo purchases on the Montoya list. There is no reasonable expectation that this codification would be reversed. The hints dropped at the last meeting that real estate agents tricked buyers, or that a buyer should ignore the law and assume the STR units are only for long term rentals despite the law is disingenuous.

Second comment.

How does this bill help those who currently need housing? Take a 2-bedroom vacation rental on S. Kihei Rd. This bill will drive down the selling price from over \$1 million today to close to \$750,000. Time for some math: \$2,000 per month (minimum) for a mortgage, \$1,500 per month for condo dues, plus at least \$1,500 per month for property taxes. That's \$5,000 per month, plus utilities, just to cover costs. How do you get to something affordable for a working class couple with one or two kids?

Third comment.

This housing need is well within the capabilities of the County to fix, without destroying the economy further. It does not take 70 years to build housing. Who creates deed restrictions for low cost housing that expires in 5 years? Help those that need housing, and don't cause more pain for more people on the island. Take care of and help those in need. Have a heart!

Regards